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Winter & Spring 2019

There's something for everyone at the library!



Farming on the Illinois Frontier with Joe Wheeler **Jan 17th - 1:00 pm**

Midwin archaeologist and heritage program manager, Joe Wheeler, will be here to discuss how the ingenuity and hard work of early settlers transformed the land in our area.

New Year, New Look, New You! **Jan 22nd - 6:30 pm**

Jill Moss Stetson, certified medical aesthetician and owner of Skin Trust in Palos Heights, will inspire you with style tips, youthful aging techniques, and wardrobe must-haves for a fresh start this year.

Dazzling Dream Cars **Jan 23rd - 6:00 pm**

Chicago Auto Show historian Mitch Frumkin will be back to highlight futuristic prototypes, dream cars, and concept vehicles that have captivated crowds for more than 75 years.

Attendees have a chance to win tickets to the 2019 Auto Show!



Legends of Surf! **Feb 7th - 6:30 pm**

Break out your Hawaiian shirts and leave winter behind! Join us as guitarist Randy Walker performs toe-tapping music and shares fun stories about the 60's phenomenon of surf music and the bands that made it happen.

Inner Peace During Turbulent Times **Feb 19th - 6:00 pm**

Join Renate Lanotte, MS LCSW and long time meditator, for this popular and engaging program. Participants will be guided through a meditation exercise to enhance personal well-being.

Get (and Stay) Organized with Erin Kelly **Mar 5th - 6:30 pm**

Erin Kelly of Arranged by Erin will share her top tips on how to clear clutter, get & stay organized, and where to donate items you no longer need.

Women in Astronomy **Mar 12th - 6:30 pm**

To celebrate Women's History Month, Michelle Nichols from the Adler Planetarium will be here to discuss the role women played in the Apollo missions and NASA as a whole. Hear the stories of these unsung heroes of space exploration!



Money Smart Week: What Every Woman Should Know About Money! **Apr 1st - 6:30 pm**

Learn about the top 10 issues that impact women throughout their financial life including credit, retirement, insurance, and more.

Kids & Family

Stuffed Animal Workshop **Jan 19th - 10:30 am & 1:30 pm**

Choose a new friend, add some stuffing, make it some warm winter gear, and take home a souvenir picture of your first day together. Registration is required and there is a \$10 supply fee.

Frozen Fun Carnival **Feb 29th - 4:00 pm**

Come to the carnival and help us bring an end to our Frozen Fun! Enjoy carnival games under the "Big Top", a balloon artist, cotton candy, popcorn and more!

Seating is limited. Please pre-register for these programs by calling (815) 478-3987, emailing adults@mpld.org, or visiting www.mpld.org

Adult Events

Trivia Night - 7:00 pm

Impress your friends with your useless knowledge. Up to 6 people per team. Free to play. Prizes to the winning team!

Jan 16th	Gallagher's	Apr 17th	Agave Azul
Feb 20th	Jack's Tap	May 15th	Gallagher's
Mar 20th	Fritz's		

Bingo & Coloring - 1:00 pm

Enjoy a round of bingo from 1:00-2:00 pm Popcorn and prizes provided. Then, stay afterwards and socialize while coloring beautiful illustrations designed for adults.

Jan 4th **Feb 1st** **Mar 2nd** **Apr 5th** **May 3rd**

Special Events



Guess Who's Back? Backyard Birds of Illinois **Apr 2nd - 6:30 pm**

Greg Dubois from the Will County Audubon Society will be here to talk about the birds we see every day in our backyards and those that will be returning as the weather warms up.

Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body **Apr 18th - 1:00 pm**

The Alzheimer's Association will be here to share information on nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity, and social engagement, as well as hands-on tools to help you incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging.



Spring Cleaning for the Mind and Body **May 2nd - 6:00 pm**

Renate Lanotte, MS LCSW, will be back to show how meditation can grant you the peace you seek. Learn a simple technique to start your journey and discover what meditation can do for you.

Senior Tax Exemption **May 3rd - 10:30 am**

Representatives from Will County Supervisor of Assessments Office will be available to answer questions and assist with filling out Senior Freeze, Disability Exemption, and Veteran Exemption forms.

Feeling Crafty?



Paint Pour Playshop **Feb 9th - 12:00 pm**

Join local artist Mary Ann Grajek for an introduction to the paint pour technique. In this 2 1/2 hour class, you will learn how to create beautiful blends of dazzling color and go home with your own masterpiece. Registration is required and there is a \$10 fee for supplies.

