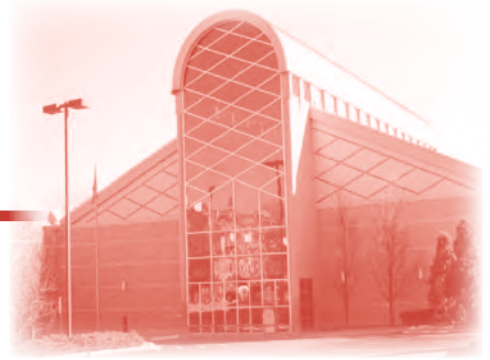


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## New Genealogy Corner Expands Family History Resources

Saturday, December 7

*Ribbon Cutting*  
1:30 p.m.

*FamilySearch.org*  
Program - 2 p.m.

La Grange Park Library patrons now have access to the world's largest repository of genealogical records, thanks to the Library's new designation as a FamilySearch affiliate library. A "Genealogy Corner" will be open in December on the second floor.

"Less than five percent of the world's genealogical records are available online," said Library Director Dixie Conkis. "Our selection as a FamilySearch affiliate provides our community with access to historic records that have been recorded on film."

FamilySearch has more than 200 camera teams filming historic records in 45 countries that are not available online. Thanks to a \$2,000 donation from the Friends of the La Grange Park Library

and through general operating funds, we were able to purchase the microfilm reader needed to view the films.

Reference Librarians can help patrons find what films



are available and answer questions. Patrons may also search the Family History Library Catalog online at *FamilySearch.org*. They may set up an account with FamilySearch and place film orders for delivery to the Library. There is a nominal \$7.50 fee to order a microfilm.

"This opens up an amazing opportunity for our patrons to research family history here instead of traveling to find hard copies of records that aren't available online," Conkis added. It is unique to our area to be affiliated with

FamilySearch. The closest affiliated public libraries are Indian Prairie in Darien and Orland Park Public Library.

The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, with a prize drawing, will be followed by a program with professional genealogist Maureen Brady (see Adult Programs, p.4). We hope you will join us for this very special opening and let us help you find your family roots!

## spotlight

### Grant Helps Update Technology, Improve Services

Thanks to State Rep. La Shawn Ford, the Library received a \$50,000 grant from the State of Illinois to update our computers and improve reference and reader's advisory services. We will be replacing most of the desktop computers on the first floor with 20 new laptops. A lounge seating area will be created once the computer carrels are removed, and a reference librarian will be stationed in that area to answer questions. Watch for these new services coming in 2014!

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# children's programs

## MONDAY KIDS CLUB

Every Monday, 4 p.m.

Children in grades K-3 can sign up for each of these weekly activities.

## HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

### Toddler Dance Party

Wednesday, December 18,  
10:15 a.m.

Children ages 2-kindergarten can dance their sillies out with music, bells, shakers and bubbles! Snacks will be served. Register in person, by phone or at [lplibrary.org](http://lplibrary.org).

### Preschool Story Time

Friday, December 20,  
10:15 a.m.

Drop in for holiday stories and songs at this one-time-only Story Time! No registration required.

### Holiday Movie

Monday, December 30,  
1 p.m.

Vote for your favorite holiday movie and we will show the winner. Voting starts December 1.

## WINTER READING

### Babies through 6th Grade

January 13-February 28  
"Chill Out and Read" and earn weekly prizes. Decorate the Library with snowflakes, as you keep track of the books you read. Everyone who reaches their reading goal will be awarded a free book from the Friends of the Library Bookshop! Register in person at the Children's Desk starting January 13. Last day to report your books: February 28.

### Crafty Kids

December 2, January 6, February 3

Enjoy working with your hands? We'll offer a make-and-take craft on a seasonal theme.

### Books and Brownies

December 9, January 13, February 10

Feed your mind *and* your stomach! Miss Margaret has lots of great recipes to try out! Mix up something yummy, then read and discuss an easy chapter book while your creation bakes.

### Mad Science Mondays

December 16, January 20

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

### Brick Builders

December 23, January 27, February 24

Our monthly Lego® club is a favorite for grades K and up. Use our Lego® Building Blocks to build whatever you can imagine! We will display your creations until next month, when we'll do it all over again.



## WINTER STORY TIMES

Registration for our 10-week session for babies through kindergarteners begins December 26, and stories begin the week of January 12. Register one time for the entire session in person at the Children's Desk, online or call 708-352-0100.

**Preschool Story Time**  
Ages 3 - Kindergarten  
Tuesdays 1:30 p.m., or Fridays 10:15 a.m.

We will sing songs, learn new fingerplays and read wonderful stories. Caregivers wait nearby in the Library.

