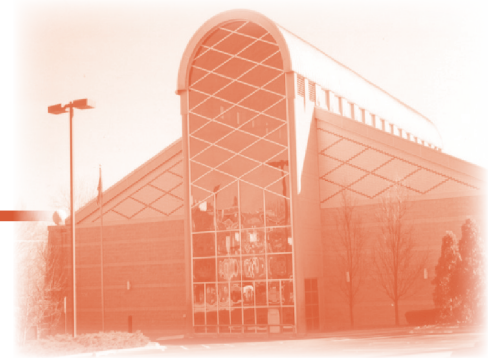


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What Does a Library Trustee Do?

By Laurie Whitman,
Library Trustee



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When I was contemplating running for the Library Board, I did some research as to what was involved: why people decide to serve on the Library Board, what the duties are, and what I thought I could contribute. Having once worked at the Library, I was familiar with day-to-day circulation operations but not the inner workings of the Library. I made my decision based upon the testimonial of a trustee in Medfield, MA. Tim Hughes stated, "I am running for library trustee because I love the library."

Libraries have been an integral part of my life ever since I could read. When I first moved to La Grange Park, the Library was in the basement of what is now Barnsdale Road School. I witnessed the growth of the Library through the years, both physically and techno-

logically, and continued to be a champion for our library. Though elected to the Board just this past April, I am proud to be part of an organization that I consider to be a cornerstone of the village.

In addition to devotion to the Library, its welfare, and its progress, some of the duties of a trustee include employing a qualified librarian, adopting policies to govern Library operations, securing adequate funds to carry out programs, and supporting the Director and staff in carrying out plans.

Front Entrance Construction

Each individual on the Board brings his or her own expertise and experience to the group. Pooling our opinions allows us to examine issues, taking the community into

consideration. One of the most important things that we have been working on recently is a project to reconfigure the Library's entrance so that it complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and improves ease of access for all pedestrians.

In determining the need for a reconfigured entrance, one library user, Vivian S., voiced the concern of many: "The inside of the Library is very easy for people with disabilities to navigate. But it is very difficult and dangerous for people with difficulties to use the entrance to the Library. There is NO entrance that accommodates people who need to use durable medical equipment." Accessibility standards were followed when the Library

Read more about Library Trustees on page 5...

Share Your Story How the Library Enriches My Child's Life

This spring, we are celebrating the special role that the Library plays in the lives of children and their families. Join in by telling us how the Library enriches your children's lives or how it enriched the lives of your older kids when they were young.

There are two ways to share your story:

- Visit our website at lplibrary.org and look for the

online form. Don't have a computer? Stop by and use one of ours!

- Fill out the paper form (available in the Library) and either mail it to the Library or drop it off at the Children's Desk.

Prizes!

When you share your story, you will be entered in our drawing for great prizes, including annual LEGOLAND®

passes. Every time your child attends any library program during March, you will receive another entry!

We will share your stories in the Library and on our website throughout the next few months, as a way to inspire parents with new ideas about how their children can benefit from library services.

Kids Read 2012

The Invention of Hugo Cabret has been selected as the title for the second annual Kids Read community reading program. The children's departments from ten area libraries are joining in a cooperative project to offer book discussions, programs, and parties, all based on Brian Selznick's amazing book. Programs will be taking place in March at all of the participating libraries, and La Grange Park kids are welcome to attend any of the events. See the entire schedule online at thebigread.org/kids-read-too. During March, our Monday Kids Club activities will be inspired by themes from *Hugo*, and we are also offering the following special events:



Make Your Own Mechanical Man, Ages 6-12

Saturday, March 3, 1 p.m.

At this one-hour art workshop by Rachel Weaver Rivera of the Imagine Art Studio, you'll create your very own 3D Mechanical Man out of an incredible variety of recycled materials! Combine wires, beads, nuts, bolts, buttons, tubes, bottles, cardboard, cloth, and more to make your invention come to life. Give your Mechanical Man a name and have him write you or someone you love a secret message!

Hugo in Paris Book Party, Grades 3-6

Wednesday, March 21, 4 p.m.

Come to our party with games, art, science, food, and fun. You might even learn a few French phrases!