Spring Painting Party with Lisa **Apr 4 - 6:00 pm**

Lisa is back with a fun, easy painting project to welcome spring! There will be a \$5 supply fee, and registration is required as space is limited. Classes fill quickly!

Casual Crafters **1:30 pm**

Join us for some simple crafts! Registration is required as space is limited.

Jan 11th: Painted Winter Wine Glass	Feb 8th: Valentine Letter Blocks	Mar 8th: Shamrock Topiary
Apr 12th: Decorative Twine Carrot	May 10th: Golf Ball Garden Bug	

DIY Giant Ruler Growth Chart **May 17th - 12:00 pm**

Enjoy an afternoon to yourself and create a personalized growth chart for your family! While you are crafting, drop your kids off in the children's department for a craft and a movie. There is a \$10 fee for supplies, and registration is required as space is limited.



Floral Workshop **May 23rd - 6:00 pm**

Celebrate spring by creating your own beautiful fresh flower arrangement for your home! There is a \$20 fee to cover supplies. Registration is required as space is limited.

Silhouette Cameo Projects **6:00 pm**

Come try our Silhouette Cameo cutting machine and get creative making personalized projects. There is a \$3 supply fee. Registration is required as space is limited.

Jan 17th: Personalized Tumbler	Feb 28th: Door Mat (\$6 fee)	Mar 7th: Zippered Pouch
Apr 25th: Wood Photo Frame	May 30th: Door Hanger	

Manhattan-Elwood Quilt Group

Join the Manhattan-Elwood Quilt Group and work on your own projects as well as community service projects. The group meets at the Manhattan Township Building and the Elwood Community Center. Visit the library or website for more information.

Jan 8th, 12th, & 24th	Feb 5th, 9th, & 28th	Mar 5th, 9th, & 28th	Apr 2nd, 13th, & 25th	May 7th, 11th, & 23rd
Quilt Retreat Feb 23rd-24th (Limit 16)		"Rescue Me" Sale Mar 16th		

Adult Events

Movies

Book-to-Movie Night Out - 6:00 pm

Join us the first Wednesday of every month to watch the latest film adaptations of books and enjoy free popcorn!

- Jan 9th** *The Children Act*
Feb 6th *The House with a Clock in It's Walls*
Mar 6th *Crazy Rich Asians*
Apr 3rd *Annihilation*
May 1st *Can You Ever Forgive Me?*



Afternoon at the Movies - 1:00 pm

On the fourth Friday of every month, watch a movie and enjoy free popcorn!

- Jan 25th** *Mama Mia! Here We Go Again*
Feb 22nd *Finding Your Feet*
Mar 29th *Thor: Ragnarok*
Apr 26th *Ocean's 8*
May 31st *15:17 to Paris*

Modern Romance Series - 6:00 pm

Watch a modern romance movie, sip cocoa, and mark your bingo card of romance clichés to win a prize!

- Feb 11th** *You've Got Mail*
Feb 12th *Dater's Handbook*
Feb 13th *Letters to Juliet*



Computers & Technology

iPhone/iMac Introduction Jan 7th - 1:00 pm

Learn the particular quirks of Apple's operating systems, including basic navigation and differences from Windows.



Windows 101 Feb 4th - 1:00 pm

Brush up on the basics of your computer's Windows operating system.

Silhouette Cameo Basics Mar 21st - 6:00 pm

Learn the steps to design your own personalized projects using the Silhouette Studio program and our very popular Silhouette Cameo!

Facebook Basics May 20th - 1:00 pm

Get better acquainted with Facebook, including navigating, managing your privacy settings, and general tips.



General Tech Question Time 1:00 pm

Have anything tech-related you want to ask? Is your computer giving you issues? Come in and ask staff tech questions. Register in advance to reserve a one-on-one session.

- Jan 8th Feb 5th Mar 5th Apr 2nd May 7th**

Book Discussions

Mystery Loves Company - 11:30 am

- Jan 14th** *The Bookshop of Yesterdays*
by Amy Meyerson
Feb 11th *The Death of Mrs. Westaway*
by Ruth Ware
Mar 11th *Dark Sacred Night*
by Michael Connelly
Apr 8th *The Woman in the Woods*
by John Connolly
May 13th *I'll Be Gone in the Dark*
by Michelle McNamara

Anything But Mystery - 7:00 pm

- Jan 10th** *The Café by the Sea*
by Jenny Colgan
Feb 21st *The Shortest Way Home*
by Miriam Parker

OR

- Mar 14th** *Circe* by Madeline Miller
Unsheltered
by Barbara Kingsolver
Apr 11th *The Girls in the Picture*
by Melanie Benjamin
May 9th *The Obsession*
by Nora Roberts

Photo Organizing



Digitize Your Photos Jan 23rd-26th

This is your chance to finally organize your pictures! The library will have a high speed scanner available so you can scan and digitize your prized photos.