**Toddler Time**  
Ages 2 to 3½ and their caregivers  
Wednesdays 10:15 a.m. or 11 a.m.

Toddlers and their grown-

ups will hear fun stories, and learn new songs and fingerplays.

**Baby Story Time**  
Babies ages 3 - 23 months and their caregivers  
Tuesdays 10:15 a.m. or 11 a.m.  
Enjoy rhymes, games, very short books and more. Programs last about 20 minutes. Choose a time, then attend either session each week, depending on when baby is napping.

**Family Story Time**  
Tuesdays 6:30 p.m.  
Come for stories, songs and activities for all ages, including some in Spanish. We end with a simple, make-and-take craft. Programs last about an hour.

## AFTER-SCHOOL ADVENTURES

For big kids on (mostly)  
Wednesdays at 4 p.m.

### Talk It Up! Book Discussion Group

Every 2nd Wednesday  
December 11, January 8,  
February 12

Select a different book each month, read and discuss while you eat yummy snacks and make new friends.

### Duct Tape Unlimited

Every 4th Wednesday  
December 26 (Thursday –  
the Library will be closed  
Christmas Day), January 22,  
February 26

This craft program for kids in grades 4-8 will start with duct tape, but end up who knows where!

## SUPER SATURDAYS

First Saturday of every  
month, 10:30 a.m.

### Messy Fun

December 7

We have to roll up the rugs when Miss Tracy is here! Ages 2-8 will have fun with bubbles.

### Laura Doherty in Concert

January 4

Kick off the New Year with her breezy folk-pop sound at this all-ages show.

### Author-Illustrator Kevin Luthardt

February 1

Join us for a fun, interactive art workshop for grades 1-6. Learn how a book gets published and hone your illustration skills as you create your own step-by-step drawing with Kevin!

All are for grades 7-12. Please sign up online or with Sam at the Reference Desk.



## 10 to 1 Book Club

Monday, December 23,  
6-7 p.m.

Need a good book to read over Winter Break? The 10 to 1 Book Club will offer a list of suggested titles, plus pizza! The list is available in the YA Department and at [tentooneblr.tumblr.com](http://tentooneblr.tumblr.com). Join us for a discussion of the titles on our list.

## Pixel Club

Fridays, December 13 and 27  
January 10 and 24  
February 7 and 21

With two laptops, an XBOX 360, Wii U, PS3, 3DS and an iPad 2, there's always something for everyone. Since this club meets from 4:45-6 p.m. after the Library closes, *you must bring a signed permission slip to attend*. Pick one up at the Reference Desk on the second floor in advance of the program.

## Cookie Decorating

Monday, December 23, 2  
p.m.

Cookie decorating – yum! Pam Podolner will lead this delicious, scrumptious, yummy program. No decorating skills needed. Limit 15. Registration required.

## WINTER READING PROGRAM FOR TEENS

December 1-30

Read anything you want for a total of six hours by December 30 and pick up a prize! Yep, hours, not books. Stop by the Reference Desk to pick up your reading log, then drop it off when you complete the program for a small prize and a book.

## 3D Movie: Pacific Rim

Wednesday, December 26,  
6:30 p.m.

Giant robots vs. aliens in 3D! Limit 12. Registration required.



## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Rockin' New Year's Eve

Monday, December 30,  
7-8:30 p.m.

To celebrate our 5th anniversary, we'll have pizza and door prizes. And don't forget, Rock Band! Registration requested.

## Duct Tape Belts

Thursday, January 2, 2 p.m.  
Let's use our advanced duct taping skills to make awesome belts. Registration requested.

## The Financial Aid Process

Wednesday, January 15,  
7-8 p.m.

Finances can be one of the biggest barriers to college. This session outlines the financial aid process and offers insights on ways to maximize access to financial aid. It introduces the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), summarizes state and federal aid programs, and identifies trusted sources of information. Registration requested.

## Tangled Valentine Hearts: A Drawing Workshop

Saturday, February 8, 2 p.m.  
Tangling is a popular form of drawing that's fun and relaxing – and produces amazing, intricate results. Registration required. See page 4 for details.

## ACT Practice Test

Saturday, February 15,  
1 p.m.

A free practice ACT test. All of the experience, none of the cost. Presented by The Big Envelope® Educational Services. Limit 16. Registration required.

## Allegiant Party Thank You

Many thanks to everyone who helped make our party in October a smashing success! Thank you to Tony's Finer Foods in North Riverside and La-Z-Boy in Oak Brook for donating items for our program. Special thanks to the La Grange Park Friends of the Library and Beret LTD for making this program awesome.

