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Library Closings

Thursday, November 28

Tuesday, December 24 and Wednesday, December 25 Tuesday, December 31 and Wednesday, January 1

Disability Accommodations

If you or your child needs an accommodation for a disability to attend any program, please contact the library at least five working days prior to the scheduled program by calling the library at 708-352-0100 or emailing: info@lplibrary.org.

Smile!

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Arts & Crafts

Crafting with Lasers

Thursdays, December 5 and January 9, and Wednesday, February 26, 7 pm

Learn how to make awesome stuff using the power of lasers! In December, we'll make last minute stocking stuffers; in January, we'll create custom bookmarks; and in February, we'll engrave rubber stamps. Registration required. Limit 5.

Crafternoon Hobby Club

Saturday, January 11th, 2-4 pm Ages 18+

Are you crafty... or trying to be? Do you knit, cross stitch, paint, or weave? Whatever you do, you can do it at Crafternoon. Bring your current projects, have a cup of coffee, meet new people, and share what you know about your hobby with others!

Leap Day Frog Charm

Monday, February 24, 7 pm

Ring in the leap year with this DIY frog charm as your new favorite keychain or pendant. Registration required. Limit 15.

Sound Painting

Tuesday, January 14, 7 pm

Let the music guide your creativity in this open ended painting program. Registration required. Limit 12.

Paint & Sip

Thursday, February 6, 6:30 pm

Create a beautiful seasonal painting with local artist Asma Bohra. Light refreshments and 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.



Ink Coasters

Tuesday, February 18 AND Wednesday, February 19, 7 pm

Use alcohol ink to make beautiful coasters and keep your tabletop intact. Attendance required both days in order to complete project. Registration required. Limit 10.

Food & Drink

Fooditor 99 — Where to Eat in Chicago

Monday, December 2, 7 pm

Michael Gebert, James Beard Award recipient and editor of *Fooditor.com*, will discuss his guide to the best eats in Chicago. Copies will be available for purchase.

Hot Chocolate Creations

Tuesday, December 17, 7 pm

We'll learn how to make grown-up hot chocolate recipes with a twist. Registration required. Limit 12.

Hot Sauce Challenge

Ages 16 to Adult Wednesday, January 22, 7 pm

It's National Hot Sauce Day. You don't like your sinuses, right? So celebrate with our cry-your-eyes-out hot sauce challenge. Registration required. Limit 15.

Cookies and Cabernet

Tuesday, January 28, 7 pm

We've had Pretzels and Pinot, now it's time to see what wines will pair with Girl Scout Cookies! Attendees must be at least 21. Registration required. Limit 12.

The Art of Craft Distilling

Monday, February 3, 7 pm

Learn about what it takes to turn grains into delicious alcoholic beverages from Derrick Mancini, owner of



Quincy Street Distillery in Riverside. We'll pour tastes of his award-winning products. Attendees must be at least 21. Registration required. Limit 50.

Be a Chef

Wednesday, February 12, 6 pm

Learn how to make the ultimate pasta carbonara in our inaugural hands-on cooking class for adults. **Registration** required. Limit 10.





Computers & Technology

Microsoft Office 101

Excel - Monday, December 2, 7 pm Word - Monday, January 6, 7 pm PowerPoint - Monday, February 3, 7 pm

Registration required. Limit 10.

Cut the Cable Cord 2.0

Wednesday, January 8, 7 pm

Are you sick of your cable bill? We'll help you find the best services and devices for streaming TV. A lot has changed since the last time we presented this program.

Tech Tutors on the Road

Bethlehem Woods

Saturdays, December 7 and February 29, 9 am - 1 pm and Tuesday, January 14, 1-5 pm

Plymouth Place

Tuesdays, December 17 and February 11, 1-5 pm, and Saturday, January 18, 9 am-1 pm

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

Fun & Games

Classic Holiday Movie Trivia Night

Monday, December 16, 7 pm

Throughout history and around the world, there have been so many ways to celebrate the holidays. Test your knowledge of these winter month traditions over a night of mocktails, movie clips, sing-a-longs, and fun festive prizes.

