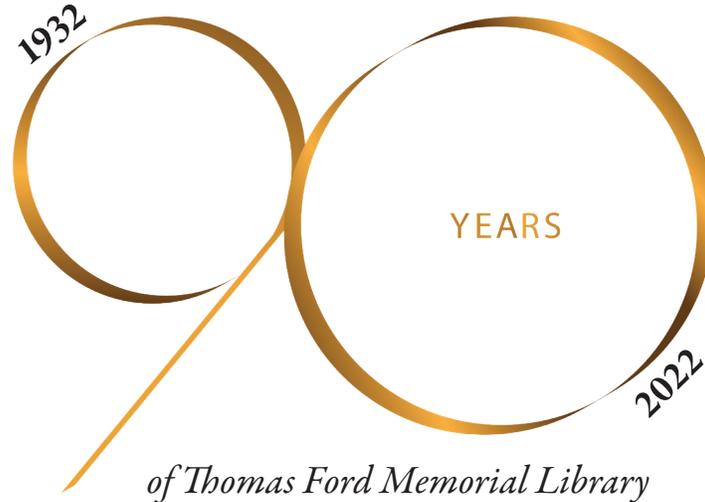


The Ford Connection

The Thomas Ford Memorial Library

SPRING 2022



Adult

Self Care for Busy People

Thursday, March 24, 7 p.m.

Holistic (& realistic!) ways to improve your daily life.



Teen/Tween



Bookmarks for Liberation Library

Starts March 1

Design a one-of-a-kind bookmark to help incarcerated youth across Illinois.

Youth & Families

Miss Jamie's Green Planet Music Show

Wednesday, April 13, 4:30 p.m.

Everyday is Earth Day when you learn to how to appreciate nature!



❖ *Please refer to our online calendar for the most up-to-date program details due to changing COVID-19 protocols.*

ADULT

Registration opens on Friday, February 25 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



Self Care for Busy People

Thursday, March 24, 7 p.m. **R**

The time to practice self-care is now. Bring balance to the busyness with inspirational practices from Julie M. Gentile's award-winning books 108 Yoga and Self-Care Practices for Busy Mamas and How to Stay Calm in Chaos: An Everyday Self-Care Guide. You will learn how to start journaling, an everyday meditation, a grounding breathing exercise, and stay motivated to make self-care a daily, lifelong habit.



An Evening with Jenny Lawson **R**

Wednesday, March 30, 7 p.m.

Join us for an evening with award-winning humorist Jenny Lawson as she discusses her most recent bestseller, "Broken (in the best possible way)" and her brilliantly funny body of work. Jenny is an American journalist, author, and blogger known for her great candor in sharing her struggle with mental illness. She has previously written "Let's Pretend This Never Happened" and "Furiously Happy," both of which were #1 New York Times bestsellers. *This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration between public libraries offering high-quality events.*

DIY Paper Bouquet

Tuesday, March 29, 7 p.m.

Create a beautiful floral bouquet using pre-cut flower templates along with guidance from an instructor. All supplies except a vase or container to put the finished flowers in will be provided.

Spring Paint & Sip

Monday, April 11, 7 p.m.

Create a spring-inspired painting in this instructor-led art class. Non-alcoholic beverages and all materials will be provided.

A Peek into the Native American Way of Life **R**

Monday, April 25, 7 p.m.

Join Illinois Road Scholar Kim Sigafus as she invites people into the world of the American Indian to discover what it once was to be Native, and what it means to be Native now. An Ojibwa, Kim will be dressed in her traditional Native regalia and will present on Native culture through oral traditions, language, and history. She will discuss Native encampment life, as well as drum and sing an Ojibwa lullaby. A traditional recipe handout will be available, and there will be a Q&A at the end of the presentation.

Be Green When You Garden **R**

Tuesday, April 26, 7 p.m.

Learn simple ways to garden while conserving water and using fewer chemicals, and how to incorporate environmentally-friendly gardening practices, including proper plant selection, water conservation, and composting. This presentation is given by horticulturist Sharon Yiesla, owner of "Sharon Yiesla, Horticultural Services."

