

The Ford Connection

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2020

A PEEK INTO **The Native American Way of Life** THROUGH THEIR HISTORY AND ORAL TRADITIONS

Monday, May 11, 7 p.m.

Join Illinois Road Scholar Kim Sigafus as she invites people into the world of the American Indian to discover what it once was to be Native, and what it means to be Native now. An Ojibwa, Kim will be dressed in her traditional Native regalia, and will present on Native culture through oral traditions, language, and history. She will discuss Native encampment life and will drum and sing an Ojibwa lullaby. A traditional recipe handout will be available, and there will be a Q&A at the end of the presentation.

FREE COMIC BOOK DAY

SATURDAY, MAY 2

Stop by the Library to pick up free comics for all ages
courtesy of Graham Crackers Comics in Downers Grove.

ADULT

*Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted.
Register online, in person, or by calling (708) 246-0520.*

Sustainable Landscaping Tips

Thursday, March 19, 7 p.m.

Tom Lupfer, President of Lupfer Landscaping, will share tips for green residential landscaping design and maintenance strategies. Learn how to create healthy outdoor spaces your family can enjoy that will also save you time, money, resources, and energy.

Brunch Cuisine

Thursday, March 26, 7 p.m.

Learn how to get your mid-morning started off right with some great brunch recipes, methods, and techniques from Chef Susan Maddox. The dishes will range from quiches to fruit salads to little sweets to enjoy with one's coffee, and all will be an asset in preparing a wonderful brunch for family and friends.

Easy Constellation Embroidery

Tuesday, March 31, 6:30 p.m.

We will be embroidering simple zodiac constellations framed in a classic hoop. This craft is for all skill levels—whether you are brand new to embroidery or a seasoned stitcher. All materials provided.

The Art and Life of Frida Kahlo

Thursday, April 16, 7 p.m.

Frida Kahlo created highly imaginative paintings that expressed the passion, struggle, and pain of her life. This program, presented by Dr. Michelle Paluch-Mishur, provides an art historical context for Kahlo's artistic production. The interrelationship between various events in Kahlo's life and her powerful artwork, including numerous self-portraits, will be examined.

Woody Plants for Butterflies

Tuesday, April 7, 7 p.m.

Did you know that an oak tree is the larval host for more than 500 species of butterflies and moths? Discover the many trees, evergreens, shrubs, and vines that are home to a wide array of Lepidoptera and find out how to attract butterflies to your home landscape in this Kennedy Gardening Lecture by local horticulturist Heather Prince.



JOIN A GROUP

These ongoing Library groups are free for all to attend; drop-ins always welcome.

Sunday Language Conversation Groups

1st and 3rd Sundays: March 1, 15, April 5, 19, May 3, 17

German - 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Spanish - 2:30-3:30 p.m.

French - 3:30-4:30 p.m.

From newbies to native speakers, all are welcome to join the conversation on the first and third Sundays of each month. These are casual, community-led groups and participants may join at any time. Registration requested.

Investment Discussion Group

Second Tuesdays

March 10, April 14, May 12, 7:15 p.m.

Local amateur investors meet to discuss trends in stocks, bonds, and more.

Knitting Circle

Every other Thursday

**March 12, 26, April 9, 23, May 7, 21
1 p.m.**

Join us for knitting, conversation, and light refreshments.

Italian Conversation Group

**Wednesdays: March 11, 25, April 8, 22,
May 13, 27, 7 p.m.**

All ages welcome

Italian conversation group for all levels. Develop or share your knowledge of Italian. Join us to supplement existing classwork, use for travel purposes, or general practice. This is a casual, community-led group.

Western Springs Writers' Society

Thursdays and Mondays

March 12, 30, April 9, 27, May 14, 7 p.m.

Have a writing itch? The Western Springs Writers' Society (WSWS) welcomes all writers from the community to discuss and hone their craft with other local writers. Whether this is your career or hobby, writers of all levels and genres are invited.

Photography Club

Saturday, May 2, 1:30 p.m.

All devices and skill levels welcome. Join us for private tours of local structures where you can practice your photography skills. We'll snap some pics and chat along the way. Questions? Email stacey@relishthisjourney.com.

Eleanor Roosevelt

Tuesday, April 28, 7 p.m.

