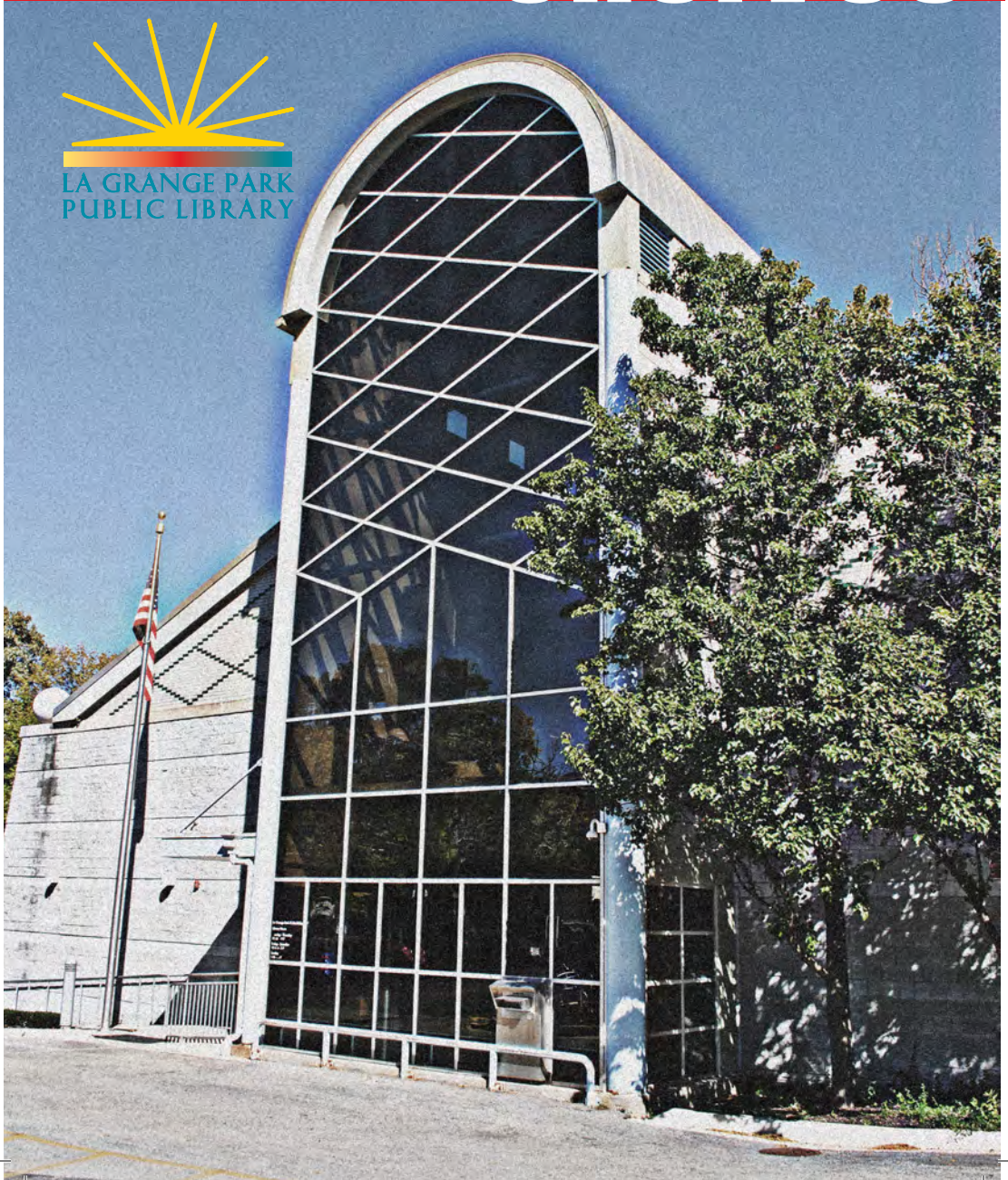


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# welcome!

