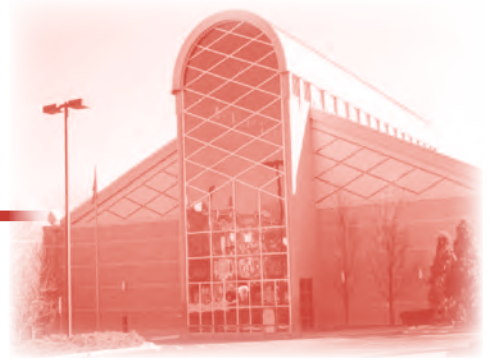


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Celebrate National Library Card Sign-up Month



September is National Library Card Sign-up Month. You probably already know that your library card gets you more than just books (and movies, and music, and games...). With a library card, you have 24/7 access to dozens of online resources for consumers, businesses, students, and more. Your card also allows you to download audiobooks and eBooks right to your mobile device or eReader and get live homework help for grades K-12.

Unfortunately, not everyone is aware of all the great benefits of having a

library card. It's hard to believe, but about 38% of La Grange Park residents aren't members of the Library! If you know one of these unlucky folks, fill out the form on page 8, give it to them, and send them to the Library. If they apply for a card you'll both be entered into our prize drawing! One iPad mini will be awarded as the grand prize. We'll also have lots of other rewards, including gift cards and travel mugs.

No referral? No problem! Check out five items and you'll get an entry.

Did You Know...

...that you have access to your library account 24/7? You can place holds (and cancel them), renew items, and pay fines on your computer or smartphone at your convenience. Simply visit lplibrary.org and click "LOG INTO YOUR ACCOUNT" (or visit bit.ly/LPPLD on your mobile device). Type in your name, library card number, and PIN. If you don't have a PIN, click "Submit" and you'll be prompted to create one. Give us a ring at 708-352-0100 if you have any questions.

spotlight

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It's potluck meets book discussion! Sign up at the Reference Desk, pick a tasty recipe from our enticing selection, and prepare it for the program. We'll sample good food and talk about what worked and what didn't.

Back to School with Tutor.com – Free with Your Library Card

Last year, nearly 200 people connected with live tutors at *Tutor.com*, the Library's award-winning, free online tutoring service. Most got help with science and math, but tutors are available for English and social studies, too! Help is available for grades K-12 from 3-10 pm, 7 days a week. What can *Tutor.com* help you with this fall? Log in at lplibrary.org on your computer or mobile device and find out!

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children's programs

Registration for all of our programs starts on Tuesday, September 2nd. Sign up at the Children's Desk, online at lplibrary.org, or by calling 708-352-0100.



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:

Classic Cinemas
Enchanted Castle
Fannie May of La Grange
Schaumburg Boomers
Baseball
La Grange Park
Jewel-Osco

We'd like to give special thanks to the La Grange Park Friends of the Library for donating the wonderful prize books.

After-School Programs

Monday Kids Club

Kids Club returns to the Library every Monday at 4 pm for kids in grades K-3! Sign up for each of these great weekly activities.

Crafty Kids

September 8, October 6, and November 3

Crafty Miss Kerry is very creative! She offers an easy, make-and-take craft on a seasonal theme.

Books and Brownies

September 15, October 13, and November 10

Like books? How about baking? Join Miss Margaret and see what she's making! Mix up something yummy, then read and discuss an easy chapter book from our collection.

Mad Science Mondays

September 22, October 20, and November 17

Will this be the year that we blow up the building? Sign up and find out! Freaky science experiments and weird effects.

Brick Builders

September 29, October 27, and November 24

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.

Thursdays Just Got Cool

Big kids have lots of new reasons to love the Library on Thursdays at 4 pm!

Don't Be Board

September 4, October 2, and November 6

Chess, checkers, Magic, Monopoly, any kind of game – as long as it's analog! Grades 4-12.

Flying Needles

September 11, October 9, and November 13

Learn to knit, purl, and create something all your own. Needles, yarn, and instructions will be provided. Experienced knitters are welcome, too. Register once for the fall. Grades 4-6. Limit 6.