Quilted Flower Magnets

Monday, May 9, 7 p.m.

Learn to make flower shaped magnets using quilting, the art of strategically rolling strips of paper to make creative designs. All materials will be provided for each participant to make 3 magnets.



MIDCENTURY

CUISINE

Wednesday, May 18, 7 p.m. **R**

Remember Jell-O salads and cheese sprayed out of a can? Take a nostalgic look back at the food innovations and marketing approaches that transformed how we eat. Using classic cookbooks, mass-market advertisements, and family magazines, historian and author Leslie Goddard will explore how society and technology shaped American food from the 40s through the 60s.

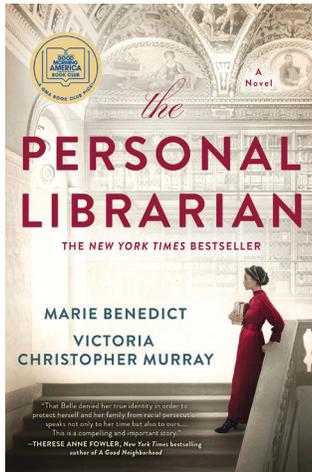
The Glamour of Chicago in the Gilded Age **R**

Tuesday, May 24, 7 p.m.

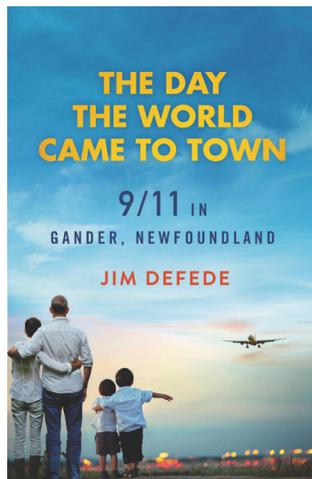
In this lecture, we'll travel back in time to late nineteenth-century Chicago to witness an incredible moment of revival. Despite being left scarred from the Great Fire of 1871, the city had been reborn from the ashes in a position to become a beacon of both industry and art. We'll visually stroll through some of the best works from the museum's holdings that help to tell the story of some of the key contributors to Chicago's renaissance and the art collections they fostered. This lecture is presented by Alexis Culotta, a Professor of Practice in Art History at Tulane University and specializes in the art and architecture of sixteenth-century Rome.

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.



The Personal Librarian
by Marie Benedict
Historical Fiction
Wednesday, April 6, 7:30 p.m.



The Day the World Came to Town
by Jim Defede
Travel & History
Wednesday, May 4, 7:30 p.m.

GROUPS & DISCUSSIONS

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

Knitting Circle

Every other Thursday: March, 3, 17, 31; April 14, 18; May 5, 19 1 p.m.
Join us for knitting, conversation, and light refreshments.

Western Springs Writers' Society

Second Thursdays & Last Mondays
March 10, 28; April 14, 25; May 12, 30, 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: May 8, April 10, May 12, 7:15 p.m.
Local amateur investors meet to discuss trends in stocks, bonds, and more.

Italian Conversation Group

March 9, April 13, May 11, 7 p.m.
All ages welcome
Italian conversation group for all levels. Develop or share your knowledge of Italian. Join us to supplement existing classwork, use for travel purposes, or general practice.

where
people
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ideas
connect

films

A series of independent, foreign, and documentary films with optional discussion after each screening. Registration required due to room capacity limits.



The Lost Leonardo (2021) [®]

Thursday, March 10, 2 p.m.
The Lost Leonardo explores the mystery surrounding the Salvator Mundi, the first painting by Leonardo da Vinci to be discovered for more than a century, which has now seemingly gone missing.



Never Rarely Sometimes Always (2020) [®]

Thursday, April 14, 2 p.m.
A pair of teenage girls in rural Pennsylvania travel to New York City to seek out medical help after an unintended pregnancy.