As the staff and board reflect back on 2016, we are so thankful for all that has been accomplished. Our new strategic plan has been published and a master plan for our facility will soon be unveiled. New signage and furniture graces our building and keeps us looking fresh. Three new self-checkout machines are being installed in early January to ensure library users have the privacy and convenience they desire when visiting LPPL. As we look to the future, we are thrilled to introduce our new mission statement:



*The La Grange Park Library is a welcoming and inclusive community center connecting residents to informational, cultural, and educational resources.*

As we work towards this mission, we appreciate the help and support of our residents. To the dozens of volunteers who help us throughout the year, we thank you for your time and talents. To our dedicated visitors, program attendees, book lovers, and friends – we are thankful for you and the support you show us.

If you are especially thankful for the library this year, we ask you to consider sending a holiday gift to the library in honor of someone you love. See page 4 for a form you can fill out and send in along with your donation, which we promise will be used to ensure 2017 is as amazing as this past year has been.

Happy Holidays!  
Kate Buckson  
Executive Director

## Library Closings

Saturday, December 24 and Sunday, December 25  
Saturday, December 31 and Sunday, 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](http://lplibrary.org). Thank you for helping us enrich lives in our community!

*The Staff and Board of Library Trustees  
La Grange Park Public Library District*



<b>Gift (Suggested Amount)</b>	<b>Total</b>	<i>Please print clearly</i>
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La Grange Park, IL 60526

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# adult programs



## It's Christmastime in the City

*Monday, December 5, 7 pm*

From the windows on State Street to the Sears Wish Book, Chicago has been all about the holidays since the beginning. Please join historian/entertainer Clarence Goodman as he highlights Chicago's holiday traditions. *Sponsored by the La Grange Park Friends of the Library.*

## Tent Camping with Jim and Louise Graff

*Tuesday, January 3, 7 pm*

You're never too old to enjoy the great outdoors! Jim & Louise Graff are avid campers and will share their tips for tent camping. The Graffs will show off their gear, share recipes and present a slide show.

## Pearl Harbor: A Day That Will Live in Infamy

*Monday, January 9, 7 pm*

Join historian Jim Gibbons as he explores the event that led to the United States entering World War II: the attack on Pearl Harbor. *Sponsored by the La Grange Park Friends of the Library.*

## Stories of La Grange Park

*Friday, January 13, 5 pm*

Help kick off the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of La Grange Park by participating in this story sharing event. Register for the event if



you are a local resident who wishes to speak for five minutes about your life in our beloved town. All are welcome to come and listen in!

## Downloads and Donuts

*Saturday, January 28, 10:30 am*

Did you receive a new tablet or e-reader for the holidays? Come learn how you can read books and magazines and listen to music for free with your La Grange Park library card. **Limit 15.**

## Spotlight on Chicago-area Romance Authors Writing About Chicago

*Tuesday, February 7, 7 pm*

Members of the Windy City Romance Writers Association will read from and discuss their books. Copies of books will be available for sale.

# adult programs

## Alexander Hamilton: The American Rags to Riches Story

Thursday, February 16, 7 pm



Alexander Hamilton was born in the Caribbean and abandoned as a child. Learn how his humble beginnings planted the

seeds of opportunity for this founding father. *Sponsored by the La Grange Park Friends of the Library.*



## Mango and Muzzy

Monday, February 20, 7 pm

Have you always wanted to learn a language or maybe wanted your child to learn? Come find out about these two fantastic language learning tools that are free with your La Grange Park library card.

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## Technology & Computer Classes

### Tech Tutors

Get one-on-one help with your technology maladies from one of our gurus. Call to make an appointment.

### Tech Tutors on the Road

Plymouth Place, Tuesday, December 13, 1-5 pm and Saturday, February 4, 9 am - 1 pm

Bethlehem Woods, Saturday, January 14, 9 am-1 pm

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

### Windows 10 Basics

Thursday, December 15, 6 pm or Tuesday, December 20, 11 am

Get acquainted with the cool features of the newest version of Windows. Registration required. Limit 5.

