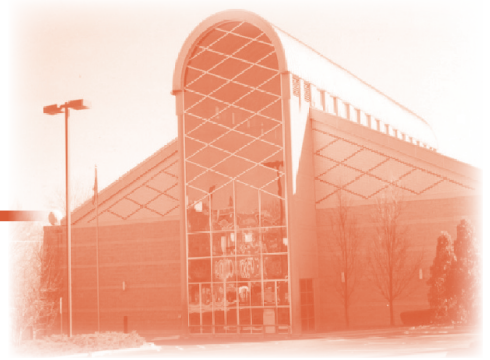


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Tasty Trivia Night

**Saturday, November 10,
7 p.m.**

By Laurie Whitman,
Library Trustee

Mark your calendars! Fun will abound at the Library's inaugural trivia night, "Tasty Trivia," to raise funds needed to update the Activity Room in the Children's Department.

Keeping with the theme of this summer's reading program, "Reading is Soooooo Delicious," we'll include food and book-related categories. Questions will be written by our imaginative staff, so you'll be sure to be stymied by stumpers not heard at other local trivia events.

Doors for this adult night out will open at 6:30 p.m., and the fun will start at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Ticket information will be available

soon at lplibrary.org, in the Village of La Grange Park E-Briefs, and at the Library. "We're going to provide you with food for thought," said Susan Fagan, fundraising committee chair. "We are looking forward to bringing the community together for a fun evening and a great cause. We encourage you to make teams to combine your strengths. But individuals and couples can play as well."

If you would like to help on the committee or have questions, contact Susan Fagan at sfagan@lplibrary.org or 708-955-2943.

We guarantee a smörgåsbord of fun!

Enrich Your Friends & Family September is Library Card Sign-Up Month

Every current Library cardholder who gets a friend or family member to sign up for a La Grange Park Library card in September will be entered in a prize drawing! Once the new cardholder gives us your name, you're entered. They will be entered for signing up too.

September is a good time to renew your card if it's going to expire before December. Of course, you'll be entered in our drawing! To find out if your card is due to expire, call or ask the staff at the Circulation Desk when you stop in.

Don't forget about your kids! They love to have their own cards, and it's a great way to

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program spotlight

children & teens

International Games Day

Saturday, November 3,
10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Enjoy 6 straight hours of table, board, and video games! Laugh your way through our hilarious Telestrations tournament! Gaze in awe at our nifty new Children's Game Corner! We'll have refreshments, pizzas, door prizes, and lots of fun!

For more information or to learn more about other upcoming programs, visit us at lplibrary.org

all ages

Holiday Gift Book Ideas

Monday, November 5,
7 p.m.

Join three of our librarians as they share great books for gift giving. We'll have suggestions appropriate for all ages to help take some of the stress out of your holiday shopping!

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After-School Programs

Monday Kids Club

Something's going on at the Library every Monday at 4 for kids in grades K-6! Sign up for each of these great weekly activities in person at the Children's Desk, online, or by calling us at 708-352-0100. Registration begins Saturday, September 1.

Books and Brownies

October 1 and November 5

When Miss Kerry puts on her apron, you never know what's going to happen in the kitchen! Mix up something yummy, then read and discuss an easy chapter book from our collection while your creation bakes. Feed your mind AND your stomach!

Crafty Kids

September 10, October 15, and November 19

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

Mad Science Mondays

September 17, October 15, and November 19

Freaky science experiments and natural phenomena. Don't blow up the building!

Brick Builders

September 24, October 22, and November 26

Our monthly Lego® club returns! 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

October 29

We have an extra Monday in October, so we're going to show a movie! Vote for your favorite kids' movie at the Children's Desk throughout the month of October, and we'll show the winner. See the cinematic masterpiece of your choice on our new, even bigger screen with the volume turned up loud. Bring your own snacks and covered beverages.

We had a great summer! Our reading program was a huge success, thanks in part to the efforts of our wonderful teen volunteers and donations from the following area businesses:

Brookfield Zoo
Classic Cinemas
DuPage County Children's Museum
Enchanted Castle
Flying High Sports and Rec Center
Jewel-Osco
Kane County Cougars
Oasis Women's Fitness and Spa
Windy City Hot Dogs

A special thanks goes to the La Grange Park Friends of the Library for donating the wonderful prize books.

