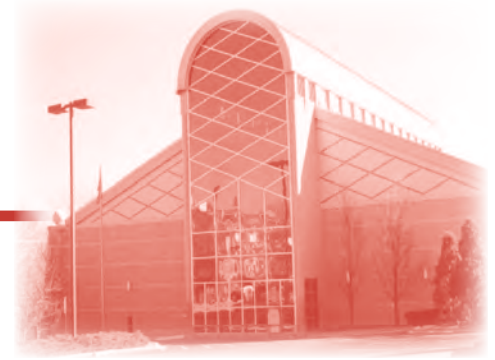


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Year in Review

By Laurie Whitman,
Library Trustee

This year has been an exciting and fun one at the Library. Here are just a few of the highlights:

- Our accessibility project was completed using grant monies. The Library's entrance is now ADA compliant. In addition, new plantings improved aesthetics, and a bioswale was built to aid water flow.

- Library volunteers logged 843 hours from January through June. The Friends of the Library clocked an additional 1,500 volunteer hours staffing the Bookshop.

- Residents with active library cards increased by 10% this year.

- The LibAnywhere app is now available for smartphones and tablets in the iTunes App Store and Google Play. Use it to place materials on hold, renew items, and more.

- Participation in our programs increased by 20%. Some of the increase is due to the sparkle and fun added to the Children's Department by Cindy Moriarity, our new Children's librarian.

- "Reading is Soooooo Delicious," our summer reading program, was enjoyed by 463 children and about 100 teens and adults. Kids enrolled in the program read for a total of 3,602 hours.

- We held our inaugural fundraising trivia night, Tasty Trivia, on November 10. Proceeds went towards improvements in the Children's Activity Room.

Finally, the average La Grange Park Public Library cardholder saved around \$450 using the Library this year!

We always welcome your suggestions, questions, and comments. There is a list of Trustees on page 8 of this newsletter. You may email any Trustee at [fristinitial\(nospace\)lastname@lplibrary.org](mailto:fristinitial(nospace)lastname@lplibrary.org). Board meetings are on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the second floor Conference Room. The public is encouraged to attend.

program spotlight

children

Monday Kids Club After-School Programs

There's always something fun going on at the Library on Mondays at 4 p.m. for kids in grades K-6! Read all about our cool programs, including Books and Brownies, Crafty Kids, Mad Science Mondays, and Brick Builders, on page 2.

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

adults

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Books and Brownies

*December 3, January 7, and
February 4*

Brownies? Cupcakes? Peach cobbler? When Miss Kerry puts on her apron, anything can happen! 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

*December 10, January 14,
and February 11*

Enjoy working with your hands? Join us for an easy, make-and-take craft on a seasonal theme.

Mad Science Mondays

December 17 and January 21

Freaky science experiments and natural phenomena, facilitated by our scientist-in-residence, Mrs. Holmes. It might get messy so wear grubby clothes!

Brick Builders

January 28 and February 25

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.

Winter Story Times

Registration for our 7-week Winter Story Time session begins December 26, and the stories begin the week of January 7. 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 Tuesdays, 1 p.m. or Fridays, 10:15 a.m.

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

Toddler Time, Ages 2 to 3½ and their caregivers Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.

Toddlers and their grownups will enjoy some fun stories from our collection, 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. Attend either session depending on when baby is napping.

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

Bring the whole family for an evening of stories, songs, and activities for all ages, followed by a simple, make-and-take craft. Programs last about an hour.

Super Saturdays

Come to the Library on the first Saturday of every month for our new series of one-time-only programs! Register in person at the Children's Desk, sign up online, or call us at 708-352-0100. This winter's programs include:

Winter Wonderland with Rachel Weaver Rivera, Ages 5-10 December 1, 10:30 a.m.

Rachel Weaver Rivera of the Imagine Art Studio will help you learn new ways to create art while you reflect on the magic of the winter season.

Once Upon Some Messy Fun, Ages 3-8 and caregivers January 5, 10:30 a.m.

