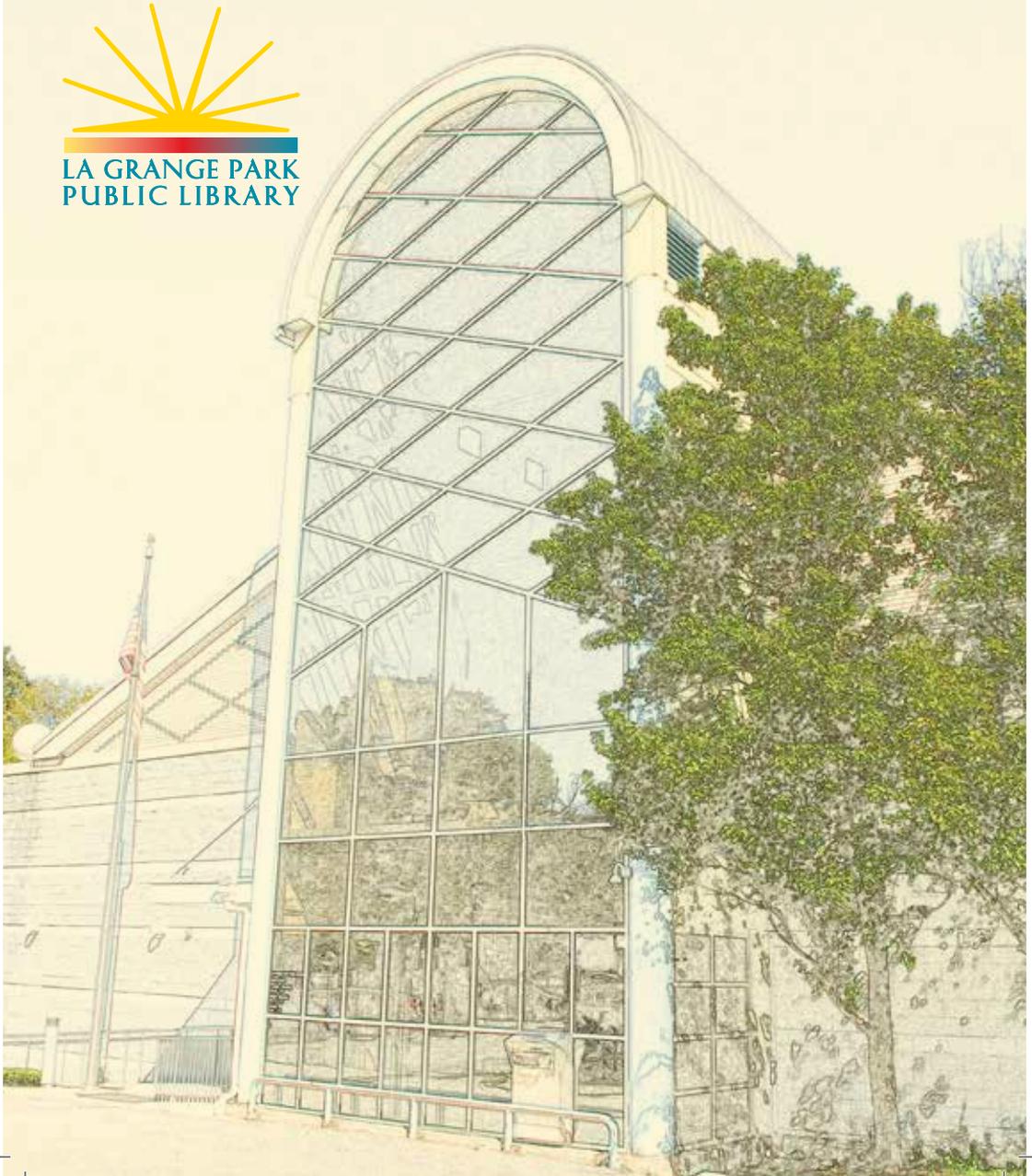


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welcome!



As we head into spring, I wonder – how are your resolutions going this year? Whether you decided to take up a new hobby, learn a different language, or spend more time with your family, we are here to support you!

Did you know we have online resources you can access from home? Our Mango Languages database is a user friendly, interactive resource to help you learn a different language at your own pace.

