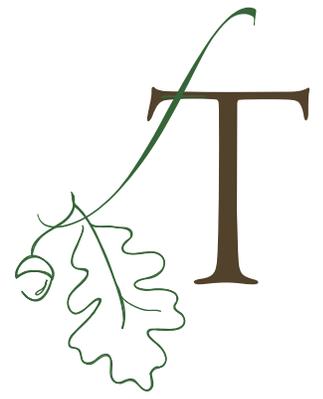


The Ford Connection



WINTER 2021-22

The Thomas Ford Memorial Library

Adult

Organizing 101 For the Holidays

Monday, December 6, 7 p.m.
Achieve minimized clutter & stress
at home this holiday season!



Teen/Tween



Giving Tree

Starts December 1
Create an original festive ornament
to gift to a local senior resident!

Youth & Families

Bruce the Bear Visits the Library

Saturday, December 4, 1 p.m. or 2 p.m.
Meet the beloved book character
during this extra special winter event!



ADULT

Registration opens on Monday, November 22 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.

📍 Registration required

ORGANIZING 101:

Organizing for the Holidays

Monday, December 6, 7 p.m. 📍

Does just the thought of the holiday season make you feel stressed? Would you like to start the holiday season on a good note: feeling more organized and in control? In this virtual presentation, professional organizer Jennifer Barnes gives you practical ways to decrease the stress and increase your organization during this crazy time of year.



DIY Hat Ornaments 📍

Tuesday, December 7, 6:30 p.m.

Use yarn, fishing line, and pom-poms to create mini winter hats perfect for your tree or home decoration. Great as ornaments or general winter décor. All supplies provided.

Evergreen Centerpiece 📍

Monday, December 13, 7 p.m.

Peggy Garvin of Garvin Gardens will guide participants through creating a beautiful winter centerpiece. Materials will be provided, but please bring your own garden gloves and pruners.

Winter Card Kits

Starts December 15

Create three adorable pre-designed winter greeting cards at home! Take-home kits containing all pre-cut materials and instructions will be available for pick-up at the Adult Services Reference Desk. While supplies last.

Book Boxes for Adults 📍

Starts January 1

Avid reader? Looking for some good, personalized recommendations? Join our Adult Book Boxes service! Register here for a spot, and you'll receive an email for a form to tell us a little bit about what you like to read. Each month, you'll receive 2 books plus some other goodies. Return the books and the box to receive your next month's recommendations, but keep the other items. An email will be sent when your next book box is ready to be picked up, and you can stop this service at any time. Space is limited, so sign up during the month of December! First boxes are anticipated to be ready during the month of January.

Winter Paint & Sip 📍

Tuesday, January 18, 7 p.m.

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



Valentine Card Kits

Starts February 1

Create three beautiful pre-designed Valentine's cards at home! Take-home kits containing all pre-cut materials and instructions will be available for pick-up at the Adult Services Reference Desk. While supplies last.

Emancipation to Inauguration: The Black Experience in Chicago 📍

Thursday, February 3, 7 p.m.

From Chicago's first settler to the nation's Chief Executive, the African American presence is deep and proud. Historian, musician, and radio personality Clarence Goodman guides you through the rich and profound Black experience in Chicago.



Using the Library

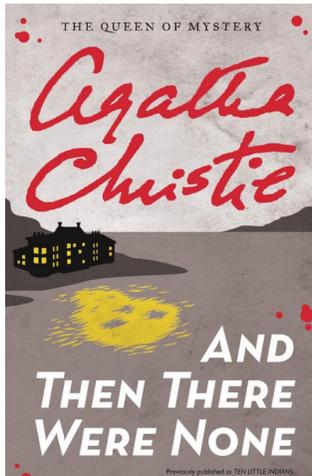
FROM HOME

Thursday, January 20, 7 p.m. 📍

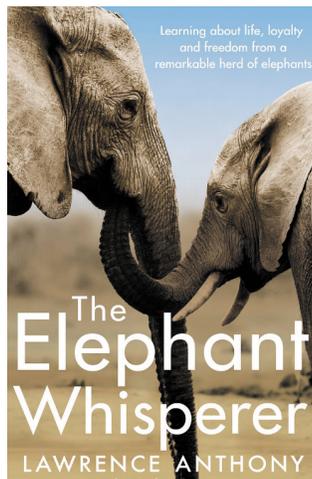
With your Thomas Ford library card, you can download and stream free books, magazines, movies, music, and more - all from your mobile device or home computer! Join us on Zoom to learn how to get started, or ask any questions you have about our digital services.