Back by popular demand, Child Development Specialist Miss Tracy Patton brings sensory science, art, and story fun to our Activity Room, and leaves behind a REALLY BIG MESS! Wear old clothes!

Dave DiNaso's Traveling World of Reptiles, Ages 5 and up February 2, 10:30 a.m.

Get acquainted with snakes, lizards, frogs, and more in an up-close, live, and extremely interactive program about reptiles and amphibians from around the world. Learning and humor blend to form a totally original experience that is every bit as entertaining as it is educational.

teen programs

Winter Reading Program

December 1 – 30

Read a total of 6 hours by December 30. Hours, you ask? Yep, hours! Read whatever you want, wherever you want, but please not while operating machinery! Small prizes given to those who complete the program.

4th Annual Rockin' New Year's Eve⁵

Thursday, December 27,
7-8:30 p.m.

It's quite a few days before NYE, but who cares? There's Rock Band to be played and fun to be had!

Pixel Club

Fridays, December 14 and
28, January 11 and 25, and
February 8 and 22

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 to join.

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

Monday, January 7,
5-5:30 p.m.

Monday, February 4,
5-5:30 p.m.

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

Omotenashi Night

Thursday, January 3, 7 p.m.
Stay warm with anime and snacks.

3D Movie Bonanza

Wednesday, December 26, 7 p.m. -

The Nightmare Before Christmas

Monday, January 7, 1 p.m. - The Amazing Spider-Man

Wednesday, February 13, 7 p.m. - Step Up 3D

Our new movie screen is 10 feet wide! Even better, our new projector plays in 3D!! Let's be over the moon about this double awesomeness and watch some movies! Please register in advance to reserve your pair of 3D glasses. Limit 12.



10 to 1 Book Club

If you love to read, check out this new multi-library book club. Discussions will take place in person and online with teens from the La Grange, La Grange Park, Brookfield, Thomas Ford, and Lyons Township High School libraries. A wrap-up party will be held on Monday, January 21 – location TBA. The list of titles is available in the YA Department and on the teen page of our website at lplibrary.org. Ask Sam for details.

Magic: The Gathering

Wednesday, January 2,
4-8:30 p.m.

Calling all Magic fans! Bring your decks and I'll bring the snacks.

Papercraft Figures

Friday, January 4, 2 p.m.

You've admired the ones behind the Reference Desk, now make your own. Skills required: cutting and folding.

Wearable Duct Tape Fortunes

Wednesday, February 6,
4:30 p.m.

You guys, we have the coolest duct tape! Hello Kitty, Spider-Man, moustaches! You'll create a cuff using fortune cookie fortunes and duct tape.

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 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

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.

Watt Detective Mystery Night

Monday, December 10, 7 p.m.

Presented by ComEd

Do you know how much you are spending to run your home appliances and how much energy those appliances use when switched off? This workshop will help you uncover what is wasting energy in your home. Get practical tips to help you save hundreds of dollars and solve the mystery of wasted electricity.



What Should I Eat To Be Healthy? My Plate and Beyond...

Monday, January 14, 7 p.m.

Presented by Eileen Hourihan McCarthy M.F.N., R.D., L.D.N.
Is your New Year's resolution to start eating better? In this program, you'll learn how to eat a healthy, well-balanced diet. Sponsored by the La Grange Park Friends of the Library.

3D Movie Extravaganza

Saturday, January 19

The 3D effects will be astonishing, the surround sound will be cranked up, and the popcorn will be hot and delicious as we show 3D movies all day on our giant screen! The fun starts at 10:15 a.m. with the fascinating cave painting documentary, *Cave of Forgotten Dreams*. At 12 p.m., thrill to the lush landscapes of *Avatar*. Finally, at 2:50 p.m., get shocked by the creepy, thought-provoking *Prometheus*. Please register in advance to reserve your 3D glasses. Limit 12.

Cookbook Club Savoring the Spice Coast of India by Maya Kaimal

Thursday, January 24, 6 p.m.

When we explore a cookbook, it's potluck meets book discussion! Sign up at the Reference Desk, pick a tantalizing recipe from our tasty 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. Register in person by January 17.