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September 18, October 16, and November 20

Play our PS3 and Wii U or bring your 3DS and connect with your friends in our new electronic gaming group. Grades 4-6.

Flying Needles Social

September 25 and October 23

Bring your needles, get a little coaching (if needed), and work on your latest project. Sign up for this program, or just drop in with a friend. Grades 4-12.

Fall Story Times

Our 10-week fall Story Time session begins the week of September 15th. Register one time for the entire session. Babies through Kindergarten-ers are sure to have a great time!

Preschool Story Time, Ages 3-Kindergarten

Tuesdays, 1:30 pm or Fridays, 10:15 am

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 or 11 am

Toddlers and their grown-ups will enjoy 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 am

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 pm

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

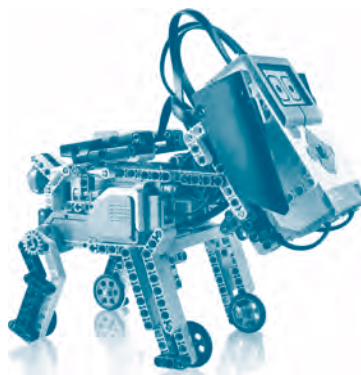
Come to the Library on the first Saturday of every month for one-time-only programs! This fall we'll create Ojibwe dreamcatchers, become Citizen Scientists, and literally clown around. Details are available at lplibrary.org.

Please sign up online
or at the
Reference Desk.

Timey-Wimey Club

(All Ages)

Calling all *Doctor Who* fans! Join us for monthly viewings of episodes. Check lplibrary.org for dates and times. Registration suggested.



Don't Be Board

(Grades 4-12)

Thursdays, September 4,
October 2, and November 6,
4 pm

Chess Club morphs into table and board gaming. Chess, checkers, Magic, Monopoly, any kind of game - as long as it's analog! Registration suggested.

Pixel Club

(Grades 7-12)

Fridays, September 5 and 19;
October 3, 17, and 31; and
November 14 and 28,
4:45 pm

With two laptops, XBOX 360, Wii U, PS3, 3DS, and iPad 2 there's always something for everyone. Halloween costumes strongly encouraged on October 31.

LEGO® Mindstorms

(Grades 7-12)

Mondays, September 8,
October 6, and November 3,
4:30 pm

Thanks to the generosity of the La Grange Park Friends of the Library, the YA Department is now the proud owner of a LEGO Mindstorms EV3. Help us build and program our tiny robot overlord! Registration required.

Anime Club

(Grades 7-12)

Wednesdays, September 17,
October 15, and
November 19, 6:30 pm
Anime and snacks. 'Nuff said! Registration suggested.

Flying Needles Social

(Grades 4 -12)

Thursdays, September 25
and October 30, 4 pm

Bring your needles, get a little coaching (if needed), and work on your latest project. Registration suggested.

Terribly Tasty Treats

(Grades 7-12)

Thursday, October 30,
6:30 pm

Marshmallow monsters and creepy cookies – yum! Let's decorate treats to get in the spirit of Halloween. Registration required.

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ACT Practice Test

(Grades 9-12)

Saturday, October 11, 1 pm
Kaplan Test Prep will provide proctored ACT practice tests and will return scores with analyzed results to students individually via phone/email. Parent/guardian contact info is required at check-in on test day. Registration required.

Getting Started in Genealogy

(Grades 7-Adult)

Presented by Grace DuMelle

Monday, October 6, 7 pm

Itching to explore your family history after watching a celebrity genealogy show? Get off on the right foot with this exciting lecture. You'll learn the top ten genealogy concepts and principles, including working backwards, talking to relatives, using the U.S. Census, and more. Registration suggested.



Mario Kart 8 Tournament

(All Ages)

Saturday, November 15,
2 - 4 pm

As part of International Games Day, we'll be hosting a Mario Kart 8 tourney. And yes, there will be a trophy! Registration required.

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”



You Can Brew It!

