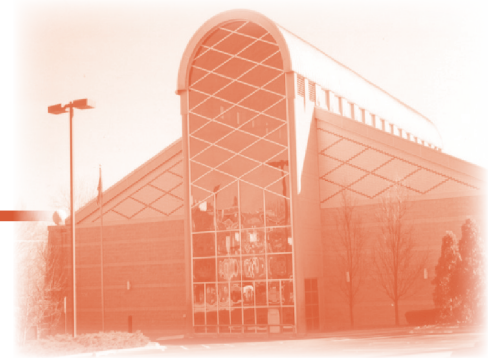


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## The Reading Landscape is Changing

By Laurie Whitman,  
Library Trustee

Many of our patrons have an electronic reading device, such as a Nook or Kindle. If you are like me, you are curious about reading electronically, but cling to bound books and the old, familiar way of reading. The Library can help you get comfortable with reading on everything from ereaders to tablets and smartphones.

The Reference staff is happy to help you set up, and walk you through the process of downloading titles to, your device. In addition, the Library has a selection of devices available for checkout for you to try before you buy.

Browsing the stacks at the Library is a treat and a surefire

way to find a book to your liking. Today's technology has introduced us to new ways to browse and choose books.

• **SWAN online catalog:** You can place items on hold via the Library's website. If you have a library card, you already have an online account. Go to [lplibrary.org](http://lplibrary.org) and click on "Log into Your Account." Then enter your name and library card number, click "Submit," and you will be prompted to create a PIN. You can place holds on most items in the catalog, renew your materials, and pay late fees! If you have an iOS or Android device, you can access a streamlined version of the SWAN catalog

via LibAnywhere, a free app available from the App Store and Google Play.

• **Media on Demand:** Here's where you'll find our collection of downloadable eBooks, audiobooks, and more. Log in using your library card number and SWAN PIN. Browse the collection, download your choice to your computer or device, and read! New titles are frequently added.

I still love the feel of real books, so I am not yet ready to throw out my bookmarks. I have to say, though, I really like my Nook!

## program spotlight

### children & teens

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For more information or to learn more about other upcoming programs, visit us at [lplibrary.org](http://lplibrary.org)

### adults

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## programs for children



# Kids Read 2013

The kids' version of the popular community reading event **The Big Read** returns this year with *Granny Torrelli Makes Soup*, by well-known author Sharon Creech. Set in Granny's kitchen, it's a series of conversations between twelve-year-old Rosie and her Granny about friendship, love, and family, accompanied by the tastes and smells of traditional Italian cooking. It's a tasty novel that's not to be missed! Pick up your copy in the Children's Department. We'll celebrate **Kids Read** in March with special programs and lots of garlic! Register online, by phone, or in person at the Children's Desk.

### **Mangia, Mangia Pasta Bar!**

*Grades 1-5*

*Saturday, March 2, 10:30 a.m.*

Super Saturday in March will be delicious as we learn all about pasta and take a taste test with Chef Lisa Williams of Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts. Make and roll dough, taste sauces and spices, put it all together with some pasta, and eat!

### **Skype with Author Sharon Creech**

*Wednesday, March 27, 2 p.m.*

Through the magic of technology, Sharon Creech will appear in our Activity Room for a virtual visit. The author of *Love That Dog*, *Ruby Holler*, Newbery Medal winner *Walk Two Moons*, and many more will answer your questions and talk about her writing.

### **Movie: An American Tail**

*Friday, March 29, 3 p.m.*

We'll show our favorite kid's movie about the immigrant experience on our huge screen. Bring your own snacks and covered beverages.

### **Books and Brownies**

*March 4, April 1, and May 6*

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**

*March 11, April 8,  
and May 13*

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

### **Spring Story Times**

Registration for our 7-week spring Story Time session begins in late February, and the stories begin the week of March 18. 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, 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 or 11 a.m.*

Toddlers and their grown-ups will enjoy fun stories from our collection, and learn new songs and fingerplays. Toddlers enjoy this program so much that we've added a second session!

#### **Baby Story Time, Ages 3 - 23 months and their caregivers**

*Tuesdays, 10:15 or 11 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.

### **Monday Kids Club**

There is always something fun going on at the Library on Mondays at 4 p.m. for kids in grades K-6. All of our Monday Kids Club programs in March will have an Italian flair! 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.



## teen programs

### Game Advisory Board (GAB)

*Mondays, March 4, April 1, and May 6, 5-5:30 p.m.*

By popular demand, Teen Advisory Board has morphed in the Game Advisory Board. Gab about games, assist with buying games for the collection, and help plan fun programs. GAB also provides volunteer opportunities for those interested in helping out the Young Adult Department.



Visit the new Teen Desk on many afternoons to get help from our friendly teen librarian, Sam!

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.

