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Spring Time Jazz Benefit

Saturday, April 27 at 7 pm

For his Eagle Scout project, Tim Sands from local Boy Scout Troop 39 is organizing a lively, musical event to benefit the library. Please join us as we enjoy some jazz played by the LTHS Jazz Ensemble in support of the library. Suggested donation is \$10. All jazz and library lovers welcome.



Homebound Services

La Grange Park residents confined to their homes may be eligible to receive delivery of library materials on a monthly basis. The library partners with Interfaith Community Partners. Call our Circulation Department at 708-352-0100 to arrange for delivery. For more information, visit: <http://interfaithcommunitypartners.org/our-services/library-service/>



**Sign up for our weekly
enews at lplibrary.org**

Library Closings

April 21 - Easter
May 10 - Staff Training
May 27 - Memorial Day

Smile!

La Grange Park Library visitors and program attendees may be recorded through photography or video. Rest assured, these pictures are used for library publicity only. If you prefer to not be photographed, please notify staff.

Disability Accommodation

If you or your child needs an accommodation for a disability to attend any program, please phone the Library at least five working days prior to the scheduled program.

adult programs

Salt Creek Woods Restoration

Monday, March 4, 7 pm

Learn about how Shedd Aquarium is partnering with the Forest Preserves of Cook County and scores of volunteers to restore the wetlands within Salt Creek Woods. Meet a friendly critter and see how you can help.



Nutrition on a Budget

Monday, March 11, 7 pm

Theresa Thompson, Registered Dietetic Technician from the Westchester Food Pantry, will help explain the impact food has on heart health, diabetes, and overall energy levels. She will also provide sample menus, ideas to cut grocery costs, and a taste of a healthy, simple dish.

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



Georgia O'Keeffe: The Inspiration of Nature

Wednesday, March 13, 7 pm

In this dramatic lecture, Georgia O'Keeffe (portrayed by Leslie Goddard) reflects on her life and discusses her intense closeness to flowers, nature, and the landscape around her New Mexico homes. *Co-sponsored by the La Grange Park Friends of the Library and the Salt Creek Area American Association of University Women.*

KonMari 101: Tidy Your Home, Change Your Life

Wednesday, March 20, 7 pm

Chicago's first certified KonMari Tidying Consultant, Krystyn Ivey, will share home organization tips that focus on what you keep, rather than what or how much you discard.

Meditation Class

Ages 16-Adult

Wednesdays, March 20, April 17, and May 15, 7 pm

Join us for this monthly class led by an Ahimsa Yoga Studio teacher. Registration suggested.

Community Shredding Event

Saturday, March 23, 9-11 am

Have sensitive documents that need to be destroyed? Stop by the library parking lot and have it done for free by ProShred! *Sponsored by the La Grange Park Friends of the Library.*

Paranormal Investigations 101

Monday, March 25, 7 pm

Local paranormal investigator Jason Sherman, of Jason's Paranormal Society, will talk about his experiences exploring the strange and unexplained.

Crafting with Lasers

Wednesdays, March 27, April 3, May 8, or May 22, 7 pm

Learn how to make awesome stuff using the power of lasers! In March and April, we'll design fun trinkets to put in your Easter basket and in May, we'll create custom rubber stamps. Registration required.

Lincoln on Immigration & America's Place in the World

Monday, April 1, 7 pm

Mr. Lincoln (portrayed by Kevin Wood) will share his thoughts on immigration, nativism, international relations, and the global significance of the American Civil War. *Sponsored by the La Grange Park Friends of the Library.*

Cut the Cable Cord!

Wednesday, April 10, 7 pm

Are you sick of your cable bill? We'll help you find the best services and devices for streaming TV – just in time for the final season of *Game of Thrones!*

Adult Board Gaming

Friday, April 26, 7-9 pm

Join us after we close to try some of our hilarious/exciting/mind-bending games. Feel free to bring along your favorite games! **Attendees must be at least 21.**

Paint & Sip

Thursday, May 16, 7 pm

Create a beautiful seasonal painting with local artist Asma Bohra. Light refreshments and all materials are provided. **Attendees must be at least 21.**

In-person registration and \$10 refundable deposit required. *Sponsored by the La Grange Park Friends of the Library.*



discussion groups

After Hours Book Club

Saturday, March 16, 5:30 pm

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas
Budget a bit more time for this meeting as we will watch the movie!

Saturday, May 18, 5:30pm

Truly Devious by Maureen Johnson

Copies of the book will be available at the Circulation Desk one month before the meeting.

First Friday Film Discussion

Fridays, 7 pm

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

March 1 *Shoplifters*

A poor family turns to petty crime in this moving drama from Film Discussion favorite Hirokazu Kore-Eda.