Digital Game Night

Monday, January 13, 7 pm

Join in on a selection of off-the-wall digital board games using only your smartphone.



Adult Board Gaming

Friday, January 17, 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.

Medicare Fraud Prevention

Monday, December 2, 2 pm

Special Agent Renee Reyes of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will discuss trends in fraud that her office is seeing and how seniors can avoid them.

Retro Aerobics

First Tuesday of the Month December 3, January 7, February 4, 7 pm

Let's get physical and work up a sweat at the library. Each month we'll feature a totally rad workout video from the 70s, 80s, or 90s. Feel free to dress up! Registration required. Limit 25.

Low-Cost Pet Vaccination Program

Saturday, December 14, 1-4 pm

The Hinsdale Humane Society will be on hand to vaccinate and microchip dogs and cats. No appointment necessary. Visit *lplibrary.org* for a list of services and further information.

Adult Cannabis Panel

Monday, January 13, 7 pm

Adult recreational cannabis use will be legal in Illinois in 2020. La Grange Park resident Ryan McQueeney, owner of Midway Dispensary, and representatives from Green Care Medical will discuss the implications of the new law and answer your questions.

Entrepreneur Panel

Thursday, January 16, 7 pm

Hear from several local entrepreneurs about their successes and best practices when starting your own business. Moderated by Chamber of Commerce President Sheri Sauer.

AARP Tax Aide

Thursdays, February 13 - April 9, 10 am-3 pm

Volunteers from AARP will assist seniors and low-income taxpayers with their taxes. Call the library at 708-352-0100 beginning on Monday, January 13 to schedule an appointment.

AARP Tax Volunteers Needed

AARP is seeking volunteers! It's not necessary to be an AARP member nor have an accounting background. However, some knowledge of personal tax matters and basic computer literacy are helpful. Training classes will be held in January 2020. To learn more, visit *aarp.org/taxvolunteer*.

discussion groups

Spanish Conversation Group

Saturdays, December 14, January 11, and February 8, 11 am

Join our group to practice and maintain your Spanish language skills through conversation, games, and activities. All skill levels welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

After Hours Book Club

For anyone interested in young adult books

Saturday, January 18, 5:30 pm

I, Claudia – Mary McCoy Copies of the books will be available at the Circulation Desk one month before the meeting.

Books Alive! Book Discussion Group

Tuesdays, December 17, January 21, and February 18

Titles will be available at *lplibrary.org*. Books are available one month before meetings.

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

First Friday Film Discussion

Fridays, 7 pm

Join us for screenings of thoughtprovoking movies followed by brief discussions.

December 6

A Bread Factory, Part One: For the Sake of Gold

A community arts organization fights for survival in this sprawling, two-part comedy/drama.

January 3

A Bread Factory, Part Two: Walk with Me a While

A community arts organization fights for survival in this sprawling, two-part comedy/drama.

February 7

Monrovia, Indiana Master filmmaker Frederick Wiseman offers a sensitive portrayal of rural, "red-state" America in this fascinating documentary.



discussion groups

Cookbook Club

Thursdays, 6 pm

Pick out your recipe at the Reference

Desk by December 12/January 16/ February 13



December 19The Gaijin Cook-

book: Japanese

Recipes from a Chef, Father, Eater, and Lifelong Outsider by Ivan Orkin and Chris Ying

Get the celebrated American ramen master's take on Japanese home cookery.

January 23

My Mexico City Kitchen: Recipes and Convictions by Gabriela Camara and Malena Watrous

This cookbook offers vibrant versions of contemporary Mexican food.

February 20

The Food of Sichuan by Fuchsia Dunlop

Learn about one of China's most complex regional cuisines in this updated version of one of the most important cookbooks of the past 20 years.

neighbor news

Community Park District of La Grange Park

Daddy/Daughter Date Night

Kings and Princesses, join us for a magical night on Friday, February 21st for dancing, food and treats! Register online at *communityparkdistrict.org* or call us at 708-354-4580. Spots fill up fast!

Frozen, Jr./Seussical Jr.

