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welcome!



Food for Fines

'Tis the season to give back! We will erase \$1 of library overdue fines for every non-perishable food item you bring in during the week of December 9-15. Donations will be sent to the Westchester Food Pantry to provide meals for our neighbors in need. \$10 waive limit per visit on La Grange Park items only.

Library Closings
December 24 & 25
December 31 & January 1

Smile!

La Grange Park Library visitors and program attendees may be recorded through photography or video. Rest assured, these pictures are used for library publicity only. If you prefer to not be photographed, please notify staff.

Thank You!

The library would like to thank everybody who came to our Boo Bingo fundraiser. Thanks to our sponsors, donors and all those that helped to make it such a successful evening.

The staff and trustees of the
La Grange Park Library

The La Grange Park Friends of the
Library

Paul's Pizza

Brookfield Zoo

The Wheel Thing

Cork Keg & Spirits

Plymouth Place Knitting Group

Tiny Bouquets (Amy Watkins)

Jewel Osco La Grange Park

Greater La Grange YMCA

Rachel Weaver-Rivera

Wednesday Night Knitting Group

Network Solutions, Inc.

Donate

In the holiday giving spirit? Go to lplibrary.org and click on the donate button to contribute to our annual holiday appeal.

adult programs

Behind the Scenes: Marshall Field's Holiday Traditions

Sunday, December 2, 3 pm



The former director of windows and marketing events for Marshall Field's and Macy's, will provide a peek into the design and execution of the famed animated windows, Main Aisle decor, and Great Tree. **Sponsored by the La Grange Park Friends of the Library.**

Bizarre History of Illinois: Strange Stories of Our Past

Monday, December 3, 7 pm

Celebrate Illinois' bicentennial by learning about some of the strange moments in our state's history. Researcher Chad Lewis will feature dozens of wild stories in this fascinating presentation. **Sponsored by the La Grange Park Friends of the Library.**

Medicare Seminar

Saturdays, December 8 and February 2, 10:30 am

Learn about Medicare changes, how to select the best and lowest cost Medicare Supplement and Part D drug plans, and how to avoid making mistakes when selecting a plan.

Crafting with Lasers: Last Minute Stocking Stuffers

Monday, December 17, 7 pm

We'll help you use our Glowforge laser cutter to create a cool gift, just in time for the holidays. **Registration required.**

Meditation Class

Ages 16-Adult

Wednesdays, December 19, January 16, and February 20, 7 pm

Join us for this monthly class led by an Ahimsa Yoga Studio teacher. **Registration suggested.**

Survival Sewing

Wednesday, January 16, 7 pm

Have you ever stapled up a hem or pinned on a button instead of sewing it? Educator and author Nancy Bednar will share essentials to have on hand, offer quick fixes, and lead a hands-on demo of easy techniques.

Adult Board Gaming

Friday, January 18, 7-9 pm

Join us after we close to try some of our hilarious/exciting/mind-bending games. Feel free to bring along your favorite games! **Attendees must be at least 21.**

adult programs

Crafting with Lasers: Personalized Valentines

Mondays, January 21 or 28, 7 pm

Harness the awesome power of lasers to make a custom engraved valentine for your main squeeze. **Registration required.**

Make and Learn: Excel - Family Tree

Monday, December 10th or Tuesday, January 15th, 7 pm

Learn the basics of Microsoft Excel while creating a printable family tree. **Registration required.**

Make and Learn: Word - Cookbook

Tuesday, December 18th or Monday, February 4th, 7 pm

Learn the basics of Microsoft Word while creating a personal cookbook. **Registration required.**

Make and Learn: PowerPoint - Photo Album

Monday, December 7th or Tuesday, February 12th, 7 pm

Learn the basics of Microsoft PowerPoint while creating an interactive photo album. **Registration required.**

Paint & Sip

Thursday, January 24, 7 pm

Create a beautiful seasonal painting with local artist Asma Bohra. Light refreshments will be served and all materials are provided. Attendees must be at least 21. In-person registration and \$10 refundable deposit required. Sponsored by the La Grange Park Friends of the Library.