### Basic Windows Maintenance

Thursday, February 16, 6 pm  
Tuesday, February 21, 11 am

Learn how to keep your computer shipshape using free tools. Registration required. Limit 5.

# discussion groups

## Film Discussion Group

Fridays, 7 pm

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

December 9 *Boy and the World* (2015) This wordless film features unique, gorgeous animation.

December 23 No film

January 6 *Lo and Behold: Reveries of the Connected World* (2016) Famed man-about-nature Werner Herzog examines the online world in this fascinating documentary.

January 20 *Nuts!* (2016) This hilarious animated documentary tells the tale of the man behind a very unusual impotence cure.

February 3 *The Fits* (2015) A young dancer works to overcome seizures in this lovely drama.



February 17 *City of Gold* (2016) The life and work of Pulitzer Prize-winning food writer Jonathan Gold are explored in this lively documentary.



## Cookbook Club

*The Banh Mi Handbook* by Andrea Nguyen

Thursday, January 19, 6 pm

*The Chili Cookbook* by Robb Walsh

Thursday, February 2, 6 pm

In January we'll collaborate on fillings and condiments for one of the world's greatest sandwiches and, in February, hone our chili skills to prepare for the big game. Pick out your recipe at the Reference Desk by January 12/January 26

Sign up for  
programs online  
[www.lplibrary.org](http://www.lplibrary.org)  
or by calling  
708-352-0100.

# discussion groups

## Books Alive! Book Discussion Group

Books are available one month before the meeting.

Tuesday, December 20, 2 pm  
*Flight of the Sparrow* by Amy Belding Brown

This historical novel is based on the life of Mary Rowlandson, a Puritan woman captured by Indians from the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1676. It is a story of her adjustment, survival and new found awareness in another world.

Tuesday, January 17, 2 pm  
*Wilde Lake - A Novel* by Laura Lippman

This coming-of-age tale is written by one of America's most successful suspense writers. Set in Baltimore and Columbia, Maryland, it is a psychologically complex story of a long ago death that still haunts a family.

Tuesday, February 21, 2 pm  
*The Monogram Murders - A Hercule Poirot Mystery* by Sophie Hannah  
The beloved Belgian detective is back in this new mystery where he teams up with Catchpool, a Scotland Yard policeman, to investigate the deaths of three people staying at a fashionable London hotel.

## Saturday Night Readers

Join us for our after hours book club! Copies of the books will be available one month before the meeting.

Saturday, December 17, 7 pm  
*City of Thieves* by David Benioff

Saturday, February 25, 7 pm  
*Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand

## Genealogy Group

Mondays, December 19, January 16, February 20, 1 pm

Join us in this informal group as we share genealogy tips, tricks and stories. New and experienced genealogists are welcome.

## Knitting and Crochet Group

Thursdays, December 8, January 12, February 9, 10:30 am

Come knit and/or crochet with our friendly group. You can work on your own projects, chat, get ideas and maybe some assistance. We also take donations of yarn to be used for charity projects.





# young adult programs

## Teen Advisory Board

Grades 7-12

Mondays, December 19, January 16, and February 20, 5 pm

Recommend program, design, and collection ideas for the YA Department. Plus, we have pizza or pizza rolls at every meeting! **Registration required.**

## Crafty Club

Grades 7-12

Wednesdays, December 28, January 25, and February 22, 7 pm

You never know what we'll be crafting in crafty club! Sometimes, we even craft food! **Registration required.**



## 8th Annual Rockin' New Year's Eve Eve

Friday, December 30, 7-9 pm

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

All the places you can find the YA Department online:

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

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

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

 [lplya.tumblr.com](http://lplya.tumblr.com)

 [twitter.com/lplya](https://twitter.com/lplya)

## Laser Tag

Grades 7-12

Saturday, January 14, 7-9 pm

Let the tagging begin! Two hours of fun-filled laser tag. **Limit 15. Registration required.**

## Teen Job and Volunteer Fair

Ages 15-19

Saturday, February 25, 1-4 pm

Local businesses and volunteer organizations, including Brookfield Zoo, Chicago Trolley & Double Decker Co, Community Nurse Health Center, Friends of the La Grange Park Library, Kaman's Art Shoppe, and the La Grange Park District, will be on hand to answer questions about job and volunteer opportunities.

