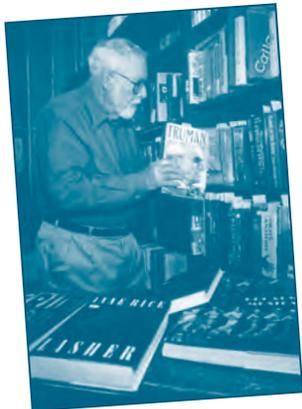


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Happy 40th Anniversary La Grange Park Public Library District!



Jerry Reavley, chairman of the La Grange Park Friends of the Library preparing for the Friends' Book Sale. *Suburban Life* 1/6/96.

On May 10, 1975 La Grange Park residents voted in favor of establishing the La Grange Park Library District. That summer, the first La Grange Park Public Library made its debut in a bookmobile supplied by the Suburban Library System. It made stops at St. Louise de Marillac, Stone-Monroe Park, Jackson and Barnsdale, and the Jewel parking lot. Join us the week for

June 14-20 to celebrate our 40th anniversary and have some fun looking back at, or learning about, 1975!

1970s Crafts Drop-In All Ages

Sunday, June 14, 1-5 pm
Macramé, decoupage, quilling... they're all back for one afternoon only. Drop in to try your hand at some of the most popular crafts of 1975.

Connecting Children With Their Past

**Presented by Jennifer Holik
Monday, June 15, 7 pm**

What was your family up to in 1975? Jennifer Holik will teach 4th-12th graders and their parents, grandparents, or guardians how to start researching family history. Learn how to complete the charts required for your re-

search and hear stories about locating additional information on your family. Sponsored by the La Grange Park Friends of the Library.



Books Alive! Book Discussion **Tuesday, June 16, 2 pm**

Ragtime by E. L. Doctorow
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Wheel of Fortune and Rubik's Cube Tournament All ages

Wednesday, June 17, 4-7 pm

The Wheel of Fortune and the Rubik's Cube turn forty this year, too! Compete in a Wheel of Fortune tournament and a Rubik's Cube solving contest. Afterwards, head to Memorial Park to

listen to the Saturday Night June Band play for the Park District's Music Under the Stars series. There will be prizes, pizza and maybe even a Rubik's Cube solving robot to compete against.

Children's Movie: Escape to Witch Mountain **Thursday, June 18, 2 pm**

Kids can get an idea of what movies were like before the age of CGI, Netflix,

VCRs and DVDs in this rated G movie from 1975. Two mysterious orphan children have extraordinary powers and are chased by a scheming millionaire. But where do these kids really call home?

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children's programs



Be a Math Hero! Bedtime Math's Summer of Numbers 2015

When you sign up for our Summer Reading Program, ask for a Summer of Numbers constellation chart and some star stickers. Bedtime Math posts a new math problem every night on their website or free app. Each time you do a Bedtime Math problem, add a star to your chart. During the last week in July, bring your chart back to the library for a special prize. Bedtime Math – the perfect sidekick to Summer Reading!

Volunteers Needed

Need service hours? Like working with little kids? Volunteer in the Children's Department! Students entering 6th grade and up can sign up in May to help out with our Summer Reading Program in June and July. Work at the Service Desk, assist with our activities, or do odd jobs for the staff – it's all important work, and we need you! Get more information at the Children's Desk.

We're flying high in the Children's Department in June and July!

Our Legendary Summer Reading Program

Swoop down to the Children's Department starting Monday, June 1 to register for a summer of epic reading and fun. Babies through 5th graders can sign up, set a goal, and receive a reading log. Starting June 15, come to the library to report your progress, and win a different prize from our treasure chest each week. Everyone who reaches their reading goal by July 24 will get a final prize, be entered in our drawing, and receive an invitation to our Summer Party on July 28, which will feature the The Art of Inflation, with master balloonist Dale Obrachta.