April 3 *Blindspotting*

A convicted felon witnesses a police shooting in this insightful comedy about race relations.

May 3 *Madeline's Madeline*

A troubled teenager becomes involved with an experimental theater troupe in this beautifully photographed film.

Cookbook Club

Thursdays, 6 pm

Pick out your recipe at the Reference Desk by March 21/April 18/May 23

March 28

Provisions: The Roots of Caribbean Cooking by Michelle and Suzanne Rousseau

Vegetarian island cuisine is featured in this book.



April 25 *Korean Home Cooking* by Sohui Kim

This cookbook features an especially strong section on banchan (Korean side dishes).

May 30 *Season: Big Flavors, Beautiful Food* by Nik Sharma

This cookbook offers a bounty of Indian-accented recipes.

Books Alive! Book Discussion Group

Books are available one month before the meeting

Tuesday, March 19, 2 pm

Mr. & Mrs. America by Juliet McDaniel

It's 1969, Nixon is president, Neil Armstrong just took one small step for man, and socialite Maxine Simmons just found out her husband is leaving her for his twenty-two-year-old secretary.

Tuesday, April 16, 2pm

Virgil Wander by Leif Enger

A story about the curmudgeonly owner and patrons of a movie theater in Greenstone, Minnesota and their quest to revive their flagging town.

Tuesday, May 21, 2pm

Rising Out of Hatred: The Awakening of a Former White Nationalist by Eli Saslow

A powerful story of how the heir to the white supremacist movement changed his heart and his thoughts.

Computer Classes

Computer Basics for Total Beginners

Mondays, March 18, April 29, and May 6, 7- 8:45 pm

This class covers the basics of computing so you can better understand how technology works (and what to do when it doesn't).

Microsoft Office 101

Excel - Monday, March 4 from 7:00 to 8:45 pm

Word - Monday, April 15 from 7:00 to 8:45 pm

PowerPoint - Monday, May 20 from 7:00 to 8:45 pm

Registration required.

Technology Spring Cleaning

Monday, May 13, 6:30-8:45 pm

Is your tech running slow? Bring in your portable devices for a quick diagnostic and learn how to backup, clean out, and update a sluggish system.

Tech Tutors on the Road

Plymouth Place, Saturdays, March 16 and May 18, 9 am - 1 pm, and Tuesday, April 9, 1-5 pm

Bethlehem Woods, Tuesdays, March 19 and May 21, 1-5 pm, and Saturday, April 27, 9 am - 1 pm

We'll be at local retirement communities every month to offer first-come, first-served help with technology troubles.

teen programs

Pixel Club

Grades 7-12
Fridays, March 1,
April 5, and May 3,
4:45-6 pm



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

Writing Group

Grades 7-8
Thursdays, March 7, April 4 and May
2, 7-8:30 pm

Mary McCormack Deka, local author,
will be leading a monthly fantasy
writing group for teens. Participants
will brainstorm/develop stories,
which they will share and critique.

Teen Advisory Board

Grades 7-12
Mondays, March 18 and May 20, 5 pm

Recommend books, games, movies.
Test out programs for the teen depart-
ment. And of course, there will be
snacks.

Crafty Club

Grades 7-12
Wednesdays, March 27, April 24, and
May 22, 7 pm

We've made slime, fidget boxes, heat
transfer t-shirts, and more!
Registration required.

DIY Shamrock Shakes and Bingo

Grades 7-12
Friday, March 29, 2 pm
Registration required.

Gaming Day

Grades 7-12
Saturday, March 16, 12-4 pm
PSVR, Rock Band, SSB Ultimate, and
more!

Flair Pins

Grades 7-12
Monday, April 8, 7 pm
Make a super adorable pin using our
laser cutter and Silhouette Cameo.
Registration required.

PromiCon

Grades 7-12
Saturday, May 11, 7-9 pm
Dress as your favorite book, comic
book, movie, tv, or video game
character going to the prom! Photo
booth! Dancing! Snacking! **Registra-
tion required.**

Snow Cone Study Break

Grades 7-12
Tuesday, May 28 and
Wednesday, May 29, 7-8 pm
Studying for finals? Stop
by the YA Department for a
snow cone.



programs for tweens & teens

Sound Painting

Grades 5-8

Thursday, March 28, 7 pm

Let the music inspire your art!
Registration required.



Cheese Puff Taste Test

Grades 5-8

Tuesday, April 23, 4:30-5:30 pm

Ruin your dinner by tasting a variety of cheese puffs! Registration required.