Make an appointment to use the equipment between January 23 and 26th by calling the library or emailing adults@mpld.org. Then, check out the programs available on **Saturday, January 26 (below)** with photo expert Susan O'Keefe to finally finish your project.

Introduction to Saving Traditional Photos

Jan 26th

You've been meaning to get organized, so here's your chance! Come to one session or stay for all three. Registration is required as space is limited. See the schedule below:

- 10:30-11:30 am** Intro to saving & organizing photos
11:30 am-1:00 pm Scanning session (lunch provided)
1:00-2:30 pm Saving your photos to the Cloud, and creating & printing your photo book

Resources

Use your library from home 24/7!



ConsumerReports.org® provides ratings, reviews, recommendations, and buying advice for thousands of products and services.



Report Builder's interactive question-and-answer approach helps emerging researchers find the information they need to write reports.



Learn a new language with Mango! Includes conversation and film based digital resources that help you learn over 70 languages from just about anywhere!



Kids InfoBits meets the research needs of students in Kindergarten through Grade 5. It features a developmentally appropriate, visually graphic interface, and a subject-based topic tree search.



HeritageQuest Online combines digital, searchable images of U.S. federal census records with the digitized version of the popular ProQuest Genealogy & Local History collection and other valuable content.



Chilton provides automotive repair information on thousands of year, make, and model combinations covering the most popular vehicles of the past 30 years, plus additional coverage of specialty models.



Create professional-quality legal documents in 3 simple steps. Search for the document specific to your situation, answer the questions in the web input form, and print your document.

Read ME Book Buzz!

Don't know what to read next? Want the latest information on new releases and popular titles sent directly to your email?

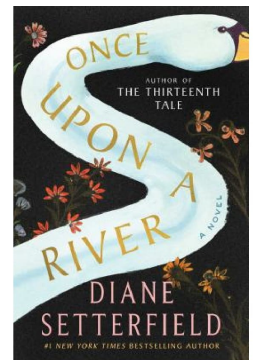
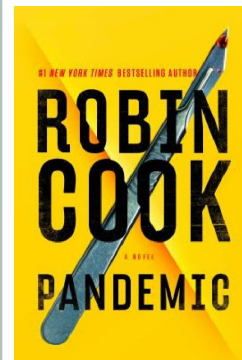
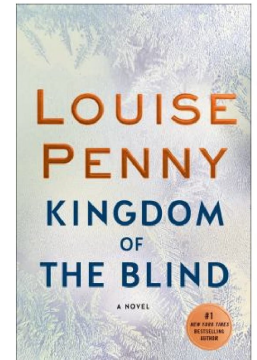
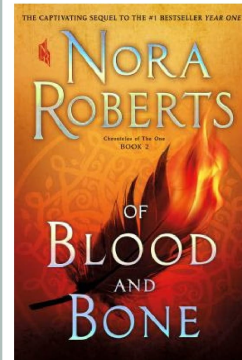
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Here is a sneak peek!

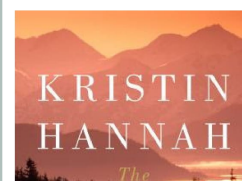
Book Buzz Debut!

January 2019

New Releases



Suggested Reading



The Great Alone
Kristin Hannah

Our most popular book of 2018!

"The Great Alone is a daring, beautiful, stay-up-all-night story about love and loss, the fight for

❄️ Winter Reading Program ❄️

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Come into the library for our Winter Reading Program! We have fun activities, programs, and books as well as great prizes generously donated by Kevin Molloy State Farm Insurance and the Teardrop Café.

Frozen Fun Carnival Feb 29th - 4:00 pm

Come to the carnival and help us bring an end to our Frozen Fun! Enjoy carnival games under the "Big Top", a balloon artist, cotton candy, popcorn and more!

Teen Events

Homework Help **Thursdays from 4:00-6:00 pm**

Need help writing that paper? Not quite getting that new math formula? Come get help at the library.



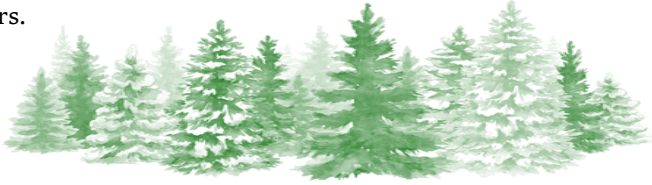
Fireworks in a Jar **Jan 29th - 4:00 pm**

Combine science and art in this colorful craft! Mix everything together and watch the colors "explode".