There will also be weekly contests, surprises, and a full schedule of activities for children, including story times for babies, toddlers and preschoolers, programs for grade-school kids, movies, and crafts. Details will be available in the Children's Department and online in May.

KEEP READING ALL SUMMER LONG

Studies have proven again and again the advantages of encouraging kids to read over the summer. Current research proves that increased summer reading reduces summer learning loss. We see proof of this every year! In addition to our Summer Reading Program, we offer these chances for kids to keep up their reading skills over the summer:

Book Buddies is a 6-week program that gives beginning readers going into 1st through 3rd grades a chance to practice and improve their skills while reading with an older student (5th grade and up). Book Buddies sessions are scheduled weekly or bi-weekly during the same period as the Summer Reading Program, and time reading together counts toward your program goals for both participants. Sign up between May 18th and June 9th to be paired with a buddy, and get ready to read!

Read to the Dogs

Certified therapy dogs visit the Library every Friday from 10:30 to 11:30 to listen as you read to them. Beginning readers can sign up for 15-minute time periods to read to our friendly four-footed friends. Sign up in person or by calling the Children's Desk at 708-352-0100. Registration begins one week before each event.

Read to the Guinea Pig

A friendly guinea pig, on loan from CatNap From the Heart, will be on hand all summer so that children can read to him and earn a special sticker. Last year's guinea pig, Garcia, captured all of our hearts! Will this year's pig be special, too?

Planning a trip this summer?



Whether you're traveling near or far, send us a postcard from your vacation destination! Or, take along our summer mascot, Stan Flatley, and send us a photo of him while you're gone. When you return home, come to the Children's Department to see your destination on our giant map, and we'll give you a special prize. And, remember, you can participate in the Summer Reading Program from anywhere in the world by logging into our website to report your reading progress. The Children's Services staff can give you all the details when you register.

Safe Sitter® Training Class

Designed for 11 to 15 year olds, the Safe Sitter® babysitter training course teaches infant and child care, leadership and problem-solving skills, safety and emergency management, and business skills. We are offering Safe Sitter® classes on Mondays and Tuesdays, 1-5 pm, during the weeks of June 8, 15, 22, and July 6. There will be a fee for this program; *participants must attend both sessions in the same week* to be certified. Register in person at the Children's Desk starting Monday, June 1.

Sign up by phone at
708-352-0100, at
[lplibrary.org](http://library.org), or at the
Children's Desk.

Every Hero Has a Story at the La Grange Park Library (Grades 7-12)

Sign-up begins Monday, June 1
Join the Young Adult Summer Reading Program from Monday, June 8 to Friday, July 24. Read anything and everything for a total of 12 hours to win a prize. A complete list of activities will be available at sign-up.



Pixel Club (Grades 7-12)

Fridays, June 12, July 10 & 24, August 7 & 21,
4:45-6 pm
With an XBOX 360, Wii U, PS3, 3DS and iPad2 there's always something for everyone. Registration suggested.

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The Making of a Super Hero: The Class (Grades 6-12)

Saturday, July 11, 12:30 pm
In this class students will learn the basics of drawing their own superhero. Some time will also be devoted to creating villains and an environment for their unique story. Students are encouraged to bring some of their favorite comic books to use for inspiration. Registration required.



La Grange Park Library MiniCon (All Ages)

Saturday, July 11, 12-4 pm
Join us for an afternoon of pop culture fun! We'll have anime, Doctor Who, games, photo booth pictures, prizes, snacks, and more. Stop by the Library for a full list of activities.

Save the Monarchs (Grades 7-12)

The North American monarch butterfly population has decreased so dramatically that they have a "near threatened" status. This summer, the YA Department will raise monarchs to adulthood, and then release them for their migration. Volunteers are needed to help feed them and clean their habitat. If interested, please ask Sam for more information.

Please sign up for programs at lplibrary.org or at the Reference Desk.



Anime Club (Grades 7-12)

Wednesdays, July 15 and August 19, 7 pm
Anime and snacks! 'Nuff said! Registration suggested.

