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welcome!

It doesn't seem possible that 2017 is nearing an end, but you can be sure 2018 will be full of incredible life-enriching opportunities for our La Grange Park residents. As I read through the events planned for the winter months, I am amazed at what our staff has cooked up! Get ready to put on your hat and mittens and venture over to the library, because you will not want to miss the programs we have waiting for you.



Reflecting on 2017, I'm reminded of some of my favorite library moments. Certainly the eclipse that happened in August was a busy and eventful time, as hundreds of people streamed through our doors in search of glasses to view the incredible cosmic event. Launching our new website was a proud achievement for many staff who worked for months on getting the updated version ready to be deployed. We loved participating in the Village Birthday Party in July and hosting several events throughout the year about the history of La Grange Park.

We hope you will resolve to make the library a regular part of your life this coming year. Happy Holidays from all of us at the library!

Kate Buckson
Executive Director

Library Closings

December 24 and December 25
December 31 and January 1

holiday wish list

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

If you choose items from our Wish List, we will place a bookplate with your message in each item purchased. We will send a card to those you designate for Memorial or Honor gifts. For more information about what we offer and to donate, please visit lplibrary.org. Thank you for helping us enrich lives in our community!

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adult programs

Paint & Sip

Thursday, January 18, 7 pm

Create a beautiful seasonal painting with local artist, Carol Melnyk. Light refreshments will be served and all materials are provided. Registration is required. Limit 15. *Sponsored by the La Grange Park Friends of the Library.*

Meditation Class

Ages 16 – Adult

Mondays, December 18, January 15,
and February 19, 7 pm

Join us for this monthly class led by a Garden of Yoga instructor. *Registration suggested.*

Al Capone and the 1933 World's Fair

Monday, December 4, 7 pm

Learn about an exciting chapter of Chicago history from author William Hazelgrove. You will thrill to the tale of the Secret Six, a group of businessmen tasked with exterminating organized crime before the World's Fair began. *Sponsored by the La Grange Park Friends of the Library.*



BYOB Board Gaming Night

Friday, January 19 7-9 pm

Board games have come a long way from Monopoly and Scrabble. Stop by the library to try some of ours, or bring your own to share. Feel free to bring along a bottle or two of your favorite beer or wine as well! Attendees must be at least 21.

Cartoon Confidential

Monday, February 5, 7 pm

Learn about the secret life of professional cartoonist extraordinaire, Mark Anderson. He'll use tons of hilarious cartoons to expose his mysterious path to a cartooning career, the undisclosed process of writing captions, and classified information on drawing. Come and listen, or bring paper and pencil and draw along; it's up to you! *Sponsored by the La Grange Park Friends of the Library.*

Pressure Cooking by My Kitchen Clatter

Monday, February 12, 7 pm

Pressure cookers like the Instant Pot[®] are sure to be hot sellers this holiday season. In this class, Chef Andrea Pracht will show how to significantly cut cooking time by using these safe appliances. *Sponsored by the La Grange Park Friends of the Library.*

adult programs

Technology

Basic Computing

Thursday, January 11, 6 pm or Tuesday, January 16, 11 am

This hands-on class will help you get comfortable using Windows computers to create files, send emails, and browse the internet. Registration required.

Tech Tutors on the Road

Plymouth Place, Tuesday, December 5, 1-5 pm and Saturday, February 17, 9 am - 1 pm

Bethlehem Woods, Saturday, January 6, 9 am - 1 pm

We'll be at local retirement communities to offer first-come, first-served help with technology troubles.

Book a Librarian

Get one-on-one help with job applications, your technology maladies, or other projects from one of our gurus. Call to make an appointment.

Job Seeker Group Photo Session

Thursday, February 15, 7 pm

Drop in and get tips on resumes, job searches, and more from a valuable source: others in the job market. We'll also have equipment on hand to help you update your profile photo for LinkedIn and other sites.