Visit lplibrary.org and click on the Research menu for access. Check out their kid-friendly version, Muzzy, or bring your little ones in to try out one of our new PenPal language toolkits to help you learn Spanish or Polish. We also offer French (third Saturday of the month) and Spanish (first Saturday of the month) conversation groups for teens and adults for extra, in-person practice time.

Are you interested in learning to knit? Want to brush up on your painting skills? Would you like to find out more about the library's new amazing Glowforge laser cutter and all the projects you can create with this incredible machine? Page through the events in this guide and find info on these topics and more!

The hundreds of all ages programs we offer for free each year are a perfect opportunity to spend quality time with your family. Our annual summer read kickoff party is truly an epic event and we hope you will join us this year for the party on June 1 or at any of the other great events the staff have planned.

Library Closings

Sunday, April 1 - Easter
Friday, May 11 - Staff training
Monday, May 28 - Memorial Day

adult programs

Paint & Sip

Thursdays, March 8 or May 24, 7 pm

Create a beautiful seasonal painting with local artist Asma Bohra. Light refreshments will be served and all materials are provided.



Attendees must be at least 21. Registration required. Limit 15. *Sponsored by the La Grange Park Friends of the Library.*

YouTube: Treasure Trove of Cats Knowledge

Monday, March 12, 7 pm

There's more than just funny animals on YouTube. Complete a project from one of YouTube's many how-to videos and learn how to find even more.

Henna by Amatullah Innovations

Monday, March 19, 7 pm

Asma Bohra of Amatullah Innovations will detail the origin and significance of henna art. After the discussion, participants will receive a henna design. **Registration required.**

Limit 10.

Medicare Seminar

Wednesday, March 21, 6:30 pm

This program is especially important for those approaching age 65, or who are already 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.

BYOB Board Gaming Nights

Fridays, March 16 and May 11, 7-9 pm

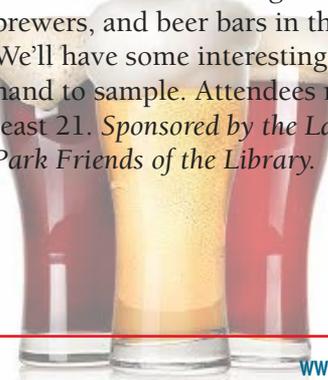
Stop by the library to try some of our favorite board and card games, or bring your own to share. Feel free to bring along a bottle or two of your favorite libation as well! Attendees must be at least 21.

Chicago Brews

Monday, April 2, 7 pm

Karl Klockars, author of *Beer Lover's Chicago*, will discuss the history of beer in Chicago and offer information on some of the most significant beers, brewers, and beer bars in the area.

We'll have some interesting beers on hand to sample. Attendees must be at least 21. *Sponsored by the La Grange Park Friends of the Library.*



adult programs

Autism: A Discussion

Tuesday, April 24, 7 pm

Join a representative from Autism Behavioral Educational Services to discuss intervention options and behavior management strategies. Caregivers and educators welcome. **Registration recommended.**

Common Health Concerns for Seniors

Wednesday, April 25, 2 pm

Learn how to manage chronic illnesses to stay healthy longer. You'll hear about ways to reduce hospitalization and manage arthritis, heart disease, osteoporosis, and falls.

Glowforge Demonstration

Monday, May 21, 7 pm

It slices! It dices! It engraves! We'll demonstrate the capabilities of the library's new laser cutter with a simple project.

Sign up for
programs online
www.lplibrary.org
or by calling
708-352-0100.

Tech Tutors on the Road

Plymouth Place, Saturdays, March 10 and May 12, 9 am - 1 pm, and Tuesday, April 17, 1-5 pm

Bethlehem Woods, Tuesdays, March 6 and May 8, 1-5 pm, and Saturday, April 21, 9 am - 1 pm

We'll be at local retirement communities every month 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.

Mobile Hotspots: Check out the Internet

Home internet wonky? Taking a trip for spring break? Check out one of our mobile hotspots to get high speed WiFi on up to 10 devices.

AARP Tax Aide

Thursdays, through 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 to schedule an appointment.

discussion groups

Books Alive!

Book Discussion Group

Tuesdays, 2 pm

Books are available one month before the meeting

March 20 *The Wind Is Not A River* by Brian Payton

Many Americans are unaware of the Japanese invasion and occupation of two islands off the coast of Alaska during WWII. This historical fiction book is a grand tale of adventure and the devotion of a couple whose lives are changed forever in the aftermath of the only WWII battle to have taken place on American soil.

