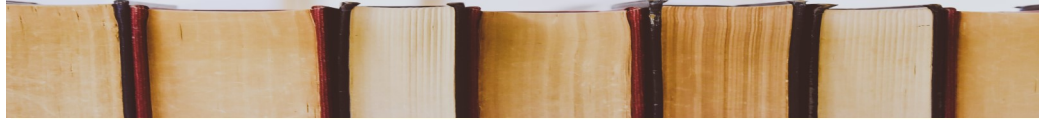




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SPEAKERS AT THE LIBRARY

HOW CORN BECAME KING JAN 28 1 PM

Midewin Archaeologist Joe Wheeler is back to share a fascinating history lesson on the impact of corn and farming practices in our area and how the Midwest became the "Corn Belt" it is today.

TRAVEL TIPS FOR ORLANDO FEB 20 6:30 PM

Manhattan resident and travel expert Lauren Carlson is here to make your next vacation a breeze. Put her 30+ years of Disney experience and her College of Disney training to the test for your next magical adventure.

MADAM PRESIDENT - MAR 14 1 PM

THE SECRET PRESIDENCY OF EDITH WILSON

After President Wilson suffered a stroke, First Lady Edith Wilson handled the day to day responsibilities of the Executive Office. Historian William Hazelgrove is here with stories about the person who may have served as the first woman president.

EXOTIC BIRDS OF EQUADOR MAR 19 6:30 PM

Greg DuBois from the Will County Audubon Society is here to share his adventures in Ecuador. Shake off the winter blues by learning more about these exotic beauties.

21 (ALMOST) FREE THINGS TO DO IN CHICAGO

MAR 28 1 PM

There's plenty of things to do in Chicago that are free or cheap! Max Grinnell, Chicago tour guide and expert, will be here to talk about fun and interesting things to do that cost little or no money.

CONTAINER GARDENING MAY 2 1 PM

Learn how you can wow your neighbors with beautiful container gardens from a local Master Gardener. Discover the secrets to choosing the perfect containers and plants for both sun and shade.

MONEY SMART WEEK



APR 2 7 PM RETIREMENT TRANSITION WINDOW

Manage the decision window before retirement with ease. Discussions of Social Security, Medicare, distributions, and more.

APR 7 4-7PM CREDIT CLINIC

Sasha Grabenstetter from the U of I extension office will be here to privately discuss your credit report. Free 20 minute session with an Accredited Financial Counselor. Call (815) 478-3987 to reserve your spot.

APR 16 6:30PM WILLS VS TRUSTS

Get easy answers to your questions about estate planning.



DECEMBER

SINGER PETER OPRISKO

Dec 12 7pm

Enjoy classic Christmas songs to get into the holiday spirit.

SANTA VISIT

Dec 5 6:30pm

Enjoy a very special story time with a very special guest!

COOKIE DECORATING

Dec 20 1pm

Listen to Christmas tunes while you pile frosting and sprinkles on some cookies!

L-W WEST MADRIGALS

Dec 10 6pm

Celebrate the season with Medieval and Renaissance music performed by talented students.

ESSENTIAL GIFTS

Dec 9 6:30pm

Make and take four gift bags loaded with five items at this essential oils workshop led by Young Living Oils consultant and Manhattan resident Angie Turner.

GINGERBREAD BUILDING

Dec 3 4pm

Compete in a contest to crown a champion of confectionery construction!

LED HOLIDAY CARDS

Dec 12 4pm

Design fancy cards for the holidays that actually light up!

NOON YEARS EVE

Dec 28 11:30am

Come and dance the day away before a massive balloon drop!

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WINTER READING PROGRAM AT THE LIBRARY JANUARY 2 – FEBRUARY 14

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LITTLE LANDSCAPES

February 28 6pm

Relax and follow along as we learn how to paint unique landscapes. Pizza and mocktails provided. Turn happy accidents into amazing art. \$8 supply fee.



WATER COLOR CLASS

May 16 1 pm

Artist Renee Leone will lead a class suitable for artists at any level. She'll demonstrate how to use this beautiful medium so you can take home a beautiful work of art. \$8 supply fee.

JEWELRY MAKING CLASS

Feb 22 12 pm

Popular artist Michelle Helm will demonstrate how to use clay to stamp beautiful jewelry. \$8 supply fee.



Manhattan-Elwood Quilt Group

Meets in both towns. Visit the library for more information.

