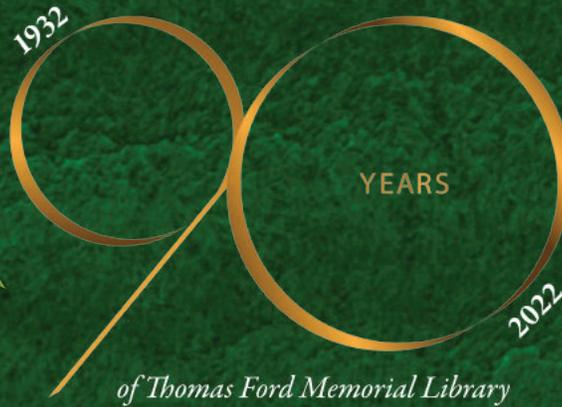




# The Ford Connection

*The Thomas Ford Memorial Library*

FALL 2022



## ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

800 Chestnut Street in Western Springs

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

1 - 4 P.M.

Live Music • Photo Backdrop • Historical Exhibit

Face Painting • Balloon Animals • Scavenger Hunt • Craft Stations

*Complimentary refreshments & desserts will be provided while supplies last!*

please **RSVP** at [fordlibrary.org](http://fordlibrary.org)

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# ADULT

Registration opens on Friday, August 26 at 9:30 a.m. for all Adult programs.

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

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## Stone Fruit Custard Tart 🍷

Thursday, September 8, 6:30 p.m.

A late-summer showstopper, yet surprisingly simple to make - and a gorgeous dessert to serve to guests at your end-of-summer soiree! This special live virtual cooking class is presented by Classroom Kitchen instructor Kristyn Slick.

## History of Simon & Garfunkel 📌

Wednesday, September 21, 7 p.m.

If you took the sweet harmonies of the Everly Brothers and matched them with the lyricism of Bob Dylan, the result might be Simon & Garfunkel. Explore one of the most successful musical acts of the 1960's with music historian Gary Wenstrup as he traces the arc of their career—from their surprise hit "Hey Schoolgirl," through the folk-rock classic "Sound of Silence," the popular "Mrs. Robinson," and the majesty of "Bridge Over Troubled Water."

## Reluctant Princess: Diana Spencer 📌

Thursday, September 29, 7 p.m.

The marriage between Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer caused a sensation never before experienced on a global scale. What must it have been like for a very young girl to step into a royal family steeped with expectations and duties? International storyteller, actress, and playwright Megan Wells embodies Diana with humor and pathos, sharing the life of a blossoming humanitarian cut short by tragedy.

## Haunted History 📌

Monday, October 24, 7 p.m.

Listen, if you dare, to the fascinating and chilling tales of the historical hauntings of the Midwest. Professional actor Terry Lynch will share spine-tingling stories of the S.S. Eastland, Brookfield Zoo, Fort Dearborn Massacre, John Dillinger, and more!

## Chicago's Sweet Bakeries Remembered 📌

Wednesday, November 9, 7 p.m.

Take a tasty trip down memory lane and reminisce about your favorite Chicago bakeries with historian and Oakton College professor Cheryl Brown. Learn about historic bakeries, top baking companies who made their home in Chicago, and the best places to still buy mouth-watering, made-from-scratch baked goods. Samples of bakery treats will be available.



## DIY Terrarium 🍷

Tuesday, September 13, 7 p.m.

Build a small terrarium for your home using a glass container, succulent and more. All supplies will be provided.

## Fall Greeting Cards

Month of October

Get a kit to make 3 fall-themed cards perfect for Halloween, Thanksgiving, and more! Pick-up starts October 4, while supplies last.

## Halloween String Art 🍷

Monday, October 3, 7 p.m.

Create spooky sayings or shapes using string, felt boards and pins. All materials and a variety of designs will be provided.

## Plant Exchange 🍷

Monday, October 10, 3 p.m.

Bring a healthy plant to the Library and choose a new plant for your home or garden! Plant drop-off begins at 3 p.m.; plant swapping begins at 3:30 p.m.