All the places you can find the YA Department online:

lplibrary.org/teens

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

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

 lplya.tumblr.com

 twitter.com/lplya

all ages

Timey-Wimey Club

Mondays, April 22, 7 pm

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



Summer Reading Kick-Off Party

All ages with a caregiver

Friday, May 31 from 5:30 - 8:00 pm

Save the date! Join us to kick off our Summer Reading Program, Once Upon a Summertime, with a bounce house, snow cones and more!

children's programs

Sensory Bag

Need a break from the noise and commotion? Stop by the children's services desk and ask to use our new sensory bag. It has noise-canceling headphones and fidgets to help you focus. For in-library use only.

Story Times

Story Time is currently in session and runs until March 22. Call the Children's Services Desk at (708) 352-0100 for availability.

Register for these family story times individually online:

Family Fun Time

All ages with a caregiver

Fourth Sunday of the Month at 2:00 pm

March 24: The Storytime from Outer Space!

April 28: Imagination Station!

May 26: Furry Tail Storytime!

Bilingual Spanish Story Time

All ages with a caregiver

Second Saturday of the Month at 10:30 am

Children and their families will enjoy an introduction to the Spanish language and Latino cultures through stories, songs, poems, and rhymes!

March 9, April 13 and May 11.

Weekly Activities

Monday Kids' Club @ 4 pm

Grades K-3. Registration Required.

Crafty Kids

First Monday of the Month

Come in for an easy, make-and-take craft on the first Monday of every month.

March 4: Book Mania-Decorate your own book bag and bookmarks while we eat gummy bookworms! Please notify of any allergies.

April 1: Hot Air Balloons!-Make your own paper plate hot air balloon.

May 6: MAY the Force to Craft Be With You! Join us as we make Star Wars themed crafts.

Wild Card!

Second Monday of the Month

March 11: Face Painting-Have your face painted by professional artist Asma Bohra and do a craft while you wait!

April 8: Modeling Monday-Meander through many marvelous models including TinkerToys, Lincoln Logs, Kid K'Nex and more!

May 13: DramaRama - Students bring their critical thinking and imagination to act out parts of an action-filled story and learn the art of interpretation.

children's programs

Mad Science Mondays

*Third Monday of the Month
March 18, April 15 and May 20*

Conduct some spectacular experiments that prove science is fun!

Brick Builders

*Fourth Monday of the Month
March 25 and April 22*

Use our LEGOS® to build whatever you can imagine for our display!

Thursday Thinkers @ 4 pm

Grades 4-6. Registration Required.

Paper Shapers

*First Thursday of the Month
March 7, April 4 and May 2*

Learn about the Japanese art of paper folding while creating origami projects to take home.

Kids' Kitchen

*Second Thursday of the Month
March 14, April 11 and May 9*

Learn the kitchen skills you need to cook yummy food even your parents will eat! **While we never cook with nuts, we cannot guarantee that ingredients have not been processed in a facility that uses nuts.*



Cool Crafts

Third Thursday of the Month

We're making a new cool craft every month. Snacks provided!

March 21: Music and Emotions Art- With a blank canvas and some paint, see how different types of music affect how you paint. We will have music playing but feel free to bring your own headphones and music device.

April 18: Make a Mandrake-April showers bring Mini Mandrakes! Show off your love off Harry Potter by creating your own Mandrakes.

May 16: Birdhouses-Make your own birdy abode.

Community Crafts

*Fourth Thursday of the Month
March 28, April 25 and May 23*

Join us in making donatable items for the month's charitable organization.

children's programs

Other Fun Programs

Mardi Gras Party

Grades K-3

Tuesday, March, 4 pm

Decorate an elaborate mask, play some carnival games, and enjoy a tasty treat at the library! **Registration required.**

Seussapooza

All ages with a caregiver

Tuesday, March 12, 4 pm

We'll have some Dr. Seuss-themed snacks, play games, craft and read some stories to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday. **Registration required.**

Pajama Story Time

All ages with a caregiver

Tuesday, March 19, 6:30 pm

Children of all ages are invited to wear their pajamas and bring their favorite stuffed animal or friend to our tea and hot cocoa party. **Registration required.**

Toddler Play Dates

Ages 2-3.5 with a caregiver

Tuesdays in April, 10:30 am-12 pm

Story times may be over but there's still plenty to do! Reunite with story time friends for some free play and conversation.

Painting in Pairs: Flower Pots

Ages 5 and up with a caregiver

Wednesday, April 3, 10:30 am

We have the paint and the pots, all you need is your creativity! We will also have seeds and soil you so can plant a flower of your choice! **Registration required.**

Who Was Maya Angelou?

