

# The Ford Connection

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## *The Thomas Ford Memorial Library*



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WINTER  
2020-21

## All programs this winter are virtual!

*Unless otherwise stated, registration is required  
to receive a Zoom link.*

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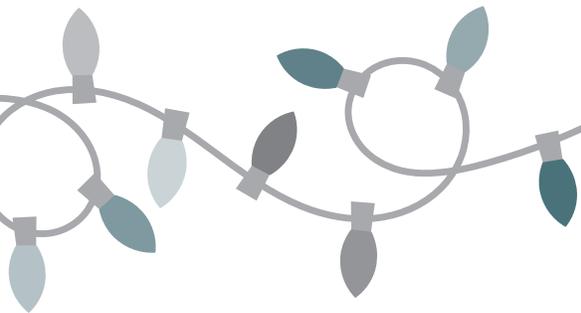
Love our in-person escape rooms? Try out our latest choose-your-own-adventure style virtual escape room! Play as a member of a team of explorers who travel to Antarctica and discover something unexpected. You can complete this escape room as a group or as an individual. Sign up online and you'll be emailed a link on Friday, January 15.

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LEGENDS



**Antarctic Expedition**





# Winter Storytimes

January 6 – February 17

## Matt Willhem's Virtual Show

Tuesday, January 12, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

### Families Welcome

Join us and watch award winner Matt Wilhelm's amazing virtual BMX stunt show! There will be an entire segment filmed with a GoPro helmet camera so you can see how it feels to ride like a pro BMX rider. Matt will also attempt to break his Guinness World Record during the show.

## Wednesdays

10-10:30 a.m. or 1-1:30 p.m.

Welcome to our live virtual storytimes—fun for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers! Ms. Sarah, Ms. Catherine, and Ms. Uma will create an online Family Storytime experience for you with books, rhymes, and songs.

We are using Zoom to present these storytimes. *One registration per family (not per participant) is all that is required.* We will send a Zoom invite link to all the families that are registered.



## YOUTH VIRTUAL ESCAPE ROOMS

MONDAYS: JANUARY 25, FEBRUARY 15  
4:30 P.M.-5:15 P.M. • GRADES 1-4

Sign up for our virtual youth escape room program. Everyone registered will work as a group to hunt down clues and solve puzzles in order to successfully escape from the room. The two themes featured in this program will be Dogman and Egyptian Tombs.

## Hands-On Stories

Thursdays: January 28, February 4,

February 11

4:30-5:15 p.m.

Ages 4-7

Keep your hands busy with modeling clay in this crafty storytime as we discuss and experiment with shapes, colors, and textures. All materials will be provided and will be ready for pickup one week before the first program. Please register each child attending as supplies are limited for this virtual program series.

**January 28:** *Round is a Tortilla: a Book of Shapes*

**February 4:** *Mouse Paint*

**February 11:** *Spiky, Slimy, Smooth: What Is Texture?*

## Chinese New Year Storytime

Tuesday, February 9 1:30-2 p.m.

Ages 3-6

The Language Labs presents (via Zoom) Chinese New Year Storytime! Join our animated Chinese storyteller Peggy Huang who will share all the traditions that surround this wonderful, colorful, and significant holiday. There will be beautiful pictures, videos, songs, and legends of why this holiday is celebrated.

## Virtual Dinosaur Adventures with T-Rexplorers

Tuesday, February 16, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Ages 5-8

Come on a mini adventure with T-Rexplorers as we tell you tales of things you will see on a real dinosaur dig. We'll read you a story written by a young junior paleontologist while we show you five different clues that dinosaurs did exist! See real dinosaur fossils and have some fun!



## Tech Tuesdays

First Tuesdays: December 1, January 5,  
February 2, 4:30 p.m.

The first Tuesday of every month, we will post a video demonstrating one of the tech tools from our tech cabinet! Check it out on our Instagram or our YouTube channel (TFMLYA) to see what awesome tools you can check out with your library card!

## Crafternoons: Programs To Go

Second Wednesdays: December 9, January 13, February 10  
4:30 p.m.

Check out our Instagram or YouTube channel (TFMLYA) on the second Wednesday of every month at 4:30 for a fun craft project you can do at home! Registration Required.

# EXAM CRAM

## Care Packages

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14  
- FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

Zoom study sessions  
each day at 7 p.m.

It's that time of the year again...FINALS! Pick up your Exam Cram care package at the teen room! Each care package is fully equipped with study snacks, studying tools and simple relaxation crafts. Join us on Zoom for a Virtual Exam Cram to get extra studying assistance from your peers! Registration required to receive Zoom link.

## STEAM(F)

Third Thursdays: December 17,  
January 21, February 18  
4:30 p.m.

Check out our Instagram or YouTube channel (TFMLYA) on the third Thursday of every month for DIY videos that incorporate Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math and FOOD. Certain STEAM (F) sessions have supplies that are included if you sign up! Check our website to see if registration is required.

# TEEN/TWEEN

Teen & Tween programs are open to those in grades 5-12.

## Virtual Open Mic Night

Friday, January 29, 7 p.m.

Can you sing? Play guitar? Write poetry? Virtually show off your talent! Registration required to receive the Zoom link!

## Blind Date with A Book

Registration begins on February 1

Roses are red, violets are blue, we have the perfect book for you! Register and receive a library book that is wrapped up! Read your "blind date" book and send your review to [gianna@fordlibrary.org](mailto:gianna@fordlibrary.org) by February 26. Reviews may be posted on our teen/tween Instagram. Book reviewers will receive a small prize. Registration required.