April 17 *The Gods of Gotham* by Lyndsay Faye

This historical thriller evokes 1840s New York City, where crimes and fires involving immigrants prompted the formation of the New York Police Department. Timothy Wilde is a new “copper” who is challenged by the ongoing discrimination, violence and political corruption.

May 15 *The House At The Edge Of Night* by Catherine Banner

A moving and charming family saga of four generations living on an ancient island off the coast of Sicily. The engaging characters pass on mystical island legends as they serve coffee

and limoncellos to locals and visitors at their bar, while living through World Wars I and II, the Fascist period, and the recession of 2009.

After Hours Book Club

Saturdays, 5:30 pm

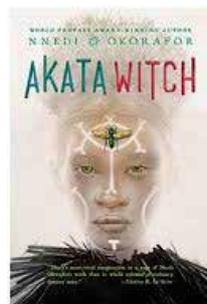
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March 24 *Thunderhead* by Neal Shusterman

Rowan and Citra take opposite stances on the morality of the Scythedom, putting them at odds, in the chilling sequel to the Printz Honor Book *Scythe* from New York Times bestseller Neal Shusterman.

May 26 *Akata Witch* by Nnedi Okorafor-Mbachu

Twelve-year-old Sunny Nwazue, an American-born albino child of Nigerian parents, moves with her family back to Nigeria, where she learns that she has latent magical powers which she and three similarly gifted friends use to catch a serial killer.



discussion groups

First Friday Film Discussion

Fridays, 7 pm

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

March 2 *78/52* (2017) This documentary, perfect for film lovers, delves deeply into Psycho's infamous shower scene.

April 6 *Marjorie Prime* (2017) An octogenarian interacts with a simulated version of her husband in this fascinating science fiction film.

May 4 *Rat Film* (2017) This wildly experimental documentary uses rats as a prism to explore the history of race in Baltimore.

Cookbook Club

Thursdays, 6 pm

Pick out your recipe at the Reference Desk by March 8/April 12/May 10

March 15 *In My Kitchen: A Collection of New and Favorite Vegetarian Recipes* by Deborah Madison

The recipes in this book come from Deborah Madison, one of the greatest vegetable cooks of our time.

April 19 *Smashing Plates: Greek Flavors Redefined* by Maria Elia
Greek classics are reinterpreted in this cookbook.

May 17 *Salt, Fat, Acid, Heat: Mastering the Elements of Good Cooking* by Samin Nosrat

This marvelous, gorgeously illustrated book shows how to use basic building blocks to rethink how to cook.

Spanish Conversation Group

Saturdays, March 3, April 7, and May 5, 11 am - 12 pm

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

French Conversation Group

Saturdays, March 17, April 21, and May 19, 11 am - 12 pm

Our resident francophone will help you practice French through casual conversation and more. All levels welcome! Light refreshments will be served.

Knitting and Crochet Group

Thursdays, March 8, April 12, and May 10, 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.

teen programs



Pixel Club

Grades 7-12

Fridays, March 2, April 6, and May 4,
4:45-6 pm

Gaming after the library closes!
PSVR, Nintendo Switch, Rock Band 4,
Apples to Apples, and more!

Teen Advisory Board

Grades 7-12

Mondays, March 19 and May 21, 7 pm

The time may be new, but the fun is still the same! Recommend books, games, movies. Test out programs for the teen department. And of course, there will be snacks.

All the places you can find the YA Department online:

lplibrary.org/teens

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

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

 lplya.tumblr.com

 twitter.com/lplya



PromiCon

Grades 7-12

Saturday, May 19, 7-9 pm

Dress as your favorite book, movie, tv, or video game character going to the prom! Photo booth! Dancing! Snacking! **Registration required.**

Crafty Club

Grades 7-12

Wednesdays, March 28, April 25, and
May 23, 7 pm

We've made slime, fidget cubes, heat transfer t-shirts, and more!