Happy Little Landscape Painting

Mar 8th - 5:00 pm

Relax and follow along as we all paint beautiful landscapes. Pizza will be provided. Registration is required as this program is after hours.



Microscope Building **Apr 2nd - 4:00 pm**

Build a paper microscope from a kit and discover tiny things!



Tips to Land Your First Job

Apr 4th - 4:00 pm

Get some tips and tricks to help you get that summer job. Includes resume writing, interview strategies, and applications.

Smash Ultimate Tournament **Apr 16th - 4:00 pm**

You've had four months to train, now put your skills to the test! Top three winners get prizes! No items, stocks, tournament rules.

Veggie Gaming **May 7th - 4:00 pm**

Ever wanted to play Tetris by smackin' a carrot? Or Mario with a banana? Probably not, but how will you know until you try it? Create circuits with our Makey Makey and game like never before!



Bottle Rockets **May 21st - 4:00 pm**

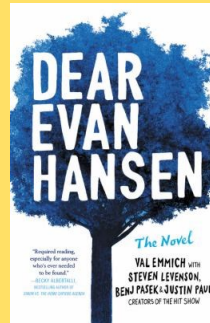
Become amateur rocket scientists as we attempt to launch bottles into the sky with chemistry! (Maybe don't wear your favorite set of clothes).

Any Day, Any Time

There are always different things you can do if you're looking to kill some time in the teen section. Stop by anytime and we'll have supplies set out for games, crafts, puzzles, coloring and more! And there are always great books!

- Jan** Crazy Captions & Paper Football
- Feb** Pop-up Cards & Anime Crafts
- Mar** Rainbow Looms & Giant Community Coloring
- Apr** Decorating Bookends & DIY Necklaces
- May** Make Your Own Stress Ball & Post-It Note Wall of Art

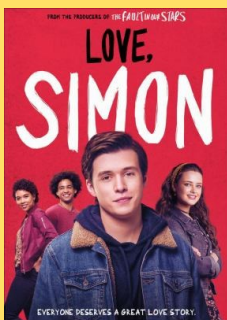
New & Popular Titles



Check out all of our newest titles at www.mpld.org.



DID YOU KNOW?



You can now check out up to 5 DVDs for FREE with your library card!

Kids Events

Visit our website at www.mpld.org for more details and a full list of events.

Boredom Busters



Minecraft Monday **Mondays at 4:00 pm**

Come play Minecraft after school. Registration is required as space is limited to 8 people.

Scavenger Hunt **4:00 pm**

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

Jan 22nd Feb 26th Mar 19th Apr 23rd May 28th

Laser Tag **5:00 pm**

Come to the library to indulge in some high-octane, laser-infused tomfoolery. Registration is required and space is limited.

Jan 11th Feb 15th Mar 15th Apr 12th May 10th

Cup Stacking Competition **Feb 19th - 4:00 pm**

Compete to see who is the quickest cup-stacker to win a prize!

RC Car Obstacle Course **Apr 6th - 12:00 pm**

See if you've got what it takes to pilot a remote control car through twists, turns, jumps, and hazards in our obstacle course. Use the library's RC cars or bring your own!



Make Something!

Make Your Own Kaleidoscope **Jan 15th - 4:00 pm**

Build a Leprechaun Trap **Mar 5th - 4:00 pm**

Slime-Making **Apr 30th - 4:00 pm**



Painting Party **4:00 pm**

Unleash your inner artist! Registration is required and there is a \$3 supply fee.

Jan 8th Feb 12th Mar 12th Apr 9th May 14th

Craft Cart Wednesday **Wednesdays at 4:00 pm**

Be creative on your own with our supplies. Every week you can make a new craft with our instructions, or use your imagination to craft your own design.

Pillow Case Project **Mar 14th - 4:00 pm**

Learn how to prepare for home emergencies, make an action plan and best of all, bring your emergency kit home with you in your pillowcase! Presented by the American Red Cross.

Edible Terrarium **Apr 13th - 12:00 pm**

Make your own edible terrarium! We supply the ingredients; you enjoy the sweet finished product. Registration is required.

School's Out!



Escape Room **Jan 25th & Apr 18th - 1:00 pm**

Crack the code and solve the puzzles to escape the room with your life intact!