Award-winning actress and scholar Leslie Goddard portrays one of the most fascinating and influential public figures of the twentieth century. Born into wealth during the Gilded Age, Eleanor grew from a shy, homely orphan into a confident, driven woman who championed progressive causes and the rights of man. Drawn from Eleanor's own letters, diaries, newspaper columns, and other writings, this engaging performance captures the warm, honest, and passionate American stateswoman.

Medicare 101

Monday, May 4, 1 p.m.

Norm Nodulman of Aging Care Connections will review important information about Medicare and the benefits that may be available to those who qualify.

On the Basis of Sex

Friday, March 13, 7 p.m.

The true story of Ruth Bader Ginsburg, her struggles for equal rights, and the early cases of a historic career that lead to her nomination and confirmation as U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice.



Judy

Friday, March 27, 7 p.m.

Legendary performer Judy Garland (Renée Zellweger) arrives in London in the winter of 1968 to perform a series of sold-out concerts.

FILM DISCUSSION GROUP

Doors open at 6:45 p.m. for these after-hours film discussions. No registration necessary.

The Mustang

Friday, April 10, 7 p.m.

A violent convict is given the chance to participate in a rehabilitation therapy program involving the training of wild mustangs.



American Factory

Friday, April 24, 7 p.m.

High-tech China clashes with working-class America when a Chinese billionaire opens a factory in post-industrial Ohio in an abandoned General Motors plant.

Maiden

Friday, May 8, 7 p.m.

The story of Tracy Edwards, a 24-year-old cook on charter boats, who became the skipper of the first ever all-female crew to enter the Whitbread Round the World Race in 1989.

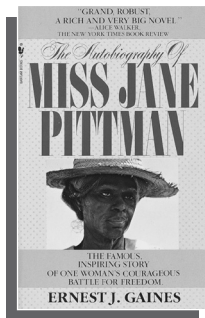


Fast Color

Friday, May 22, 7 p.m.

After years in hiding, a woman is forced to go on the run when her superhuman abilities are discovered.

Book Discussion Group



The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman

by Ernest Gaines

Wednesday, April 1, 7:30 p.m.

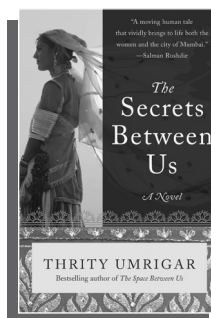
Award-winning author Ernest Gaines, who passed away in November of 2019, published this novel in 1971. Presented as the taped reminiscences of a 110-year-old woman who was born a slave, and lived to witness the black militancy and civil rights movements of the 1960s, the story is told with wit, indignation, and imagination.

The Secrets Between Us

by Thrity Umrigar

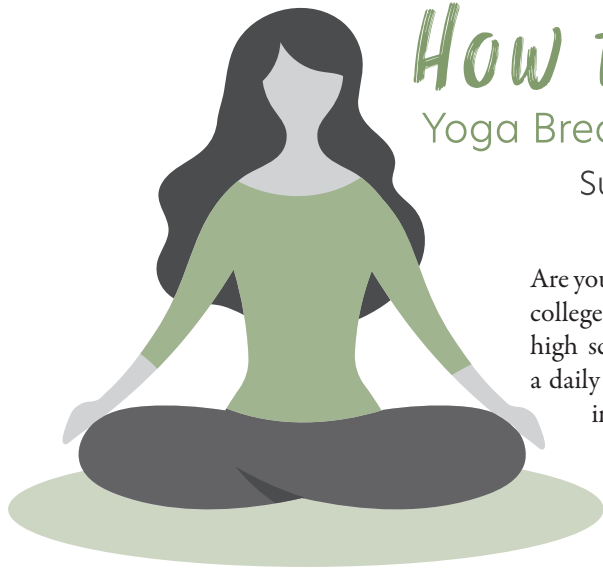
Wednesday, May 6, 7:30 p.m.

Two elderly women in the slums of Mumbai form a friendship and start a business together, their fortitude and resilience helping to overcome their circumstances. One of the main characters, Bhima, was the servant in Umrigar's 2006 bestseller, *The Space Between Us*.



Library book clubs are open to anyone who enjoys good books! Extra copies of the books are made available at the Library one month before the discussion. Book reviews and other information can be viewed at the Reference Desk.

Registration is required for all Teen & Tween programs unless otherwise noted.



How to Breathe

Yoga Breathing for Relaxation

Sundays, March 15, April 26
3:30-4:30 p.m.