## Festive Fall Wreath 🍷

Monday, November 7, 7 p.m.

Using pre-cut leaves and other autumnal decor, create a fall-themed wreath perfect for your front door!

# Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, September 10

1-4 p.m.

All Ages

Stop by anytime between 1-4 p.m. to enjoy a variety of fun activities at your own pace, with options for the whole family throughout the building. From live music to fun crafts and some special surprises, we are excited to celebrate with you! RSVP online at [fordlibrary.org](http://fordlibrary.org).

## Now We're Looking!

Join us for one (or all!) of these virtual cooking programs this fall, presented by Classroom Kitchen instructor Kristyn Slick.

## Perfectly Pumpkin 🍷

Tuesday, October 4, 6:30 p.m.

Pumpkin is such a versatile ingredient and is filled with so much potential just waiting to be tapped in your kitchen. In this class, you'll fuel your fall spirit with Pumpkin Butter Roll Cookies and Pumpkin Pasta!

## Sharing is Caring 🍷

Tuesday, November 8, 6:30 p.m.

These clever kitchen hacks will give you triple or quadruple the Thanksgiving food fun! Learn how to make flavors coexist peacefully in our Tear & Share Bread and Sheet Pan Pie.

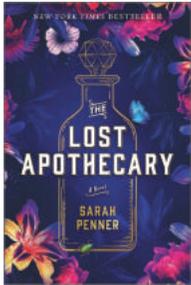
## Appetizers for the Holidays 🍷

Tuesday, December 6, 6:30 p.m.

Hors D'oeuvres, Canape, Finger Food? Whatever you call them, we will build dishes designed to whet your appetite and set the tone for any meal.

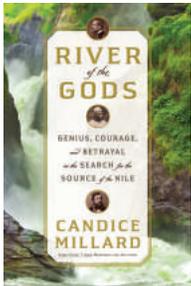
# books

Library book club discussion groups are open to anyone who enjoys good books! Extra copies are available at the Library one month before the discussion.



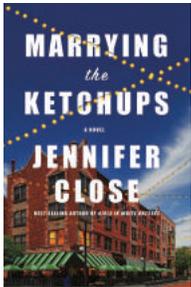
Wednesday, October 5  
7:30-9 p.m.

**The Lost Apothecary**  
by Sarah Penner  
Historical Fiction



Wednesday, November 2  
7:30-9 p.m.

Wednesday, December 7  
7:30-9 p.m.



## Special Fall Programming

The following virtual events are made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration between public libraries offering high-quality events.

### Marlee Matlin ●

Wednesday, September 14  
7 p.m.

In celebration of Deaf Awareness Month, Marlee Matlin shares the highs and lows of her Hollywood career as a longtime advocate for deaf rights. This program will be offered in ASL and translated through an interpreter.

### Jesmyn Ward ●

Wednesday, October 12  
7 p.m.

Author and two-time National Book Award Winner Jesmyn Ward will discuss her best-selling books, which include *Sing*, *Where the Line Bleeds*, and *Salvage the Bones*.

### Caitlin Doughty ●

Wednesday, November 16  
7 p.m.

Mortician and best-selling author Caitlin Doughty is an advocate for death acceptance and the founder of The Order of the Good Death. Join us as she shares more about her books and funeral industry reform.

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## GROUPS & DISCUSSIONS

These ongoing Library groups are free for all to attend. No registration required.

### Knitting Circle

Every other Thursday: September 8, 22; October 6, 20; November 3, 17; 1 p.m.  
Join us for knitting, conversation, and light refreshments.

### Western Springs Writers' Society

Second Thursdays & Last Mondays  
September 8, 26; October 13, 31; November 10, 28; 7 p.m.  
Have a writing itch? The WSWS welcomes all writers from the community to discuss and hone their craft with other local writers. Whether this is your career or hobby, all levels and genres are invited.

### Investment Discussion Group

Second Tuesdays: September 13, October 11, November 8; 7:15 p.m.  
Local amateur investors meet to discuss trends in stocks, bonds, and more.