Stay Safe on the Internet

Thursday, February 8, 7 pm

Massive data breaches like the one experienced by Equifax may get splashy headlines, but confidential data is hacked every day. We'll give you tips on keeping your private information private.

Mobile Hotspots: Check out the Internet

Travelling for the holidays? Home internet wonky? Check out one of our mobile hotspots to get high speed WiFi on up to 10 devices.

The Sisters of Saint Joseph in La Grange Park

Wednesday, December 13, 7 pm

The Sisters of Saint Joseph arrived in La Grange Park in 1899 and have been an integral part of the community ever since. Join us as Mary Lou Pleitner, CSJ talks about the past, present and future of the thriving campus on Ogden.

Senior Corner

Medicare Seminar

Saturday, December 9, 10:30 am

This program is especially important for those approaching age 65, or who are already age 65 or older. Learn about Medicare changes, how to select the best and lowest cost Medicare Supplement and Part D drug plans, and how to avoid making mistakes when selecting plans. Presented by Bill Scanlon.

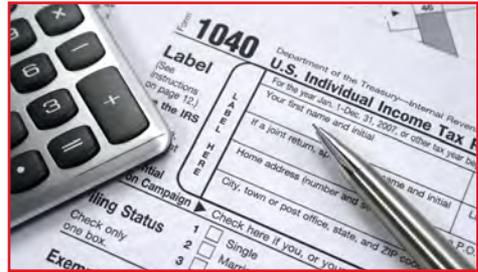
Memory Matters

Wednesday, January 10, 2 pm

Jackie Raschke, Certified Dementia Practitioner, will discuss the steps you can take to prevent the onset of Alzheimer's disease and other dementia. There is a lot you can do to protect your brain now through exploration of lifestyle and habit.

FamilySearch Genealogical Records

Expanded access to FamilySearch's vast collection of digitized records is now available in the library. Simply visit familysearch.org while connected to the library's WiFi.



AARP Tax Aide

*Thursdays, February 15 - April 12,
10:15 am - 3 pm*

Volunteers from AARP will assist seniors and low-income taxpayers with their taxes. Call the library at 708-352-0100 beginning in mid-January to schedule an appointment.

AARP Tax Volunteers Needed

Looking for a rewarding opportunity to make a difference in your community? AARP is now seeking volunteers for 2018. It's not necessary to be an AARP member nor have an accounting background. However, some knowledge of your personal tax matters and basic computer literacy are helpful. Training classes will be held in January, 2018. To volunteer, visit www.aarp.org/taxvolunteer.

discussion groups

Books Alive! Book Discussion Group

Books are available one month before the meeting.

Tuesday, December 19, 2 pm

The Devil's Cave by Martin Walker

This book, part of an internationally acclaimed mystery series, has it all. Most important is Chief Bruno, an unconventional policeman and gourmet cook. He refuses to carry a gun and has a genuine affection for the people in his village of Dordogne, Provence.

Tuesday, January 16, 2 pm

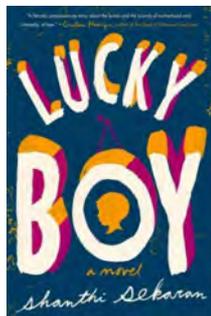
The Next Time You See Me by Holly Goddard Jones

This thriller spins a complicated web of deceit and lies after a 13 year-old girl from a hard-luck Kentucky town finds a body in the woods with ties to her and a few other residents.

Tuesday, February 20, 2 pm

Lucky Boy by Shanthi Sekaran

This timely novel explores immigration and adoption and braids together the complex story of two mothers bound together for the love of one "lucky" boy.



After Hours Book Club

Copies of the books will be available at the Circulation Desk one month before the meeting.

