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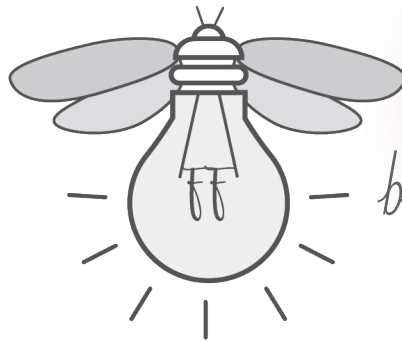
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FALL
2020



A Tiny Spark

by **FIREFLY FAMILY THEATRE**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
11-11:30 A.M. • FAMILIES WELCOME

Spark is the tiniest firefly in Firefly Grove, and she can't figure out how to light up. To find her light, Spark sets out on a journey through the forest where she encounters other bugs who give her advice. Spark learns that when she stands up for her friend, her light shines as brightly as ever. One registration per family (not per participant) is all that is required.

You and your friends used to spend every summer at Camp Quicksilver, but this year it's closing for good. The owner has invited you all to spend one last weekend there for old times' sake, and while there you discover that their troubles are more otherworldly than you expected. You and your friends are determined to help her out and save the camp, but doing so will mean searching the dark forest for clues, and solving the strange puzzles you find littering the campgrounds.

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LEGENDS



Camp Quicksilver

STARTING SEPTEMBER 1, VISIT [FORDLIBRARY.ORG/LEGENDS](http://fordlibrary.org/legends) TO TRY OUT OUR VIRTUAL ESCAPE ROOM!

ADULT

All programs this fall are virtual!

Unless otherwise stated, registration is required to receive a Zoom link. *Please visit fordlibrary.org to register*

All About Bread Q&A

Wednesday, September 23, 7 p.m.

Join Chef Cherise Slattery online for a brief tutorial and demonstration on how to make yeast bread, followed by a live Q&A session. Do you have questions about kneading, or fermentation, or bake time? Do you want to know how to change up your go-to recipe, or how to store your bread when you're baking more than you can eat? Chef has the answers to all of these questions and more! Recipes and notes worksheet included.

Searching for South America

Wednesday, October 14, 7 p.m.

Brian Michalski is on the road again—this time spending over a year in South America. As he trekked the Inca Trail, navigated pristine Patagonia, and explored the Amazon rainforest, he also volunteered, took Spanish classes, earned his English teaching certificate, and worked remotely. Join us to hear about Brian's atypical approach to this challenging, yet deeply rewarding continent.

Answering the Call: Artists of the Harlem Renaissance

Thursday, October 22, 7 p.m.

Between the world wars, African American artists produced an extraordinary output of painting, sculpture and photography answering a call to action from Professor Alain Locke (Howard University). Diverse in style, these artists often told the story of important events in African American history. In this Zoom presentation, art historian Jeff Mishur of Art Excursions discusses artists associated with this movement.

Creepy Tales of Ghostly Encounters

Monday, October 26, 7 p.m.

Author and historian Kathi Kresol will share her favorite tales of the eerie side of the Windy City and beyond in this virtual presentation. These stories include phantom hitchhikers, cemetery specters, and ghosts from various crime scenes in and around Chicago. Kathi has been researching the darker side of Illinois for over 15 years for her books, presentations, and Haunted Rockford Tour Company.

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Tuesday, September 29, 7 p.m.

In the early months of 2020, COVID-19 cases accelerated as primary elections were being held across the country. In response, states have adjusted their election systems to adapt to this new public health crisis, including Illinois. Tyler St. Clair from Common Cause Illinois will discuss the impact that COVID-19 had on the primary election here in Illinois, the policy changes enacted to protect the general election in November, and how it impacts voters across the state.

Take-Home Cross-Stitch Kit

Beginning October 1

All skill levels welcome

Cross-stitch a super cute penguin pattern! An instructional video will be available on the Library's YouTube and Facebook pages. Kits will be available at the Reference Desk beginning October 1, and will include everything needed (besides scissors). While supplies last!