Fall Story Times

Registration for our 7-week Fall Story Time session begins on September 1, and the stories begin the week of September 10. Register one time for the entire session. Babies through Kindergarten-ers are sure to have a great time! Register in person at the Children's Desk, online, or by calling 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.

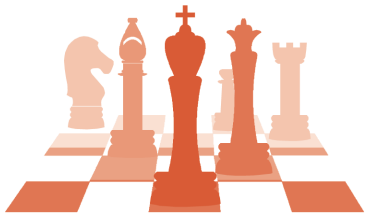
Baby Story Time, ages 3 - 23 months and their caregivers

Tuesdays, 10:15 or 11:15 a.m.

Enjoy rhymes, games, very short books, and more. Programs will last about 20 minutes. Feel free to attend either session depending on when baby is napping.

Family Story Time, all ages
Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.

We are adding a NEW story time to our weekly schedule. Bring the whole family for an evening of stories, songs, and activities followed by a simple, make-and-take craft. Programs last about an hour.



International Games Day

Saturday, November 3

Celebrate Games Day with the debut of our new Children's Game Corner. Come down to the lower level any time to play Candy Land, Chutes and Ladders, Scrabble® Junior, checkers, chess, and more. We'll furnish refreshments and hand out door prizes all day.

teen programs

Teen Read Week – It Came from the Library

October 14-20

Don't forget to vote in the Teens' Top Ten by September 13. Then, stop by the YA Department to see how La Grange Park teens' picks compare to the rest of the country.

It Came from the Library Movie Night

Saturday, October 20, 7 p.m.

While aliens may not have come from the Library, they certainly came from somewhere! Find out where in the hilarious sci-fi thriller *Attack the Block**. We need 5 people to make this a program a go. As this is an after hours program, permission slips must be returned to the Reference Desk by Wednesday, October 17.

*Contains language and violence.

Thank You!

Many thanks to the La Grange Park Friends of the Library and Jewel for providing donations to the YA Summer Reading Program.

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.

Telestrations Tournament

International Games Day

Saturday, November 3, 2 p.m.

Do you have mad drawing skillz? Try this hilarious game where Telephone meets Pictionary! A minimum of 8 participants are needed.

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

Mondays, September 24,
October 22, and November
26, 5 p.m.

Join TAB to assist with buying materials for the collection (books, music, movies, and video games) and planning fun programs. New members always welcome! TAB also provides volunteer opportunities for those interested in helping out at the Library.

Pixel Club

Fridays, September 7 and 21;
October 5 and 19; and No-
vember 2, 16, and 30, 5 p.m.

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

Check out some of the new materials in the YA Department!

Books

A Confusion of Princes – Garth Nix
The Drowned Cities – Paolo Bacigalupi
The Enchantress – Michael Scott
Gilt – Katherine Longshore
The Hunt – Andrew Fukuda
Insurgent – Veronica Roth

Video Games (PS Vita!)

BlazBlue: Continuum Shift Extend
Gravity Rush
Rayman Origins
Uncharted: Golden Abyss

For a complete list of new materials, visit lplibrary.org/teens/whatsnew.php or stop by the Young Adult Department for a print copy. Updated monthly.

Don't have time to stop by the Young Adult Department? Visit online instead.

1. Library website – lplibrary.org/teens
2. Facebook – Search for “La Grange Park Public Library Teen Department,” to keep up-to-date with the latest Young Adult Department news
3. Twitter – twitter.com/lplya
4. Goodreads – goodreads.com/lplya

Lions Club Donation Helps Impaired Readers



The Library recently added 38 large print books and 14 audio books to our collection thanks to a \$1,000 donation from the Brookfield-La Grange Park Lions Club. The Club has been donating materials for the sight and hearing impaired to the Library for a number of years.