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.



And Then There Were None
by Agatha Christie
Mystery & Suspense
Wednesday, February 2, 7:30 p.m.



The Elephant Whisperer
by Lawrence Anthony
Biography & Wildlife
Wednesday, March 2, 7:30 p.m.

GROUPS & DISCUSSIONS

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

Knitting Circle

Every other Thursday: December, 2, 16; January 6, 20; February 3, 17, 1 p.m.
Join us for knitting, conversation, and light refreshments.

Western Springs Writers' Society

Second Thursdays & Last Mondays
December 9; January 13, 31;
February 10, 28, 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: December 14,
January 11, February 8, 7:15 p.m.
Local amateur investors meet to discuss trends in stocks, bonds, and more.

Italian Conversation Group

December 8; January 12, 26;
February 9, 23, 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.

Sunday Language Conversation Groups

December 5, 19; January 16;
February 6, 20
German - 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Spanish - 2:30-3:30 p.m.
French - 3:30-4:30 p.m.
All ages welcome
Students looking for a little more practice, travelers wanting to brush up on vocab and increase your comfort level in speaking, or native speakers who are eager to share skills—all are welcome to our Sunday Language Conversation Groups.

films

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



Truffle Hunters (2020) [Ⓜ]

Thursday, December 9, 2 p.m.
Deep in the forests of Piedmont, Italy, a handful of men, seventy or eighty years old, hunt for the rare and expensive white Alba truffle - which to date has resisted all of modern science's efforts at cultivation.



Never Rarely Sometimes Always (2020) [Ⓜ]

Thursday, January 13, 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.



Yellow Rose (2019) [Ⓜ]

Thursday, February 10, 2 p.m.
A Filipina teen from a small Texas town fights to pursue her dreams as a country music performer while having to decide between staying with her family or leaving the only home she has known.

TEEN/TWEEN

Registration opens on Monday, November 22 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

Tech Tuesdays

First Tuesdays: December 7, January 4,
February 1, 3:30 p.m.

Stop by the Teen/Tween Room on the first Tuesday of every month and see what cool tech tool we are highlighting! All our tech tools are available for check out.

Teen Board

Third Sundays: December 19, January 16,
February 20, 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.

Exam Cram

December 14-16, 2–7 p.m.

It's that time of the year again: the teens are taking over the library! Throughout the library, tables will be open for group study. Students can stop by our several snack tables for an energy break.

STEAM

GINGERBREAD



CHALLENGE



Thursday, December 16, 4:30 p.m.

It's our annual Gingerbread Challenge with a virtual twist!

Sign up to pick up your gingerbread challenge supplies on December 15.

On December 16, email a picture of your gingerbread house to Gianna@fordlibrary.org.

All the gingerbread houses will be posted on the Teen/Tween Instagram, @TFMLYA!

Staff will then vote, and the best gingerbread house will receive a prize!

Pictures must be emailed by 6 p.m. on December 16 for a chance at winning.

Giving Tree

December 1-22

Stop by the Teen/Tween Room and decorate an ornament for our Giving Tree! All ornaments will be given as gifts to local senior living residents.



CRAFTernoon:

Candy Pokemon Ⓡ

Wednesday, January 12, 4:30 p.m.

Create your own new Pokemon! Using the Pokemon card and candy in your kit, create your own new Pokemon character! Sign up to pick up your kit on January 11. On January 12, email a picture of your creation to Gianna@fordlibrary.org. Registration required.

STEAM: Maker a Motor Ⓡ

Thursday, February 17, 4:30 p.m.

Make your own homopolar motor! Pick up the supplies on February 16, then follow along with the instructional video posted on our Instagram @TFMLYA or our Youtube Channel, TFMLYA. Registration required.

Iron Chef Ⓡ

Friday, February 25, 4:30 p.m.