### Pixel Club

*Fridays, March 8 and 22; April 5 and 19; and May 3, 17, and 31*

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

### Lego® Challenge

*Monday, March 2, 2 p.m.*

You asked for Lego® Building Blocks and we got 'em! Create something fantastic using a finite number of pieces. Limited to 15 participants.

### Duct Tape, Duct Tape, and, Wait for it... More Duct Tape!!!

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We'll be making something awesome and fun out of duct tape. Please join us for this great craft project.

### Omotenashi Night

*Thursday, March 28, 7 p.m.*

How much do you love Peeps? Hopefully a ton since we'll be making sushi with them. Don't worry, there will be other delicious types of sugar to use, too! Anime and faux sushi – what could be better?

### Earth Day Craft

*Monday, April 22, 6-8 p.m.*

Drop in for this recycled craft program.

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

1. Library website – [lplibrary.org/teens](http://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](http://twitter.com/lplya)
4. Goodreads – [goodreads.com/lplya](http://goodreads.com/lplya)

## Out and About in the Village

### Hungry Bowls

*Thursday, May 9*

The Library will participate in this event, organized by the Village Potters, which helps to raise awareness of hunger in our community.

### Celebrating Seniors Week

*May 16-23*

Aging Care Connections is spearheading this event to honor older adults in our area. The week will offer informational seminars, intergenerational activities, and fun events.

More information about these events will be available soon.



### Meet David Graham

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 here for ten years. I was from Brookfield before that, but I came to both libraries.

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

At home. I work out of my home. I'm a computer security guy.

#### How has the Library enriched your life?

I get books, CDs, and DVDs from the Library at least once a week – maybe more.

I read a lot. I even checked out the iPad and Nook. I like the audiobooks, too. Listening to an audiobook before going to sleep is very relaxing. You can download free books off the internet. Many public domain audiobooks are available at [librivox.org](http://librivox.org). I also enjoy the art exhibits. I was excited to see Jeff Lee's exhibit. He's very talented.

#### Do you have any book, movie, or CD recommendations?

My favorite books are *Heavy Weather*, by Bruce Sterling, and *Gateway*, by Frederik Pohl, both science fiction. I also really enjoyed reading *Feed*, by M.T. Anderson, with my kids. As for movies, I like old musicals like *Singin' in the Rain*, *Guys and Dolls*, and *Brigadoon*.



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## Cookbook Club Essentials of Classic Italian Cooking by Marcella Hazan

Thursday, April 25, 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 April 18.



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

Visit [lplibrary.org](http://lplibrary.org), stop by, or give us a call at 708-352-0100 to register.

## Centennial 1911-1920: Past Events that Shaped the Present

Monday, March 11, 7 p.m.

Presented by Dave Clark

Historian Dave Clark explores the era of *The Shoemaker's Wife* and shows how people and their decisions resonate over time. He highlights the progress and continued challenges of our culture. Sponsored by the La Grange Park Friends of the Library.

## Books Alive Book Discussion

Tuesday, March 19, 2 p.m.

Join us for a discussion of *The Shoemaker's Wife*.

## The Paintings of Michelangelo

Monday, April 8, 7 p.m.

Presented by Jeff Mishur

Michelangelo's frescoes on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel are among the world's most famous works of art. In this slide lecture, art historian Jeff Mishur expounds upon the complex iconography of this series of paintings, along with other works by the Renaissance master. Sponsored by the La Grange Park Friends of the Library.

## Ancestry.com Tips and Tricks

Monday, April 29, 7 p.m.

Presented by Jane Haldeman,  
President of the Illinois State  
Genealogical Society

Learn to easily navigate and successfully search the resources of one of the largest genealogy sites. Haldeman also discusses the resources available through Ancestry Library Edition (see page 5 for details). Sponsored by the La Grange Park Friends of the Library.





## Computer and Technology Classes

Five spaces are available for each of the following hands-on classes. Registration required. Please visit the second floor Reference Desk or call 708-352-0100 to register. Everyone is welcome, but priority will be given to La Grange Park residents who have not previously taken our computer classes.

### Computer Basics

*Tuesdays, March 5 and 12, 11 a.m.*

*Thursdays, March 7 and 14, 6 p.m.*

This 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.

### PC Freebies

*Thursday, March 21, 6 p.m.*

*Tuesday, March 26, 11 a.m.*

You'll learn how to download and install free alternatives to popular (and expensive!) programs like Microsoft Office, Adobe Photoshop, and more. We'll show you how to get the same functionality as the big names while saving hundreds of dollars.

### Online Resource Workshop

*Thursday, April 11, 6 p.m.*

*Tuesday, April 16, 11 a.m.*

The Library's new website offers a wide variety of online resources that you can use from anywhere with Internet access. We'll introduce you to some of them and show you how to quickly get the information that you need.

