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With bestselling author & illustrator Jarrett J. Krosoczka! Jarrett's work includes the National Book Award Finalist *Hey Kiddo*, as well as his wildly popular *Lunch Lady* graphic novels.

Western Springs, IL

ADULT

Registration opens on Monday, February 27 at 9:30 a.m. for all Adult programs.

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted. Register online, in person, or by calling (708) 246-0520.

R Registration required

Classroom Kitchen: Irish Cookery **R**

Thursday, March 16, 6:30 p.m.

Outside of Ireland, Irish food is often mistakenly thought as nothing more than potatoes and mutton. How wrong! Learn more about the history and heritage of Irish cooking in this virtual cooking class with instructor Kristyn Slick.

Cyber Safety for Seniors **R**

Tuesday, March 21, 10 a.m.

Learn how to protect yourself and your personal information from cyber threats in our senior-friendly cybersecurity safety training session. We'll cover topics such as password security, email safety, and how to spot scams. Don't let the fear of technology hold you back!

Pre-Civil War Quilts: The Secret Codes to Freedom on the Underground Railroad **R**

Wednesday, March 22, 7 p.m.

Illinois Humanities' Road Scholar Connie Martin tells fascinating family stories of the quilt codes used by her ancestors to signify escape routes along the Underground Railroad. Learn the code meanings and interpretations that have been passed down to her, a 6th generation descendant of captured African slaves, and see a display of over a dozen beautifully hand-crafted quilt replicas.

Gardening Myths and Misinformation: Barriers to Good Gardening **R**

Tuesday, March 28, 7 p.m.

Some gardening myths are small, harmless pieces of misinformation, but others can be very harmful to plants and keep us from attaining high quality gardens. This program by Sharon Yiesla Horticulture Services will dispel some of the common myths and set the record straight.

SPICE of the MONTH CLUB

Interested in trying new recipes or experimenting with different spices? Stop by each month to pick up a Spice of the Month kit! Each kit will come with the necessary spice, a recipe to try, and cookbook recommendations that feature recipes with that month's theme. While supplies last.

March 28: Paprika | April 25: Basil | May 30: Cinnamon

Pastries & Poetry Around the World **R**

Wednesday, April 12, 7 p.m.

Indulge in sweet treats and learn about different cultures through poetry! Sample pastries from four different countries, read and discuss poems by international poets, and write a poem of your own.

Classroom Kitchen: Chinese Take-Out **R**

Wednesday, April 12, 6:30 p.m.

Leave the takeout menu in the drawer and learn how to make your favorite Chinese dishes at home in this virtual cooking class with instructor Kristyn Slick!

Puzzle Swap

April 18-22

Tired of completing the same puzzle? Swap out your gently used puzzle for a new-to-you challenge at the Reference Desk.

A Visit with Roseanne Mantillo **R**

May 2023–Date & Time TBD

Author Roseanne Mantillo will discuss her latest nonfiction release, *Deliberate Cruelty: Truman Capote, The Millionaire's Wife*, and *The Murder of the Century* in this virtual program. Finalized date will be available in our online calendar, so please contact us or visit our website to register.

Colleen Moore's Fairytale Castle **R**

Wednesday, May 10, 7 p.m.

Join curator Margaret Schlesinger as she takes you on a once-in-a-lifetime experience inside Colleen Moore's world famous enchanted Fairy Castle. See the details of over 1,500 unique miniature artifacts up close and personal, learn about Colleen's life as an actress and philanthropist, and get a glimpse into the 2014 Fairy Castle Conservation Exhibit where Margaret and the Museum of Science and Industry team preserved and repaired the nearly 90 year old castle.

Classroom Kitchen: Plant-Based Cooking **R**

Wednesday, May 17, 6:30 p.m.

Plant-based cooking goes beyond vegetarian and vegan diets as more people are trying to reduce their meat consumption. In this virtual cooking class, instructor Kristyn Slick will provide a look inside the rise of plant-based eating, including how it became so popular, what options are out there, and how you can get started with this lifestyle.

For Adult Craft Programs: First preference will be given to Western Springs Residents. If you are a Thomas Ford cardholder, please be sure to enter your library card number when registering. If you do not enter your card number, you will be put on a pending waitlist and are not guaranteed a spot in the program.

DIY Spa Craft **R**

Monday, March 6, 7 p.m.

Treat yourself to a home spa experience by making homemade goodies like sugar scrubs! All supplies included.

Spring Paint & Sip **R**

Monday, April 10, 7 p.m.

Create a Spring-inspired painting in this instructor-led art class! All materials and a non-alcoholic beverage will be provided.

Felt Succulent Craft **R**

Monday, May 8, 7 p.m.