Blue Bayou (2021) [®]

Thursday, May 12, 2 p.m.
As a Korean-American man raised in the Louisiana bayou works hard to make a life for his family, he must confront the ghosts of his past as he discovers he could be deported from the only country he has called home.

TEEN/TWEEN

Registration opens on Friday, February 25 at 9:30 a.m. for all Teen & Tween programs.

Registration is required for all Teen & Tween programs unless otherwise noted.

Teen programs are open to those in grades 6–12.

Ⓜ Registration required

BOOKMARKS

for



March 1-31

Drop by the Teen/Tween room any day in the month of March to decorate a bookmark that will be donated to Liberation Library, an organization that sends books to young people in Illinois prisons and jails.

Teen Board

Third Sundays: March 20, April 17, May 15, 4 p.m.

Have ideas you want to see at the library? Join the Teen Board! The Teen Board implements programming suggestions and recommends materials like fiction, graphic novels, and music. It also gives input for ways to entice other teens to visit the library. Open to students in grades 5-12. Meet in the Teen/Tween Room. Snacks will be provided.

just so you know...

Our Teen/Tween Room is available any time school is out. Drop in to play a game, do a project, or just hang out. Plus: snacks on the first school day of every month!

STEAM: Paper Roller Coasters Ⓜ

Thursday, April 21, 4:30 p.m.

Give mechanical engineering a try by designing and building a roller coaster out of paper! Pick up your supplies on April 20, then follow along with an instructional video posted on our Instagram (@TFMLYA) and our YouTube channel (TFMLYA) the next day. Registration required.

CRAFTernoons

Neon Lights Ⓜ

Wednesday, March 16, 4:30 p.m.

Make your own custom "neon" light using LEDs and fishing lures! Pick up your supplies on March 15, then follow along with an instructional video posted on our Instagram (@TFMLYA) and our YouTube channel (TFMLYA) the next day. Registration required.

Rainbow Soap Ⓜ

Wednesday, May 18, 4:30 p.m.

Create your own bar of rainbow layered soap to keep your hands clean! Pick up your supplies on May 17, then follow along with an instructional video posted on our Instagram (@TFMLYA) and our YouTube channel (TFMLYA) the next day. Registration required.



STAR WARS DAY



MINI LIGHT SABERS

Wednesday, May 4, 4:30 p.m. Ⓜ

Celebrate Star Wars Day by making your own miniature lightsaber using LED lights and straws! Pick up your supplies on May 3, then follow along with an instructional video posted on our Instagram (@TFMLYA) and our YouTube channel (TFMLYA) the next day.

Registration required.



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YOUTH

Registration is required and begins on Tuesday, March 1 at 9:30 a.m. online at fordlibrary.org for ALL programs unless otherwise noted.

Have your library card ready to register online, in person, or by calling (708) 246-0520.

First preference will be given to Western Springs residents.

 Registration required



NATURE STORYTIME with the MORTON ARBORETUM



Wednesday, March 9 
10–10:30 a.m.
Ages 2-6 w/ adult



A guest presenter from The Morton Arboretum will join us for some fun nature stories that help us notice how weather, trees, and animals change with the seasons!



Pajama Storytime

Best suited for ages 2+
Thursdays: March 10, April 28
6:30–7 p.m.

Join us as we read stories and sing songs in this special evening storytime for families. Kids are welcome to dress in comfy clothes or jammies!

Critter Collectors by Andertoons

Grades K-4
Thursday, March 17
4:30–5:15 p.m.

We're going to create and draw our very own collectible cartoon critters based on your suggestions! 14 legs? Sure! 7 tails? Why not! 3 glow in the dark hypnotizing laser eyes?! OK, that seems like a bit much, but you're the boss! Then (and this is the best part), you get to decide who would win in a cartoon critter clash!

R.E.A.D. to a Therapaws Pet

Recommended Grades K-3
Mondays: March 21 OR April 18 OR
May 9
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.*

Recycled Papermaking

Grades K-4
Thursday, April 21
4:30–5:15 p.m.