Grades 1-5

Thursday, April 4, 5:30 pm

In celebration of Maya Angelou's birthday, we will read one of her famous poems, learn some facts about her life and play a trivia game to earn prizes. **Registration required.**

Family Game Night

Ages 5 and up with a caregiver

Monday, April 9, 6:30 pm

Make unforgettable memories at the library while enjoying family fun and playing board and trivia games. Prizes included! **Registration required.**

Preschool Drive-In Movie

Ages 3-Kindergarten with a caregiver

Tuesday, April 16, 1:30 pm

Rev up your engines! It's time for motors and movies. We will decorate and dine here at our own little drive-in! **Registration required.**



Play-doh Playdate

*Ages 3.5-Kindergarten
Friday, April 19, 10:30 am*

We've got the Play-doh and tools, all you need to bring is your imagination!

Cupcakes and Caregivers

*Ages 3.5-Kindergarten with a caregiver
Monday, April 22 at 1:30 pm*

Children and their caregivers are invited to join us for a cupcake themed story time and cupcake decorating! **Registration required.**

Mindful Creativity-Process Painting for Kids

*Grades 1-5
Monday, April 29 at 4:00 pm OR
Wednesday, May 22 at 4:00 pm*

Join local mom, artist and certified Process Artist Facilitator, Jen Downing, as she guides your child toward a playful exploration of using art as a tool for self-awareness. Please dress to get messy! **Registration required.**

Family Yoga with Bumble Bee Yoga

*Ages 2-5 with a caregiver
Tuesday, April 16 OR May 14 at
6:30pm*

This introduction to yoga for the whole family will teach basic poses and calming techniques. Stories and games enhance the experience. Yoga mats are provided. **Registration required.**

Yoga Through Stories with Miss Cara

Educator and children's yoga instructor Cara Ross will guide participants through yoga using familiar stories. Child-size yoga mats will be provided, but caregivers are asked to bring their own if they choose to participate. **Registration required.**

Preschool Yoga

*Ages 3-Kindergarten
Tuesdays, April 30 OR May 7, 1:30 pm*

Caregiver & Toddler Yoga

*Ages 2-3 with a caregiver
Wednesdays, May 1 OR 8, 10:15 am*



children's programs

Sensory Showing of Peter Rabbit

All ages with a caregiver
Tuesday, May 7, 4 pm

During this viewing we will turn the lights up and turn the sound down, so you can get up, dance, walk, shout or sing! We will have some sensory items like scarves and stuffed animals, but feel free to bring one of your own. Light snacks provided.

Around the World in 60 Minutes Story Time

Ages 3.5-Kindergarten
Thursday, May 9 at 10:30 am

We will learn about other cultures through stories, music, and snacks! Registration required.

Toddler & Preschool Dance Party

Ages 2-Kindergarten with a caregiver
Wednesday, May 15 at 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.



When I Grow Up...

Ages 3.5 and up with a caregiver
Tuesday, May 21, 1:30 pm

What do you want to be when you grow up? The options are endless! We'll have different stations so you and your little one can read about different careers and pretend to be each one! Registration required.

Reader's Theater: The Turnip

Ages 2-Kindergarten with a caregiver
Wednesday, May 22, 10:30 am

Join us for an interactive reader's theater version of the classic folktale "The Turnip." Registration required.

Nature in Your Backyard

Ages 4-7 with a caregiver
Tuesday, May 28, 4 pm

Children and caregivers will learn all about ladybugs, observe live ladybugs and make a ladybug house with local nature enthusiast Jennifer Dominiak Wier. Registration required.

Make Your Own Book Charm

Grades 4-6
Thursday, May 30 at 4:00 pm

Turn your favorite book into a miniature charm, perfect for bracelets and keychains! Registration required.

Super Saturdays

Magic, Balloons, Juggling & Fun

All ages with a caregiver
Saturday, March 2 at 10:30 am

Performer and balloon artist Mike Mauthe puts on a fun and educational show, filled with magic, comedy, juggling and a lot of audience participation. **Registration required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.**

Megan Wells Presents Interactive Folktales

All ages with a caregiver
Saturday, April 6 at 10:30 am

Join National award-winning storyteller Megan Wells for this engaging and uplifting program of sing along, play along stories from all over the world. **Registration required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.**

Stuffed Animal Sleepover & Brunch

Ages 3-12
Friday, May 3
(stuffed animal drop off) from 3:00-4:30 pm and
Saturday, May 5
(brunch) at 10:30 am



Drop off your stuffed animal in the Children's Department and while you're sleeping, your animals will get to play all over the library! Pick them up at 10:30 am Saturday morning, stay for a light brunch and watch a slideshow of their adventures. **Registration required. One stuffed animal per participant.**

visit the friends' book shop in the library

The Friends of the Library is looking for volunteers to staff the book shop. For more information, please contact us 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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Friday and Saturday 10 am - 5 pm
Sunday 1 pm - 5 pm

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Library Board meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of
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