



# Manhattan-Elwood PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT



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# Fall 2023 Program Guide

# ADULTS

## Virtual Author Events in Collaboration with



### Nov 8 | 7pm Watch Party at the library featuring Maya-Camille Broussard

Chicago's own Maya-Camille Broussard is author of Justice of the Pies and owner of a bakery by the same name in Chicago. BYOP (Bring Your Own Pie) for this watch party event.

### Coffee & Chat

Mondays | 9:45am

### Meal Planning

Sep 12 | 6pm

Colleen Klimczak will get you in the back to school groove with a presentation on meal planning.

### BINGO!

Second Wednesday | 2pm

Join us for fun and games at the library.

### Energy Savings

Sep 13 | 6pm

Join Citizens Utility Board (CUB) for information about how to reduce your energy usage. This event is designed to help you better understand the ins and outs of your bill, avoid utility scams, as well as programs designed to save you money and energy.

### Anxiety and Back to School

Sep 14 | 6pm

Systemic Wellness will present on the different forms of anxiety and symptoms that are common in children and how therapists, educators, and parents can get involved in the treatment process before anxiety impacts the child's education.

### Friday Afternoon Movies

Third Fridays | 1pm

Sept 15 | Ticket to Paradise

Oct 20 | The Fabelmans

Nov 17 | Love Again

Dec 15 | Book Club: The Next Chapter

### The Haunting of Joliet State Prison

Oct 26 | 6pm

Join Ursula Bielski as she takes you through the dark history of the prison, the escapades of its most notorious inmates, the truth about the old prison cemetery, and the ghosts of the prison today.

### The 60th Anniversary of the JFK Assassination

Nov 16 | 6pm

Join historian Tim Wilsey as he takes on the most discussed conspiracy theory in history 60 years later.

### Behind the Scenes at Marshall Fields: Holiday Traditions

Dec 6 | 6pm

Amy Meadows, former director of Windows and Marketing Events for Marshall Field's and Macy's, provides a sneak peek into the design and execution of the famed animated windows, main aisle décor and the Great Tree.

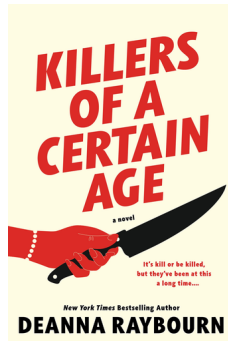


# BOOK CLUBS

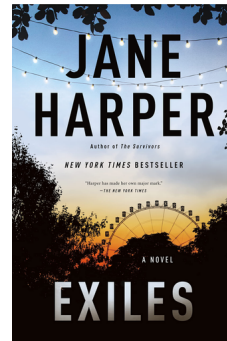
New Members are always welcome!  
Copies of book discussion titles are available  
at the front desk or as an eBook.

## Monday Book Club

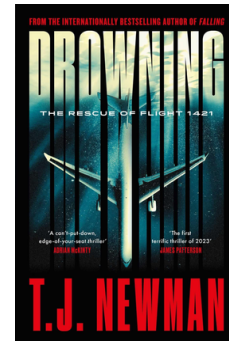
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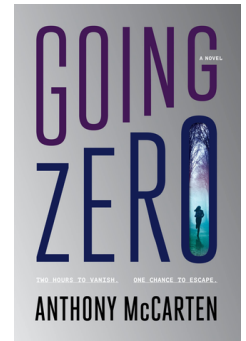
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## Cozy Mystery Book Club