Get Organized, Stay Organized, and Save Money!

Monday, January 28, 7 p.m.

Presented by Beth Randall,
Joe Organizer, LLC

Have you ever had to pay extra on a credit card or bill because you paid late? Do you ever run to the grocery store (again!) to pick up the things you forgot the first time you shopped? These habits cost you time and money. Learn how to get organized, stay organized, and save money in the process. Lots of great ideas will be offered to help you feel in control of your life! 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.

Winter Blues Booktalks

Monday, February 11, 7 p.m.

Tired of being stuck in the house because of the snow and cold? Join three of our librarians for this informal talk and they'll transport you to warm lands from the comfort of your chair. They'll discuss some of their favorites, including books appropriate for all ages, and you can share a couple of yours.

International Day @ the Library

This spring, the Library will host 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, or if you know of someone you would like to see be part of the event.

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Twitter - twitter.com/lplibrary

Pinterest - pinterest.com/lplibrary

Shelfari - shelfari.com/kate-lplibrary

Two of our winter selections are set in France, and another in central Africa. Books are available one month before meetings. All are welcome to attend.

December 18 *My Life in France* by Julia Child and Alex Prud'homme

The famed and beloved chef recounts her life in this autobiography written with her grandnephew. The book is a love letter to her husband, cooking, and France.

January 15 *The Informationist: A Thriller* by Taylor Stevens
This book introduces us to a new action heroine similar to Stieg Larsson's Lisbeth Salander. Vanessa Munroe is hired by a Texas billionaire to find his daughter, who vanished in Africa four years ago. Once there, uncovering mysteries, she is betrayed and left for dead.

February 19 *Sarah's Key* by Tatiana de Rosnay
The stories of Sarah, a ten-year-old Jewish girl taken from her home in the 1942 raid of Vélodrome d'Hiver, and Julia, an American journalist living in present-day France hired to write an article on the 60th anniversary of the event, are intertwined in this shocking tale.

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.

The Black House by Peter May
Bone Bed by Patricia Cornwell
Cocktail Waitress by James McCain
Hiss and Hers by M.C. Beaton
NYPD Red by James Patterson
Panorama City by Antoine Wilson
The Panther by Nelson DeMille
Princess Elizabeth's Spy by Susan Elia MacNeal
Sleep No More by Iris Johansen
The Woman Who Died a Lot by Jasper Fforde

Computer and Technology Classes

Five spaces are available for each of the following classes. **Registration required.** Please visit the 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, December 6 and 13, 6 p.m.

Tuesdays, December 11 and 18, 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, December 20, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, January 8, 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.

Ereader/Tablet Workshop

Thursday, January 17, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, January 22, 11 a.m.

Did you get a new Kindle, Nook, or iPad for the holidays? Bring it to this session and we'll show you how to download free ebooks and audiobooks from the Library. If you're curious but don't have your own gadget, we'll have some on hand for you to try.

Email Essentials

Thursdays, February 7 and 14, 6 p.m.

Tuesdays, February 12 and 19, 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.

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

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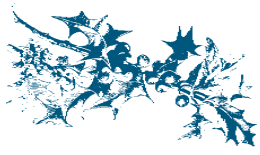
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Sunday 1 - 5 p.m.

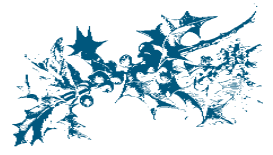
Located on the first floor (directly behind the elevator).

For more information: 708-352-0100

**"Be awesome!
Be a book nut!"
- DR. SEUSS**



Holiday Wish List



We hope that the La Grange Park Public Library has enriched your family's life this year. More than 3/4 of our village residents regularly use the Library! The average user saves \$450 a year by taking advantage of what we have to offer.

Library use is climbing as more residents are discovering our many free services beyond books. Your contribution will make it possible for us to expand our collection and services at a time when demand is growing.

If you choose items from our Wish List, we will place a plate with your message in each item purchased. We will send a card to those you designate for Memorial or Honor gifts.