Sam Suggests

Did you love *The Hate U Give* but don't know what to read next? Have you read *The Fault in Our Stars* over and over because nothing else compares? Then let Sam suggest some titles for you! Pop on over to the Teen page on the library website, fill out the form, and Sam will search high and low for something just as spectacular.

programs for tweens & teens



Beginning Crochet

Grades 5-12

Thursdays, March 1, 8, 15, and 22,
7 pm

Learn to crochet something adorable (!) in this four-week program. Limit 7. **Registration required.**

Tied Tote Bags

Grades 5-12

Thursday, March 29, 7-8:30 pm

Learn simple hand sewing skills and various ways to tie your tote. Limit 10. **Registration required.**

Blackout Poetry Slam

Grades 5-12

Thursday, April 5, 7 pm

Join us in our “Community Coffeehouse” to create some blackout poetry, drink some yummy warm beverages and read poetry aloud. Feel free to bring your own poetry to read or you can read your blackout poetry. **Registration recommended.**

Advanced Cartooning with Mark Anderson

Grades 5-12

Monday, April 30, 5 pm

This in-depth class with a master cartoonist will teach students to brainstorm ideas, layout and sketch concepts and ink and shade their own cartoons. **Registration required. Limit 25.**

all ages

Timey-Wimey Club

Mondays, March 26 and
April 23, 7 pm

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



Summer Read Kickoff Party

Friday, June 1, 6 pm

Dive into some fun to kick off our Summer Reading Program. Register to get your reading and activity log, then stay for some treats and splashy fun!

children's programs

Children's Programs

Registration for programs may be done online, in person, or by calling 708-352-0100, unless otherwise noted.

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!

Our Winter Reading Program, Reading in a Winter Wonderland runs through March 23! It's not too late to sign up! Stop in each week to log your minutes and collect your prize.

National Library Week Coloring Contest

Stop in from April 8-14th to celebrate and participate in our National Library Week Coloring Contest! Spectacular prizes will be awarded!



Emerald City Theatre Presents: Baby Theater and The Tale of Peter Rabbit

Ages 3 months-5 years
Wednesday, March 28,
10:30 am

Participate in interactive theater scenes, hear an excerpt from "The Tale of Peter Rabbit" and receive a free gift of a Beatrix Potter book. Adult attendees are encouraged to participate in the workshop to help engage their young learners! **Registration required. Limit 30.**



Toddler Play Date

Ages 3 months-3 years with a caregiver
Tuesdays, April 3-24, 10:15 am

Enjoy our sensory toys, musical instruments, and board books while building social skills and engaging in creative play. **No registration required.**

Nature in Your Backyard

Ages 3 1/2 - Kindergarten
Tuesday, April 10, 4 pm

Children and caregivers will learn nature facts and do a craft with local nature enthusiast Jennifer Dominiak Wier. **Registration required. Limit 15.**

children's programs

Welcome Spring Story Times

Ages 3 1/2 -Kindergarten

Mondays, April 16, 23 and 30, 1:30 pm

Join us as we welcome spring with story times for children ages 3-K! We will read spring-themed stories, sing songs and more! Caregivers wait nearby in the library while children attend. Register for each story time separately. Approximately 45 min. Limit 18.

Tots & Tambourines

Ages 3 1/2 -Kindergarten

Thursdays, March 1-April 26, 1:30 pm

Hey, future rock stars! Would you like to learn the basics of music in a fun and interactive setting? Join us in playing instruments, dancing, singing, and more! **Register once for the entire session by phone or in person.** Limit 15.

Play-doh Playdates

Ages 3 1/2 -Kindergarten

Tuesdays, April 3, 17 & 24, 1:30 pm

You're invited to a Play-doh playdate! We've got the Play-doh and tools, all you need to bring is your imagination! **No registration required.**



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. **Registration required.**

Mommy & Toddler Yoga

Ages 2-3 with a caregiver,

Limit 6 toddlers

Wednesdays, May 2 and 9, 10:15 am

Preschool Yoga

Ages 3-Kindergarten, Limit 8

Tuesdays, May 1 and 8, 1:30 pm

Parachute Party

Ages 3 1/2 -Kindergarten

Monday, May 7, 1:30 pm

There's a party at the library – a parachute party! Come on by as we play games, dance, and sing using our big parachute! **Registration required.**

Limit 15.

children's programs

Painting in Pairs: Parent & Child Painting Night

*Ages 5 and up with a caregiver
Tuesday, May 15, 6:30 pm*

Everything's better when it is done together- especially painting! Child and caregiver will work together using tape, stencils, and paint to create a painting worthy of any wall! Registration required. **Limit 12 pairs.**

Toddler Dance Party

*Ages 2-Kindergarten with a caregiver
Wednesday, May 16, 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. **Registration required. Limit 30.**

Story Time

Story Time is currently in session and runs until March 23. Call the Children's Services Desk at 708-352-0100 for availability.