*Presented by Scott Pointon
Monday, September 8, 7 pm*

Do you enjoy quality craft beer? Home brewing is a fun and rewarding hobby enjoyed by millions of people worldwide. Award-winning home brewer Scott Pointon will discuss the equipment, ingredients, brewing process, and resources available to would-be brewmasters. Sponsored by the La Grange Park Friends of the Library.



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The Monuments Men

Monday, October 13, 7 pm

This movie tells the story of the men who rescued art treasures during World War II. Learn the true story of this special group of heroes in Jeff Mishur's lecture on October 20.



Monuments Men and Women: Saving Europe's Treasures

*Presented by Jeff Mishur
Monday, October 20, 7 pm*

The compelling story of how art historians, museum professionals, and military personnel worked to protect Europe's cultural treasures and repatriate stolen objects during and after World War II has inspired numerous books and films. This slide lecture deals with the complexity of the cultural climate in the 1930s and 1940s in order to explain why the efforts of the Monuments, Fine Arts, and Archives program were so urgently needed. Sponsored by the La Grange Park Friends of the Library.

3D Movie: *The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey*

*Saturday, October 25,
1:30 pm*

The 3D effects are astonishing, the surround sound is cranked up, and the popcorn is delicious when we show 3D movies on our giant screen. We'll help you catch up with the adventures of Bilbo Baggins and friends before the third Hobbit movie hits theaters in December. (We'll screen part two, *The Desolation of Smaug*, on December 6.) Please register to reserve your 3D glasses. Limit 12.

The 7 Keys to Writing the Perfect Query Letter

*Presented by Bret Nicholas
and Joe Duepos
Monday, November 3,
6:30 pm*

In May, Bret and Joe discussed the best methods for getting a book published. Now they return with the essential steps to crafting query letters that demand the attention of agents and publishers and ultimately lead to every author's dream: a published book! Sponsored by the La Grange Park Friends of the Library.

Yoga For Stress Reduction

*Presented by Donna Prenta
Sunday, November 2,
1:30 pm*

Are you feeling the pressure of the upcoming holidays? Or do you get burned out every year? You'll learn ways to reduce stress and make the holidays easier.

Dr. Vic's Health and Wellness Book Club

*Tuesdays, September 16,
October 21, and
November 18, 7 pm*

Want to look young, be fit, and have a brain like Einstein? Dr. Vic Manzo will lead discussions about books that will take you on a journey towards optimal health. Visit lplibrary.org for information on upcoming titles.

Our fall selections are set in Roman-occupied Britain and New York during the 1900s and 1980s. Books are available one month before the meeting. All are welcome to attend.

September 16 *Medicus : A Novel of the Roman Empire* by Ruth Downie

Gaius Petreius Ruso is a newly divorced, down-on-his luck army doctor transferred to a remote outpost with miserable weather and minimal supplies. In this engaging mystery, he becomes a reluctant detective after young women from the local bordello turn up dead.

October 21 *Mrs. Poe* by Lynn Cullen

Set in the fascinating world of the wealthy elite, this is the passionate tale of Frances Osgood, a New York writer who has an affair with Edgar Allan Poe while also acting as the confidante of his much younger wife.

November 18 *Tell The Wolves I'm Home* by Carol Rifka Brunt

This coming-of-age story is narrated by 14-year-old June Elbus, who loses the one person who truly understands her, her beloved uncle, to AIDS. An unlikely friendship blossoms in the wake of her loss.

What's New

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.

Blood Magick by Nora Roberts

The Bone Clocks by David Mitchell

Burning Room by Michael Connelly

Let Me Be Frank With You by Richard Ford

Paris Match by Stuart Wood

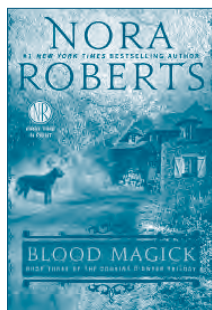
Personal: A Jack Reacher Novel by Lee Child

Revival by Stephen King

The Secret Place by Tana French

Somewhere Safe With Somebody Good: The New Mitford Novel by Jan Karon

The Three Body Problem by Cixin Liu



Subscribe to the Library eNewsletter

Of course you dutifully stow away the Library's newsletter for safekeeping and consult it on a regular basis, but there's an easier way to stay current with Library news. Sign up for our new eNewsletter at lplibrary.org, and we'll send weekly reminders about Library programs and services right to your email.