This program is an exciting, hands-on way for kids to learn how recycled-content paper is made. Each participant will make their own recycled paper to take home, color, and decorate as they please. Presented by SCARCE, an award-winning environmental education non-profit organization dedicated to creating sustainable communities.

Spanish Storytime by Language Labs

Ages 3-6 w/ adult
Tuesday, May 3
10–10:25 a.m.

Come join Ms. Alejandra from Language Labs and her doll Maria while they talk about spring colors in Spanish and their trip to the Chicago Botanical Garden to learn about the different flowers, trees, and plants there! Together we will create a surprise spring-themed craft for the children to take home and enjoy.

Paper Engineering

Grades 2-4
Wednesday, May 4
4:30–6 p.m.

Investigate the fine art of cutting and folding shapes into a 3-dimensional shark pop-up card. Finish it off by creating a background scene using markers and colored pencils.

REGISTRATION REMINDER

If you are a Thomas Ford cardholder, please be sure to enter the library card number while registering. If you do not enter the card number, you will be put on a pending waitlist and are not guaranteed a spot in the program.

Miss Jamie's


GREEN PLANET

Music Show

Wednesday, April 13 4:30–5:15 p.m. Families Welcome 

In Miss Jamie's Green Planet Music Show, kids explore ideas on how to help the environment. We will sing and dance about pollinators and the seed cycle, and in the process, we will learn to celebrate Earth Day every day! This show is perfect for ages 3-7, but younger and older children will enjoy the show as well.



BINGO ADVENTURE!

Starts May 1

Begin your bingo adventure at the Youth Services desk! During the month of May, search throughout the department for objects on your bingo card to earn a prize!



SPRING Storytimes

March 14 - April 22

Registration is required for all storytimes and begins on Tuesday, 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.

Sessions fill up quickly. Please help us by attending those programs for which you are registered. If you cannot attend all of the dates in one session, let us know. We will put your name on the waiting list for open spots.

Lapsit Storytime [®]

3-23 months w/ adult
Tuesdays or Thursdays
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. This program works best if there is one adult with one baby.

Toddler Time [®]

2-3.5 years w/ adult
Mondays or Wednesdays
10-10:30 a.m.

Introduce your toddler to early literacy which helps in building the 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
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. Children attend this storytime without their grown-ups so that they can practice independence.

Siblings & Stories [®]

Babies to Pre-K w/ adult
Fridays
10-10:30 a.m.

The perfect storytime for families with children of different ages! Enjoy books, rhymes, and songs that are fun for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers.

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The Library will be closed on Sunday, April 17 for Easter and Monday, May 30 for Memorial Day.

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Our 90th Anniversary

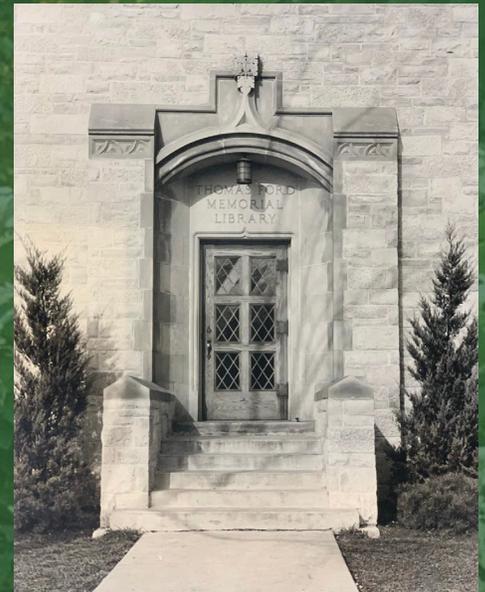
2022 marks the 90th anniversary of our Thomas Ford Memorial Library building! We are excited to celebrate this important milestone all year long with you, and we can't wait to create even more memories together. Thank you for your continued support over the years, and stay tuned for some upcoming anniversary surprises!

The one & only Thomas Ford



A vintage snapshot of our Community Room

Our building's original entrance in 1932



Everyday Resources

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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