All About the Yarn Wednesdays 2:30 pm

Knit or Crochet at the library.

BINGO AND COLORING

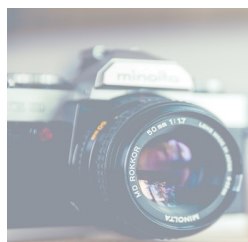
1 pm

Play Bingo and win prizes first. Socialize and color relaxing designs afterward.

Jan 3 Feb 7 Mar 6
Apr 3 May 1

Like photography?

The library has a high speed photo scanner to help organize your pictures or Adobe Photoshop available on our Mac.



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ARTS AND CRAFTS

Casual Crafters 1:30 pm

Join us for some fun, simple crafts.
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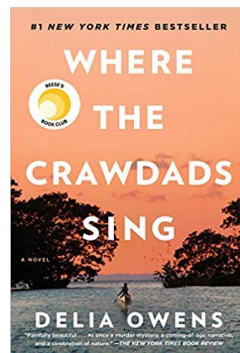
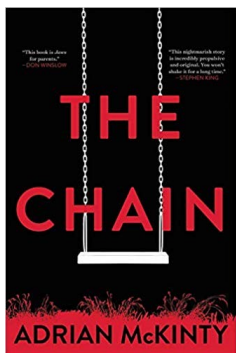
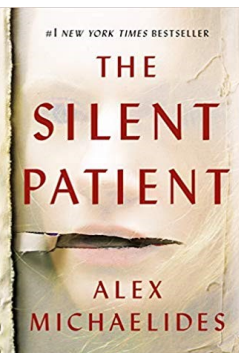
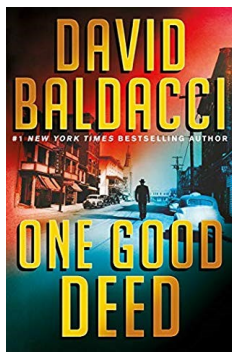
Dec 13 Coffee Filter Gift Bags
Jan 10 Salt Shaker Snowman
Feb 14 Heart Wall Hanging
Mar 13 Leprechaun Gnomes
Apr 17 Ladybug Coasters
May 8 Hanging Picture Frames

Silhouette Cameo Projects 5:30 pm

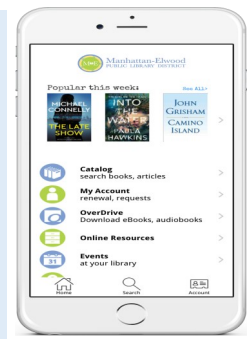
Try our Silhouette Cameo and get creative making personalized projects.
There will be a supply fee.
****Registration is required, as space is limited****

Jan 30 Winter Hanging Pennant
Feb 27 Keepsake Box
Mar 26 Herb Pots
Apr 23 Farmers Market Canvas Bag
May 28 Rolled Paper Flowers and Vase





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Anything But Mysteries

- Dec 12 **The Identicals**
By Elin Hilderbrand
- Jan 9 **An American Marriage**
By Tayari Jones
- Feb 13 **The Nickel Boys**
By Colson Whitehead
- March 12 **The Red Address Book**
By Sofia Lundberg
- April 9 **The Only Woman in the Room**
By Marie Benedict
- May 14 **Things You Save in a Fire**
By Katherine Center

Mystery Loves Company

- Dec 9 **The Hunting Party**
By Lucy Foley
- Jan 13 **In the Blood**
By Lisa Unger
- Feb 10 **The Lost Man**
By Jane Harper
- March 9 **The Chain**
By Adrian McKinty
- April 13 **Never Tell**
By Lisa Gardner
- May 11 **The Silent Patient**
By Alex Michaelides



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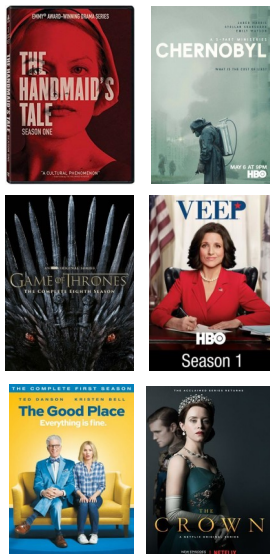
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MOVIES AT THE LIBRARY

Books to Movies Wednesdays at 6 pm **Friday Features** Fridays at 1 pm

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|------------|---------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| Dec 4 | Juliet, Naked | Dec 12 | On the Basis of Sex |
| January 8 | Boy Erased | January 24 | Roman J Israel, Esq |
| February 5 | The Sun is Also a Star | February 28 | Game Night |
| March 4 | The Front Runner | March 27 | Mission: Impossible-Fallout |
| April 1 | Forever My Girl | April 24 | The Mule |
| May 6 | Where'd You Go Bernadette | May 22 | Arrival |



STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER

MAR 27 4 PM

Give your stuffed animal the chance to meet other animal friends with a sleepover at the library. Pick them up in the morning and see the shenanigans your friend enjoyed.