Passwords and Privacy Pizza Party

Saturday, January 26, 1-3 pm

Chow down on delicious pizza while our experts help you beef up your online security and avoid scams.

visit the friends' book shop in the library

The Friends of the Library is looking for volunteers to staff the book shop. Please contact Allison O'Brien, President of the Friends, at friends@plibrary.org.

Donated books, magazines, CDs, DVDs, and tapes are for sale at low prices! Proceeds support library programs and special services.

Located on the first floor (directly behind the elevator)

For more information: 708-352-0100

adult programs

Senior Corner

Understanding and Responding to Dementia-Related Behavior

Wednesday, February 20, 2 pm

Join us to learn how to identify common triggers, decode messages, and calm a person who is experiencing common behavior challenges.

AARP Smart Driver Course

Monday, February 25 and Tuesday, February 26, 12-4 pm

Many automobile insurance companies offer discounted rates to those who have completed this course. You must over 50 and attend both days to receive a certificate. Cost: \$20 per person for materials (\$15 per person for AARP members). **Registration required.**

AARP Tax Aide

Thursdays, February 14 - April 11, 10:15 am - 3 pm

Volunteers from AARP will assist seniors and low-income taxpayers with their taxes. Call the library at 708-352-0100 beginning in mid-January to schedule an appointment.

AARP Tax Volunteers Needed

AARP is seeking volunteers! It's not necessary to be an AARP member nor have an accounting background. However, some knowledge of personal tax matters and basic computer literacy are helpful. Training classes will be held in January 2019.

To volunteer, visit www.aarp.org/taxvolunteer.

Tech Tutors on the Road

Plymouth Place

Tuesdays, December 4 and February 19, 1-5 pm, and Saturday, January 12, 9 am - 1 pm

Bethlehem Woods

Saturdays, December 1 and February 23, 9 am- 1 pm, and Tuesday, January 15, 1-5 pm

We'll be at local retirement communities every month to offer first-come, first-served help with technology troubles.



adult programs

Sheep to Chic

Thursday, January 31, 7 pm

Natasha Lehrer Lewis will tell you the story of raising sheep, opening a studio, and creating beautiful fiber arts. You'll see a spinning demonstration and get a chance to try out felting.



Pan-African Jam

Friday, February 15, 7:30 pm

Celebrate African-American history month with Kmerlions Band who will play tunes from West and Central Africa. Dancing is strongly encouraged!



Potato Chip Taste Test

Monday, February 18, 7 pm

Everybody loves potato chips, right? Join us for an exciting blind tasting of some unusually flavored chips.

all ages

Golden Girls Jambaroo

Thursday, December 13, 7 pm

Let's watch some episodes and celebrate TV's most fabulous foursome with BINGO, trivia, cheesecake, and more!



Timey-Wimey Club

Mondays, January 28 and February 25, 7 pm

Calling all Doctor Who fans! Join us for our monthly Doctor Who viewing, featuring episodes, snacks, and crafts.

discussion groups

After Hours Book Club

Saturday, January 26, 5:30 pm

Pantheon by Hamish Steele AND

Nimona by Noelle Stevenson

Copies of the books will be available at the Circulation Desk one month before the meeting.

Cookbook Club

Pick out your recipe at the Reference Desk by December 13/January 10/February 14

Thursday, December 20, 6 pm

Ottolenghi Simple by Yotam Ottolenghi

The Cookbook Club favorite returns with a collection of (relatively) easy dishes.

Thursday, January 17, 6 pm

Cooking South of the Clouds: Recipes and Stories from China's Yunnan Province by Georgia Freedman

This cookbook offers a glimpse into the cuisine of one of the most diverse Chinese provinces.

Thursday, February 21, 6 pm

Basque Country: A Culinary Journey Through a Food Lover's Paradise by Marti Buckley

The traditional food of northern Spain is explored in this beautiful book.



First Friday Film Discussion

Friday, December 7, 7 pm

Have a Nice Day (2017) An entire town is on the hunt for stolen mob money in this inventive animated dark comedy.