Register in person at the Children's Desk, sign up online, or call us at 708-352-0100.

Spring Story Times

*Registration begins Monday,
March 5*

Stories begin March 19

Our 7-week Spring Story Times start soon. Register one time for the entire session. Babies through Kindergarteners are sure to have a great time! Register in person at the Children's Desk, sign up online, or call us at 708-352-0100.

Preschool Story Time, Ages 3-Kindergarten

Mondays or Fridays, 10:15 a.m., or Tuesdays, 1 p.m.

We will sing songs, learn new fingerplays, and read wonderful stories from our collection. Caregivers wait nearby in the Library while the children attend.

Toddler Time, Ages 2-3½ and their caregivers

Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.

Toddlers and their grown-ups will enjoy fun stories and learn new songs and fingerplays.

Baby Story Time, Ages 3-23 months and their caregivers
Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m. or 11:15 a.m.

Enjoy rhymes, games, very short books, and more. Programs will last about 20 minutes.

Monday Kids Club

Mondays, 4 p.m.

Something's going on at the Library every Monday for kids in grades K-6! Sign up for the following great weekly activities in person at the Children's Desk, online, or by calling us at 708-352-0100.



Books and Brownies

March 5, April 2, and May 7

We bake delicious brownies (or cookies, or muffins - you never know!) in our oven while we read and discuss an easy chapter book from our collection. Feed your mind AND your stomach!

Crafty Kids

March 12, April 9, and May 14

Enjoy working with your hands? We offer an easy, make-and-take craft on a seasonal theme.

Mad Science Mondays

March 19, April 16, and May 21

We'll explore with freaky science experiments and natural phenomena. Don't blow up the building!

Brick Builders

March 26, April 23, and May 28

At our monthly Lego® club, use our Lego Building Blocks to build whatever you can think of! At the end of the hour we will collect your creations for display until next month, when we'll do it all over again.

Monday at the Movies

April 30

We have an extra Monday in April, so we're going to show a movie! Vote for your favorite kids' movie at the Children's Desk throughout April, and we'll show the winner on the last Monday of the month. See the cinematic masterpiece of your choice on a big screen with the surround sound turned up extra loud. Snacks will be served.

teen programs

Pixel Club

Fridays, March 9 and 23;
April 6; and

May 4 and 18, 5 p.m.

With three laptops, an XBOX 360, a Wii, a PS3, a 3DS, and an iPad 2 there's always something for everyone. Since this club meets after the Library closes, you must have a permission slip, available at the Reference Desk, to join.

Anime Night

Wednesday, March 28,
6:30 p.m.

It's time for our quarterly anime night! We'll serve up bento boxes, snacks, and anime! Please sign up by Friday, March 23.

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

Mondays, March 26 and
April 23, 5 p.m.

Join TAB to help us pick out new materials for the teen collection (like books, music, movies, and video games) and planning fun programs. New members are always welcome!

Duct Tape Workshop

Monday, March 26, 6 p.m.

You'll learn how to make many things out of nothing but duct tape, like wallets, belts, and bags! We're open to other ideas, too. Please sign up by Friday, March 23.

Super Smash Bros. Brawl Tourney

Thursday, March 29, 4:30-8:30 p.m.

It's on like Donkey Kong™ (and Mario)! Pizzas and snacks will be dished out. Please sign up by Wednesday, March 28.

Earth Day Craft

Sunday, April 22, 1-5 p.m.

The windows in the YA Department are looking a little bare, so let's make suncatchers from old CDs. We have enough CDs for you to take one home, too! Stop by the Reference Desk any time on Earth Day.

Teen Tech Week (TTW)

March 4-10

Stop by the Reference Desk for a Teen Tech Week bingo sheet. Completed entries will get a TTW goody bag.



Gadgets, Gadgets, Gadgets

Hey teens: did you know that if you have a library card with access to unfiltered internet, you can use a laptop, an iPad2, or a Nintendo 3DS in the Library? Stop by the Reference Desk on the second floor to check them out.