SATURDAY MORNING CARTOONS 11 AM
JAN 4 JAN 18 FEB 1 FEB 8

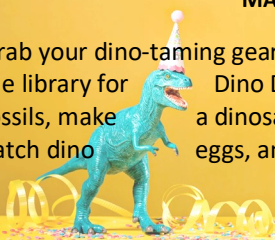
Stop in during the Winter Reading Program for some Saturday morning fun, cartoons, and snacks!

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DINO DAY

MAR 21 11 AM

Grab your dino-taming gear and head to the library for Dino Day! Dig for fossils, make a dinosaur mask, hatch dino eggs, and more!



TODDLER PROM

APR 25 11 AM

Put on your party clothes and bust a move on our bubble wrap dance floor!



MOMMY AND ME YOGA 6:30 PM
JAN 14 FEB 11 MAR 10
APR 14 MAY 12

Stretch with your little one as you both learn relaxation techniques from LC Chiropractic.



PEPPA PIG PARTY

APR 4 11 AM

Listen to some fun Peppa stories, play games and make a craft focused on shapes and colors.

BUBBLE DAY

MAY 2 11 AM

Pop into the library and be blown away. Make giant bubbles with custom wands and learn more surprise tricks!

LITTLE READERS

Reading with your child has so many benefits! Reading:

- *Encourages bonding
- *Builds vocabulary
- *Boosts brain development
- *Ignites curiosity and imagination
- *Makes learning fun
- *And so much more

Story Time

11 am

Mondays and Tuesdays

Listen to fun stories, move to silly songs, and play interactive games with other young friends. Wigglers welcome.

Play-Doh Play Group

11 am

Wednesdays

You have all the fun, we clean up the mess! Play-Doh is a great fine motor skill activity!

Toddler Art

11 am

Thursdays

Get creative with a simple, new craft each week.

Free Play Fridays

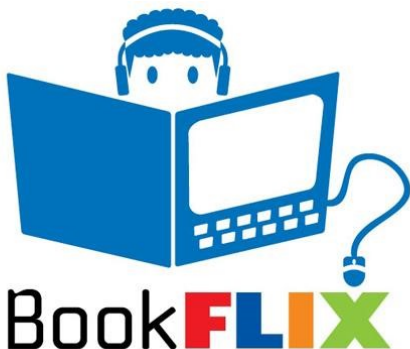
11 am

Play with new toys and new friends at the library.

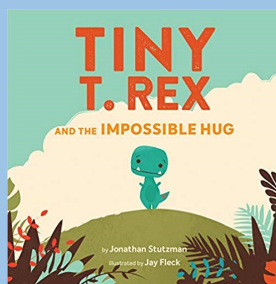
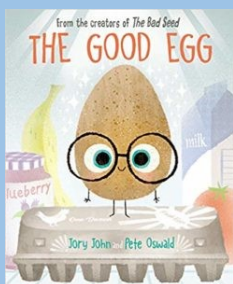
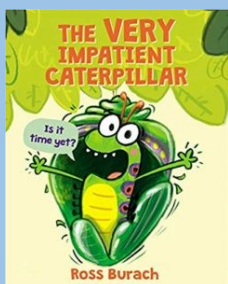
1000 Books Programs

This easy program is designed to help parents prepare their children for kindergarten by reading 1000 books with their child. Every book counts, no matter how many times you read it! No logs, all fun, special programs, and even prizes to win!

Jan 30	1 pm	Mo Willems' Elephant and Piggy
Feb 12	1 pm	Paint a Cookie
Mar 12	1 pm	Lep"Re-Con" Adventure
Apr 8	1 pm	Tiny Seed Story Time



BookFLIX is a free digital resource designed to strengthen early literacy skills in a fun way. Visit www.mpld.org/digital-resources/ to play on your phone or tablet.