Friday, January 4, 7 pm

Minding the Gap (2018) A group of Rockford-based skateboarders grapple with domestic violence in this moving documentary.

Friday, February 1, 7 pm

Did You Wonder Who Fired the Gun? (2017) In this fascinating, personal documentary, the filmmaker investigates the ramifications of his great-grandfather's murder of an African-American man.

Sign up for
programs online
www.lplibrary.org
or by calling
708-352-0100.

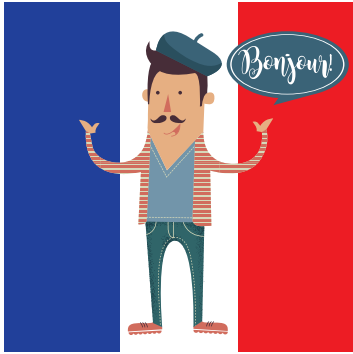
discussion groups



Spanish Conversation Group

Saturdays, December 1, January 5, and February 2, 11 am - 12 pm

Practice and maintain your Spanish language skills through conversation, games, and activities. All skill levels welcome! Light refreshments will be served.



French Conversation Group

Saturdays, December 15, January 19, and February 16, 11 am - 12 pm

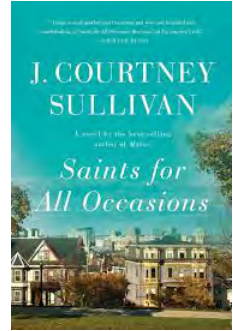
Our resident francophone will help you practice French through casual conversation and more. All levels welcome! Light refreshments will be served.

Books Alive! Book Discussion Group

Books are available one month before the meeting

Tuesday, December 18, 2 pm

Saints For All Occasions by J. Courtney Sullivan
Love, secrets and sacrifice come into play in this sweeping multi-generational saga. Nora and Theresa Flynn leave Ireland to journey to America. In Boston they take different paths, ones they never expected.



Tuesday, January 15, 2 pm

A Death in Eden by Keith McCaffery
Someone is building huge scarecrows along Montana's Smith River, protesting a proposed copper mine. State investigator Harold Little Feather is intent to solve the mystery.

Tuesday, February 19, 2 pm

The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah
A former POW comes home from the Vietnam war dealing with PTSD. He impulsively moves his family to Alaska and soon the homesteaders' lives begin to fracture.

young adult programs

Writing Group

Grades 7-8

Thursdays, December 6, January 10, and February 7, 7-8:30 pm

Mary McCormack Deka, local author, will be leading a monthly fantasy writing group for teens. Participants will brainstorm/develop stories, which they will share and critique.

Pixel Club

Grades 7-12

Fridays, December 7, January 4, and February 1, 4:45-6 pm

Gaming after the library closes!

Teen Advisory Board

Grades 7-12

Mondays, December 17, January 21, and February 18, 5-6 pm

Hot Chocolate Bar

Grades 7-12

Wednesday, December 19, 7-8:30 pm

Need a study break? Stop by the YA Department for a hot chocolate.

Crafty Club

Grades 7-12

Wednesdays, December 26, January 23, and February 27, 7 pm

So many crafts, so little time!

10th Annual Rockin' New Year's Eve Eve

Grades 7-12

Thursday, December 27, 7 pm

There's Rock Band to be played and fun to be had! And party hats and snacks! **Registration required.**

Help Sam Clear Out Her Clutter Bingo

Grades 7-12

Friday, December 28, 2-4 pm

Prizes, hot chocolate, and snacks!

Laser Tag

Grades 7-12

Saturday, January 12, 6-8 pm

Two hours of fun-filled laser tag. **Registration required.**

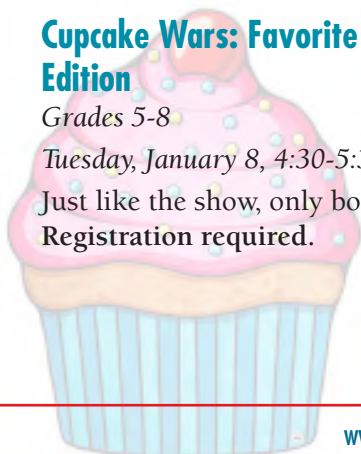
tweens & teens

Cupcake Wars: Favorite Book Edition

Grades 5-8

Tuesday, January 8, 4:30-5:30 pm

Just like the show, only bookish. **Registration required.**



children's programs

Welcome Baby Bags

Do you have a new baby? Stop by the Children's Services Department for a Welcome Baby Bag and get your child started on the road to reading!