## adult programs

Please register for programs in person, at [lplibrary.org](http://lplibrary.org), or by calling 708-352-0100.

### FamilySearch.org

Presented by  
Maureen Brady  
Professional Genealogist,  
Bare Roots  
Genealogical Services  
Saturday, December 7,  
2 p.m.

Your family ancestry search will be easier when you learn about our FamilySearch website, part of our new status as a Family Search Affiliate Library (see page 1 for details). You'll learn how to efficiently search, what information you can find and how to order films that you can now view at the Library. Sponsored by the La Grange Park Friends of the Library.

### College Age Gaming Night

Saturday, December 28,  
7-10 p.m.

Do you like games but are too old for our teen gaming programs? Drop in for three hours of Rock Band, Mario Party and a bunch of other cool stuff at our gaming event just for younger adults. Snacks will be served. Trash talking will *not* be actively prohibited! Ages 18-25.

### New Smart Meter – Put It To Work For You

Monday, December 2, 7 p.m.  
Learn about the electric smart meters ComEd installed in the Village and how they benefit you. Get to know how the smart grid helps to improve reliability and how to track your energy usage.

### What You Need to Know About Long Term Care

Presented by Pam Nila,  
Certified Senior Advisor  
Monday, December 9, 7 p.m.  
Get invaluable information about long term care, including its importance, service options, costs and how to determine whether long term care insurance is for you. Rescheduled from September.

### Get Covered Illinois: The Official Health Marketplace

Presented by  
Health Coverage 4U  
Monday, January 6, 7 p.m.  
Learn about the Health Marketplace, how it applies to you, who qualifies for coverage and how to enroll.



### The Financial Aid Process

Wednesday, January 15,  
7-8 p.m.

For details about this program for teens and their parents, see page 3.

### Yoga For The Curious Mind

Presented Donna Prenta, RYT500  
Sunday, January 12, 1:30 p.m.

Move your body, change your life. Principles of alignment and breath awareness will be presented. A reading list will support your curiosity. Sponsored by the La Grange Park Friends of the Library.

### Stress Reduction: Creating More Peace in Your Life

Presented by Joy Davy, M.S., L.C.P.C., N.C.C.  
Monday, January 13, 7 p.m.

Feel stressed too much of the time? Wish you could let go of anxiousness and worry? Begin your journey into stress-reduced life. Some techniques you will learn include yoga breathing, progressive muscle relaxation and visualization. Regardless of your life circumstances, you have the power to feel better on a daily basis. Sponsored by the La Grange Park Friends of the Library.

### Cookbook Club Burma: Rivers of Flavor by Naomi Duguid

Thursday, January 16, 6 p.m.  
When we explore a cookbook, it's potluck meets book discussion! Sign up at the Reference Desk, pick a tasty recipe from our enticing selection (we'll keep track to avoid duplicates) and prepare it for the program. We'll sample lots of good food, talk about what worked and what didn't, and select future cookbooks. The easy, tropical recipes in this winter's book will perk you up with flavors similar to Thai and Indian cuisine. Register in person by January 9.

### Looking Back On "The White City"

Presented by Jeff Mishur  
Monday, February 3, 7 p.m.  
Recent exhibitions and books have generated renewed interest in the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago. This slide lecture focuses on the history of the fair, the design of the grounds and a selection of important buildings. Mishur will discuss contributors such as Daniel Burnham and Louis Sullivan as well as selected art works that were on display. Sponsored by the La Grange Park Friends of the Library.

### Tangled Valentine Hearts: A Drawing Workshop

Presented by Christine Thornton  
Saturday, February 8, 2 p.m.

Tangling is a popular form of drawing that's fun, relaxing and produces amazing, intricate results. No art experience required! Come make a Valentine heart drawing to give as a gift (or keep for yourself!). Ages 12 to adult. Limit 20. Registration required. Sponsored by the La Grange Park Friends of the Library.

### 3D Movie: Title TBA

Saturday, February 15, 2 p.m.

The 3D effects are eye-popping, the surround sound is cranked up and the popcorn is fresh when we show movies on our giant screen! Check [lplibrary.org](http://lplibrary.org) in January for title. Please register to reserve your 3D glasses. Limit 12.



## 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 13 *Before Midnight* (2013, dir. Richard Linklater; 109 min.) Occasional lovers Jesse and Céline meet again in the conclusion to the series that began with Film Group favorites *Before Sunrise* and *Before Sunset*.


December 27 *Frances Ha* (2013, dir. Noah Baumbach; 86 min.) This comedy, from the writer-director of Film Group favorite *The Squid and the Whale*, follows a young woman with wildly unrealistic career expectations.