Saturday, December

2, 5:30 pm

Asking for It by Louise O'Neill
(Rescheduled from November 25)

After beautiful eighteen-year-old Emma O'Donovan is found on her doorstep disheveled, bleeding, and disoriented, with no memory of the party she attended the night before, viral photographs from the party set off a criminal investigation that divides her quiet Irish town.



Saturday, January 20, 5:30 pm

Scythe by Neal Shusterman

In a world where disease has been eliminated, the only way to die is to be randomly killed ('gleaned') by professional reapers ('scythes'). Two teens must compete with each other to become a scythe--a position neither of them wants. The one who becomes a scythe must kill the one who doesn't.

discussion groups

First Friday Film Discussion

Fridays, 7 pm

Join us for free screenings of thought-provoking movies followed by brief discussions

December 1 *Dawson City: Frozen Time* (2016)

This fascinating documentary tells the story of a huge cache of rare silent film discovered in an Alaskan swimming pool.

January 5 *The Beguiled* (2017)

A Union soldier happens upon a group of Southern belles in this moody, Gothic thriller.

February 2 *Whose Streets* (2017)

This raw documentary offers a street-level view of the 2014 protests in Ferguson, MO.

Spanish Conversation Group

Saturdays, December 2, January 6, and February 3, 11 am - 12 pm

Join our new group to practice and maintain your Spanish language skills through conversation, games, and activities. All skill levels welcome! Light refreshments will be served.



Cookbook Club

Thursdays, 6 pm

Pick out your recipe at the Reference Desk by December 7/January 18/February 15

December 14 *Istanbul and Beyond: Exploring the Diverse Cuisines of Turkey*

by Robyn Eckhardt
This book features appetizing recipes from one of the great culinary crossroads.



January 25 *Queso! Regional Recipes for the World's Favorite Chile-Cheese Dip* by Lisa Fain

We'll get ready for the big game with Texas' third greatest food contribution (after barbecue and chili): melted cheese!

February 22 *A Real Southern Cook: In Her Savannah Kitchen* by Dora Charles

Delectable Southern home cooking abounds in this book.

Knitting and Crochet Group

Thursdays, December 14, January 11, and February 8, 10:30 am

Come knit and/or crochet with our friendly group. You can work on your own projects, chat, and get ideas and assistance.

young adult programs

Pixel Club

Grades 7-12

Fridays, December 1, January 5, and February 2, 4:45-6 pm

Library gamers, Pixel Club is back and better than ever! Try out the PSVR, Nintendo Switch, and more!

Teen Advisory Board

Grades 7-12

Mondays, December 18, January 15, and February 19, 5 pm

Recommend programs and collection ideas for the YA Department. Plus, we have pizza or pizza rolls at every meeting!

Crafty Club

Grades 7-12

Wednesdays, December 27, January 24, and February 28, 7 pm

So many crafts, so little time!



9th Annual Rockin' New Year's Eve Eve

Thursday, December 28, 7 pm

There's Rock Band to be played and fun to be had! And party hats and snacks!

DIY Mittens

Grades 7-12

Thursday, January 4, 7-8:30 pm

Make your own fleece mittens! Limit 10. **Registration required.**



Laser Tag

Grades 7-12

Saturday, January 13, 6-8 pm

Let the tagging begin! Two hours of fun-filled laser tag. Limit 16. **Registration required.**

Teen Job and Volunteer Fair

Ages 15-20

Saturday, February 24, 1-3 pm

Local businesses and volunteer organizations, including Brookfield Zoo, The Forest Preserves of Cook County, and Western Springs Park District will be on hand to answer questions about job and volunteer opportunities.

young adult programs

Finals Week Stress Relief

Yoga for Teens

Grades 7-12

Sunday, December 17, 2-3 pm

Take study break by relaxing in this one-hour yoga class. Bring a yoga mat or beach towel. Limit 15. Registration required.

DIY Stress Balls

Grades 7-12

Tuesday, December 19, 5-6 pm

You probably need another study break, so how about making a stress ball? So therapeutic!