Timey-Wimey Club (All Ages)

Mondays, June 22, July 27, and August 24, 7 pm
Calling all Doctor Who fans! Join us for a monthly viewing of Doctor Who episodes. Registration suggested.

Teen Advisory Board (Grades 7-12)

Mondays, June 15, July 20, and August 17, 5 pm
Teen Advisory Board is back! The Young Adult Department will undergo some exciting changes this year and your help is needed. Be ready to discuss furniture, books, games, music, movies, and, of course, food! Registration suggested.

All the places you can find the YA Department online

1. Library website – lplibrary.org/teens
2. Facebook – Search for “La Grange Park Public Library Teen Department”
3. Instagram – [instagram.com/lplya](https://www.instagram.com/lplya)
4. Tumblr – lplya.tumblr.com

Please register for programs in person, at lplibrary.org, or by calling 708-352-0100.

3D Movie: *Edge of Tomorrow*

Saturday, June 6, 2 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. Tom Cruise heroically battles invading aliens, dies (repeatedly!), and regenerates in this hilarious and action-packed movie. If *Groundhog Day* and *Starship Troopers* fell in love, this movie would be their baby! Please register to reserve your 3D glasses. Limit 12.

Medicare Seminar

Presented by Bill Scanlon
Thursday, June 11, 6:30 pm

Open to all ages. Especially important for those approaching age 65, or already 65 and over. Learn about Medicare changes, how to select the best Medicare Supplement Plan and Part D Drug Plan, how to avoid making a mistake in selecting a plan, and learn about the lowest cost Medicare Plan.

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Funky Foods of the 1970s

Presented by Amy Alessio

Thursday, June 18, 7 pm

Travel back to the '70s when our Library was founded for a taste of groovy foods including carrot cake, Watergate salad, and Green Goddess everything. Audience members will enjoy a snack and leave with recipes. Sponsored by the La Grange Park Friends of the Library

Local Author: Ann Marie Walker

Thursday, July 9, 7 pm

Ann Marie Walker, La Grange Park Resident and co-author of the *Chasing Fire Trilogy*, will share her tale and answer questions about getting published.

Cookbook Club

The Barbeque! Bible by Steven Raichlen

Thursday, July 16, 6 pm

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. Our first-ever BBQ book sports lots of classic American and international recipes perfect for summer grilling (and plenty of sides and desserts for anyone who isn't a grill master). Register in person by July 9.



Art Appreciation 101

Presented by Jeff Mishur

Wednesday, July 22, 7 pm

Are you a fan of art but uncertain how to talk about it? Do you want to understand more about a painting or sculpture than what the label on the wall tells you? In this slide lecture, Jeff Mishur offers an introduction to the appreciation of art. He will discuss how to analyze how an artwork is "built" out of colors, lines, and similar visual components. He will also discuss basic design principles. Sponsored by the La Grange Park Friends of the Library.

Movie Special: *Laura*

Monday, August 3, 7 pm

This 1944 film starring Dana Andrews and Gene Tierney was nominated for 5 Academy Awards. Come view this classic film noir on our big screen.

AARP Defensive Driving Class

Monday, August 3 and

Tuesday, August 4, 12-4 pm

If you are 50 years of age or older, you will want to attend this two day, eight hour class presented by AARP to freshen up your driving skills. Many automobile insurance companies offer discounted rates to those who have earned this certificate. The class will take place on Monday, August 3rd and Tuesday, August 4th in the Community Room from 12:00pm to 4:00pm. There is a cost of \$20.00 per person for materials (\$15.00 per person for AARP members). We need a minimum of 10 people to offer the class. We have room for a maximum of 20 people. Please call the Library at (708) 352-0100 to register.