Local Lions Club President Phil Bochniarz said, “We want to make sure that there

are enough new and updated materials for people who often don't have many resources to choose from.” He added that while Lions is an international organization, “We make it a priority to help our local communities.” The Club also donated materials to the Brookfield Free Public Library. Check out what's new thanks to the Lions!

Take Charge Illinois: Credit Card Education

Presented by the Office of
State of Illinois Comptroller's
Consumer Affairs Division
Monday, September 24,
7 p.m.

Take Charge Illinois assists Illinois residents in regaining their financial footing. You'll learn how to comparison shop credit cards, better understand your credit card statements, and review your credit scores and history.

The League of Women Voters will be at the Library to register community members to vote before and after this program.

NEW! Cookbook Club Mexican Everyday by Rick and Deann Groen Bayless

Wednesday, October 3, 6 p.m.

If you like to cook as much as we do, there's nothing more fun than exploring a cookbook. Sign up at the Reference Desk, pick out a tantalizing recipe from our inaugural selection (we'll keep track to avoid duplicates), and then prepare it for the program. We'll sample lots of good food, talk about what worked and what didn't, and select future cookbooks. It's potluck meets book discussion! **Register in person by September 26.**

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Facebook - facebook.com/lagrangeparklibrary

Twitter - twitter.com/lplibrary

Pinterest - pinterest.com/lplibrary

Shelfari - shelfari.com/kate-lplibrary

Keeping Track of People - Census Records

Presented by Jane Haldeman, *It's Relative*

Monday, October 8, 7 p.m.

Find out what you can learn about your family using records from the United States Census. Taken every ten years since 1790, these records contain information that can tell you interesting details about your ancestors. State and Special Censuses will also be covered.

Lights Out, Everybody: Mystery and Horror During the Golden Age of Radio

Presented by Steve Darnall

Monday, October 22, 7 p.m.

Steve Darnall, host of *Those Were the Days* on WDCB, returns just before Halloween with sound clips from some of radio's best-known mystery and horror programs, including *Lights Out*, *Escape*, and *Inner Sanctum*. You'll hear how radio became a "Theater of the Mind" by using music, voices, and sounds to create indelible and often frightening pictures. 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 708-352-0100 to register.

Enrich Your Friends & Family

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teach them responsibility.

Getting your free card is quick and easy. Stop in with two types of identification as proof of residency or property ownership (driver's license, current utility bill, voter registration, etc.). Non-residents may get a card for an annual fee of \$300.

The average La Grange Park Public Library cardholder saves more than \$450 a year using our services. Frequent users save even more! Get your card now and find out how we can save you money and enrich your life beyond books.

International Day @ the Library

This spring, the Library will offer a day of traditions and food from around the world. We are looking for individuals or groups interested in presenting their cultures. Please contact Kate or Sam in the Reference Department if you would like to participate in this exciting new experience, or if you know of someone you would like to see be part of the event.

The settings of our fall selections include the heart of a newspaper office abroad; Green Town, Illinois, on a chilly October eve; and the Outback of "old Australia." Books are available one month before meetings. All are welcome to attend.

September 18 *The Paris Correspondent: A Novel of Newspapers, Then and Now* by Alan Cowell

This intelligent and entertaining book by a New York Times reporter is about the newshounds who bring us reports from far away.

October 16 *Something Wicked This Way Comes* by Ray Bradbury

Considered a modern Gothic masterpiece, this horror-fantasy tells the tale of two boys and the evil that grips them as a traveling carnival comes to town one week before Halloween.

November 20 *Albert of Adelaide* by Howard Andersen

This action-adventure story is like *Redwall* for adults. Albert the duck-billed platypus has escaped from the Adelaide Zoo, bound for the Australian Outback. Along the way he meets wombats and bandicoots, and learns about friendship, loyalty, and what it means to be a hero.

visit the Friends' Bookshop 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

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 who have not previously taken our computer classes.

Computer Basics

Thursdays, September 13 and 20, 6 p.m.

Tuesdays, September 18 and 25, 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.

Internet Fundamentals

Thursday, September 27, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, October 2, 11 a.m.