Computer and Technology Classes

Tech Tutors

iPad irritation? Wiggled out by Windows 8? Stymied by your smartphone? Sign up for a 30-minute session with one of our tech experts and we'll help you solve your electronic woes! Advance registration required at the Reference Desk or by calling 708-352-0100.

Tech Tutors on the Road

Bethlehem Woods, Saturday, October 11, 9 am-1 pm

Plymouth Place, Saturday, November 1, 9 am-1 pm

Can't make it to the Library? We'll be at local retirement communities for first-come, first-served tech tutoring.

Computer Classes

Five spaces are available for each of the following classes. Registration required at the Reference Desk or by calling 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 8.1

Thursday, September 11, 6 pm

Tuesday, September 30, 11 am

If you aren't able 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.

Internet Fundamentals

Thursday, October 16, 6 pm

Tuesday, October 21, 11 am

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

Clean up Your Inbox

Thursday, November 20, 6 pm

Tuesday, November 25, 11 am

Can't stay on top of important business because your inbox is filled with hundreds (or thousands) of emails? We'll show you how to keep up with the constant cascade of messages by using simple filters to automatically organize your email.

**"A library is a place vibrating
with ideas."**

— Nancy Kunhardt Lodge

Lorraine Kawalek Honored with Premiere of Play

By Laurie Whitman, Library Trustee



Del Ellison

Lorraine Kawalek was the first female trustee of the Village of La Grange Park. In later years, it was her vision to bring the fine arts to the community. She sponsored the Library's first Nadine's Festival of the Arts in 2004, in memory of her daughter.

On June 27, the Library held the world premiere of *Laughing with Courageous Thoughts*, a one-act play by Rob Melnyk. The performance

was sponsored by the Lorraine Kawalek Memorial Fund. Lorraine's daughter Nina welcomed the audience and talked about her mother's love of the arts.

This captivating play tells the true story of Ruth McCombs Harkness, embodied in spectacular fashion by television and stage actress Del Ellison. Harkness was briefly married to a man who died on a mission to bring the first giant panda to the United States. She abandoned her career in fashion and completed her husband's mission. The panda she captured, a cub named Su Lin, was given to the Brookfield Zoo in 1937.

The play, accompanied by a slideshow, kept the full house rapt. Audience members enjoyed learning about a little-known but exciting adventure. Ask at the Reference Desk if you're interested in reading more about Ruth Harkness.

The Library thanks Rob Melnyk and the Kawalek family for bringing this story to our community. If you'd like to support the arts in La Grange Park, visit lplibrary.org to donate to the Lorraine Kawalek Memorial Fund.

October 19-25 is National Friends of the Library Week

Celebrate by shopping at our Bookshop! We have a huge selection of books, movies, puzzles, and more, bargain priced from \$0.10-\$3. You're sure to find something great to take home today!

The Friends are an all-volunteer organization that supports the Library by sponsoring programming, donating equipment, and funding vital services, all with Bookshop proceeds.

The Bookshop is generally open the same hours as the Library. Knowledgeable volunteers are always ready to help. Donations of gently used books, recent magazines, DVDs, and CDs are accepted and arrangements can be made for pickup by calling 708-352-0100 or emailing friends@lplibrary.org.

Friends of the library



Take a seat and enjoy our beautiful new reading garden, planted by Girl Scout Morgan Kraus.

visit the Friends' Bookshop in the Library

Donated books, magazines, CDs, DVDs, and tapes are for sale at low prices! Proceeds support library programs and special services.

Located on the first floor (directly behind the elevator)
For more information: 708-352-0100

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Meet Joanna Kacprzynska and Amelia and Nicolas Bielko

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

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

Amelia: Since I was two. I'm almost eight so about six years.



What do you like best about the Library?