Cupcake Decorating

Grades 7-12

Wednesday, December 20, 7-8 pm

How's the studying going? How about a cupcake break?



Hot Chocolate Bar

Grades 7-12

Thursday, December 21, 7-8 pm

Last night of studying! Enjoy a mug of hot chocolate topped with grated cinnamon or mint marshmallows or sprinkles or or or....

all ages

Timey-Wimey Club

Mondays, January
22 and February 26,
7 pm

Calling all Doctor Who fans! Join us for our monthly Doctor Who viewing, featuring episodes, snacks, and crafts.



All the places you can find the YA Department online:
plibrary.org/teens

 [facebook.com/lagrangeparklibraryteendepartment](https://www.facebook.com/lagrangeparklibraryteendepartment)

 [instagram.com/lplya](https://www.instagram.com/lplya)

 lplya.tumblr.com

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children's programs

Children's Programs

Registration for winter programs starts January 3 at 10:00 am. You may register online, in person, or by calling 708-352-0100 and selecting Children's Services from the menu.

Welcome Baby Bags

Do you have a new baby? Stop by the Children's Services Department for a Welcome Baby Bag and get your child started on the road to reading!

Reading in a Winter Wonderland!

Join our Winter Reading Program, Reading in a Winter Wonderland! Stop in each week to log your minutes and collect your prize! Registration begins January 8 and reporting starts January 15. The program will run for 10 weeks from January 15-March 23.



Yoga Through Stories with Miss Cara

Long-time educator and children's yoga instructor Cara Ross will guide participants through yoga using familiar stories. Wear comfortable, stretchy clothes; child-size yoga mats will be provided, but caregivers are asked to bring their own, if they choose to participate.

Mommy & Toddler Yoga

Ages 2-3 with a caregiver

Limit 6 toddlers

*Wednesdays, December 6 and 13,
10:15 am*

Preschool Yoga

Ages 3-Kindergarten

Limit 8

*Tuesdays, December 12 and 19,
1:30 pm*



children's programs

Preschool Drive-In Movie

Ages 3-Kindergarten

Tuesday, December 5, 1:30 pm

Come to our Community Room to create a cool car, sit back with some snacks and enjoy the movie! We will provide the snacks and you bring your creativity! Limit 10.

Henna by Amatullah Innovations

Grades 6-12

Tuesday, December 5, 5 pm

Join us as we welcome Asma Bohra of Amatullah Innovations to teach us about the origin and significance of henna. After the discussion, participants will receive a henna design. Limit 10.

Winter Story & Cartoon

Ages 3-K

Monday, December 11, 1:30 pm

Let's celebrate the winter season with Frosty the Snowman! We will have a special winter story time featuring the classic story of Frosty the Snowman and then watch the cartoon! Approximately 45 minutes. Limit 20.

Toddler Dance Party

Ages 2-Kindergarten with a caregiver
Wednesday, December 20, 10:30 am

Toddlers and preschoolers are invited to come dance their sillies out! Bring a stuffed animal friend to dance with! Snacks will be served. Limit 30.

Learn the Library

Grades 1-4

Monday, January 29, 4 pm

Have you ever wondered what all of those letters mean on the sides of books? Want to know where to find your favorites? Join us for a library tour and much more! Limit 12.



children's programs

Story Times

Session runs from January 15-March 23

Registration for our 10-week Winter Story Time session begins on January 3. Story times begin the week of January 15 and end March 23. Register one time for the entire session. Register in person at the Children's Desk or call us at 708-352-0100.

Baby Story Time

*Ages 3-23 months with a caregiver
Mondays at 10:15 am or Tuesdays at 10:15 or 11 am*

Babies ages 3-23 months and their caregivers will enjoy rhymes, books, and bubbles! Limit 12.