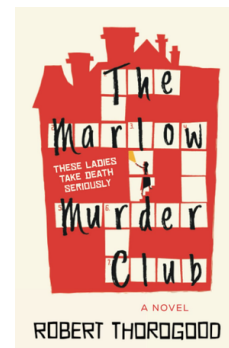
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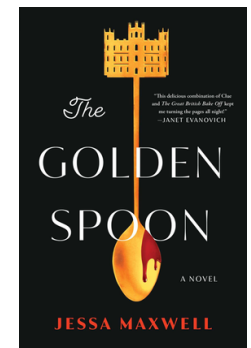
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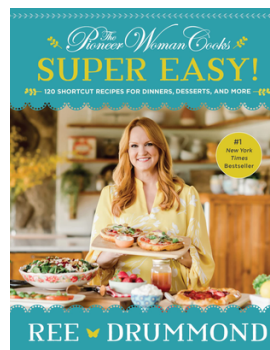
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## Cookbook Club

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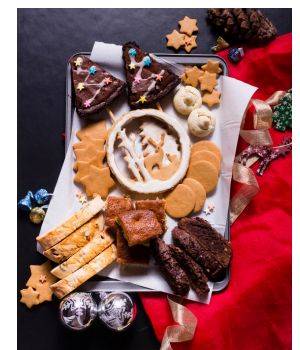
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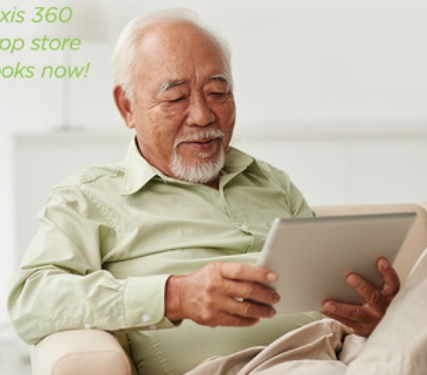
eBook options at your library

## READY TO READ?

We have an app for that!

Download the Axis 360  
app from your app store  
to checkout eBooks now!

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# ADULT CRAFTS

Space is limited and registration is required.  
Supply fees apply to denoted crafts.  
Visit [mpld.org](http://mpld.org) to save your seat.

## Sewing Classes

Join guest instructor Rachael Bargo as she guides you through several sewing projects.

### Getting to Know Your Sewing Machine

Sep 5 | 5:30-7:30pm

Bring your sewing machine and learn your way around it.

### Sew Fun - Costume Making

Oct 7 | 10:30am-12:30pm

Learn to sew and mend Halloween costumes.

### Sew Fun - Table Runner

Nov 7 | 5:30-7:30

Sew a table runner for your holiday gatherings.

### Sew Fun - Apron Making

Dec 19 | 5:30-7:30

Create an apron for all your holiday baking.



## T-Shirt Quilt Making

Saturdays | 10:30am-12:30pm

Join us for this 4 session series where you will create your own T-Shirt Quilt.

Sep 23 | Session 1

Oct 28 | Session 2

Nov 18 | Session 3

Dec 9 | Session 4

## Countdown to Christmas

Join our guest instructor each month to make a hands-on craft to get you ready for the holidays.

### Holiday Card Making

Oct 9 | 5:30pm

Make unforgettable holiday greeting cards.

### Holiday Tag Mini Albums

Oct 24 | 5:30pm

Make a mini album holiday album.

### Holiday Wreaths

Nov 13 | 5:30pm

Create a festive wreath for your front door.

### Holiday Card Sign Holder

Dec 5 | 5:30

Craft a wooden sign or holder for greeting cards.



## Silhouette Height Chart Rulers

Sep 20 | 2pm Session 1

Sep 21 | 5pm Session 2

Craft a height ruler to measure the kids just in time for the new school year.

Please register for only 1 session.

\$10 supply fee per person.



## Sunflower Porch Boards

Oct 10 | 5:30pm

Create a sunny home accent using stencils and paint.

\$10 supply fee per person

## Fall Candle Making

Oct 5 | 5:30pm

Craft and pour a fall scented candle with friends.

## Painting with Tracie

Nov 2 | 5:30pm

Create a guided painting masterpiece.

\$10 supply fee per person.



## Winter Candle Making

Nov 30 | 5:30pm

Craft and pour a winter scented candle with friends.

## Casual Crafters

First Wednesdays | 2pm

Relax and chat with friends as you make a low-stress, simple craft! Registration required.