Technical Services Department Celebrates National Volunteer Week April 15-21

As a library patron, you are no doubt familiar with the Circulation, Adult Services, Young Adult, and Children's Departments. But there is another department extremely important to our library's operation: Technical Services. We operate in the workrooms behind the Circulation Desk, and we are grateful to the many volunteers who give their time to help us serve you.

Before any item is put on our shelves – from book to DVD and magazine to video game – it passes through the

All the places you can find the YA Department online:

1. Library website – [lplibrary.org/teens](http://library.org/teens)
2. Instant Messenger – screen name “lplya”
3. Facebook – facebook.com/lagrangeparklibrary
4. Twitter – twitter.com/lplya
5. Shelfari and Goodreads – Join me on these sites for people who love reading: shelfari.com/lplya goodreads.com/lplya

Celebrate National Library Week with Booktalks!

Monday, April 9, 7 p.m.

Join our Adult, Young Adult, and Children's Librarians for booktalks on hot titles, new and old!

All programs are for grades 7-12. Please sign up online, with Sam at the Reference Desk, or by calling the Library at 708-352-0100.

Technical Services Department. The next time you check something out from the Library, take note of the cover, labels, pocket, and barcode and think of all of the folks “behind the scenes” who make your selection possible.

Volunteers gave 1,525 hours of their time to the La Grange Park Public Library during 2011, primarily helping in the Technical Services Department. These committed men and women will be celebrated during National Volunteer Week. This week,

established in 1974, is about inspiring, recognizing, and encouraging people to seek out imaginative ways to engage in their communities. Volunteering helps you develop new skills, makes you an important part of your community, gives you a sense of achievement, inspires new interests, and helps you make new friends.

Thank you all so much for your constant support and help. And if you'd like to lend a hand, please fill out an application to join our group of volunteers!

Big Read Programs

The Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts to encourage reading for pleasure and enlightenment. The book selection for 2012 is Paula McLain's *The Paris Wife*, about Ernest Hemingway's life with his first wife, Hadley Richardson.

France's Valley of the Kings

Presented by Al Popowits
Monday, March 19, 7 p.m.

A veteran traveler and former European tour guide will offer you a unique glimpse into France's historic Loire Valley. You'll see the 12th to 16th century towns and chateaux located between Amboise and Orleans. Sponsored by the La Grange Park Friends of the Library.



Books Alive! Book Discussion: The Paris Wife

Tuesday, April 17, 2 p.m.

Join us to share your thoughts about *The Paris Wife*.

The Writing Life

Presented by David W. Berner
Monday, April 23, 7 p.m.

Author David W. Berner reveals the secrets and realities of getting your memoir published. He discusses the techniques and disciplines of writing your story, offers suggestions and exercises that aid writing, and covers new publishing opportunities for all genres. Sponsored by the La Grange Park Friends of the Library.



The Secrets to Smart Home Accessorizing

Presented by Julea Joseph
Monday, March 5, 7 p.m.

Do you fall in love with accessories while shopping and bring them home only to not know how to use them? Julea will break your fear of shopping and accessorizing by teaching you where to shop for great pieces and how to pull them all together. Sponsored by the La Grange Park Friends of the Library.

In order to provide ample seating and refreshments, we ask that you register for our programs.

Visit lplibrary.org, stop by, or give us a call at 352-0100 to register.

Defensive Driving Class

Monday, May 14 and Tuesday, May 15, 12-4 p.m.

If you are 50 years of age or older, you will want to freshen up your driving skills by attending this two-day, eight-hour class presented by AARP. Many automobile insurance companies offer discounted rates to those who have the certificate earned by taking this class. There is a cost of \$14 per person for materials (\$12 for AARP members). We need a minimum of 10 people to offer the class, and have a maximum of 20 spaces. Please call us at 708-352-0100 to register.

Money Smart Week

Focus on Fixed Income

Presented by Keith Hill, CFP, Edward Jones

Wednesday, April 25, 1 p.m.
Explore the features of fixed income investments and how quality bonds can serve as the foundation of a well-balanced portfolio. You'll learn the basics of bonds, the advantages of laddering, and how a fixed income may make sense as part of your investment strategy.

Retirement Has Changed. What's Your Next Move?