Toddler Time

*Ages 2-3 1/2 with a caregiver
Wednesdays at 10:15 or 11 am*

Toddler Time is for children ages 2 to 3 1/2 and their caregivers. Enjoy a variety of great stories from our collection and learn some new songs and fingerplays. Limit 15.

Drop-In Story Time for 2s and 3s

*Ages 2-3 with a caregiver
Thursdays at 10:15 am*

Children ages 2-3 and their caregivers are welcome to join us for a new Drop-In Story Time! We will read stories, sing songs, and enjoy rhymes, fingerplays and bubbles! Drop-Ins are

on a first-come, first-served basis. See the Children's Services Desk 15 minutes prior to the start of each story time to sign up your child. Limit 15.

Preschool Story Time

*Ages 3-Kindergarten
Mondays or Tuesdays at 1:30 pm or
Fridays at 10:15 am*

We will sing songs, learn new fingerplays, and read some wonderful stories that will help your child on the road to reading. Caregivers wait nearby in the library while children attend. Limit 18.

Family Fun Time

*All Ages
Tuesdays at 6:30 pm*

Bring the whole family each week to read stories, try new activities and do some crafts!

Bilingual Spanish Story Time

*All Ages
Second Wednesday of the Month
at 6:30 pm*

Children and their families will enjoy a small introduction to the Spanish language and Latino cultures through stories, songs, poems, and rhymes! December 13, January 10 and February 14.

Weekly Activities

Monday Kids' Club @ 4 pm

Crafty Kids

Grades K-3

First Monday of the month

December 4 and February 5

Come in for an easy, make-and-take craft on the first Monday of every month. Limit 15.

Modeling Mondays

Grades K-3

Second Monday of the month

December 11, January 8 and

February 12

Do you like building and creating with your hands? Join us for Modeling Mondays and meander through many marvelous models including TinkerToys, Lincoln Logs, Kid K'Nex and more! Limit 20.

Mad Science Mondays

Grades K-3

Third Monday of the month

December 18, January 15

and February 19

Calling all scientists! Come and conduct some spectacular experiments that prove science is fun! Limit 15.



Brick Builders

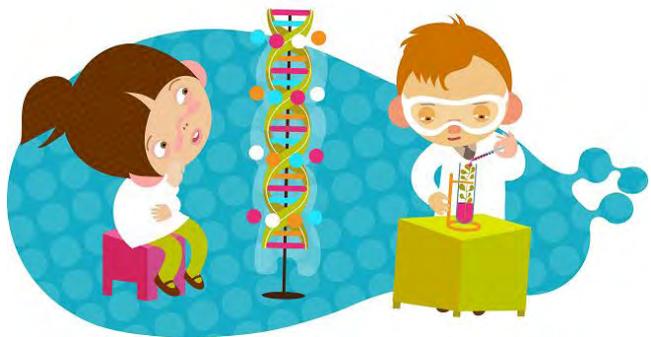
Grades K-3

Fourth Monday of the month

January 22 and February 26

Our monthly LEGO® club is for kids in grades K and up. Use our LEGOS® to build whatever you can imagine! Then we'll put your creations on display until next month. Limit 20.

**Register for winter programs
in person at the Children's Desk or
call us at 708-352-0100.**



children's programs

Thursday Thinkers @ 4 pm

M&Ms® and Skittles® Bingo!

Grades K-6

First Thursday of the month
December 7 and February 1

Join us for some afternoon Bingo using M&Ms® and Skittles® as game pieces! There will be prizes and you can eat your game pieces when you're done! Limit 20.

Kids' Kitchen

Grades 4-6

Second Thursday of the month
December 14, January 11 and
February 8

Join us as we slice, chop, blend, bake and saute! Learn the kitchen skills you need to cook yummy food even your parents will eat! Limit 12.



Cool Crafts

Grades 4-6

Third Thursday of the month
December 21, January 18 and
February 15

Get your craft on! We're making a new cool craft every month! Limit 15.