KIDS PROGRAMS

Upside Down Painting

Jan 7 4 pm

Try painting upside down and see what it was like for Leonard Da Vinci when he painted the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel.

Winter Wonderland

Jan 11 11 am

Tired of the weather? We're having a winter party without the cold! Make snow, try our winter obstacle course, and warm up with cocoa!

Stuffed Animal Workshop*

Jan 25

11 am OR 12 pm

Build your own stuffed animal. Choose a new friend, stuff it, make it a scarf and take a picture. \$10 fee
*Registration is required.



Kids and Canvases 4 pm

Jan 28 Feb 25

Mar 24 Apr 28

Unleash your inner artist while enjoying time with friends. Space is limited. \$3 supply fee.

School's Out Movie Day

1 pm

Feb 14 and May 29

Celebrate the Manhattan school's half day with a free movie at the library.

Candy Land Party

Feb 15 11 am

Celebrate the end of Winter Reading with some Willy Wonka inspired activities and treats. Sponsored by Kevin Molloy State Farm.

Minecraft Mondays

4 pm

Join your friends and build and explore together!

Craft Cart

Wednesdays 4 pm

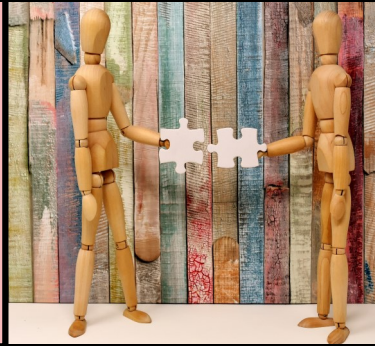
Get creative with our supplies.

Scavenger Hunt 4pm

Jan 21 Feb 28 Mar 17

Apr 21 May 19

Compete in our monthly scavenger hunt! Find all the items hidden throughout the library before the other teams to win a prize.



Escape Room

1:15pm

Jan 22 and Mar 27

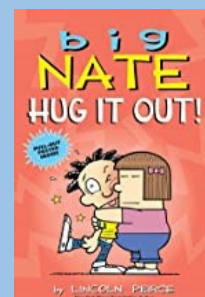
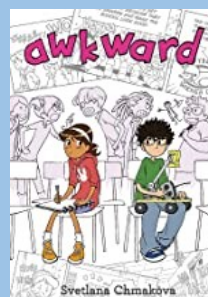
You escaped school, now let's see how you handle this! Solve puzzles and crack the code to escape the room with your wits intact.



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We also offer...

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- Access to computers
- Quiet study areas
- Copies of school textbooks



“From verbal and visual literacy to critical thinking and memory, comics (graphic novels) are a great tool to give young readers a head start.”

FREE FUN FOR KIDS!

- Jan 14 4 PM** **DIY PROPELLER SHOOTER TARGET PRACTICE**
Make your own propeller toy and learn how to launch it with pinpoint accuracy.
- Jan 16 4 PM** **DISAPPEARING INK**
Learn how to use lemon juice to make disappearing ink and send covert messages.
- Jan 23 4 PM** **TALENT SHOW**
Show off your skills! We want to see your singing, dancing, magic tricks, or any other talent you want to show off!
- Feb 4 4 PM** **INFINITY CUBES**
Design and construct an infinity cube that folds over onto itself, well...infinitely.
- Feb 11 4 PM** **CARD TRICKS**
Start your journey of prestidigitation by learning a few card tricks.
- Feb 20 4 PM** **DIY RUBBER BAND LAUNCHERS**
Combine household items to make a nifty new toy.
- Mar 3 4 PM** **FORT MAKING**
Use sheets, jigsaw mats, tables, chairs, and anything else we can find to build a super cool mega fort.
- Mar 10 4 PM** **MARIO DAY**
It's MAR10 so come celebrate everyone's favorite plumber by stomping goombas, playing real life remote control Mario Kart, and making a Mario-craft.
- Mar 12 4 PM** **BUILD A LEPRECHAUN TRAP**
St. Patrick's Day is almost here so build a leprechaun trap to catch the curious creatures and get your hands on that pot of gold.
- Mar 19 4 PM** **GIANT JENGA**
Jenga, but bigger! Stack giant blocks (almost) to the ceiling and then try your best not to be the one to topple it over.
- Mar 26 4 PM** **BALLOON MINI ROCKET CAR**
Use a balloon, some tape, and basic household supplies to turn a bottle into a vehicle.
- Apr 6 4 PM** **MINECRAFT EASTER EGG HUNT**
Like a normal egg hunt, but in Minecraft! Search for hidden Easter eggs throughout the Minecraft world.
- Apr 7 4 PM** **FAIRY GARDEN TERRARIUM**
Celebrate spring with a decorative craft for your garden.
- Apr 14 4 PM** **KINETIC SAND SCULPTING CONTEST**
Play with kinetic sand and see who can construct the most interesting sculpture.
- Apr 23 4 PM** **UGLY ART STUDIO**
Sick of art that looks pretty? Let's make the ugliest, most terrible art we can!
- May 5 4 PM** **BOTTLE ROCKETS**
Become an amateur rocket scientist as we attempt to launch bottles into the air.