### Intermediate Computing

*Tuesdays, May 7 and 14, 11 a.m.*

*Thursdays, May 23 and 30, 6 p.m.*

Have you taken our Computer Basics class and are ready for more? We'll move on to more advanced computer skills, including transferring photos from a digital camera, adjusting settings using the Control Panel, and more. Each class includes two 90-minute sessions.

## 3D Movie: *Flying Swords of Dragon Gate*

*Saturday, March 16, 2:30 p.m.*

The 3D effects are astonishing, the surround sound is cranked up, and the popcorn is fresh and delicious when we show 3D movies on our giant screen! Our exciting selection this time features the athletic kicks, punches, and kick-punches of Jet Li in the first martial arts epic filmed in 3D! Please register in advance to reserve your 3D glasses. Limit 12.

## Free Online Resource: Ancestry Library Edition

The La Grange Park Public Library provides a variety of online databases and resources on our website, including many that you can access with your library card anywhere with an internet connection. For more information or to browse these tools, visit [lplibrary.org](http://lplibrary.org).

Are you interested in finding information about your family history? **Ancestry Library Edition** gives you access to approximately 4,000 databases containing census, vital, military, and immigration records, and more. The collections cover the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, Europe, and Australia. This resource can only be accessed in the Library, on our public computers or your device. Get an expert's tips for this resource by attending the upcoming program **Ancestry.com Tips and Tricks** (see page 4 for details).

## books alive

*Book Discussion Group*

*Third Tuesday of each month,  
2 p.m.*

Our spring selections are set in America, France, and Italy. Books are available one month before meetings. All are welcome to attend.

March 19 *The Shoemaker's Wife* by Adriana Trigiani  
**The Big Read** selection for 2013, this heartwarming, multi-generational love story spans two continents and two World Wars and was inspired by the author's family history.

April 16 *Defending Jacob* by William Landay  
Andy Barber, a respected assistant district attorney, is not prepared for what happens when his 14-year-old son is charged with killing a fellow student. Soon, his marriage is crumbling and he has to confront his own demons in this legal thriller.

May 21 *Foreign Bodies* by Cynthia Ozick  
In this intricately crafted novel, a retelling of Henry James's *The Ambassadors*, Bea Nightingale, a divorced school teacher, is asked by her brother to track down his son in Paris and bring him home. She soon finds herself entangled in the lives of other family members.

## College Age Gaming Night, ages 18-25

*Saturday, March 9, 7-10 p.m.*

Like games but are too old for our teen gaming programs? Drop in for three straight hours of Rock Band, Halo, Street Fighter, and more at our inaugural event for younger (not young) adults. Snacks will be served! Trash talking will not be actively prohibited! Fun will be had!

### La Grange Public Library Plant Swap

Saturday, May 11, 1-3 p.m.

Too many tomatoes? Not enough peppers? Do your perennials need new homes? Swap your extra plants for new ones at our second annual plant swap, to be held outdoors at the La Grange Library. Please bring no more than ten plants to trade for new ones; if you have no plants to trade, come anyway and leave with a few! Plants should be marked with plant name, color, and sun/shade requirements. No registration necessary. Questions? Please call Noël at 708-352-0576.



For additional programming at local libraries, visit [lagrangeli-brary.org](http://lagrangeli-brary.org) and [fordlibrary.org](http://fordlibrary.org).

### Tax Season Services

April 15 will be here before you know it! The Library is pleased to offer the following services to make tax season slightly less painful:

#### AARP Tax Aide

Tuesdays, through April 9, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

The AARP is once again offering free tax assistance at the Library for seniors and low-to-moderate income taxpayers. Trained volunteers will help you prepare you tax return and file it electronically. **Appointments are required; please call the Library at 708-352-0100.**

#### Tax Forms

Many state and federal tax forms and instructions are available on the second floor of the Library. Our friendly Reference staff will be happy to print out any form that we don't carry.

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.

March 8 *Sleepwalk with Me* (2012, dir. Mike Birbiglia; 81 min.) A wannabe standup comedian struggles with a sleeping disorder and his relationship in this autobiographical comedy.

March 22 *The Master* (2012, dir. Paul Thomas Anderson; 144 min.) This opaque drama, in which a troubled young man is indoctrinated into a cult, features three masterful performances.

April 5 *Holy Motors* (2012, dir. Leos Carax; 115 min.) An actor takes on a variety of roles in this wildly weird kaleidoscope of a film.

April 19 *Compliance* (2012, dir. Craig Zobel; 90 min.) In this acclaimed, controversial, ripped from the headlines drama, a fast food employee is coerced into torturing one of her coworkers.