## Interviewing Workshop

Ages 15-19

Saturday, February 25, 2:30-3:30 pm

Bob Schlacks will discuss the ins and outs of job interviews for teens. **Limit 25. Registration required.**

## Resume and Job Application Assistance

Ages 15-19

Saturday, February 25, 2-4 pm

Counselors from the Career Center at Triton College will be available to discuss your resume and/or job application.

# children's programs

Registration for programs in 2017 will begin on Tuesday, January 3 at 10 am. You may register online, in person, or by calling (708) 352-0100.

## 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!

## Warm Up with a Good Book!

Join our Winter Reading Program and Warm Up with a Good Book! Stop in each week to log your minutes and collect your prize! Registration begins January 3 and reporting starts January 9.

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## Toddler Dance Party

Ages 2-Kindergarten with a caregiver  
Wednesday, December 21, 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 after the dancing stops.



## 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  
Wednesday, December 7, 10:15 am

## Junior Yoga

Grades K-1  
Wednesday, December 7, 4 pm

## Preschool Yoga

Ages 3-5  
Wednesday, December 14, 10:15 am

## Big Kids Yoga

Grades 2-4  
Wednesday, December 14, 4 pm

## Story Times

Session runs from January 16-April 28

Registration for our 15-week Winter/Spring Story Time session begins on January 3. Register one time for the entire session. Register in person at the Children's Desk, sign up online, or call us at (708) 352-0100.

### Baby Story Time

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

Choose from Monday or Tuesday mornings. Attend either the 10:15 or 11 am session, depending on when baby is napping.

### Toddler Time

Ages 2-3 ½ with a caregiver  
Wednesdays & Thursdays, 10:15 am or 11 am

Enjoy a variety of great stories from our collection and learn some new songs and fingerplays.

### Preschool Story Time

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

Caregivers wait nearby in the library while children attend.

### Family Story Time

All Ages  
Tuesdays at 6:30 pm

Bring the whole family each week to read stories and sing songs followed by an easy craft based on the books.

### Bilingual Spanish Story Time

All Ages  
Wednesdays, January 25, February 22  
and March 22, 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!



# children's programs

## Weekly Activities

### Monday Kids' Club

Grades K-3 at 4 pm

#### Crafty Kids

December 5, January 2 and February 6, 4 pm

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

#### Modeling Mondays

December 12, January 9 and February 13, 4 pm

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!

#### Mad Science Mondays

December 19, January 16 and February 20, 4 pm

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

#### Brick Builders

January 23 and February 27, 4 pm

Use our LEGOS® to build whatever you can imagine! We will collect your creations and put them on display until next month.

## Thursday Thinkers

Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead!

Grades 4-6

December 1 & 15, January 5 & 19 and February 2 & 16

Cool science experiments, technology fun, engineering challenges, awesome art projects, and math tricks!

#### Talk It Up! Book Discussion

Grades 4-6

December 8, January 12 and February 9, 4pm

Read great books, make new friends, eat snacks, and get a cool reading patch to keep!

#### The Bookworms Book Club

Grades K-3  
December 22,  
January 26 and  
February 23, 4pm

Join us as we explore picture books and exciting crafts! Get the list of books for the month at the children's desk.

#### M&M and Skittles Bingo

Grades K-5

Monday, January 30, 4 pm

Join us for some afternoon Bingo using M&Ms® and Skittles® as game pieces!