Coldies Care Packs

Have a sick child at home? Call us and ask for a Coldies Care Pack. We'll ask a few quick questions about your child, and grab some books, DVDs, magazines, and coloring sheets to help make them (and you) feel better! They will already be checked out to you, so all you have to do is run in and grab them.

Reading is Snow Cool!

Sign up for our Winter Reading Program, Reading is Snow Cool! Stop in each week to log your minutes and collect a prize! Registration begins January 7 and reporting starts January 14. The program will run for 6 weeks from January 14-February 24. Finish 4 hours of reading and choose your own book to keep!

Story Times

The winter story time session runs from January 14-March 22. Required registration for winter story times starts January 7 at 10 am. Register one time for the entire 10 week session. You may register in person or by calling (708) 352-0100.

Baby Story Time

*Ages 3-23 months with a caregiver
Mondays at 10:15 am & Tuesdays at 10:15 am or 11:15 am*

Babies ages 3-23 months and their caregivers will enjoy rhymes, books, and bubbles!

Toddler Time

*Ages 2-3.5 with a caregiver
Wednesdays at 10:15 am or 11:15 am*

In Toddler Time children ages 2-3.5 and their caregivers enjoy stories, songs and fingerplays.

Preschool Story Time

*Ages 3.5-Kindergarten
Tuesdays at 1:30 pm OR Fridays at 10:15 am*

We'll sing songs and read stories that will help your child on the road to reading. Caregivers wait nearby in the library while children attend.

children's programs

Register for these family story times individually online:

Family Fun Time

All Ages with a caregiver

Fourth Sunday of the month at 2:00pm

December 23: Bundle up for Story-time! Join us for snow-themed books, songs and a winter craft!

January 27: Soup-er Story Time!

January is National Soup Month, so we are celebrating with this special soup-themed story time!

February 24: Valentine's Day! Share the love of reading, and join us as we celebrate a late Valentine's Day!

Bilingual Spanish Story Time

All Ages with a caregiver

Second Saturday of the month at 10:30am

December 8, January 12 and February 9

Children and their families will enjoy a small introduction to the Spanish language and Latino cultures through stories, songs, poems, and rhymes!

Weekly Activities

Monday Kids' Club @ 4 pm

Grades K-3. Registration Required.

Crafty Kids

First Monday of the month

Come in for an easy, make-and-take craft on the first Monday of every month.

December 3: Non-edible Gingerbread Houses

January 7: Paint Your Own Snowman

February 4: Rock, Paper, Scissors Crafting

Wild Card!

Second Monday of the month

Check out what we're doing this month!

December 10: Modeling Monday-Meander through many marvelous models including Tinker Toys, Lincoln Logs, Kid K'Nex and more!

January 14: Make Your Own Book-Design your own hardcover book!

February 11: Karaoke Kids- It's time to sing your heart out! Join us as we sing our favorite songs and dance along!



Register for winter programs
in person at the Children's Desk or
call us at 708-352-0100.

children's programs

Mad Science Mondays

Third Monday of the month

*December 17, January 21 and
February 18*

Come and conduct some spectacular experiments that prove science is fun!

Brick Builders

Fourth Monday of the month

January 28 and February 25

Use our LEGOS® to build whatever you can imagine for our display!

Thursday Thinkers @ 4 pm

Grades 4-6. Registration Required.

Paper Shapers

First Thursday of the Month

December 6, January 3 and February 7

Learn about the Japanese art of paper folding while creating fun and simple origami projects to take home.

Kids' Kitchen

Second Thursday of the month

*December 13, January 10 and
February 14*

Learn the kitchen skills you need to cook yummy food even your parents will eat!