## Garden Club

Fourth Fridays | 1:00pm

Meet other gardeners, swap plants, and enjoy a gardening-related craft.



# TEENS

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## Teen Volunteering

Tuesdays starting Sep 5 | 3:30-5:30pm  
Teens requiring service hours are welcome to help with projects and tasks at the library.  
Registration is required and space is limited.

## Virtual Reality Gaming

Most Fridays starting Sep 1 | 4pm  
Try virtual reality with one of the library's Oculus Quests!  
Play Superhot, Beat Saber, Job Simulator, and more.

## Laser Tag

Sep 16, Oct 14, Nov 4, Dec 16 | 2pm  
Enjoy some laser tag in the library after-hours!  
Permission slip required.

## Anime-nia

Sep 27, Oct 25, Nov 22 | 5-7pm  
Eat Japanese snacks, talk about your favorite anime & manga, and vote on an anime movie to watch.

# COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

## Trick or Treat Trail at Round Barn

Oct 28 | 12-2pm  
The library will be on hand to share treats and games during the Manhattan Park District's annual Halloween event.

## Round Barn Winter Fest

Dec 1 | 5pm  
Enjoy a holiday Storybook Trail while enjoying this park district event. The library will also present a special holiday story at 7:30pm at the event.



## Pet Adoption Event at the Library

Oct 21 | 10am-12pm  
Have a Heart Dog Rescue and Adoption of Elwood will be on hand with adoptable pets. While you're here, create a DIY T-Shirt dog toy.



## Book Sale at the Library

Sep 8-9  
**Spark Book Fair**

Oct 8-22  
**Friends of the Library Public Meeting**

Oct 27 | 4pm  
New members are welcome!

The Friends of the Library is a volunteer group dedicated to creating interest in the library, raising funds for the library, and maintaining a quality library to meet the needs of the community.  
Join us this fall!



# KIDS

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## Artbots

Sep 5 | 4pm  
Build a robot that can actually make art!  
Use wires, motors, and batteries to create the art bot.

## LEGO Club

Sep 15, Oct 13, Nov 10, Dec 8 | 3:30pm  
K-5th graders, bring your imagination and create Lego masterpieces with friends here at the library.

## RC Car Obstacle Course

Sep 19, Oct 24, Nov 21 | 4pm  
Create your own obstacles and test your driving skills using our RC cars or bring your own.

## Kids and Canvas

Sep 26, Nov 29, Dec 12 | 4pm  
Explore your creativity with our art supplies!  
Participants will get paints, brushes, and a canvas.

## Pumpkin Patch Terrariums

Oct 3 | 4pm  
Create a Fall-themed terrarium you can eat!

## Crayon Melting

Oct 4 | 4pm  
Make a melty masterpiece with old crayons.

## Mini Pumpkin Painting

Oct 10, Oct 17 | 4pm  
Create your own festive pumpkin decoration.  
Please register for only 1 session.

## Library Scavenger Hunt

Oct 11 | 4pm  
Race to collect all of the items on your list before the other teams to earn the prize.

## Halloween Floam

Oct 18 | 4pm  
Make your own spooky, foamy slime.

## Dadurday

Oct 14 | 12pm  
Enjoy treats, make crafts, and party with your dad!

## Dino Fossil Dig

Nov 1 | 4pm  
Become amateur paleontologists and dig for fossils!

## Puzzle Race

Nov 3, Dec 1 | 4pm  
Compete to see who can complete a puzzle first!

## T-Rex Tea Party

Nov 4 | 12pm  
It's Dinovember! Enjoy dino themed activities, crafts, and a tasty tea-historic snack.

## Mario Kart Pizza Party

Nov 7 | 4pm  
Compete and enjoy pizza with friends.

## Candy Cornucopias

Nov 15 | 4pm  
Make a yummy Thanksgiving craft you can eat!