## Super Saturdays



### Creative Cartooning Workshop

Ages 8-12  
Saturday, December 3, 10:30 am

Master cartoonist Mark Anderson will tap into your child's sense of humor while teaching them to create something unique using the basics of cartooning in this interactive, hands-on class.

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### R.E.A.D. to the Dogs

Grades 1-5

Saturday, January 7, 10:30 am

Start your Saturday morning off right by reading to our fluffy friends! Sign up for a 15-minute slot at the Children's Services Desk.

### Karen's Nature Tales Presents Animal Talk & Animal Tongues

Saturday, February 4, 10:30 am

Join Karen Ritter as she helps us explore how animals use their tongues through a unique and fun way of comparison and experimentation!

## all ages

### Timey-Wimey Club

Mondays, December 26, January 23, and February 27, 7 pm

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



**Register in person at the Children's Desk, sign up online at [lplibrary.org](http://lplibrary.org), or call us at 708-352-0100.**

# friends & neighbors

## Friends News

Friends continue to donate money and books to our library! We have donated many best sellers to the Circulation Department. Our donations to LPPL support many programs. Last fall we sponsored children's author Liesl Shurtliff. Thirty seven adults and children were entertained and informed about what it takes to be a writer. Our Friends-sponsored Digital Photography program was such a success that participants clamored for a follow up session.

Please follow us on:

 [facebook.com/lagrangeparkfriendsofthelibrary](https://facebook.com/lagrangeparkfriendsofthelibrary)

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 [lplibraryfriends.tumblr.com](https://lplibraryfriends.tumblr.com)

 [twitter.com/lpfriends](https://twitter.com/lpfriends)

Contact us: [Friends@lplibrary.org](mailto:Friends@lplibrary.org)

## Friends Depend on Volunteers

Norbert Pacholski, a Friend for 38 years and a past President of the Friends, is moving out of the area. We will miss his endless hours of volunteering and unwavering dedication to LPPL. Good luck Norbert. The Friends bookshop depends on the generosity and goodwill of the many people who volunteer. THANK YOU!

## Panera Night

Our Panera Nights have been a huge success. We love those Panera checks. Our next Panera fundraiser is scheduled for November 29. We always have fliers available in the Book Shop when one is scheduled. Come enjoy a delicious dinner and support us.

## 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](mailto: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

## Holiday in the Park

Saturday, December 10, 12-3 pm

There will be music, crafts, stories and a petting zoo at the Community Park District of La Grange Park Recreation Building. Don't miss Santa's arrival on a fire truck! Sponsored by the La Grange Park Chamber of Commerce

## MLK Day of Service Blood Drive

Monday, January 16, 3:30-7:30 pm

La Grange Public Library, 10 West Cositt Ave., La Grange



Celebrate the spirit of Dr. King and National Volunteer Blood Donor Month by donating blood! Heartland Blood Centers will be

set up on the lower level of the La Grange Public Library. Donation takes about one hour. Please contact the library at 708.215.3200 to make your appointment or visit <http://bit.ly/2fnlS9q>. You must be 16 years or older to donate. Please register.

## Community Park District of La Grange Park

**The Footlight Players present Disney's *Beauty and the Beast Jr.***

Friday, December 9 at 7:30 pm

Saturday, December 10 at 2 pm and 7:30 pm

Sunday, December 11 at 2 pm

Performances will be located at Park Junior High School, La Grange Park



## Village of La Grange Park

The Village is celebrating its 125th birthday in 2017. The big birthday party is at Memorial Park on July 15, but there will be events all year long. Keep an eye on the village and library newsletters and websites for more information.



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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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Email: [info@lplibrary.org](mailto:info@lplibrary.org) • [www.lplibrary.org](http://www.lplibrary.org)

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

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**Disability Accommodation:**

If you or your child needs an accommodation for a disability to attend any program, please phone the  
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