Presented by Keith Hill, CFP, Edward Jones
Wednesday, April 25 at 7 p.m.

Do you know if you're on track to achieve your retirement goals? This seminar shows you how to take inventory of current assets and determine how much income you may need for your retirement. It also covers how to structure retirement plan distributions to best suit your personal needs.

Travel Savvy

Presented by Cynthia Clampitt
Monday, May 21, 7 p.m.

Travel broadens one's horizons, but it brings with it risks, costs, health issues, and other considerations. Learn about travel tricks, products, guidelines, and resources from veteran international traveler, author, and photographer Cynthia Clampitt. Sprinkled with tales of adventures from Paris to Mongolia, "Travel Savvy" offers ways to save money, cut risks, reduce hassles, and enjoy the road. Sponsored by the La Grange Park Friends of the Library.

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If you are interested in exploring the world through literature, come to a meeting of Books Alive, our book discussion group. The books are available at the Circulation Desk one month before the meeting. Our spring books take us to the isolated mountain nation of Nepal, to Jazz Age Paris, and finally, to the sawgrass prairies and mangroves of the Florida Everglades.

March 20th *Little Princes: One Man's Promise to Bring Home the Lost Children of Nepal*

by Connor Brennan

This uplifting, inspiring memoir chronicles the three months the author spent volunteering at an orphanage in civil war-torn Nepal. His time was spent reuniting parents with children who were stolen by child traffickers. He started this mission on a lark but it soon turned into his life's passion.

April 17th *The Paris Wife*

by Paula McLain

This 2012 Big Read Selection looks inside the extraordinary love affair of Ernest Hemingway and his first wife, Hadley Richardson. It is a deeply evocative story of ambition and betrayal set during the hopelessly romantic 1920s.

May 15th *Swamplandia*

by Karen Russell

Ava Bigtree is a 12-year-old alligator wrestler at a shabby tourist attraction named Swamplandia. In this quirky, funny book, she travels far and wide to find a lost sister and keep her family afloat.

Celebrate National Library Week Why Do You Believe Libraries are Important?

April 8-14

Every April, the American Library Association celebrates the importance of libraries to their communities during National Library Week. This year's theme is "You Belong @ Your Library."

As part of our celebration, we will be spotlighting how libraries are perceived by people in the area. You can participate by writing why you believe libraries are important, and dropping your thoughts off at the Circulation Desk prior to April 8. You may include your name,

or feel free to share your thoughts anonymously. Many of your responses will be displayed during National Library Week.

Booktalks!

*Presented By Library Staff
Monday, April 9, 7 p.m.*

Looking for a good book to read? Come hear what some of our librarians like. We'll talk about Adult, Young Adult, and Children's titles. We'll also show you some websites you can use to find good reads.

was constructed in 1989, but that was prior to ADA becoming law. The Board has worked for more than a year to remedy the problem and bring the Library up to standard. Construction bids were sought in February, and the first phase of construction is expected to begin in late March or early April. We anticipate no major disruptions in service.

The project will be funded by a \$50,000 grant awarded to the Library through the Live and Learn Construction Grant Program of the Illinois State Library. The balance will be covered by the Library's capital reserve fund.

The members of the Board of Library Trustees of the La Grange Park Public Library are Treasurer Mary Dominguez, Trustee Susan Fagan, President Cathy Foster, Trustee Mary Lou Hurley, Secretary Ann Lee, Vice President Jim Seguin, and me, Trustee Laurie Whitman. Since we represent the residents of La Grange Park, please feel free email us, or even stop us on the street so that we may take your suggestions for how the Library can continue to enrich our community in this fast-changing world. Our email addresses are *first initial (no space) last name @lplibrary.org*.

Board meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the upstairs conference room. All meetings are open to the public.

Online Catalog Enhancements

The SWAN online catalog (swan.mls.lib.il.us) now offers three new functions for patrons. For help with these features, stop by the Library or call us at 708-352-0100.

Freeze holds: By logging into your account and clicking on the "Requests (holds)" link, you'll be able to delay your holds until you're ready for them. Whether you're going on vacation and don't want to have your held items appear while you're away or are doomed to get book 4 of "A Song of Fire and Ice" before book 3, you'll love freezing your holds!