Using the Library from home

Thursday, November 5,
7 p.m.

With your Thomas Ford library card you can download and stream free books, magazines, movies, music, and more—all from your mobile device or home computer! Join us on Zoom to learn how to get started, or ask any questions you have about our digital services.

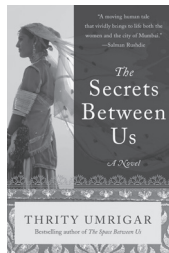


Book Discussion Group

Book discussions will be live online conversations utilizing Zoom. Registration is required so that attendees can receive the Zoom meeting link. Patrons will participate in the discussion from home via their computer or mobile device, or via telephone. Register online, in person, or by calling (708) 246-0520.

The Secrets Between Us
by Thrity Umrigar
Wednesday, October 7
7:30 p.m.

In this rich and moving tale, two elderly women in the slums of Mumbai form an unlikely friendship and start a business together, their fortitude and resilience helping to overcome their circumstances. A main character, Bhima, was the servant in Umrigar's 2006 bestseller, *The Space Between Us*.



Fever
by Mary Beth Keane
Wednesday, December 2,
7:30 p.m.

Mary Mallon, better known as Typhoid Mary, was the first asymptomatic carrier of the disease in the U.S. This novel brings her to life from her arrival as an Irish immigrant in New York in 1883, through her work as a cook, the deaths in her wake, and her pursuit by a medical detective. Keane vividly captures the grimy New York City of the early 20th century.



Cozy Winter Cottage Painting with Hello Art Studio

Tuesday, November 10, 7 p.m.

Join us and learn to paint a cozy cottage nestled under northern lights! Christine Thornton of Hello Art Studio will teach you some fun, easy watercolor techniques using supplies you will have at home. Registrants will receive a link to a pre-recorded instructional video at 7 p.m. and will have a full week to follow along with the pre-recorded video at their convenience. You will also have a chance to connect with the teacher and classmates through a designated post on the Library Facebook page. Post a photo of your art there any time during the week and Christine will give you personalized feedback and encouragement. Supplies will be listed on the Library calendar event page. Questions? Email jessica@fordlibrary.org.

The Yellow House
by Sarah M. Broom
Wednesday, November 4,
7:30 p.m.

Hurricane Katrina destroyed the author's childhood home in a neglected part of New Orleans. Through interviews and research, Broom has created this extraordinary memoir of a family, a house, and a city. Winner of the 2019 National Book Award for nonfiction.



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.



TEEN/TWEEN

All programs this fall are virtual!
Unless otherwise stated, registration is required to receive a Zoom link.

Please visit fordlibrary.org to register

Teen & Tween programs are open to those in grades 5–12.

teen board

Third Sundays: September 20,
October 18, November 15
4:30 p.m.

Have ideas you want to see at the Library? Join the Teen Board! The Teen Board implements programming suggestions, recommends materials like fiction, graphic novels, and music, and gives input for ways to entice other teens to visit the Library. We meet virtually through Zoom on every third Sunday. Register online to receive the Zoom link!

Tech Tuesdays

First Tuesdays: September 1, October 6,
November 3, 4:30 p.m.

The first Tuesday of every month, we will post a demonstration video on Instagram about one of the tech tools from our tech cabinet! Check it out to see what awesome tools you can check out with your library card!

STEAM(F)

Third Thursdays: September 17,
October 15, November 19
4:30 p.m.

Check out our Instagram on the third Thursday of every month for DIY videos that incorporate Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math and FOOD.

Movie Mania

Tuesday, September 22, 7 p.m.

How well do you know movies? Test your knowledge and compete against your friends to win awesome prizes! This is a Zoom event.

Scary Stories to Tell on Zoom

Thursday, October 29, 7 p.m.