May 3 *This is Not a Film* (2012, dir. Mojtaba Mirtahmasb and Jafar Panahi; 75 min.) Panahi, director of Film Discussion Group favorites *The Circle*, *Crimson Gold*, and *Offside*, was banned from making films by the Iranian government. This intriguing not-quite documentary is his protest.

May 17 *The Kid with a Bike* (2011, dir. Jean-Pierre Dardenne and Luc Dardenne; 88 min.) In this celebrated drama, a woman attempts to intervene in the life of a hopeless young boy.

May 31 *Head Games* (2012, dir. Steve James; 95 min.) The issues surrounding head and neck injuries in football are explored in this fascinating documentary by Film Discussion Group favorite Steve James (director of *Stevie*, *Reel Paradise*, and *The Interrupters*).

### 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

## Friends of the library

**Library Bookshop News**  
In 2012, the Friends donated \$20,000 of Bookshop proceeds to the Library. These donations helped the Library pay for a variety of niceties, including:

- Over a dozen Adult and Teen programs
- A new early literacy station and writing center in the Children's Department
- A mural featuring magnetic and chalkboard paint in the Children's Department
- Holiday poinsettias
- Ongoing amenities, including coffee service, filtered water, and the subscription to BookPage magazine

You never know what you'll find in the Friends of the Library Bookshop! 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.

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

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](mailto:friends@lplibrary.org).

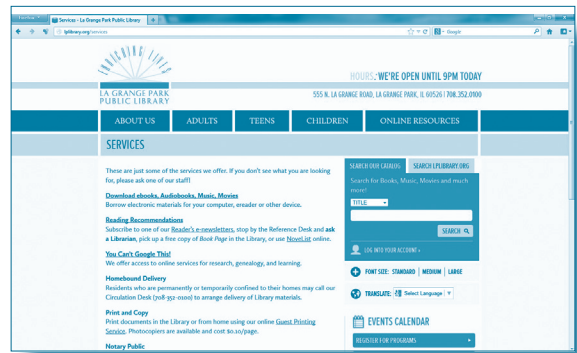
### Knitting at the Library

Thursdays, March 14, April 11, and May 9, 2 p.m.

Knitters have been meeting at the Library for four years to work on service projects and share patterns, yarn, and ideas. We are very proud to support the annual "Secret Santa" project sponsored by the Community Nurse Health Association of La Grange. Scarves, mittens, hats, and blankets are given as gifts to families in our area. The majority of these items were created using donated yarn that might otherwise have remained in a closet or been tossed out. If you would like to support our group, drop off unneeded yarn at the Circulation Desk. Better yet, join us! All levels of experience are welcome.

**"The reflections and histories of men and women throughout the world are contained in books... America's greatness is not only recorded in books, but it is also dependent upon each and every citizen being able to utilize public libraries."**

**— TERENCE COOKE (1921-1983)**



## We're On! Are You?

[lplibrary.org](http://lplibrary.org)

The Library has an exciting new website that makes it easier to find what you want, features cool new functionality, and offers lots of free online resources for cardholders. Get on and see what's there for you!

### Books Recently Added to Our 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](http://lplibrary.org)) for availability or to reserve a copy for pickup.

#### Fiction

*The Big Exit* by David Carnoy

*The Island of Second Sight* by Albert Vigoleis Thelen

*The Lower River* by Paul Theroux

*Raised from the Ground* by José Saramago

*The Sign of the Weeping Virgin* by Alana White

*Standing in Another Man's Grave* by Ian Rankin

*The Uninvited* by Liz Jensen

#### Large Print

*Because I Said So* by Ken Jennings

*The Last Runaway* by Tracy Chevalier

*This is How You Lose Her* by Junot Diaz

### Volunteering at Your Library

We would like to extend a big "thank you" to our volunteers who gave a combined 2,000 hours in 2012! We'd also like to welcome our new volunteers Myles, Joanne, Gail, Kris, Brett, and Liz. With the help of all, we have been working very hard to keep our shelves in order, get new items ready for circulation quickly, and create a friendly library for our community. We are looking forward to recognizing these men and women in April during National Volunteer Week.

If you are interested in being part of our active group of volunteers, please fill out an application (available at the Circulation Desk or at [lplibrary.org](http://lplibrary.org)) and return it to Sharon.

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Library Board meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month  
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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.

## Celebrate National Library Week April 14-20

**Communities Matter @ Your Library** is the theme for  
National Library Week 2013. The Honorary Chair this  
year is Caroline Kennedy. This annual event celebrates  
the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians  
and promotes library use and support.

This year, the Library is going to explore different uses  
for our space. As part of our celebration, we will stump  
you with trivia, play games for prizes, and more. It's a  
great time to stop in to see what's new!

## Library Closings

Sunday, March 31 – Easter

Friday, April 26, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. – Staff in-service

Monday, May 27 – Memorial Day