Preferred searches: When you designate a preferred search in your account, you'll receive a weekly email update if a new item that meets your search has been entered into the SWAN catalog. If you'd like to get on the list for the new Sue Grafton book as soon as possible, this feature is for you.

Wish Lists: This option will allow you to add items to lists. You can use it to create lists of items you're interested in for the future or even to maintain a list of things you've checked out. If you're moving on to a new library system, you can even export your lists via email!

Friends of the library

“Like” Us on Facebook!

As with all non-profit organizations, the La Grange Park Friends of the Library saw reductions in donations of both money and materials this past

year. Despite a reduced inventory, the book store continued to generate revenue, which allowed the Friends to donate \$16,000 to the Library in 2011. We were able to sponsor many programs and continue to provide *Book Page* magazine to patrons.

The bookstore is managed by volunteers who unselfishly logged 3,224 hours in 2011. The Friends would like to invite everyone to stop by and browse our wide variety of books, including romance, mystery, biography, travel, health, children's, science fiction, hobbies and more. Recent magazines are also available, along with CDs and movies on DVD and VHS. We are located on the main floor behind the elevator.

If you are interested in becoming a Friend of the Library, membership forms are available in the Library, and the annual dues are tax deductible as allowable by law. The Friends meet at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesdays of February, May, August, and November. Biennial elections were held in November 2011 and all current officers were re-elected.

We encourage you to donate your gently used books, magazines, CDs, or movies on DVD or VHS. If needed, arrangements can be made for pickup. Call us at 708-352-0100 or email friends@lplibrary.org.

If you are on Facebook, search for “La Grange Park Friends of the Library” and “Like” us!

Technology Petting Zoo

Saturday, March 31, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Check out all the latest e-readers, tablets, and more at our gadget showcase. You'll be able to play with Kindles, Nooks, and even Apple's new iPad right by the Circulation Desk. We'll also demonstrate our downloadable ebook/audio service, Media on Demand. If you have questions about a device that you already own, bring it with and our experts will help you out. Whether you're in the market to buy a device or are just curious, this drop-in event is sure to be informative and just plain fun!



visit the Friends' book shop in the library

Donated Books, Magazines, CDs, DVDs,
and Tapes are for sale at low prices!

Proceeds help support library programs
and special services

Hours:

Monday - Thursday 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday 1 - 5 p.m.

Located on the first floor (directly behind the elevator).

For more information: 708-352-0100

News from Our Neighbors La Grange Public Library: Noir in a Bar

Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.

This group discusses edgy books in a local bar or restaurant.

March 27 *The Social Climber's Handbook*
by Molly Jong-Fast, at Prasino, 93 South La
Grange Road, La Grange.

May 29 *Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?* by Philip
K. Dick, at Santiago's, 24 West Calendar Court Avenue, La
Grange.

For additional programming at local libraries, please visit
lagrangelibrary.org and fordlibrary.org.

Empty Bowl Project

Thursday, April 26, 6-9 p.m. At the Village Market

The Library is a participating sponsor of this fundraiser to support local food pantries. This La Grange/La Grange Park community event is sponsored by Village Potters. Come to the Village Market to buy a bowl and sample food from area restaurants. For more information or to participate, contact Village Potters at 708-352-2330 or visit villagepotters.com.



Computer and Technology Classes

Five spaces are available for each of the following classes. Registration required. Please visit the second floor Reference Desk or call 708-352-0100. Everyone is welcome, but priority will be given to La Grange Park residents.

Computer Basics

Thursdays, March 8 and 15, 6 p.m.

Tuesdays, March 13 and 20, 11 a.m.

This hands-on class introduces basic computer skills to those who may not have used a Windows PC in several years, or ever. You'll learn how to wield a mouse and keyboard, some Windows basics, and more. Each class includes two 90-minute sessions.

Email Essentials

Tuesdays, April 3 and 10, 11 a.m.

Thursdays, April 12 and 19, 6 p.m.

Learn to use email more effectively in this hands-on class. We'll teach you how to send and organize mail, attach pictures to messages, and manage your contacts. Each class includes two 90-minute sessions.

iPad Computing

Thursday, April 26, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, May 8, 11 a.m.