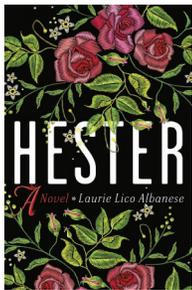
Create a succulent that won't wilt using pre-designed patterns and felt! All materials provided.

books

Library book club discussion groups are open to anyone who enjoys good books! Extra copies are available at the Library one month before the discussion.



Wednesday, March 1
7:30-9 p.m.
After the Hurricane
by Leah Franqui
Fiction

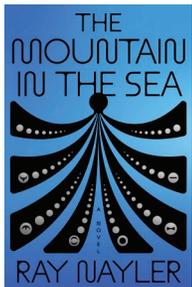


Wednesday, April 5
7:30-9 p.m.
Hester
by Laurie Lico Albanese
Historical Fiction



Wednesday, May 3
7:30-9 p.m.
The Guncle
by Steven Rowley
LGBTQ+ Fiction

Science Fiction & Fantasy Book Club



Monday, May 22
7:30-9 p.m.
The Mountain in the Sea
by Ray Nayler
Sci-Fi & Fantasy

Mary Roach [®]

Wednesday, March 1
7 p.m.
Join the NYT bestselling science author as she discusses her frank approach to science, the importance of humor, and our weird, wonderful world.

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GROUPS & DISCUSSIONS

These ongoing Library groups are free for all to attend. No registration required.

Knitting Circle

Every other Thursday: March 2, 16, 30; April 13, 27; May 11, 25; 1 p.m.
Join us for knitting, conversation, and light refreshments.

Western Springs Writers' Society

Second & Fourth Thursdays:
March 9, 23; April 13, 27; May 11, 25;
7 p.m.
Have a writing itch? The WSWS welcomes all writers from the community to discuss and hone their craft with other local writers. Whether this is your career or hobby, all levels and genres are invited.

Investment Discussion Group

Second Tuesdays: March 14, April 11, May 9; 7:15 p.m.
Amateur investors meet to discuss trends in stocks, bonds, and more.

films

A series of independent, foreign, and documentary films with optional discussion after each screening. Registration required.

NOTE: NEW TIME! 6 p.m.



Thursday, March 9 [®]
6 p.m.
Banshees of Inisherin
(2022)
Dir. Martin McDonagh
Comedy/Drama



Thursday, April 13 [®]
6 p.m.
The Woman King
(2022)
Dir. Gina Prince-Bythewood
Action/Drama



Thursday, May 11 [®]
6 p.m.
Everything, Everywhere All At Once
(2022)
Dir. Daniel Kwan, Daniel Scheinert
Adventure/Sci-Fi



Special Spring Programming

The following virtual events are made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration between public libraries offering high-quality events.

Danny Trejo [®]

Tuesday, April 4
7 p.m.
The actor, author, and restaurateur will talk about his prolific career in the entertainment industry and his hard-earned and atypical road to success.

Will Shortz [®]

Tuesday, April 25
7 p.m.
Join us for a special interactive event with the enigmatologist and the world's only academically accredited puzzle master.

Jonathan Van Ness [®]

Wednesday, May 10
7 p.m.
The Emmy nominated *Queer Eye* TV personality, NYT bestselling author, podcaster, and Quincy, Illinois native will discuss all things fabulousness!

TEEN/TWEEN

Registration opens on Monday, February 27 at 9:30 a.m. for all Teen & Tween programs.

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted.

Teen programs are open to those in grades 5–12.

Ⓜ Registration required

Teen Board

Third Thursdays: March 16, April 20,
May 18; 7 p.m.

Teen Board can be a great way to earn volunteer hours! If you have ideas for how the library can better serve teens and tweens, come join us! The Teen Board implements programming suggestions, recommends books, and gives input for ways to entice other teens to visit the Library. We do a fun craft or activity every meeting! Open to students in grades 5-12.

Robot Day

Wednesday, March 1, 3:30–5:30 p.m.

Come check out our collection of robots! We'll have all of our robots out and available to play with, including Sphero SPRK+, Bolt, Edison robots, Ozobots, and more!

St. Patrick's Day Cookie Competition Ⓜ

Monday, March 13, 7–8 p.m.

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day by decorating some festive cookies! Get creative with your decorations, then the voting for best St. Patrick's Day cookie will begin. The winner will receive a prize!

Sew Your Own Stuffed Animal Kit

Wednesday, March 22

Sew your own felt stuffed animal with our beginner-friendly kit—no sewing experience is needed! Pick one up in the Teen/Tween Room. While supplies last.

MarioKart Tournament Ⓜ

Monday, March 27, 7–8:30 p.m.