## Scrunchie Making

Dec 5 | 4pm  
Make your own custom scrunchie!

## Santa Storytime

Dec 7 | 5pm  
Santa and Mrs. Claus will join us for an amazing Storytime!

## Ornament Making

Dec 13 | 4pm  
Craft a cute addition to bring home to your tree.

## Noon Year's Eve

Dec 29 | 11:30  
Balloons Drop at 12pm! Join us for the party.

Even more fun events are on our website!  
Visit [mpld.org/events](http://mpld.org/events) to view the calendar and register.



# LITTLE ONES

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## Storytime

Tuesdays starting Sep 5 | 10:30am  
Join us for stories, dancing, and bubbles!  
This is an all ages Storytime. Siblings welcome.

## Bouncing Babies

Wednesdays starting Sep 6 | 10:30am  
Let's read, sing, dance, and play together!  
This Storytime is recommended for babies and toddlers ages 0-2. Siblings welcome.

## Little Readers

Thursdays starting Sep 7 | 4pm  
Join us for a fun and interactive Storytime and play games with friends!  
Recommended for kids in grades K-2.

## Tot Time

Fridays starting Sep 15 | 10:30am  
Stop by the meeting room for fun meetups with local little ones. Make friends and leave the clean-up to us. Playdough, finger painting, games, or crafts will be provided each week.

## Read to Therapy Dog Loula Belle

Sep 18, Oct 2, 16, & 30, Nov 6 & 20, Dec 4 & 18 | 3:30pm  
Hayley Black of Therapy Dogs International and her trained therapy dog Loula Belle join us again this fall. Register for a 15 minute time slot with Loula Belle to practice reading any book you want.

## Storytime in Elwood Children's Garden

Sep 7 | 10:30am  
Join us at the children's garden in Elwood for a special Storytime.

## PJ Storytime

Sep 13, Nov 8 | 5pm  
Come in your favorite pajamas for a special evening Storytime and treat.

## Bluey Party

Sep 16 | 11am  
Play games, make crafts, and celebrate all things Bluey!

## Singsong & Yoga

Sep 18, Oct 16, Nov 20, Dec 18 | 11:30am  
Play, sing songs, and learn meditation & yoga with Ms. Gina Marie! Recommended for 0-8 years old.

## Barbie Club

Sep 22, Nov 17 | 11:30am  
Bring your favorite Barbie or other doll, use our dollhouse & accessories, and make new friends.  
Doll-themed crafts provided.

## Hotwheels Club

Oct 27, Dec 22 | 11:30am  
Bring your friends and play with our Hotwheels cars and racecar tracks!

# 1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

## What is 1000 Books?

This FREE reading program is designed to help parents prepare their children for kindergarten. Visit us or visit [mpld.org/1000books](http://mpld.org/1000books) to register.

## Kick-off Party & Storytime

Sep 28 | 11:30  
1000 Books Before Kindergarten presents a special Storytime and kick-off party with goodies, games, and fun for our newest participants!

## Trick or Treating at the Library

Oct 31 | 10:30  
1000 Books Before Kindergarten presents a very special Trick or Treat Storytime event and activities.

## Winter Welcome Storytime

Dec 16 | 11am  
1000 Books Before Kindergarten presents a very special winter themed Storytime with stories, music, and crafts.



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# POSTAL PATRON

## 24/7 SMART LOCKERS



Our smart lockers allow for quick and easy access to items you have placed on hold 24/7/365. They are located on the south side of the building.



Items will be checked out to you and placed in the smart lockers. You will receive a text or email with a QR code and 5-digit access code.



Visit [mpld.org/lockers](http://mpld.org/lockers) or scan the QR code to register. Once registered, all of your future holds will be placed in the lockers.



Scan or enter the QR code or 5-digit code on the touch screen. The locker with your item will open.

### Board of Trustees

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### Library Hours

Monday-Thursday: 10am-7pm  
Friday: 10am-5pm  
Saturday: 10am-2pm

### Social Media

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