Are you freaking out about upcoming exams, college decisions, or just everything else high school students have to deal with on a daily basis? Don't forget to breathe! Yoga instructor Kim Luther will lead you through some simple stretching and techniques that will help nurture your mind and body at stressful times. **Bring a yoga mat or towel.**

Teen Board

From our language conversation groups to the Human Library, Teen Board has been behind some of the Library's best programs. Come join us and be a part of planning our next great idea! Open to 8th-12th grade students, our meeting dates are flexible and we are 100% teen-led.

Summer Volunteer Training

Wednesday, May 20
4-5 p.m.

Thursday, May 21
7-8 p.m.



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Photography Club

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Exam Cram

Tuesday and Wednesday, May 26, 27
2-7 p.m.

Finish strong with some last minute studying! Reserve your study rooms early or drop in for snacks and to use our meeting room for your large group; no registration required.

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 Tween programs are for grades 4-8.

Spread some library love this summer by becoming a Summer Reading Volunteer! Have fun, earn volunteer service hours, and become a vital part of the Library. Volunteers must have completed 6th grade.

Applications are available after May 1st at <http://fordlibrary.org/teens> or in the Library. One training session is mandatory for all volunteers with less than two summers of service. Don't delay! The best volunteer shifts fill up fast, and you will be able to choose your own schedule once you have turned in your completed application.

National S C R A B B L E Tuesday, April 14 Day

Drop in for some wordy fun!

- **Word-Building Challenge**
 Create the longest, highest-scoring word on our word wall and you may win a prize.
- **Board Games**
 Drop in with your friends for some classic gaming fun.
- **Scrabble Tile Keychains**
3:30-5 p.m.
 Using Scrabble letters to express ideas? Double letter score. Making a functional item too? Triple word score! Drop in, while supplies last.

GET CRAFTY

Watercolor Pencils

Thursday, March 5, 4-5 p.m.

Is it a colored pencil? Is it paint? It's both! Learn about this interesting tool and make some art. Registration is required.

Flex Your Fleece

Tuesday, March 24, 3:30-5 p.m.

Make a cool project for your room using a no-sew fleece technique. Functional, fuzzy, and fun! Drop in.

Bloxel Pixel Avatars

Thursday, April 16, 4-5 p.m.

Use our Bloxel game boards to create an old school 8-bit avatar. Ready to level up? You can even animate your art! Registration is required.

Star Wars Day: Fold a Yoda, You Will

Monday, May 4, 3:30-5 p.m.

Start by making a Yoda bookmark out of a sticky note, then become a Jedi Master by folding a Baby Yoda. Drop in.

Feed Your Creativity

Oreos & Origami

Monday, March 9, 4-5 p.m.

Sample some fun, weird, and interesting Oreo cookie flavors and learn some fun, weird, and interesting origami folds!

Pizza and Painting

Wednesday, April 29, 4-5 p.m.

Grab a slice of pizza after school and learn a clever technique using watercolor paints.

Happy Little Treats

Wednesday, May 13, 4-5 p.m.

Chill out with an after-school snack while you relax and paint like Bob Ross.

YOUTH

Registration begins on Monday, March 2 and is required for all programs and storytimes unless otherwise noted.

Have your library card ready to register online, in person, or by calling (708) 246-0520. First preference will be given to Western Springs residents.



Library Calendar Tip: If you are a Thomas Ford cardholder, please be sure to enter the card number while registering. If you do not enter the card number you will be put on a pending wait list and are not guaranteed a spot in the program.



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Spring Storytimes

**Registration is required for all storytimes and begins on Monday, March 2.
Storytime is limited to Thomas Ford Library cardholders only.**

Read 'n' Rhyme Romp

Mondays, Tuesdays, or Fridays,
10-10:30 a.m.

3-23 months w/adult

It's never too early to help your baby grow up to love books and language! Share stories, songs, and rhymes with your little one in this "lap-sit" program.

Toddler Time

Tuesdays, 11-11:30 a.m., or
Wednesdays, 10-10:30 a.m., or
Thursdays 10-10:30 a.m.

2-3.5 years w/adult

Introduce your toddler to early literacy storytimes which help build the foundation of reading. We pair short books with songs and rhymes to engage them. Participation of caregivers with their toddlers is important in order to help them learn while they are having fun.

Storytime Pals

Mondays or Wednesdays, 1-1:30 p.m.
3.5-5 years

Hear stories, sing songs, and have fun with your friends. Storytimes will highlight early literacy skills that children need to learn before they can read. Children attend this storytime *without* their grown-ups so that they can practice independence.