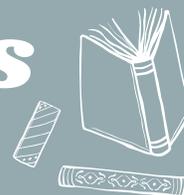
## teen board

Third Sundays: December 20,  
January 17, February 21  
4:30 p.m.

Have ideas you want to see at the Library? Join the Teen Board! The Teen Board implements programming suggestions, recommends materials like fiction, graphic novels, and music, and gives input for ways to entice other teens to visit the Library. We meet virtually through Zoom on every third Sunday. Register online to receive the Zoom link!



## Book Boxes Book Club



Avid reader? Looking for some good recommendations? Join our Book Boxes Book Club! Fill out the form on our website to tell us a little bit about what you like to read and each month get two books and some other cool stuff! Return the books and your custom box (which you can and should decorate!) 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!

Teen/Tween Instagram: @tfmlya

Follow us for virtual programs and activities!



# ADULT

## DIY Macramé Keychain

Beginning Tuesday, December 1

Create a fun and easy macramé piece that you can use as a keychain or a wall decoration. Follow along with an instructional video on Creativebug by macramé expert Emily Katz (use your library card to access Creativebug through our website). Kits available at the Reference Desk beginning Tuesday, December 1. While supplies last! No registration required.

## Holiday Cooking with Chef Dave Esau

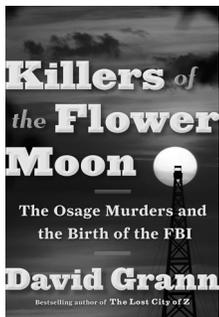
Video available Monday, December 7

Learn some French recipes and techniques for your holiday get-togethers with Chef Dave! This pre-recorded virtual cooking demo will feature proper kitchen skills including prep, cutting and chopping, and stovetop cookery. Recipes to include: pork Normandy, chicken stuffed with Brie and spinach, and crème brûlée. Register to receive an email with a link to the video on December 7, or visit our website after that date to watch this delicious demo any time!



## Book Discussion Group

Book discussions will be live online conversations utilizing Zoom. Registration is required so that attendees can receive the Zoom meeting link. Patrons will participate in the discussion from home via computer/device or via telephone. Register online, in person, or by calling (708) 246-0520.



### *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI*

by David Grann

Wednesday, February 3, 7:30 p.m.

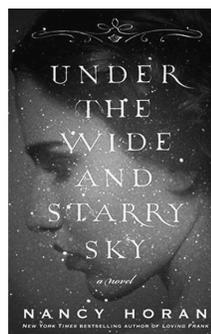
This true-crime mystery provides a gripping account of the 1920s murders of several members of the Osage tribe, who had become wealthy after oil was discovered on their tribal lands in Oklahoma. Local corruption ensured that the murders were neither solved nor stopped until federal investigators from the newly professionalized FBI began looking into the crimes.

### *Under the Wide and Starry Sky*

by Nancy Horan

Wednesday, March 3, 7:30 p.m.

When Scottish author Robert Louis Stevenson fell in love with and married the American Fanny Osbourne, she became his editor and collaborator as he composed his classic works, and she nursed the frail Louis through his many illnesses. This fictionalized account of their relationship brings the adventurous and colorful couple to life as they travel through Europe and the South Pacific.



## Movie Music: Elvis Presley

Wednesday, January 6, 7 p.m.

Elvis Presley was a pioneer of the music industry who sang from the depths of his soul better than anyone of his generation. In this Zoom presentation, film historian John LeGear uses Elvis' movie career to explore the star's natural joy and passion for his craft, his chemistry with his leading ladies, and of course his beautiful voice. Join us to celebrate Elvis' remarkable life and enjoy the incredible music from his films. This is a live virtual event presented over Zoom.

## Mini Clay Cactus Kits

Beginning Monday, February 1

Using polymer oven-bake clay, create an adorable mini cactus in a mini wooden pot! Pick up a kit at the Reference Desk beginning Monday, February 1. While supplies last! No registration required.

## The Life of Harriet Tubman

Monday, February 8, 7 p.m.

In this compelling performance, local actress Cynthia Maddox offers a look at the triumphant life of abolitionist and political activist Harriet Tubman, whose undaunted dedication to a better society has emphatically impacted the course of history. Through dramatic monologue, poetry, and song, Ms. Maddox gives viewers a powerful glimpse into the charismatic life of Lady Moses. This is a live virtual event presented over Zoom.

*Library book clubs are open to anyone who enjoys good books! Extra copies of the books are made available at the Library one month before the discussion. Book reviews and other information can be viewed at the Reference Desk.*



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**Library Closings**

The Library will be closed on Thursday, December 24 for Christmas Eve; Friday, December 25 for Christmas Day; Thursday, December 31 for New Year's Eve; and Friday, January 1 for New Year's Day.

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Hugh Ingrasci's roles have included professor, volunteer, coach, family man, and library enthusiast. Find out more about this long-time patron in the winter edition of the Ford Member Connection.



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*Annual Giving Appeal*

The Library Foundation's annual appeal was mailed to Western Springs residents in October. As you plan your year-end giving please consider making a donation. We are pleased to continue our work with the Library staff and Board funding improvements that meet the community's needs. Thank you for your support!

*If you need a copy of the flyer, extra copies are available at the Library (708-246-0520).*