For more information about what we offer and to donate, please visit lplibrary.org. Thank you for helping us enrich lives in our community!

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Plenty of copies will be available at the Library (and for your ereader at mediaon-demand.org). More information will be available in the spring newsletter, on our Facebook page, and at lplibrary.org.

"Good books, like good friends, are few and chosen; the more select, the more enjoyable."

- Louisa May Alcott

Friends of the library

Looking for the perfect holiday gift? The Friends of the Library Bookshop has a wide selection of gently used hardcover and paperback books available at bargain prices.

Choose from history, biography, romance, mystery, thriller, and more. Don't leave without taking a peek at the huge assortment of books for kids and teens! The shop also has a great selection of movies on DVD and VHS, puzzles, magazines, and more.

Are you getting ready to set your New Year's resolutions? The Bookshop has self-help, diet, and exercise books to help reach your goals.

The Bookshop is generally open the same hours as the Library. Knowledgeable volunteers are always ready to help, and sales support the Library.

Please donate your gently used books, magazines, CDs, and DVDs. If needed, arrangements can be made for pickup by calling 708-352-0100. The Friends of the Library are also looking for volunteers to staff the Bookshop. Please contact Joan Marino, President of the Friends, at friends@lplibrary.org.

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 screen, followed by brief discussions.

December 14 *Beasts of the Southern Wild* (2012, dir. Benh Zeitlin, 93 min.) A young girl embarks on an adventure to return to her flooded hometown in this magical fantasy.

December 28 *Dial M for Murder* in 3D! (1954, dir. Alfred Hitchcock, 105 min.) Your eyes will be poked by scissors in this classic thriller! Please register in advance to reserve your pair of 3D glasses. Limit 12.

January 11 *Pina* in 3D! (2011, dir. Wim Wenders, 103 min.) This documentary features unusual dance performances filmed in stunning 3D. Please register in advance to reserve your pair of 3D glasses. Limit 12.

January 25 *Ai Weiwei: Never Sorry* (2012, dir. Alison Klayman, 91 min.) The controversial Chinese artist's work and legal struggles are documented in this fascinating film.

February 8 *Paradise Lost 3: Purgatory* (2011, dir. Joe Berlinger and Bruce Sinofsky, 121 min.) Three men successfully appeal their wrongful convictions in this captivating documentary.

February 22 *The Forgiveness of Blood* (2011, dir. Joshua Marston, 109 min.) An Albanian blood feud is depicted in this tense film from the writer/director of Film Discussion Group favorite *Maria Full of Grace*.

Meet Faith Medlock

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

How long have you been coming to the La Grange Park Public Library?

I've been coming to the Library ever since I moved here (when I was 3 or 4), so I would say about 11 years.

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

I would be at home studying or doing homework, or I would be at Lyons Township High School, on the Debate or Math Teams. Currently, I'm researching a couple of bills for the Debate Team.



How has the Library enriched your life?

I think it's really helpful in a lot of ways. I, of course, love reading all the books. The Young Adult Department has a lot of wonderful programs, and I try to get to as many of those as I can, especially during the summer. I also like volunteering with the younger kids during their summer reading programs. I really enjoyed helping with the cooking courses they had.

Do you have book, movie or CD recommendations?

For teenagers who like the graphic novels, I think *Bleach* is a really good series, with a lot of action. *The Book of Lost Things* is a very good fantasy book. Mostly, the Library's fantasy department is where I hang around.

More teens should come to the Young Adult programs. I love all those.

neighbor news

La Grange Public Library Victorian London: Popular Entertainments

Monday, February 4, 7-8 p.m.

Victorian London: tightly zipped? Prudish? Not so! Presenter Linda Putnam explodes the stereotypes in this program about the popular entertainments of mid-19th century London, which included opium dens, music halls, freak shows, and wax museums – all considered “educational” for the masses. Please register by calling the La Grange Public Library at 708-352-0576.



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

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Library Closings

December 7 – Staff In-service

December 24-25 – Christmas

December 31-January 1 – New Year's

February 18 – Presidents' Day