Come see the Community Park District of La Grange Park's Footlight Players Production of Frozen, Jr.! Shows run from January 10^{th} – 12^{th} . Get your tickets at the Recreation Center, 1501 Barnsdale Road, La Grange Park. Auditions for our next show Seussical Jr., will be January 18^{th} , 19^{th} and 20^{th} . Email us at *cpdlptheatre@communityparkdistrict.org* to set up a time today.

Summer Camp

Keep an eye out in January for new, full day Summer Camp options!

teen programs

Pixel Club

Grades 7-12

Fridays, December 6, January 3, and February 7, 4:45-6 pm

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

Song Study

Grades 7-12 Saturday, December 14, 2-4 pm

Local musician and teacher, Shannon Adams, will lead a voice class, where teens will perform a song of their choosing. Registration required. Limit 12.

Hot Chocolate Bar

Grades 7-12 Wednesday, December 18, 6-8:30 pm Need a study break? Stop by the YA Department for a hot chocolate.

All Ages

Timey-Wimey Club

Mondays, December 23, January 27, and February 24, 7 pm

Calling all Doctor Who fans! Join us for our monthly Doctor Who viewing, featuring episodes, snacks, and crafts.



Super Smash Bros. Ultimate

Grades 7-12 Saturdays, December 21 and January 18, 1-3 pm

An afternoon dedicated to SSBU and snacks.

Bingo

Grades 7-12 Friday, December 27, 2 pm

Prizes and snacks!

Rockin' New Year's Eve Eve

Grades 7-12 Monday, December 30, 7 pm Games + party hats!

Lip Sync Battle

Grades 7-12 Thursday, January 2, 7:30 pm

You've seen it on TV, now try it for yourself! Put on your dancing sho

your dancing shoes and show off your lip sync skills! Costumes encouraged. **Registration** required. Limit 15.



teen programs



Ukulele Class

Grades 7-12 Saturdays, January 4, 11, 18, and 25, 2-2:30 pm

Local musician and teacher, Shannon Adams, will teach a four-week ukulele class. Instruments will be provided. Limit 5.

80's Themed Murder Mystery Dinner Party

Grades 7-12 Saturday, January 25, 6 pm

Did Video REALLY Kill the Radio Star? Bring your appetite and your sleuthing skills to find out! Registration required. Limit 10.

Crafty Club

Grades 7-12
Wednesday, February 26, 7-8 pm
So many crafts, so little time!



Brookfield Zoo Job Openings

Monday, January 13 and Tuesday, February 11, 3-5 pm Ages 16 to Adult

Staff from Brookfield Zoo will be available to discuss employment opportunities.

tweens and teens programs

Hot Chocolate Taste Test

Grades 5-8 Tuesday, January 14, 4:30 pm

Mix and match a variety of hot chocolate and marshmallows. Aprons recommended. Registration required. Limit 10.



Get Yeti to Read!

Unlike the elusive Yeti, a good book is easy to find! Join us for our winter reading program January 20 through February 29. Register at the Children's Services desk then check in once a week for a weekly prize. Finish four hours of reading and choose your own book to keep.

Welcome Baby Bags

Do you have a new baby? Stop by the Children's Services Department for a Welcome Baby Bag and get your child started on the road to reading!

Sensory Bag

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



Story Times

The winter story time session runs from January 27-March 20. Required registration for winter story times begins Monday, January 13 at 10 am. Register one time for the whole eightweek session by phone or in person.

Baby Story Time

Ages 3-23 months with a caregiver Mondays at 10:15 am or Tuesdays at 10:15 am

Babies ages 3-23 months and their caregivers will enjoy rhymes, books, and bubbles. Limit 14.

Toddler Time

Ages 2-3.5 with a caregiver Wednesdays at 10:15 am

Enjoy a variety of great stories from our collection and learn some new songs and fingerplays. Limit 16.

Story Time for 2s and 3s

Ages 2-3.5 with a caregiver Thursdays at 10:15 am

Join us as we read books, sing songs, learn rhymes, and enjoy playtime!

Limit 16.

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Preschool Story Time

Ages 3.5-Kindergarten Tuesdays at 1:30 pm or Fridays at 10:15 am

We'll sing songs and read stories that will help your child on the road to reading. Caregivers wait nearby in the library while children attend.

Limit 18.