Show off your driving skills with fellow Teen/Tween patrons in our Mario Kart Tournament!

Peep Catapults Ⓜ

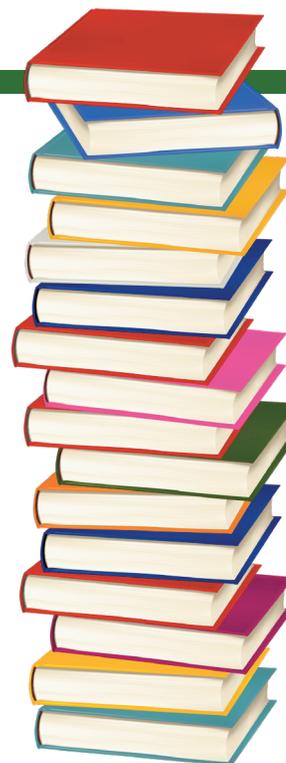
Monday, April 3, 7–8 p.m.

Yes, you read correctly: we are going to launch Peeps and other small objects using catapults made of pencils!

BOOK SPINE

Poetry Contest

April 1-30



You're a poet even if you didn't know it! Celebrate Poetry Month by creating a poem out of book spines. Just find 4-6 books and stack them top to bottom.

Take a photo and email it to Lily@fordlibrary.org. Poems will be posted on Instagram. A winner will be chosen by Library staff to receive a prize!

Water Bottle Wind Spiral Ⓜ

Wednesday, April 12, 4–4:45 p.m.

Reduce your plastic waste by creating an eye-catching decorative wind spiral made from plastic bottles.

Bee Garden Kit

Wednesday, April 26

Learn about the importance of bees and help them thrive by creating your own bee-friendly garden! Pick up a kit in the Teen/Tween Room. While supplies last.

Teen/Tween Book Chat

Wednesday, May 3, 7–8 p.m.

Join us for a book chat and craft this spring in the Teen/Tween Room! Read one of the three fantasy books listed below and come ready to share your thoughts. Extra copies are available two months before the discussion. Snacks will be provided. Book options: *Lightlark* by Axie Oh (YA), *Ghostlight* by Kenneth Oppel (Tween), or *The Dire Days of Willowweep Manor* by Shaenon K. Garrity (Graphic Novel).

Rose Petal Sugar Scrub Kit

Monday, May 8

Looking for a Mother's Day gift? This delightful handmade sugar scrub is sure to please! It is also great for a self-care spa day. Pick up a kit in the Teen/Tween Room.

DIY Kaleidoscope

Monday, May 22

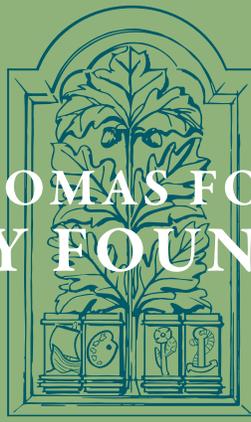
Discover how kaleidoscopes work by making one of your own! Pick up a kit in the Teen/Tween Room. While supplies last.

Just Dance Competition Ⓜ

Wednesday, May 24, 7–8:30 p.m.

So you think you can dance? Join us for a Just Dance competition! Refreshments will be provided.

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Leprechaun Scavenger Hunt

March 1-31

Go on a leprechaun hunt and find what treasure he is hiding each week. He may be tricky to catch - but if you find him, receive a shamrock badge!

Books are More Precious than Gold

March 1-31

During the month of March, stop by the Youth Services desk to take home a clover to color and decorate. Return it to the Library for display on our bulletin board!

Knuckleball Comedy 📌

Families Welcome

Saturday, March 11

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Get ready to laugh your socks off with Knuckleball Comedy's fun improv comedy performance for kids! Our talented improvisers will have your little ones in stitches as they lead them on a wild ride of interactive and hilarious scenes. Don't miss out on this unforgettable experience! Recommended for ages 4 and up.

Read and Create: How to Catch a Leprechaun 📌

Grades K-2

Thursday, March 16

4:30-5 p.m.

Top o' the mornin' to ya! Join us for a reading of *How to Catch a Leprechaun* by Adam Wallace and put your creative engineering skills to the test by creating your very own leprechaun trap.

Origami Corner Bookmarks 📌

Grades 2-4

Thursday, March 23

4:30-5 p.m.

Create unique bookmarks by simply folding paper and adding a little decoration! Add some sticker eyes or teeth to turn it into a monster. We will supply the materials, just bring your creativity!



Monday, April 17 | 4:30-5:15 p.m. | Families Welcome 📌

Spark the Firefly wants to plant a garden, but doesn't know how to get her seeds to grow. With the help of her friends in the forest, Spark learns the parts of the plants, what they need to grow and the importance of patience. Children will explore these concepts through music, poetry, and interactive movement. Recommended for ages 2-7!