**While we never cook with nuts, we cannot guarantee that ingredients have not been processed in a facility that uses nuts.*



Cool Crafts

Third Thursday of the month

Get your craft on! We're making a new cool craft every month!

December 20: Gingerbread Houses

January 17: Sock Snowmen

February 21: CD Paint and Scratch Art

Projects for Pets

Fourth Thursday of the month

January 24 and February 28

"Paws" from your busy day to do some good! We'll be making home-made toys to donate to shelter pets at the Anti-Cruelty Society of Chicago.



children's programs

Other Fun Programs

Yoga Through Stories with Miss Cara

Educator and children's yoga instructor Cara Ross will guide participants through yoga using familiar stories. Child-size yoga mats will be provided, but caregivers are asked to bring their own, if they choose to participate. **Registration required.**

Preschool Yoga

Ages 3-Kindergarten,

Tuesdays, December 4 OR 11 at 1:30 pm

Mommy & Toddler Yoga

Ages 2-3 with a caregiver

Wednesdays, December 5 OR 12 at 10:15 am

Family Yoga with Bumble Bee Yoga

Ages 2-5 with a caregiver

Tuesday, December 4 at 6:30pm

This fun introduction to yoga for the whole family will teach basic poses and calming techniques. Stories and games will be included to enhance the experience. Yoga mats will be provided. **Registration required.**

Yoga for Kids with Bumble Bee Yoga *Grades K-3*

Wednesdays, December 5 OR 12 at 4:00pm

This fun introduction to yoga will teach basic poses and calming techniques. Stories and games will be included to enhance the experience. Yoga mats will be provided. **Registration required.**

Painting in Pairs: Baby Rembrandt Edition

Ages 3-23 months with a caregiver

Tuesday, December 4 at 10:30 am

We will supply the paint and canvas, you bring your little work of art! You can let them paint or use their hands and feet to make cool designs! **Registration required.**

Sensory Showing of Elf

All ages with a caregiver

Tuesday, December 11 at 4:00 pm

During this viewing we will turn the lights up and turn the sound down, so you can get up, dance, walk, shout or sing! We will have some sensory items like scarves and stuffed animals, but feel free to bring one of your own. Light snacks provided! **No registration required.**



children's programs

Toddler Dance Party

*Ages 2-Kindergarten with a caregiver
Wednesday, December 19 at 10:30 am*

Toddlers are terrific dancers, so put down those sippy cups and come dance with us! Bring a stuffed animal friend to dance with! Snacks will be served. **Registration required.**

Noon Year's Eve Party

*Ages 3 and up with a caregiver
Friday, December 28 at 11:00 am*

Our little ones can feel a little left out, not being able to stay up until midnight to bring in the New Year, so we're celebrating the New Year at noon! Join us for dancing, crafts, and snacks. We will even have a balloon drop at noon! **Registration required.**

Happy UnBirthday Party

*Ages 3.5-Kindergarten
Thursday, January 3 at 10:30 am*

Celebrate everyone's birthday in one big birthday party! We'll have treats, party games, and a craft! **Registration required.**

Play-doh Playdate

*Ages 3.5-Kindergarten
Friday, January 4 at 10:30 am*

You're invited to a Play-doh playdate! We've got the Play-doh and tools, all you need to bring is your imagination! **No registration required.**



Family LEGO® Night

*Ages 4 and up with a caregiver
Tuesday, February 5 at 6:30 pm*

Bring the whole family and build something spectacular together! **Registration required.**

Super Saturdays

NIU STEM Outreach Presents: Energy!

Grades PreK-5

Saturday, December 1 at 10:30 am

Join the scientists from Northern Illinois University's STEM Outreach program as they focus on concepts relating to energy and its different forms. See experiments dealing with liquid nitrogen, light and lasers, and more! **Registration required.**

Music Around the Mediterranean

Ages 3 and up with a caregiver

Saturday, February 2 at 10:30 am

Explore the rich musical culture of the Eastern Mediterranean Sea with Eve Monzingo and George Lawler as they play songs and show instruments from this fascinating area. **Registration required.**



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Monday through Thursday 10 am - 9 pm
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