Whether you want to use the Internet to find travel bargains, watch cute cat videos, or do some serious research, this hands-on class will help you. We'll teach you how to use modern "tabbed" browsers, search effectively, and stay safe.

Email Essentials

For those with Yahoo, SBCGlobal, or AT&T email accounts

Tuesdays, October 16 and 23, 11 a.m.

Thursdays, October 25 and November 1, 6 p.m.

Learn how 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.

GMail Essentials

For those with GMail or those without an email account

Tuesdays, November 6 and 13, 11 a.m.

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

Learn how 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. If you don't have an account, we'll help you set one up. Each class includes two 90-minute sessions.

**"The road to knowledge begins
with the turn of the page."
- Anonymous**

Friends of the library

The Friends of the Library Bookshop recently received several large donations, so it's a great time to stop in to see what's new! We have new releases as well as classics. Our gently used books are bargain

priced from \$0.10 to \$3. We also sell magazines, DVDs, and more. If you're looking for a gift, bookshop gift certificates are available in \$5 increments.

We'd like to thank all the volunteers who give so much of their time staffing the bookshop. Without them, it would not remain open. Although sales started slowly this year, they increased over the past few months. We met our goal of a \$4,000 donation to the Library. Many thanks to all!

The Friends have a new treasurer, Susan Breen, who has experience in accounting and business. It's a pleasure to have her on board.

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

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 pickup.

Advent by James Treadwell

Backfire by Catherine Coulter

The Case of the Deadly Butter Chicken by Tarquin Hall

East of Denver by Gregory Hill

The Last Minute by Jeff Abbott

The Next Best Thing by Jennifer Weiner

Night Watch by Linda Fairstein

Ruler of the World by Alex Rutherford

Shadow of Night by Deborah Harkness

Walking into the Ocean by David Whellams

Meet Maureen Clancy

The Library staff meets many interesting people every day. We thought you'd like to meet them, too!

How long have you lived in La Grange Park?

I moved here from Evanston about eight years ago. I like to look at libraries before I choose a community to live in. Parents look at school districts. I look at libraries.

When not at the Library, where are we most likely to find you?

I'm a massage therapist and photographer for the Y. I'm a spiritual director, which I do both from home and my office in Homer Glen, and a nun. I also do massage therapy and spiritual guidance from my home.

How has the Library enriched your life?

I feel the service and staff at this Library are outstanding. I'm here at least once a week. When I'm traveling and don't take any electronics, I go to the Friends Bookshop where they sell books. You can buy almost any kind of novel for a dollar, take it with you, and then pass it on to someone else.

Your Reference Desk couldn't be more helpful. I have used them for researching business and travel. I constantly have things on reserve to pick up here. You have coffee, tea, hot chocolate, cookies. It's like a non-profit Borders!

I don't think people realize what you have upstairs in the display areas. I have shown some of my photography. The quilt and woodwork displays were beautiful. There was also student work on display. I think it's wonderful that people in the community can share their creative gifts.

You have wonderful programs for kids. The Lego® stuff just makes me smile. Children come in to play, and then they get interested in books.

I also make use of your museum and zoo passes. You have more services than I think anyone realizes.

Do you have any book or movie recommendations?

I've gotten into *Game of Thrones*. That came through a recommendation from the Library. I love mysteries, such as Ken Follett, James Patterson, and J. D. Robb. I liked *Killing Lincoln*, which was really fantastic. That also was a Library recommendation.



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 HUGE new screen, followed by brief discussions.

September 7 *A Separation* (2011, dir. Asghar Farhadi; 123 min.) A couple on the brink of divorce faces a difficult decision in this Academy Award-winning drama.

September 21 *Jiro Dreams of Sushi* (2011, dir. David Gelb; 81 min.) This beautiful documentary follows a chef's lifelong quest to find perfection in sushi.

October 5 *Margaret* (2011, dir. Kenneth Lonergan; 186 min.) Anna Paquin gives a stunning performance as a girl facing the consequences of her actions in this controversial, flawed-but-fascinating drama.