R.E.A.D. to a Therapaws Pet 📌

Recommended Grades K-3

Mondays: March 27 OR April 24

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Beginning or independent readers love to practice reading aloud to one of the dogs from Hinsdale Humane Society's Therapaws Program because it's pressure-free! Reading time is a one-on-one experience; no parents or siblings allowed. Each child will have a 10-minute slot. We will advise you of your time slot via email prior to the session. Time slots will be allotted on a first-come, first-serve basis. *Due to the popularity of this program, we request that you register your child on one day only.*

LEGO Family Nights 📌

Families Welcome

Thursdays: March 30 & April 27

6-7 p.m.

Families of LEGO enthusiasts are welcome to join us to learn LEGO building techniques and complete a variety of creative challenges. Legos will be provided by the Library for this program. We'll display our creations in the Youth Department after each month's session.

Monarch Butterfly Hunt

April 1-30

Learn about the life cycle of the monarch butterfly! Find all four stages of the butterfly's life hidden in the Youth Services department and receive a prize from the Youth Services desk.

Spring Forecast: BOOKS!

April 1-30

It's raining books! During the month of April, stop by the Youth Services desk to pick up a raindrop to color and decorate. Return it to the Library for display on our bulletin board!

Read and Create: Telephone 📌

Grades K-2

Thursday, April 6

4:30-5 p.m.

Wait, that's not what I said! A simple message turns into a game of telephone for a group of birds sitting on a wire. We will read Mac Barnett's hilarious book *Telephone* and then create our own picture of birds on a wire using layered colored paper, string, and bird silhouettes.

Scrabble Name Plate Workshop [®]

Grades 2-4

Thursday, April 13

4:30–5 p.m.

Celebrate National Scrabble Day, the birthday of Scrabble inventor Alfred Mosher Butts, by using Scrabble tiles to create and decorate a custom made name plate. This one will be sure to earn points!

Baby & Toddler Playgroup [®]

Ages Birth through 2

Wednesday, April 26

10–11 a.m.

Explore the power of play! Join us for play time and stories that support the development of social and early literacy skills.

I-SPY Spring Flowers

May 1-31

Be sure to stop by the Youth Services desk and play a fun springtime game of I-Spy. Complete the challenge and earn a sticker!

Spring Storytimes



March 13 - April 21

[®] Registration required

Registration is required for all storytimes and begins on Wednesday, March 1 at 9:30 a.m. online at fordlibrary.org. First preference will be given to Western Springs residents.

Due to the popularity of our storytimes, we request that you register your child on one day only.

Lapsit Storytime [®]

3-23 months w/ adult

Wednesdays or Thursdays or Fridays

10–10:30 a.m.

Help your baby grow up to love books! Share stories, songs, and rhymes with your little one in this lapsit program and introduce them to a lifetime of reading and language enjoyment.

Toddler Time [®]

2-3.5 years w/ adult

Mondays: 10–10:30 a.m.

or Mondays 11–11:30 a.m.

or Tuesdays: 10–10:30 a.m.

Introduce your toddler to early literacy and help build a foundation of reading. We pair short books with songs and rhymes to engage them. Toddlers love to wander and listen during our time together.

Preschool Pals [®]

3.5-5 years

Mondays or Tuesdays

1–1:30 p.m.

Hear stories, sing songs, and have fun with your friends! Storytime will highlight early literacy skills that children need to learn before they can read independently. Children attend this storytime **without** their grown-ups so that they can practice independence.

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1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Library Closings

The Library will be closed on Sunday, April 9 for Easter and Monday, May 29 for Memorial Day.

Board of Trustee Meeting Dates

The Board meets on the last Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.
Spring 2023 Dates: March 28, April 25, and May 23

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Spring Opportunities

Teen Volunteers Wanted!

If you're a teen and need volunteer hours, consider joining our Teen Board! We meet on the third Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Teen/Tween Room. You can sign up to volunteer on our website or by sending an email to Lily@fordlibrary.org. We have lots of volunteer opportunities available, so reach out to learn more!

Book Donations Welcome!

The Friends of the Library will resume accepting book donations starting April 1. Materials may be dropped off in the donation bin in the Library lobby during regular Library hours.

Everyday Resources

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A friendly reminder that Thomas Ford Memorial Library offers so much more beyond books and community programming. From high-speed internet, computer, and printing access to meeting room reservations and more, we're here to be your convenient one-stop destination for all things learning, connecting, and growing. Ask us about our services to make sure you're taking advantage of every resource you need.

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