School's Out, Let's Game **Mar 1st - 1:00 pm**

School's out, so let's bust out the games! We've got board games, Minecraft, a Nintendo Switch, and more!

Let's Party!



Girls Spa Day **Feb 14th - 1:00 pm**

Get pampered! Make bath bombs and a lip scrub, paint your nails, and listen to music. Registration is required.

Paw Patrol Party **Mar 23rd - 12:00 pm**

The pups are on a roll! We will have pup-themed games, badges to make, snacks, and more! Registration is strongly encouraged as space is limited.

Lego Star Wars Day **May 4th - 12:00 pm**

Make Star Wars-themed LEGO creations and get them put on display. Then, stick around to enjoy a Star Wars movie!



Bubble Day **May 18th - 12:00 pm**

Join us for a celebration of all things bubbles! Get put inside a bubble, make giant bubbles with custom wands, create bubble art, and even make frozen bubbles!

Movies

Frozen Sing-Along Party **Jan 26th - 12:00 pm**

Enjoy hot cocoa, decorate a pair of gloves, sing along, and *Let It Go!* Registration is required.

Moana Sing-Along **Apr 22nd - 12:00 pm**

Decorate a sun visor and sing along to your favorite songs! Registration is required.

Spring Break Noon Movies **12:00 pm**

School's out, scream and shout! Drop by every afternoon for a movie with free popcorn!

Mar 25th Ralph Breaks the Internet

Mar 26th Incredibles 2

Mar 27th LEGO Ninjago

Mar 28th Ice Age—Stick around for some games!

Mar 29th Teen Titans Go! To the Movies

Lego Movie 2 at the Mar!

Feb 9th - 11:00 am

Meet us at the Mar Theatre in Wilmington to see the latest LEGO movie! \$7.00 includes the movie, popcorn, and pop. Registration required.



Events for Little Readers

Story Times

Itty Bitty Bookworms **Tuesdays at 10:30 am**

(Birth - 2 years)

Listen to fun stories, sing silly songs, and play with other young friends at these short story times for our youngest visitors.

Wednesday Wigglers **Wednesdays at 10:30 am**

(18 mo. - 3 yrs)

Get your tot excited about reading with silly stories, music to move to, and other fun activities.

Play-Doh Playgroup for Preschoolers **Second & Fourth Friday at 10:30 am**

Try new toys and play with new friends. We clean the mess!



1000 Books Before Kindergarten!

What is 1000 Books?

It is a reading program designed to help parents prepare their children for kindergarten. We invite you to participate in this FREE program and encourage you to read 1,000 books with your child.

What books count?

Any book, read by anyone, in any form, as many times as your child wants to hear it!



- Any child from birth until Kindergarten can participate.
- A reward is earned for reaching special milestones.
- Visit the library and move your child's marker along our wall of fame.
- The program is self-paced.

Why Participate?

Through reading aloud, a child:

- Bonds with their parent.
- Builds vocabulary.
- Begins to understand that stories have a beginning, a middle, and an end.
- Boosts brain development.
- Encourages curiosity and imagination.
- Learns reading fundamentals like how to read from left to right and how to turn pages.
- Identifies reading as a pleasurable activity.
- Improves test scores in school.

Source: *Straight Talk About Reading: How Parents Can Make a Difference During the Early Years* by Susan Hall & Louisa Moats

You are your child's first and most important teacher. When you talk, sing, read, write, and play with your child you are helping them get ready to read!



Special 1000 Books Events

1000 Books Kick-Off Party

Jan 17th - 6:00 pm

We are kicking off our new 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program! Sign up and receive your log sheets and information to get started. Your child will pick their own paw print for the wall of fame. Already registered? Log in your progress so far and get your paw print too!

Mushy Stories and a Movie

Feb 7th - 6:00 pm

Join us for some valentine stories, treats, and a mini movie.

Minions and Munchkins **Apr 18th - 6:00 pm**

What could be more fun than Minion mini movies? Minion mini movies with Dunkin Munchkins!

Mini Masterpieces

May 9th - 6:00 pm

Create a masterpiece with your 1000 Books reader. This easy hand-print craft is designed for all 0-5 year olds and is sure to be a keepsake.

To add even more books to your log, join us for any weekday story time and special evening story times (as announced).



Access Bookflix with your library card!

Bookflix is a digital literacy resource that is designed to strengthen early literacy skills while exposing young learners to real world concepts.



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Residents can bring in a valid, government-issued photo ID **AND** one printed form of ID that verifies your address (like a utility bill) to get your **FREE** library card. Children age three or older can apply for their own card with a parent/ legal guardian present.