October 19 *Chico & Rita* (2010, dir. Tono Errando, Javier Mariscal, and Fernando Trueba; 94 min.) Two musicians struggle through a bittersweet romance in this jazzy, colorful animated film.

November 2 *Once Upon a Time in Anatolia* (2011, dir. Nuri Bilge Ceylan; 157 min.) In this gorgeously photographed police procedural, a disparate group of men search for a dead body.

November 16 *Red Chapel* (2009, dir. Mads Brügger; 88 min.) A Korean-Danish duo visit North Korea to perform a comedy act in this audacious, hilarious documentary.

November 30 *Rosetta* (1999, dir. Jean-Pierre Dardenne and Luc Dardenne; 95 min.) This highly acclaimed, hardscrabble drama trails a young woman on her quest to find a job.

Register to Vote @ the Library

On Monday, September 24 from 3:30-9 p.m. the League of Women Voters will be at the Library to register community members to vote. If you can't stop by that day, the Library has voter registrars on staff to assist you during Library hours.

To register, bring two pieces of identification, including one with your current address. Acceptable forms of identification include:

driver's license, state ID card, the last four digits of your Social Security number, utility bill, lease, and employer or student ID. Naturalized citizens will need to bring additional information on their naturalization, including court location and date.

The last day to register to vote for the November presidential election is October 9, 2012.

La Grange Park Library Saves Tax Dollars

The Library District recently took steps to reap tax savings for its residents.

The Board of Trustees acted to abate the tax levy for the last payment of the **General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004**, having funds on hand, thus saving Library taxpayers \$187,200.

The Library District also refinanced the **2004 Debt Certificates**, which were used to finance the facility remodeling and build-out of the second floor in 2005. The District achieved a total savings of \$97,993, after all issuance costs. These savings are passed along to taxpayers throughout the repayment of the Debt Certificates, which ends in 2023.

The Board of Trustees and staff work in concert to ensure the Library is operated in a fiscally responsible manner.

Rare Nazi Book Donated to the Library

A historically significant Nazi book was left anonymously in the Library book drop earlier this year, and might have ended up in the trash had it not landed on the desk of German-speaking staff member Ursula Stanek. Inside, she discovered a stamp cautioning "Geheim!" (Secret!) and a sheet of stationery belonging to the notorious Nazi commander Hermann Göring. She is hoping to learn if there is a family story behind it and discover why it ended up in the Library's book drop. To read the rest of this amazing story, visit bit.ly/lppldbookmystery.

Film Discussion Group Presents Movie Marathon!

Saturday, September 15, 10:15 a.m. - 5 p.m.

We replaced our big projection screen with one that's over twice as large, and we're so excited about its 10-foot-wide expanse that we're going to show all sorts of movies all day long. The huge screen will dazzle you, the surround sound will be cranked up, and the popcorn will be hot and fresh! A schedule of the films will be available at the Library and at lpplibrary.org in early September.

News from Our Neighbors

La Grange Public Library:

Folk Singer Steve Justman's Roots of Americana

Monday, October 15, 7-8:30 p.m.

Steve Justman has been performing Americana and folk music in Chicago and the Midwest for many years. He is a throwback to a different era, singing a mix of traditional and popular folk, pop standards, and classic country. Please register by calling the La Grange Public Library at 708-352-0576.



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

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Library Board meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month
at 7 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

Board of Library Trustees: Cathy Foster, President; James Seguin, Vice
President; Ann Lee, Secretary; Mary Dominguez, Treasurer; Susan Fagan,
Mary Lou Hurley, and Laurie Whitman, Members.

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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.

Free Online Resource: LearningExpress Library™

The La Grange Park Public Library provides a variety of on-
line databases and resources that you can access from home
with your library card. Access them by clicking “Reference
Services” and then “Databases” at lplibrary.org, or go directly
to lplibrary.org/reference/alphalist.php.

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tion, raise college entrance exam scores, or enhance basic
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you for a wide range of academic and career-oriented exams.
It also helps improve basic reading, writing, and math skills.
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hone interview techniques, and improve business communi-
cation.

Library Closings

September 3 - Labor Day
November 22 - Thanksgiving