Coding Club

Grades 4-6

Fourth Thursday of the month
January 25 and February 22

What do Minecraft, Pokemon Go, and the library website all have in common? They are all in code! Computer programming code! Join us as we learn how to code, and create your own video games, apps, and websites. Limit 12.

Super Saturdays

It's Not Magic, It's Science!

Grades K-3

Saturday, December 2, 10:30 am

Join the scientists from Northern Illinois University's STEM Outreach program as they capture the imaginations of younger students with amazing demonstrations that look like magic, but are really science!

Musicians Wendy & DB

All ages, under 8 with a caregiver
Saturday, February 3, 10:30 am

Musicians Wendy & DB are back for some musical fun! Children will be engaged with melodic, interactive and contagious songs that even adults will like!



children's programs

The Footlight Players of La Grange Park Present... Aladdin Jr.

Friday, January 19 at 7:30 pm

Saturday, January 20 at 2:00 pm and
7:30 pm

Sunday, January 21 at 2:00 pm

Performances will be located at Park
Junior High School, LP

A musical for ages 7 through 17 years! The 10th production from "The Footlight Players" tells the adventure of the street rat that became a prince! When the street urchin, Aladdin, vies for the attention of the beautiful princess, Jasmine, he uses a genie's magic power to become a prince in order to marry her. Lago, Jafar, the Genie and more are here in a musical adventure filled with magic, mayhem, and the power of love.

Tickets will be on sale beginning January 3, 2018.

To purchase tickets in advance, please either stop by the Recreation Center (1501 Barnsdale Rd., LP) during normal business hours or call Dave Romito at 708-354-4580. Pre-sale tickets are \$10 per Adult (18 & older), and \$5 per Student. Children 5 and under are free. Tickets purchased at the door of the performance will be \$2 more.



visit the friends' book shop in the library

The Friends of the Library is looking for volunteers to staff the book shop. Please contact Joan Marino, President of the Friends, at friends@lplibrary.org.

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

friends & neighbors

Friends of the Library News

We are very pleased with the success of the Summer Reading Program. We received 158 certificates from children who completed the program in exchange for a children's book of their choice.

On August 25 we had our first (in many years) Potluck Picnic in the Community Room and picnic area of the Library. LPFOL provided the drinks and entree. A total of 27 Friends, book shop volunteers, staff and trustees attended this fun event. The enjoyment and enthusiasm of everyone who came encouraged us to make this an annual event.

Book Shop Volunteers

As of October 1, volunteers have logged 2,520 hours in our Book Shop this year! In September, LPFOL set a new, single day retail sales record. Patrons spent an amazing \$605 on books, CDs, DVDs, and more!!!

Amazon Smile

Many of our patrons are using the Friends' Amazon Smile link (bit.ly/lpplfol) when they order from Amazon.com. Will you help us too? Go to the La Grange Park Friends of the Library Facebook page and give us your feedback. We always appreciate hearing from our patrons.



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Holidays Around the World

La Grange Public Library
Saturday, December 2, 7-8 pm
All ages

Join us the evening of La Grange's Hometown Holiday as Kidworks Touring Theatre brings to life holiday traditions celebrated by children around the world. Come spin the Chanukah dreidel, perform in The First Christmas Tree story from Germany, beat the djembe drum in an African-American Kwanzaa festival, parade under the Chinese dragon, and sing Feliz Navidad. This program is loaded with audience participation and is fun for the entire family! Drop-in.



Holiday in the Park

Community Park District of La Grange
Park
1501 Barnsdale Road
Saturday, December 9, 12-3 pm

Holiday Cheer Starts Here! Join the La Grange Park Chamber of Commerce for Holiday in the Park. There will be music, a fire demonstration, story times, goodies, kids games, Santa, and more!





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Library Hours

Monday through Thursday 10 am - 9 pm
Friday and Saturday 10 am - 5 pm
Sunday 1 pm - 5 pm

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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.

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