Sign up to receive a bag with mystery ingredients on February 24! On February 25, create a delicious dish with the supplies you've been given. Send us a picture of your completed meal to Gianna@fordlibrary.org. Staff will vote, and the teen with the best dish will win a prize! Registration required.

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!

THOMAS FORD LIBRARY FOUNDATION DONOR SPOTLIGHT

The Vukas Family

Dr. Daniel and Mirjana (MJ) Vukas moved to Western Springs 13 years ago for the great schools, the expansive parks, and its lovely downtown area. They have two children, Vladimir (16) and Ivana (13), who are both accomplished students and athletes. Their cherished memories of the Thomas Ford Memorial Library include Vlad and Ivana's excitement for the summer reading program (who can resist searching for the mystery book?) and the Reading to the Dogs program. The positive experiences of reading to the dogs inspired a new addition to the family: Maks, a five-year-old goldendoodle, often seen around town with MJ.

The Vukas family's belief that a community should have access to a diverse selection of books, even in our increasingly digital world, has led them to be valued supporters of the Library. Check out their favorite book titles below!

Daniel's Pick: *Bridge on the Drina* by Ivo Andrić

MJ's Pick: *The Namesake* by Jhumpa Lahiri

Vladimir's Pick: *Red Badge of Courage* by Stephen Crane

Ivana's Pick: *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah



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YOUTH

Registration is required and begins on Wednesday, December 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.

R Registration required



Elf Scavenger Hunt

December 1-23

Come to the Youth Services Department to try and find Tinsel the Magic Elf! He will be hiding among the books and shelves in a different location every day. Find Tinsel and receive a sticker! No registration required.

Sneeze Packs

Cough, cough, sneeze! We know it can be a challenge to entertain a sick child, or even a healthy one when you're sick. Let the Youth Services staff help by selecting a personalized bag of materials for your child and having it ready-to-go at the main Circulation Desk. Just call us or submit a form online on our website (Kids At-Home Learning Resources drop-down menu) and we will select books and more - picked especially for your child.

Spark's Snow Day **R**

Families Welcome

Wednesday, January 5

10-10:25 a.m. OR 11-11:25 a.m.

Snow came early in Firefly Grove this year so Spark the Firefly gets to experience her first snow day! Join Spark as she learns all about snow, hibernation, and exciting winter activities. Spark's Snow Day includes puppets, original music, interactive movement, and lots of winter fun for families!

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.

Pajama Storytime **R**

Best suited for ages 2+

Thursdays: January 20, February 17
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!

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

Recommended Grades K-3

Mondays: January 31 OR February 28
7-8 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 between 7-8 p.m. 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.*

Aliens Escape from Earth **R**

Grades K-4

Wednesday, February 9
4:30-5:15 p.m.

During a midnight meteor shower, something mysterious falls from the sky — but it's not a shooting star. Two curious kids investigate and find themselves mixed up with a visitor from another planet! Pursued by a kooky space scientist, the kids try to rescue the friendly alien and return it to its family before it's too late! Buckle up for an out-of-this world action story, where you'll discover the power of air pressure and the magic of chemical changes through jaw-dropping Next Generation Science experiments — all conducted with help from the audience!

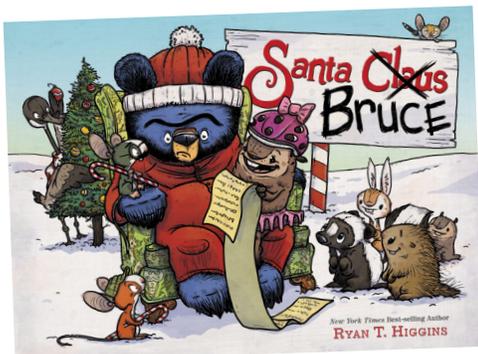
Reel Reads: Trolls World Tour **R**

All Ages

Monday, February 21

1-3 p.m.

After reading about Poppy in *One Big Party*, we will watch the DreamWorks movie *Trolls World Tour*.