# films

A series of independent, foreign, and documentary films with optional discussion after each screening. Registration required due to room capacity limits.



### Julia (2021) ● R

Thursday, September 8, 2 p.m.  
Julia tells the story of the legendary cookbook author and television superstar who changed the way Americans think about food, television, and women.



### Spencer (2021) ● R

Thursday, October 13, 2 p.m.  
Diana Spencer, struggling with mental-health problems during her Christmas holidays with the Royal Family at their Sandringham estate in Norfolk, England, decides to end her decade-long marriage to Prince Charles.



### Limbo (2021) ● R

Thursday, November 10, 2 p.m.  
Omar is a promising young musician. Separated from his Syrian family, he is stuck on a remote Scottish island awaiting the fate of his asylum request.

# TEEN/TWEEN

Registration opens on Friday, August 26 at 9:30 a.m. for all Teen & Tween programs.

*Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted.*

*Programs are open to those in grades 5–12.*

Ⓜ Registration required



*just so you know...*

Our Teen/Tween Room is available any time school is out. Drop in to play a game, do a project, or just hang out. Plus: snacks on the first school day of

## Nocturnal Bookmarks

Thursday, October 8

Make your own set of cute bookmarks using felt, pre-cut stencils, and glue! Each kit will have the materials to make a bat, a cat, and an owl. Pick-up begins Thursday, October 6. While supplies last.

## Anniversary Celebration



*Saturday, September 10*

1–4 p.m.

Stop by the Teen/Tween Room during our 90th Anniversary Celebration for some special activities and surprises, including a flower pen craft station!

## Sun Print Kit & Art Display Ⓜ

Wednesday, September 14

Create a fall-themed piece of art using the power of the sun! Pick up your supplies and instructions on September 14, then drop off your finished piece for an art display in the Teen/Tween Room on September 21.

## Upcycled Jewelry Making Ⓜ

Wednesday, November 9, 4 p.m.

Breathe new life into old or broken jewelry by taking it apart and making something new! Bring in any old jewelry or beads you have on hand. Basic jewelry making supplies and additional beads will be provided.

## LEGO Building Ⓜ

Monday, September 26, 4 p.m.

Help us put together some LEGO sets! Each participant will get one small LEGO set to assemble.

## Foam Printmaking Kit

Monday, November 28

Try out the art of printmaking! Carve into foam to make your own “stamp,” then roll on some ink and print your design onto paper. While supplies last.



# HALLOWEEN Candy Tasting

*Monday, October 24, 7 p.m.* Ⓜ

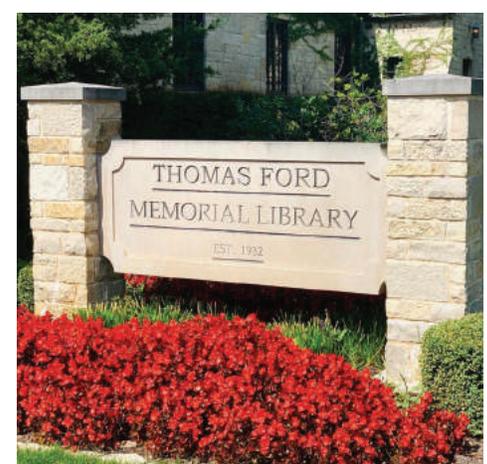
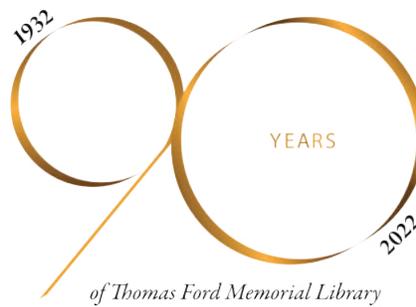
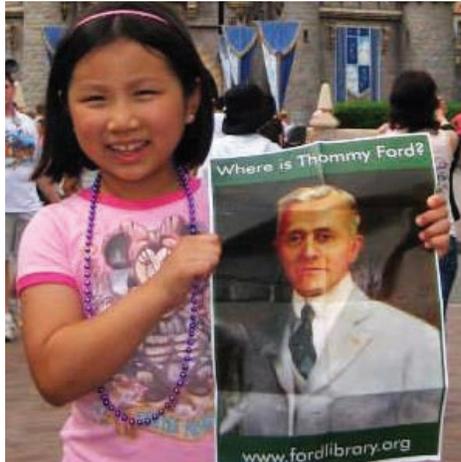
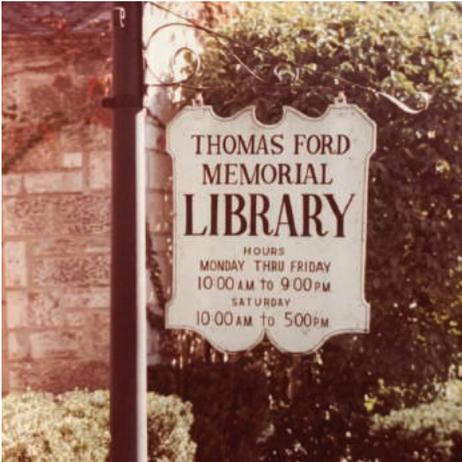
Have a sweet tooth? Join us for a Halloween Candy Tasting! Try out different treats and help us decide which Halloween Candy is the best. Please list all food allergies in the notes when you register.