Adult Summer Reading Program Every Hero Has a Story

June 1 - July 31

If you're 18 and up, pick up a tic-tac-toe sheet and join in the fun of reading this summer. Read three books that fit the categories either vertically, horizontally, or diagonally during June and July. Return the sheet to the Library by August 8th to be entered in a prize drawing. The more you read, the more times you can enter. Books can be print, audio or digital. Don't let the kids have all the fun!

Anniversary Events

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Thursday, June 18, 7 pm

Enjoy travelling back in this program featuring groovy foods including carrot cake, Watergate Salad and Green Goddess everything. Audience members will enjoy a snack and leave with recipes.

Flashback to 1975 Birthday Party
All Ages

Friday, June 19, 6-9 pm

Join us for our 40th anniversary bash. Wear your best polyester outfit, join in on a scavenger hunt, and enjoy an ice cream social (and birthday cake, of course!). We'll have music of the era and a disco ball, as well as giveaways and prizes.

All week long

Bookmobile Tours

We're returning to our roots but with a modern twist. We'll be making stops around town in a bookmobile during our anniversary week. If you spot us, take a tour, download some digital titles in our "digital bookmobile", register for a library card, and take a walk down memory lane.

Pet Rock Craft

Relive the Pet Rock craze of 1975 and decorate your own in the Children's Department.

Exhibit

Stop by the Library any time during the week to view an exhibit in our second floor gallery that showcases some highlights of the last 40 years. We'll have snacks in the Library all week long, so grab some and share some of your own memories of the Library from the past 40 years.

Giveaway

Drive into the digital age by using #lpl40 when you post to social media from any of our anniversary events and you could win a prize! A winner will be picked at random from all the tagged posts we see.



The Children's Department has added MUZZY, the world's #1 language course for children, to our collection of online services! Developed by the BBC, MUZZY is a fun and effective way to learn a new language, and it's great for children of all ages. MUZZY teaches English, French, Spanish, German, Portuguese, Chinese, Russian, and Italian. Connecting to MUZZY is super-easy. Just click on the link on the Children's Page of our website at lplibrary.org. Give it a try!



A traveling library

Edward Williams, a member of the La Grange Park library committee, talks with Ann Duncan of the Suburban Library System about some of the material offered in the system's bookmobile. The traveling library visits various locations in suburbs without their own libraries. The library committee is sponsoring a trip by the bookmobile to La

Grange Park on Sunday for village residents. It will be open for touring from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Memorial Park Field House, 132 E. Oak st. The committee hopes to acquaint residents with some of the service a library would bring to the village before the May 10 library referendum. The bookmobile will return to the village Sunday, May 4.

Bookmobile interior, 1975

neighbor news

Move to the Rhythm: Zumba Gold for Adults

*Wednesday, June 17 and Wednesday,
July 15, 10-10:45 am*

Featuring Latin and International rhythms, this lively, low impact aerobic class is designed for the active, mature participant, regardless of fitness level, as well as those just starting their fitness journey – no dance experience required! Your heart will pump and your energy will soar as we salsa, merengue, cumbia and hip-hop our way into shape. The music is zesty and routines easy to learn. Zumba is fitness and fun for the mind, body and soul! Please register through the La Grange Library at 708-215-3200. (5 min/ 20 max)



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

Our summer selections are set in turn of the 20th century New York, Australia and future America. Books are available one month before the meeting. All are welcome to attend.

June 16 *Ragtime* by E. L. Doctorow

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July 21 *The Rosie Project* by Graeme C. Simsion

Don Tillman is a brilliant geneticist looking for a wife. He is having potential candidates fill out sixteen page questionnaires in his pursuit of a perfect life partner. His world is turned upside-down when Rosie, who doesn't meet any of his requirements, walks into his office. This is a funny book about being comfortable with who you are and what you do.

August 16 *The Word Exchange* by Alena Graedon

This bibliothriller explores the dangers of technology, where books and libraries have become archaic, replaced by smart phones in a web-reliant 22nd century. The future is terrifying because it is so believable. Will the printed word endure? If you are a lover of words and thrillers, you'll enjoy this book.