Amelia: Soccer books!

Joanna: What I like best is that the Library is very kid-friendly. Most of the books that we get from here are books for kids. Nicolas, who's four, likes the music CDs. I think the activity boxes are great. They're interactive, and they come with stories and little games. We just discovered them recently. Nicolas took one home on bugs.

Where are we most likely to find you when you're not at the Library?

Amelia: I was in Argentina and Brazil in June. In Brazil we went to a rainforest and saw two monkeys.

Joanna: I am a French teacher. We are from Poland, and when Amelia was little we used to go to Europe quite often.

Do you prefer a physical book or an eReader?

Amelia: A book.

Joanna: I'm really surprised at that answer! That is definitely my answer. I love to put sticky notes in them. It's real. It has a history. eBooks are probably practical when you're traveling.

What is your favorite thing about reading?

Joanna: I think it's becoming a part of the story. It takes you into a different world. You forget about all your problems, issues, and your daily routine. It's kind of like traveling too, without actually going anywhere.

Amelia: When I read, it doesn't remind me of my allergies.

Do you have any book recommendations?

Amelia: Soccer books and Geronimo Stilton books.

Joanna: Right now I'm reading *10 Mindful Minutes*, by Goldie Hawn and Wendy Holden. It teaches kids how to be happy through mindful activities. It's a great book because first it tells you a little bit about how the brain works in very simple terms, and then there's a series of exercises that you can do with kids to teach them mindfulness and how to deal with their emotions.

Film Discussion Group

Fridays, 7 pm

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.

September 5 *Locke* (2014, dir. Steven Knight; 85 min.) In this film, tremendous drama is created from nothing more than a man making a series of phone calls in his car. Tom Hardy gives a stunning performance.

September 19 *Under the Skin* (2013, dir. Jonathan Glazer; 108 min.) An alien wanders Scotland in this strange, thought-provoking science fiction film.

October 3 *Tim's Vermeer* (2013, dir. Teller; 80 min.) In this fascinating documentary, an engineer tests the theory that Johannes Vermeer used a camera obscura to create his famous paintings.

October 17 *Finding Vivian Maier* (2014, dir. John Maloof and Charlie Siskel; 83 min.) A previously unknown Chicago-based street photographer is rediscovered in this enthralling documentary.

October 31 *Only Lovers Left Alive* (2014, dir. Jim Jarmusch; 123 min.) Art (and, okay, a little blood) sustains the lives of vampires in this unusual, funny romance.

November 14 *Night Moves* (2014, dir. Kelly Reichardt; 112 min.) Radical environmentalists embark on a daring mission in this thriller from the director of Film Discussion Group favorites *Wendy and Lucy* and *Meek's Cutoff*.

November 28 *Blue Ruin* (2014, dir. Jeremy Saulnier, 90 min.) In this brutal film, a man makes a misguided attempt to avenge the murder of his parents.

neighbor news

La Grange Public Library Lonesome Eagle Returns!

Sunday, September 14, 3 pm

Lonesome Eagle is a local group specializing in contemporary and traditional folk music with rich three- and four-part harmonies accompanied by guitar, banjo, mandolin, and string bass. Call the La Grange Library at 708-215-3200 for more information. (5 min/ 50 max)



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

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

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Dixie Conkis, Executive Director
Joan Marino, President, La Grange Park Friends of the Library
Gabe Oppenheim, Newsletter Editor
Andrea Barnish, Red Street Studio, Newsletter design

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.

Library Closings

Monday, September 1 – Labor Day
Thursday, November 27 – Thanksgiving

Popular Movies Now Available on Library's Roku Box

Looking for a quick entertainment fix? Try the Library's new Roku 3, which lets you stream over 160 recent movies and TV shows to any HDMI-equipped television. Any adult La Grange Park Library cardholder may check out the Roku for one week. Visit the Reference Desk to browse the movie selection and reserve the device.

National Library Card Sign-up Month Refer a La Grange Park Resident for a Chance to Win an iPad mini™!

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Phone: _____

Email: _____

Turn in at the Circulation Desk September 1-30