# Thank You *from* THOMAS FORD

To our patrons, our staff, and our supporters: thank you so much for helping Thomas Ford Memorial Library always feel like home. We are grateful to have such a wonderful and supportive community here in Western Springs. You make every day so special.

We would love if you would share your Thomas Ford moments and memories with us by tagging us on social media or emailing them to [info@fordlibrary.org](mailto:info@fordlibrary.org)



# YOUTH

Registration is required and begins on Wednesday, September 7 at 9:30 a.m. online at [fordlibrary.org](http://fordlibrary.org) for ALL programs 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.

**R** Registration required

If you are a Thomas Ford cardholder, please be sure to enter the library card number while registering. If you do not enter the card number, you will be put on a pending waitlist and are not guaranteed a spot in the program.

## R.E.A.D. to a Therapaws Pet **R**

*Recommended Grades K-3*

**Mondays: September 26 OR October 24 OR November 14**

**6:30–7:30 p.m.**

Beginning or independent readers love to practice reading aloud to one of the dogs from Hinsdale Humane Society's Therapaws Program because it's pressure-free! Reading time is a one-on-one experience; no parents or siblings allowed. Each child will have a 10-minute slot. We will advise you of your time slot via email prior to the session. Time slots will be allotted on a first-come, first-serve basis. *Due to the popularity of this program, we request that you register your child on one day only.*

## Baby & Toddler Playgroup **R**

*Ages Birth through 2*

**Wednesdays: September 14, November 16 10–11 a.m.**

Explore the power of play! Join us for playtime and stories that support the development of social and early literacy skills.

## Gnome Homes **R**

*Grades K-4*

**Wednesday, September 14**

**4:30–5:15 p.m.**

Create a bit of magic with us in this fun craft workshop! We'll use our imaginations to customize our own miniature home, perfect for a gnome or fairy garden.



# Anniversary Celebration

*Saturday, September 10*

**1–3 p.m.\***

*All Ages*

Celebrate and enjoy the party with your children in Youth Services! Stop by for fun activities that include face painting and balloon creations, a Birthday Gnome Scavenger Hunt, and a make-your-own birthday card craft! While supplies last. Please RSVP online at [fordlibrary.org](http://fordlibrary.org).

\*First come, first served.



*with*

**TRENT JAMES,  
COMEDY MAGICIAN**

## LEGO Family Nights **R**

*Families Welcome*

**Thursdays: September 22, October 20, November 17**

**6–7 p.m.**

Families of LEGO enthusiasts are welcome to join us each month to learn LEGO building techniques and complete a variety of creative challenges! Legos will be provided by the library for this program. We'll display our creations in the Youth Department after each month's session.