Have a favorite scary story? Share it with everyone during our Scary Stories to Tell on Zoom virtual program! Bring your stories and snacks for this virtual event.

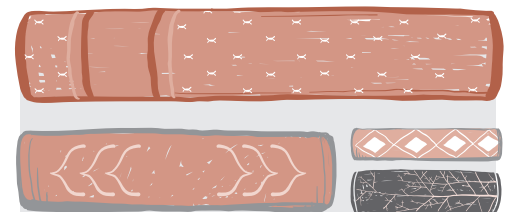
Filter Frenzy

Wednesday, November 25, 4:30 p.m.

Have a favorite filter you love to use on Instagram or Snapchat? Share your pic or video with us! Email it to gianna@fordlibrary.org and we will post it on our Instagram!



Book Boxes Book Club



Avid reader? Looking for some good recommendations? Join our Book Boxes Book Club! Fill out the form on our website to tell us a little bit about what you like to read, and each month get two library books and some other cool stuff! Return the books and your custom box (which you can and should decorate!) to receive your next month's recommendations but keep the other items! An email will be sent when your next Book Box is ready to be picked up!

CRAFTERNOONS

Second Wednesdays: September 9,
October 14, November 11
4:30 p.m.

The second Wednesday of every month, check out the Teen/Tween Instagram for a DIY Craft Instructional Video. Register for the craft you like on our events page. The Tuesday before, stop by the Library and pick up the supplies needed and follow along to the posted video!

Teen/Tween Instagram: [@tfm1ya](https://www.instagram.com/tfm1ya)

Follow us for virtual programs and activities!





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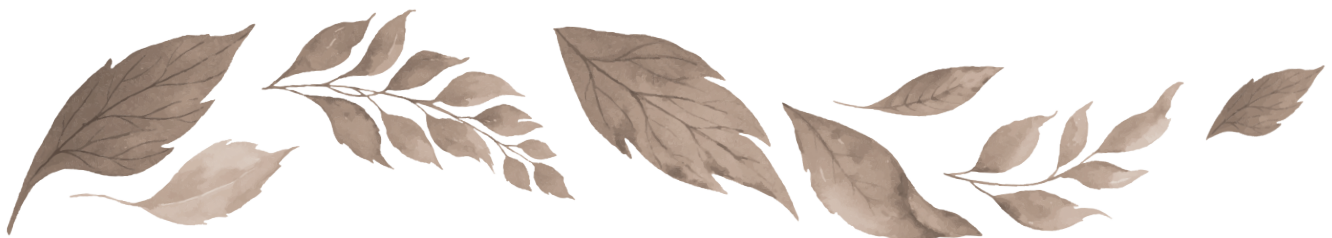
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November 1-30



Virtual Pet Chat

Thursday, October 1, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

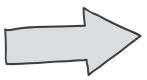
Grades K-4

Calling all furry, feathered and scaled friends... and their humans! Show off your pet, meet other pets in town, and we'll read stories about these awesome animals.

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Unless otherwise stated, registration is required to receive a Zoom link.

Please visit fordlibrary.org to register



Registration begins on Tuesday, September 1 for all programs that require registration.

Readers' Theatre Club

Tuesdays, September 8, October 6,
November 10, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Grades 2-4

In this Virtual Readers' Theatre Club, participants will act out a short play as a group! You will need to stop by the Library for the script and a craft for participating in the program. These items will be ready for you to pick up the Thursday before the upcoming session. Kids can read/rehearse the script, and day of the program everyone will pick their roles and perform! It will be a safe space for kids to practice reading out loud and also test out their acting skills in some silly plays.

Read to a Therapaws Pet

Mondays, September 14, October 12,
November 9, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Grades K-4

Beginning or independent readers love reading aloud to one of the pets from the Hinsdale Humane Society's Therapaws Pet Therapy because it's pressure-free! Reading time will be a one-on-one experience on Zoom with the therapy animal. Each child will be given a 10-minute slot between 4:30-5:30 p.m. When we send you the Zoom link, we will advise you of your time slot. Time slots will be allotted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Craft, Color, & Cook

Thursdays, September 17, October 15,
November 19, 5-5:30 p.m.