Register for these family story times monthly, online, by phone or in person:

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. December 14, January 11 and February 8.

Los niños y sus familias disfrutarán de una introducción a la lengua española y las culturas latinas a través de cuentos, canciones, poemas, y rimas. Todas las edades con tutor. Se recomienda la inscripción. Diciembre 14, enero 11 y febrero 8.

Family Fun Time

All ages with a caregiver Fourth Sunday of the Month at 2 pm

December 22: Milk & Cookies! Join us for this cookie-themed story time. Milk and cookies will be served.

January 26: Pancakes and Pajamas! Join us for story time that includes making your own pancakes for lunch in your pajamas.

February 23: Share the love of reading, and join us as we celebrate a late Valentine's Day.



Crafty Kids

First Monday of the Month at 4 pm

December 2: S'mores Snowman! Join us as we make little S'mores snowmen and eat walking S'mores.

January 6: Paper Penguins

February 3: Heart Wreaths

DramaRama!

Second Monday of the Month December 9, January 13 & February 10

Students bring their critical thinking and imagination to act out parts of an action-filled story and learn the art of interpretation. Limit 12.

Mad Science Mondays

Third Monday of the Month December 16, January 20 & February 17

Conduct spectacular experiments that prove science is fun. Limit 15.

Brick Builders

Fourth Monday of the Month December 23, January 27 & February 24

Use our LEGOS® to build whatever you can imagine for our display! Limit 25.

Thursday Thinkers @ 4 pm

Grades 4-6. Registration required unless otherwise noted.

STEM Challenge

First Thursday of the Month December 5, January 2 & February 6

Drop in to see if you can complete this week's STEM challenge. Snacks will be served.

Kids' Kitchen*

Second Thursday of the Month December 12, January 9 & February 13

Learn the kitchen skills you need to cook yummy food even your parents will eat! Please inform us if your child has any food allergies. Limit 12.

*While we never cook with nuts, we cannot guarantee that ingredients have not been processed in a facility that uses nuts.

Paint & Snack

Third Thursday of the Month

Join us as we paint something new each month. Snacks provided.

Limit 15.

December 19 - Munchable Masterpieces: Using frosting instead of paint, and graham crackers instead of canyas, see what kind of masterpiece you can paint!

January 16 - Paint what you Pick: Reach into the bucket and find out what you have to paint!

February 20 - Already Famous Art: Test your painting skills by trying to recreate a famous artist's paintings. Come with a picture of the painting you want to recreate, or we will have ideas for you.

Taste Testers

Fourth Thursday of the Month January 23 & February 27

Join us for a snack smackdown! Each month, we'll test a different type of food. You decide the winner. Please inform us if your child has any food allergies. Limit 12.

Spa Day

Grades 4-6

Thursday, January 30 at 4 pm

Relax and enjoy a special "spAHH!" experience at the library with DIY lip scrubs and cucumber eye pads.

Limit 12.

Other Fun Programs

BYOBB: Bring Your Own Babies & Books

Ages 3-18 months with a caregiver Tuesday, December 3 at 10:30 am

It's never too early to foster a love for reading. Share some favorite stories with other caregivers and enjoy some new titles to add to your baby booklists. Registration required. Limit 16 babies.

Family Yoga with Bumble Bee Yoga

Ages 3-8 with a caregiver Tuesdays, December 3 OR 10 at 6:30 pm



This fun introduction to yoga

for the whole family will teach basic poses and calming techniques. Stories and games will be included to enhance the experience. Yoga mats will be provided. Registration required. Limit 12 children.

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.

Caregiver & Toddler Yoga

Ages 2-3 with a caregiver, limit 6 Wednesdays, December 4 OR 11 at 10:15 am

Preschool Yoga

Ages 3-Kindergarten, limit 8 Tuesdays, December 10 OR 17 at 1:30 pm

Reader's Theater: The Mitten

Ages 2-Ki<mark>ndergarten with a car</mark>egiver Thursday, December 5 at 10:30 am

Join us for an interactive reader's theater version of the classic folktale "The Mitten." Registration required. Limit 12 children.