Bruce the Bear Visits the Library

*Saturday, December 4 1 p.m. OR 2 p.m. Families Welcome **R***

You're invited to the WSBA event, Western Springs Winter Wonderland 2021! Meet Bruce from Ryan Higgins' popular Mother Bruce book series and stick around after the storytime for a special photo with him. Thank you to the Western Springs Library Friends for their generous sponsorship of this program.



Winter Storytimes



JANUARY 10 – FEBRUARY 18

Registration is required for all storytimes and begins on Wednesday, December 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
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. 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.



LEGO

Our LEGO Youth program has expanded! We'll display our creations in the Youth Department after each month's session.

Explorers [®]

Ages 4-6
Tuesday, February 1
4–5:15 p.m.

Let's explore LEGO! Join us to experiment, play, and build.

Engineers [®]

Grades 2-4
Thursday, February 3
4–5:15 p.m.

Engineers unite! Join us to learn LEGO building techniques and complete a variety of creative challenges.

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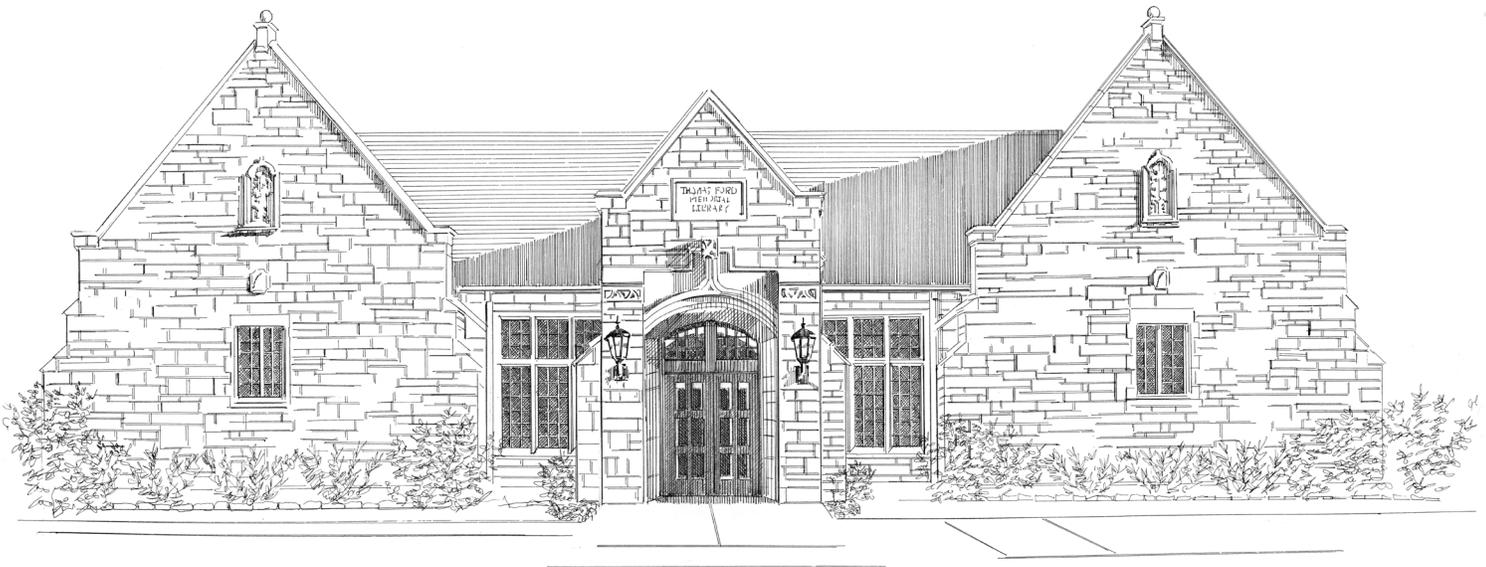
Library Closings

The Library will be closed on the following days:
Thursday, November 25 (Thanksgiving), Friday, December 10 (In Service Day), Friday, December 24 (Christmas Eve), Saturday, December 25 (Christmas), Friday, December 31 (New Year's Eve), and Saturday, January 1 (New Year's Day).

Ted Bodewes, Library Director

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Everyday Resources

Our digital magazine collection has moved to Libby - and it's grown!

Use the Libby app or visit the Media on Demand website to choose from thousands of magazines. No waiting, no limits!

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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