January 10 *The Act of Killing* (2012, dir. Joshua Oppenheimer; 115 min.) Indonesian death squad members reenact their killings in this strange, disturbing documentary.

January 24 *Mea Maxima Culpa* (2012, dir. Alex Gibney; 106 min.) A Catholic priest who abused deaf children, and the hierarchy that let this occur, are examined in this powerful documentary.

February 7 *Happy People* (2010, dir. Werner Herzog; 90 min.) This fascinating documentary explores the lives, mostly untouched by the modern world, of an indigenous people in remote Siberia.

February 21 *Ain't Them Bodies Saints* (2013, dir. David Lowery; 96 min.) An escaped convict crosses Texas in search of his wife and daughter in this gorgeously photographed drama, reminiscent of the films of Terrence Malick.



### Tech Tutors

Confused by Kindle? Weirdered out by Windows 8? Stymied by smart-phones? Sign up for 30 minutes with one of our tech tutors. Limited slots are available weekly. Registration required. Call us at 708-352-0100 or visit the Reference Desk to arrange a session.

## 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.

### Introduction to Windows 8

Tuesday, December 17, 11 a.m.

Thursday, December 19, 6 p.m.

If you aren't unable to wrap your brain around Windows 8 despite being comfortable with previous versions, this class will help set you straight. Learn how to use the new Start screen, mouse gestures, hot corners and charms to get the most out of this operating system.

### Ereader/Tablet Workshop

Thursday, January 9, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, January 14, 11 a.m.

Do you have a new Kindle, Nook or iPad? 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

Tuesdays, February 4 and 11, 11 a.m.

Thursdays, February 6 and 13, 6 p.m.

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

## What's New!

*The Sisters Weiss* by Naomi Ragen

*Quiet Dell* by Jayne Anne Phillips

*Three Can Keep a Secret* by Archer Mayor

*The Wrong Girl* by Hank Phillippi Ryan

*Mortal Bonds* by Michael Sears

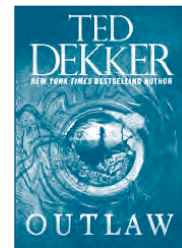
*The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt

*Outlaw* by Ted Dekker

*Sworn Sword* by James Aitcheson

*The Spymistress* by Jennifer Chiaverini

*The Spanish Queen* by Carolly Erickson



## Save the Date! March 1, 2014 Destination: Trivia

by Laurie Whitman, Library Trustee

Way down yonder in  
La Grange Park,  
In the land of books  
and dreams...

Our second annual Trivia Night will have a travel theme. With Mardi Gras just days away, we will have some N'awlins, Dixieland and maybe voodoo fun in the mix.



Last year's attendance was at capacity. It was a first trivia night for many, and by all accounts it was a great time. There will once again be raffle prizes, a bake sale, snacks (with points!) for sale and interesting questions supplied by our knowledgeable staff. New this year, we are planning a VIP Suite where your group of eight or ten will be treated to dinner and drinks. Proceeds will go to the Children's Department for technology upgrades.

So, gather your teams and mark your calendars. Watch for ticket information and more details in the next newsletter and on the Library website.

*Stop! Oh! Won't you join us for a night at our bibliotheque...  
Way down yonder in La Grange Park.*

## Ending a Great Year, Looking Forward to 2014

by Joan Marino, President

Thanks to community members who have joined the Friends, and to the success of the Bookshop, we have donated \$10,500 to the Library so far this year! We'll be summarizing all that we have been able to do this past year in the next newsletter, but you can find many of the programs and services we support mentioned in each issue.

Most recently, our donations made it possible for the Library to add the *Tutor.com* service and purchase the necessary equipment for the new Genealogy Corner.

You do not have to volunteer your time to be a member of the Friends. Membership is only \$10 a year for individuals, \$5 for senior adults or \$25 for families. Or, you may choose Lifetime membership at \$200. A Friends of the Library Membership is an ideal holiday gift for children or adults alike! Membership forms are available in the Bookshop or at the Circulation Desk.

Just as in life, we can never have enough Friends! We hope you will join us in supporting our wonderful Library.

## AARP Tax Aide Program Looking for Volunteers

The largest free tax preparation and assistance service in the nation is looking for volunteers to help prepare tax returns during the upcoming filing season. All returns are prepared utilizing computer software. Training classes will be held in late January 2014. Sign up at [aarp.org/taxaide](http://aarp.org/taxaide).

## Friends of the Library Bookshop

### Bargain Holiday Shopping! New Year Resolutions!

Who needs Black Friday when you can avoid the crowds and get great holiday gifts at bargain prices every day, right in the Library! We have a wide selection of gently-used hardcover and paperback books, movies, puzzles, magazines and more. Meet your New Year goals with our self-help, diet and exercise books.