Do you want to learn how to use a computer but find the keyboard and mouse frustrating? A tablet computer, like an iPad, might be the solution to your woes. This fingers-on class will teach you how to use iPads to easily send email, browse the Web, and more.

New! Office Alternatives

Thursday, May 17, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, May 22, 11 a.m.

In this hands-on class, we'll introduce you to two free substitutes for the Microsoft Office suite: Open Office and Google Docs. These programs will let you compose letters and resumes, create cool presentations, manage spreadsheets, and more.

Shelfari

Shelfari is a social network for book lovers. You can keep track of books you've read and see what others are reading. I've started using it at shelfari.com/kate-lplibrary. You'll see what I've been reading and find out if I enjoyed it!

Kate – Adult Services Director

P.S. Check out the Young Adult Department at shelfari.com/lplya

Film Discussion Group

Fridays, 7 p.m.

Do you enjoy talking about movies after the credits roll? Join us for free screenings of great independent, foreign, and documentary films on our large screen, followed by brief discussions.

March 9 *Martha Marcy May Marlene* (2011, dir. Sean Durkin; 102 min.) A cult escapee becomes increasingly paranoid in this acclaimed thriller.

March 23 *Interrupters* (2011, dir. Steve James; 125 min.) Chicago-based documentarian James (*Hoop Dreams*, *Stevie*) follows ex-gang members who broker ceasefires in this inspiring film.

April 6 *Louder than a Bomb* (2010, dir. Greg Jacobs and Jon Siskel; 99 min.) This energetic documentary features four teams from Chicago as they compete in the world's largest poetry slam.

May 4 *Melancholia* (2011, dir. Lars von Trier; 136 min.) In this surprisingly gorgeous film, noted bad-boy von Trier (director of Film Discussion Group favorite *Dancer in the Dark*) tells the story of two sisters facing the end of the world.

May 18 *Certified Copy* (2010, dir. Abbas Kiarostami; 106 min.) Famed Iranian director Kiarostami, in his first European film, turns in a mindbender that's like *Before Sunset* meets *Inception*.

Books Recently Added to Our Fiction Collection

Stop by and ask one of our friendly staff about additional new titles that may be of interest to you. Call or check the online catalog on our website (lplibrary.org) for availability or to reserve a copy for pick-up.

The Best Bad Dream by Robert Ward

Dead Low Tide by Bret Lott

The Dovekeepers by Alice Hoffman

King's Gold: A Knights Templar Mystery by Michael Jecks

A Walk Across the Sun by Corban Addison

The World We Found by Thrity Umrigar

New Large Print

The Hunter by John Lescroart

The Invisible Ones by Stef Penney

Locked On by Tom Clancy

Sleepwalker by Karen Robards

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at 7 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

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President; Ann Lee, Secretary; Mary Dominguez, Treasurer; Susan Fagan,
Mary Lou Hurley, and Laurie Whitman, Members.

Dixie Conkis, Executive Director
Joan Lux, President, La Grange Park Friends of the Library
Gabe Oppenheim, Copy Editor
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Bequests: Those who wish to help assure the continuation and growth of
our programs, collections and services by means and mention in your will
should contact the Executive Director for more information.

Disability Accommodation: If you or your child needs an accommodation
for a disability to attend any program, please phone the Library at least five
working days prior to the scheduled program.

Ereader Assistance

Having trouble getting books from our Media on Demand service onto your Kindle, Nook, or iPad? Visit or call the Reference Desk and we can get you reading in no time! For those without the time for a full demonstration, we also offer a sheet of helpful tips and tricks.

Register Online

No need to wait until we're open to call or come in to register for programs or classes. Simply visit lplibrary.org and click on the "Events and Programs" tab on the left. You can then see all our programs by clicking on "View Calendar," or choose to see only programs for Children, Young Adults, or Adults. Any program that is underlined will allow you to register. Just fill in the form and you're all set. You can even receive email reminders about your program. Try it, it's easy! It also helps us plan for seating and refreshments.

Library Closings

April 8 - Easter

April 20 - Staff In-service

May 28 - Memorial Day