Dave Dinaso's Reptile Show

May 16

12 pm



See and pet a wide variety of reptiles including an alligator, a giant pixie frog, a monitor lizard, and more!

Sponsored by Kevin Molloy State Farm

Astronomy Using Your Eyes

April 29 7 pm

Michelle Nichols from the Adler Planetarium is here to teach us what observations of our daytime and nighttime skies can be done without a telescope.

LOCK-IN

Enjoy games, pizza, and a movie all while hanging out in the library after hours!



May 1

5-9 pm

Spring Break Movies

12 pm

Monday	Frozen 2
Tuesday	Lego Movie 2: The Second Part
Wednesday	Secret Life of Pets 2
Thursday	The Lion King (2019)
Friday	Wonder Park

SLIME MAKING

Jan 30 and Apr 9

4pm

Back by popular demand! Make stretchy, gooey, sticky slime and then laugh as Mr. Steve spends an hour cleaning up the aftermath.



TEEN LOCK-IN

Feb 21 6-10 pm

Hang out with friends, play games, and watch a movie in the library after hours.

SMASH ULTIMATE TOURNAMENT

Jan 31 4 pm

Compete in a double elimination Smash Ultimate tournament. Top 3 winners receive prizes.



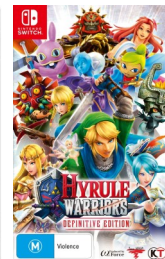
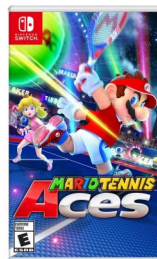
FINDING A MOTIVATING COLLEGE MAJOR

Mar 11 7 pm

You've filled out the application and written the essays. What's next? Find a major in your area of interest and stay motivated. Parents and their 9-12 grade students are invited to this free presentation by Career Vision.

Love video games?

Use your library card to check these (and more) out for free:



ANIME-NIA

April 30 6 pm

Watch some anime and eat some Japanese snacks, Plus Ultra!

NEED COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS?

Hours for graduation or NHS are available at the library. Email questions@mpld.org to schedule times.

TEENS

AFTER HOURS LASER TAG

Fridays 5 pm

Jan 17 Feb 7

Mar 13 Apr 17

May 8



GET CREATIVE



JAN 9 4 PM

MAKE CUSTOM STICKERS

FEB 6 4 PM

CANVAS QUOTE PAINTING

FEB 13 4 PM

LED LIGHT UP VALENTINE'S CARDS

MAR 5 4 PM

CUSTOM FRIDGE MAGNETS

APR 16 4 PM

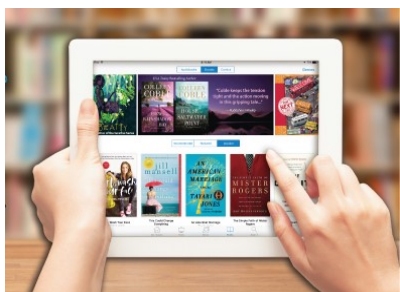
ALCOHOL INK PAINTING

MAY 7 4 PM

DIY STRESS BALLS

MAY 14 4 PM

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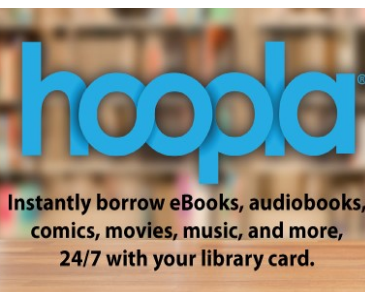


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