## Bats & Other Misunderstood Creatures **R**

*Recommended Grades K-4*

**Wednesday, October 12**

**5–6 p.m.**

In this program we will dispel the five most common myths about bats, explore the variety of diets among the 1,450 species, analyze their amazing physical characteristics, learn about echolocation calls, discover their predator and prey relationships, and so much more. We will also look at several other creatures that have been made scary by Hollywood movies. You will get to see live fruit bats, snakes, tarantulas, and rats at this presentation.

## Read & Create: Turkey Trouble **R**

*Grades K-2*

**Monday, November 14**

**4:30–5 p.m.**

Gobble gobble! Join us for a reading of *Turkey Trouble* by Wendy Silvano and create Thanksgiving crafts to take home.

## Tuesday, November 8

**Magic Show, 4:30–5:15 p.m. **R****

*All Ages*

Trent James is bringing a fresh feel to the classic magic show! Trent's high-energy performance combines mind-boggling magic with gut-busting humor, and he's quickly becoming one of the top magicians in the country, having received over a dozen high honor awards, as well as being the youngest recipient of The Milbourne Christopher Award.

**Magic Trick Teach-In, 5:30–6:30 p.m. **R****

*Grades 1-4*

Do you want to learn magic tricks? Rarely will magicians share their craft, but with this special magic workshop, you can finally get a peek into a magician's book of secrets! You'll learn a handful of amazing magic tricks from Trent James and get to keep all the props. There are limited spots available, so be sure to sign up ASAP!

# AUTUMN ACTIVITIES FOR ALL YOUTH AGES, ALL SEASON LONG!



Gnome can't find his hat! Stop by the Library each week of September to hunt for the gnome and see each new replacement hat he is wearing!



During the month of October, pick up a paper pumpkin craft packet from the Youth Services Desk, make your creation at home, and return it to the Library for display on our fall pumpkin patch bulletin board!



T. Rex and his friends got their first library cards! They are looking for books all over the Youth Services department. Find the dinosaurs each week of November to earn a prize!

## Fall Storytimes

*September 19 - November 11*

Registration is required for all storytimes and begins on Wednesday, September 7 at 9:30 a.m. online at [fordlibrary.org](http://fordlibrary.org). First preference will be given to Western Springs residents.

*Due to the popularity of our storytimes, registration is required.*

Sessions fill up quickly. Please help us by attending those programs for which you are registered.

### Lapsit Storytime <sup>®</sup>

*Birth-23 months w/ adult*

Thursdays or Fridays

10-10:30 a.m.

Help your baby grow up to love books! Share stories, songs, and rhymes with your little one in this lapsit program and introduce them to a lifetime of reading and language enjoyment. This program works best if there is one adult with one baby.

### Toddler Time <sup>®</sup>

*2-3.5 years w/ adult*

Mondays or Tuesdays

10-10:30 a.m.

Introduce your toddler to early literacy and help build the foundation of reading. We pair short books with songs and rhymes to engage them. Toddlers love to wander and listen during our time together.

### Preschool Pals <sup>®</sup>

*3.5-5 years*

Mondays or Wednesdays

1-1:30 p.m.

Hear stories, sing songs, and have fun with your friends! Storytime 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.

### Siblings & Stories <sup>®</sup>

*Babies to Pre-K w/ adult*

Wednesdays

10-10:30 a.m.

The perfect storytime for families with children of different ages! Enjoy books, rhymes, and songs that are fun for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers.



## Summer Reading Challenge Sponsors

*Thank you to the following sponsors for generously supporting the Library's 2022 Summer Reading Challenge!*

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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 (*hours resume starting Sunday, September 11*)  
1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

**Library Closings**

The Library will be closed on Monday, September 5 for Labor Day and Thursday, November 24 for Thanksgiving.