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1. Hit the Fax/Scan button
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4. Hit the Start button

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The Bookshop is generally open the same hours as the Library. Knowledgeable volunteers are always available to help you, and sales support the Library. Last year, the Friends donated \$16,250 to the Library, sponsored over a dozen great programs, contributed to the subscription cost of the *Tutor.com* service, and purchased the new aquarium in the Children's Department, among other things.

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Computer and Technology Classes

Tech Tutors

Confused by your computer? Flummoxed by Facebook? Puzzled by Pinterest? 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, July 25, 9 am-1 pm

Plymouth Place, Saturday, August 15, 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, to teach you everything from how to use your touchscreen device to how to download free eBooks from the Library.

Computer Classes

We're taking a break from computer classes this summer, but they'll return in the fall. Talk to us at the Reference Desk by July 15 to let us know what kinds of classes you'd like to see.

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.

June 12 *Goodbye to Language 3D* (2014, dir. Jean-Luc Godard; 70 min.) This experimental film, from one of the masters of the French New Wave, features some of the most innovative and playful uses of 3D cinema. **Please register in advance to reserve your pair of 3D glasses. Limit 12.**

June 26 (No film)

July 10 *Inherent Vice* (2014, dir. Paul Thomas Anderson; 148 min.) A hippie detective investigates a kidnapping scheme and finds himself embroiled in a widening conspiracy in 1970s Los Angeles in this hilarious movie.

July 24 *The Long Goodbye* (1973, dir. Robert Altman; 112 min.) This classic film noir follows Raymond Chandler's Marlowe as he navigates a complex plot through contemporary Los Angeles.

August 7 *Mr. Turner* (2014, dir. Mike Leigh; 150 min.) Splendid cinematography and an outstanding performance by Timothy Spall heighten this biopic about British painter J.M.W. Turner.

August 21 *Timbuktu* (2013, dir. Abderrahmane Sissako; 97 min.) Jihadists interrupt daily life in Mali in this moving, frequently humorous film.

Every Hero Has a Story

by Laurie Whitman, Library Trustee

Heroes come in all shapes and sizes; some two-legged and some four-legged. A hero can be a community worker, a special teacher, a parent, a superhero, anyone who does something special. An act of heroism can be something small, like a smile on a dreary day or saving a life. With this year's Summer Reading Program theme "Every Hero has a Story" I thought I would share a particularly interesting novel about a hero.

It is a story about a dog. If you are not a dog lover, this book will still touch your heart. Written by humorist W. Bruce Cameron, *A Dog's Purpose* is a novel about just that: a dog, through many lives tries to discover what his purpose is. He learns valuable lessons along the way. Told from the dog's perspective, it is a unique twist on a heartwarming dog story.

Cameron also has recently released *Ellie's Story*, an illustrated novel adapted from *A Dog's Purpose* for young readers. There is a comprehensive reader's guide in *Ellie's Story* complete with questions for discussion and activities based upon what dogs do for humans and our community.

As summer gets underway, both adults and children can enjoy this enchanting look at life. So stop and pet a dog or two... you never know, they may know you from one of their past lives.

New Fiction- Summer 2015

Finders Keepers by Stephen King

The Truth According to Us by Annie Barrows

The Marriage of Opposites by Alice Hoffman

Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee

Kitchens of the Great Midwest: A Novel by J. Ryan Stradal

I Take You by Eliza Kennedy

Saint Mazie by Jamie Attenberg

The English Spy by Daniel Silva

The Girl in the Spider's Web: A Lisbeth Salander Novel by David Lagercrantz

The Nature of the Beast by Louise Penny

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Around Town

Looking for even MORE fun things to do this summer?
Check out the Park District's summer catalog at communityparkdistrict.org or visit a local farmers' market. You'll
find produce in La Grange at La Grange Road and Harris on
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Library Closings

Saturday, July 4 – Independence Day