Baby Story Time

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

Toddler Time

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

Drop-In Story Time for 2s and 3s

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

Preschool Story Time

*Ages 3 1/2 -Kindergarten
Mondays or Tuesdays, 1:30 pm or
Fridays, 10:15 am*

Family Fun Time

*All Ages
Tuesdays, 6:30 pm*

Bilingual Spanish Story Time

*All Ages, under 8 with a caregiver
New Day & Time! Second Saturday of
the Month, 10:30 am*

Children and their families will enjoy an introduction to the Spanish language and Latino cultures through stories, songs, poems, and rhymes! Register for each story time separately online, by phone or in person. March 10, April 14 and May 12.

Weekly Activities

Monday Kids' Club @ 4 pm

Crafty Kids

*Grades K-3
First Monday of the Month
March 5, April 2 and May 7*

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

Modeling Mondays

Grades K-3

Second Monday of the Month

March 12, April 9 and May 14

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! **Registration required.** Limit 20.



Mad Science Mondays

Grades K-3

Third Monday of the Month

March 19, April 16 and May 21

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

Brick Builders

Grades K-3

Fourth Monday of the Month

March 26 and April 23

Use our LEGOS® to build whatever you can imagine! Then we'll put your creations on display until next month. **Registration required.** Limit 20.



Thursday Thinkers @ 4 pm Paper Shapers

Grades 4-6

First Thursday of the Month

March 1, April 5 and May 3

Come learn about the Japanese art of paper folding! We will create a few fun and simple origami projects for you to take home. **Registration required.** Limit 15.

Kids' Kitchen

Grades 4-6

Second Thursday of the Month

March 8, April 12 and May 10

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

Cool Crafts

Grades 4-6

Third Thursday of the Month

March 15, April 19 and May 17

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

children's programs

Coding Club

Grades 4-6

Fourth Thursday of the Month

March 22, April 26 and May 24

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. **Registration required. Limit 12.**

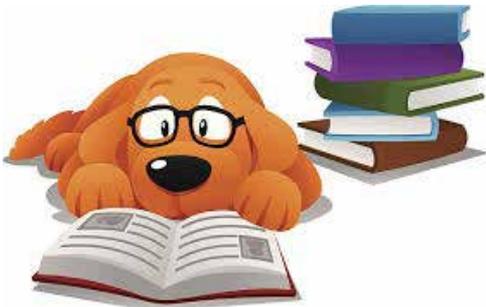
Super Saturdays

READ to the Dogs

Grades 1-5

Saturday, March 3, 10:30 am

Certified therapy dogs will visit the library to listen to you read. Readers can sign up for one 15-minute time slot. Register in person starting February 12 or by calling the Children's Services Desk at (708) 352-0100. **Limit 20.**



Author Sherri Duskey Rinker

Ages 3 and up with a caregiver

Saturday, April 7, 10:30 am

Join us as renowned children's book author Sherri Duskey Rinker visits us to discuss her book *Good Night, Good Night Construction Site*. With titles such as *Steam Train*, *Dream Train* and a new Virginia Lee Burton biography under her belt, this author visit is not to be missed! **Registration required.**



Stuffed Animal Sleepover & Brunch

Ages 3-12

Friday, May 4, 3-4:30 pm and

Saturday, May 5, 10:30 am

Drop off your stuffed animal in the Children's Department. While you are sleeping, your animals will get to play all over the library! Pick them up on Saturday morning, stay for a picnic brunch, and watch a slide show of their adventures. **Registration required. Limit 25 participants, one stuffed animal per participant.**



Community Park District Footlight Players present *The Little Mermaid Jr.*

Friday, April 27, 7:30 pm

Saturday, April 28, 2 pm and 7:30 pm

Sunday, April 29, 2 pm

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

La Grange Public Library Sell Your Stuff Online

Wednesday, April
25, 7-8:30 pm

There are lots of great options for unloading your old possessions, from old faves like eBay, to newer places like Facebook Marketplace. Michael Gershbein of Very Smart People will cover them all and offer selling and safety tips. Please register.



visit the friends' book shop in the library

The Friends of the Library is looking for volunteers to staff the book shop. Please contact Allison O'Brien, President of the Friends, at friends@plibrary.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

Interested in finding out more? Join us at our next meeting May 15, 7 pm



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Sunday 1 pm - 5 pm

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