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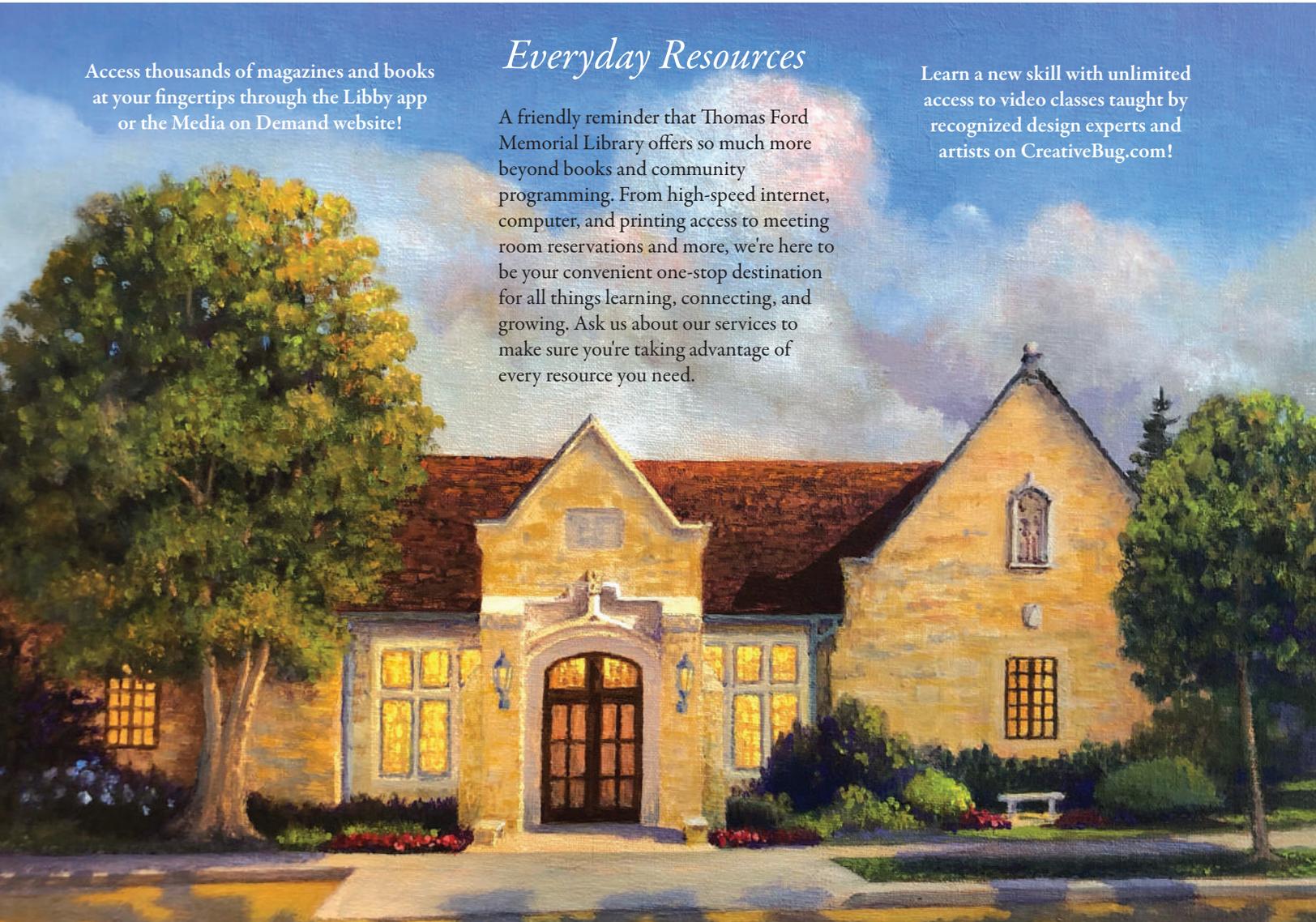
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*Everyday Resources*

A friendly reminder that Thomas Ford Memorial Library offers so much more beyond books and community programming. From high-speed internet, computer, and printing access to meeting room reservations and more, we're here to be your convenient one-stop destination for all things learning, connecting, and growing. Ask us about our services to make sure you're taking advantage of every resource you need.

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*Thomas Ford Memorial Library commissioned this original painting by local Western Springs resident, architect, and artist Gary Ainge in honor of the Library building's 90th Anniversary.*

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