Ages 4-8

Let's get creative! Need some activities to keep little hands and minds busy? Pick up a themed bag one week prior to each month's program with a craft, coloring sheets, and a recipe perfect for families to create together. We'll meet each month on Zoom to share our creations, listen to a story, and more! Please register each child attending as supplies are limited (recipe ingredients not included).

September: The Gingerbread Man Loose in the School

October: President of the Jungle

November: The Bad Seed

online trivia nights

Tuesday, September 22

• *Back to School/Library*

Tuesday, October 20

• *Halloween*

Tuesday, November 17

• *Thanksgiving/Winter*

4:30-5:15 p.m. • Grades 1-4

Join us for an evening of trivia! The questions cover a range of topics, such as cartoon characters, book titles, snack foods, famous places, songs, and surprising moments in history. The only thing you will need is paper, pen, and the quick wits to answer as many trivia questions correctly as you can!

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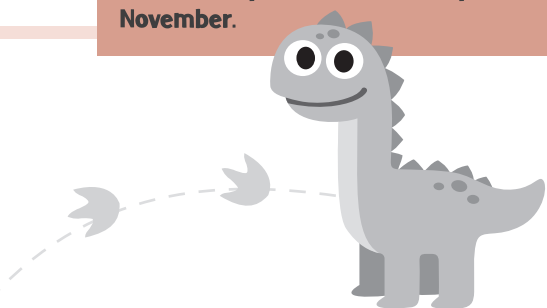
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*for supporting this year's Summer
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We also thank our sponsors:

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T.rex and her friends have found their new favorite books at the Library! Follow the clues to discover what they have been reading and win a prize. Start your hunt at the Youth Services desk when you visit the Library in November.



Make Your Vote Count!

October 1-31

All Ages

Kids, make your voices heard! We're having a battle of the books contest where kids can watch different animated picture books each week on the Kanopy app and vote for their favorites. Stop by the Youth Services desk in October or check out our website for details.

CARTOON MONSTERS



Monday, October 26
4:30-5:30 P.M. • Grades 2-4

A total creative bonanza! Students will draw tons of crazy, unbelievable monsters. Weird blobby monsters! Scary pointy monsters! Funny hat-wearing monsters! Social media influencer selfie-taking monsters! And here's the best part—you get to show them off on Zoom! (If your monsters are shy, however, that's optional.)

Halloween Storytime & Costume Parade

Thursday, October 29, 4:30– 5:15p.m.

All Ages

Dress up and join us for silly Halloween stories, songs and rhymes. We'll also take time to spotlight all of our costumes in our "virtual parade."



FAMILY CONCERT with Tim

Monday, November 2, 4:30–5:15 p.m.

Families Welcome

"Tunes with Tim" uses his wide repertoire of original and classic songs to inspire kids *and* adults to sing, dance, and play along at home during this interactive family concert experience.



Virtual Stuffed Animal Slumber Party

Thursday, November 5, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Ages 3-6

It's time for bed, teddy bear! We'll read stories, sing lullabies and tuck in our stuffed animal friends so they can have a good night's sleep.

Fall Storytimes

September 15 – November 18

Tuesdays or Wednesdays

10-10:30 a.m.

Welcome to our live virtual storytime—fun for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers! Miss Sarah, Miss Catherine, and Miss Uma will create an online Family Storytime experience for you with books, rhymes, and songs.



We are using Zoom to present these storytimes. To maintain privacy and online safety, please register. *One registration per family (not per participant) is all that is required.* We will send a Zoom invite link to all the families that are registered.

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Library Hours

Monday - Saturday
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Sunday
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Library Closings

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Labor Day and Thursday, November 26 for Thanksgiving.



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