*Read 'n' Rhyme Romp and Toddler Time work best if there is one child to one adult. Sessions fill up quickly. Please help us by attending those programs for which you are registered. If you and your child are absent from the first **two** storytimes, we will give the spot to another child on the waiting list.*

Book Cover Creators

Tuesdays, March 10, April 7, May 5

4:30-5:15 p.m.

Grades 1-3

Kids will read a short book as a group, discuss important elements of the story, and then create their own book cover that will be displayed in the YS department for that month.

R.E.A.D. to the Dogs

Tuesdays, March 10, April 14, May 12

7-8 p.m.

Recommended grades K-2

Beginning or independent readers love to practice reading aloud to one of the dogs from Hinsdale Humane Society's Pet Assisted Learning Program because it's pressure-free! Reading time is a one-on-one experience; no parents or siblings allowed. Register for one 15-minute time slot this season either in person or by phone starting March 2.

Play with Jim and Jayne of ScribbleMonster

Wednesday, March 18

4:30-5:15 p.m.

Families Welcome

Bring your dancing shoes and wild imagination to the Library for the award-winning music and play of ScribbleMonster! Using a mix of kindness, music, and humor, ScribbleMonster's presentation encourages children to participate and think in creative ways. Jim and Jayne's background in music and special education makes them welcoming to all children including those with special needs.

Family Storytime

Thursdays, March 19, April 16

6:45-7:30 p.m.

Best suited for ages 2+

Join us as we read stories, sing songs, and make a craft in this special evening storytime for families. Kids are welcome to dress in comfy clothes or jammies!

March 19: Dragons & Unicorns

April 16: April Showers

Scavenger Hunt



Find the hidden flower pot in Youth Services during the month of May. If you tell us what seeds have been planted that day, you'll receive a sticker!

Playing with Gravity

Tuesday, May 12

4:30-5:15 p.m.

Grades 1-3

Playing with gravity will help your future scientist develop a basic understanding of how gravity functions with a variety of activities.

Very Funny

FAMILY MAGIC SHOW

Saturday, April 25 · 2-2:45 p.m.

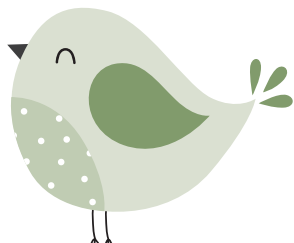
Families Welcome

All ages will love Scott Green's show because every moment is packed with amazing magic, audience participation, and hysterical humor! No matter how many magic shows you've seen, Scott's program is fresh, new, and different, so bring the family and expect a fantastically fun time.



The Ford Member Connection

Marie Gerken and Jim Swinehart founded the Western Springs Writers Society in 2014 and have guided sessions at the Library ever since. Find out more about them and their group by reading the newest addition to "The Ford Member Connection" series on our website.



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FROM THE LIBRARY FOUNDATION

Thank you to the Library lovers who donated to the Thomas Ford Library Foundation! We work with the Library staff and Board to decide how to best use your donations to improve the Library in ways that benefit our community. In 2019, funds were used to build a stroller parking area and purchase technology for the new study rooms created as part of the Library renovation project.

Donations are welcome at any time; call Library Director Ted Bodewes at 708-246-0520 with any questions.

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Library Hours

Monday - Thursday
9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday & Saturday
9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday
1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Library Closings

The Library will be closed on Sunday, April 12 for Easter
and Monday, May 25 for Memorial Day.

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THE LIBRARY FRIENDS NEED *You!*

For sixty-seven years the Western Springs Library Friends have supported programs and projects largely through the proceeds of its book sales and yearly memberships. Many Adult, Teen, and Youth Services programs are funded by the Friends.

We are looking to reinvigorate our organization! What can you do to help? Become a member! Give the gift of your time! Even if you only have 30 minutes, we are happy to accommodate your busy schedule.

Here are some ideas:

- **Volunteer on a regular basis to transport books from the donation bin near the elevator to the Friends' Room on the lower level.**
- **Sort and/or box donations so items are organized for the Fall Book Sale.**
- **Work at the Fall Book Sale. Bake, cashier, set up or take down—any time you can give is deeply appreciated.**
- **Serve on the Friends Board. There are five meetings a year, each lasting about an hour.**

With your help, the Friends can continue to enrich the lives of Library users. To become a member, pick up a membership form at the Library. Please email friends@fordlibrary.org to find out more or to volunteer.