#### 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

*(Please donate your gently used books, magazines, CDs and DVDs. If needed, arrangements can be made for pickup by calling 708-352-0100, or contact Joan Marino, President of the Friends, at [friends@lplibrary.org](mailto:friends@lplibrary.org)).*

Friends of the  
Library

## Meet Izzy Donile



*How long have you been visiting La Grange Park Public Library?*

I have been coming to this Library since I moved here, which was in third grade. I'm a sophomore now at Lyons Township High School. I'm in the Social Action Club. Right now we are working on "Feed My Starving Children." We pack food for children from areas where they don't have the supplies and materials they need.

*What do you like best about the Library?*

I like the people and the books. You have so many nice people here that actually care and work hard at what they do. I'm really grateful for that. When you're here, the staff recognizes you and are really nice to you.

*What Library services do you use?*

I come here for everything – books, movies, music.

*Do you prefer a physical book or an ereader?*

Physical. I love to feel the pages. I couldn't do an ereader.

*What is your favorite book and why?*

My favorite series is *The Mortal Instruments*. They were just made into a movie. I like how the characters are so in-depth and there's so much action. It makes my imagination go everywhere, imagining new things. It's really cool.

*What is a new book you're excited to read?*

*Allegiant* by Veronica Roth. It's the third one in the *The Mortal Instruments* series.

*Do you read books before they come out as movies?*

Yes, I do. I couldn't watch a movie and then read the book.

*What is your favorite thing about reading?*

My imagination. It goes everywhere. I like the thickness of a book because then I know I have more pages to read. I love it.

## neighbor news

### Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service Blood Drive at La Grange Library

Celebrate the spirit of Dr. King by donating blood. The Heartland blood mobile will be at the La Grange Public Library on Monday, January 20 from 3:30-7:30 p.m. Donation takes about one hour. Please contact the La Grange Library at 708-215-3200 by January 14 to make your appointment. You must be 16 years or older to donate.



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

## books alive

*Book Discussion Group*  
2 p.m.

Our winter selections are set in Canada, an Ojibwe reservation in North Dakota and Charlotte, North Carolina. Books are available one month before the meetings. All are welcome to attend.

December 17 *Runaway* by Alice Munro

This extraordinary collection of short stories by this year's Nobel Prize winner for literature is themes on love betrayals and surprises. Judges called her "a master of the contemporary short story."

January 21 *The Round House: A Novel* by Louise Erdrich

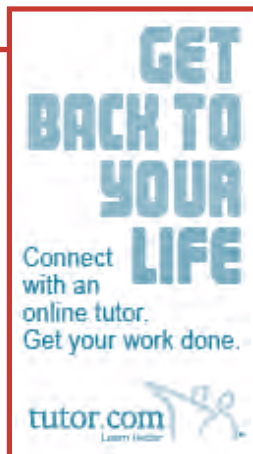
In this National Book Award winner, Erdrich returns to familiar territory, North Dakota's Ojibwe reservation, as a family deals with a violent crime. This coming of age story is told from the son's perspective, as his family tries to heal and seek justice.

February 18 *Lookaway, Lookaway: A Novel* by Wilton Barnhardt

Scandal seems to follow the Johnston family, as their unforgettable matriarch strives to pull it all together. This sharp and satiric book looks at the new South and one desperate family's obsession with their failing image.

## We Have Fan Mail About Tutor.com!

Here's what a parent recently posted on our Facebook page: "My 8th grader just used *Tutor.com* to help with his algebra homework! What a great website! Thank you to the Library for this subscription. It is such a BIG help!"



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

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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.

## **The Big Read 2014**

*The Longest Road: Overland  
in Search of America, from  
Key West to the Arctic Ocean*  
by Philip Caputo



The 10<sup>th</sup> annual The Big Read! begins in March. The La  
Grange Park Library and eight other libraries in our area will  
be offering group discussions, movie nights, and music, art,  
history and travel programs to bring local residents together  
for conversations centered on one book.

*The Longest Road* is the story of the journey of the Caputos  
and their dogs as they traveled across America pulling an  
Airstream trailer. Plenty of copies will be available at the  
Library, so you'll have ample time to read the book before the  
fun begins. More information will be available in our spring  
newsletter, on our Facebook page and at [lplibrary.org](http://lplibrary.org).

## **Library Closings**

December 6 - In Service Day  
December 24-25 - Christmas Holiday  
December 31 - New Year's Eve  
January 1 - New Year's Day  
February 17 - Presidents Day