Family Trivia Night

Thursday, December 5, 6:30 pm Ages 5 and up with a caregiver

Gather your family and friends for a night of trivia and snacks. The winning group will take home a prize! Registration required. Limit 10 families, register for only one person per family.

Winter Family Wreaths

All ages with a caregiver Thursday, December 12, 6:30 pm

Warm up with some hot cocoa and put together a wintry wreath with your family. Registration required. Limit 10 families. Register for only one person per family.

Paint & Sippy Cups

Ages 3-23 months with a caregiver Monday, December 16, 10:30 am

We will supply the paint and canvas, you bring your little work of art! You can let them paint or use their hands and feet to make cool designs. Registration required. Limit 12 children.

Toddler Dance Party

Ages 2-Kindergarten with a caregiver Wednesday, December 18, 10:30 am

Toddlers are terrific dancers, so put down those sippy cups and come dance with us. Bring a stuffed animal friend for a dance partner. Snacks will be served. **Registration required**. **Limit 35 children**.



Noon Year Eve Party

Ages 3 and up with caregiver Monday, December 30, 11 am

Little ones can feel a bit left out, not being able to stay up until midnight to bring in the New Year, so we're celebrating the New Year at noon! Join us for dancing, crafts, snacks and a balloon drop at noon. Registration required. Limit 25 children.

Lip Sync Battle

Grades 4-6 Thursday, January 2, 6-7:15 pm

You've seen it on TV, now try it for yourself! Put on your dancing shoes and show off your lip sync skills! Costumes encouraged. Registration required. Limit 15.

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Frozen Fest

All ages with a caregiver Friday, January 3, 10:30 am

Put down the shovels – let it go and come to Frozen Fest! In celebration of Frozen 2, join us as we play frozen games, eat snow cones, and sing along to our favorites from Disney's Frozen. Feel free to dress up as your favorite character. Registration required. Limit 30 children.

Toddler Triathlon

Ages 3 and up with a caregiver Thursday, January 9, 10:30 am

Gear up for an exciting and challenging obstacle course designed just for little ones! Registration required. Limit 20 children.

Netflix Nights

Grades 4-6 Friday, January 17, 4:30-6:30 pm

Join us for this after-hours program as we watch a movie that has just been added to Netflix. Vote for the movie you want and we will watch the winner! See the Children's Services Desk for information on voting. Pizza and snacks provided. Registration required. Limit 15.

Sensory Movie Showing of Abominable

All ages with a caregiver Monday, January 20, 1 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.

Groundhog Day Story Time

Grades PreK-1

Wednesday, February 5, 3:30 pm

Did the Groundhog see his shadow? Find out at this story time which features singing, dancing and a craft. Registration required. Limit 12.

Valentine's Day Party

Grades K-3

Friday, February 14, 1:30 pm

Join us for some love-ly stories, activities, and snacks in celebration of Valentine's Day! Registration required. Limit 20.

Open Art Studio

All ages with a caregiver Monday, February 17, 11:30 am – 2:30 pm

Drop in and see what you can make in our studio.

Teacup Fairy Gardens

Grades 4-6
Saturday, February 22, 11 am
Add a little magic to an old cup and

Add a little magic to an old cup and create a garden fit for a fairy. Registration required. Limit 12.

Ciencia para niños

All ages with a caregiver Thursday, February 27, 6:30 pm

Stop by the biblioteca for a bilingual science lab. We'll conduct some fun experiments while incorporating a little español. Registration required. Limit 15 children.

Super Saturdays

Musician Alina Celeste

All ages with a caregiver Saturday, December 7, 10:30 am

Join Parents' Choice Award winner Alina Celeste as she puts on an interactive bilingual show for all ages. Everyone will sing, dance, and learn Spanish and English in a joyful blend of cultures,

sound and language. Registration required. Limit 50.





Mammals & More

All ages with a caregiver Saturday, February 1, 10:30 am

Flying Fox Conservation Fund presents an educational and interactive program featuring live animals! Learn about some of the most unique creatures from around the world. Registration required. Limit 50.

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

Visit the Friends' Bookshop Around the Corner

We're located in the library on the first floor around the corner from the elevator. Come on in and check us out if you haven't been in lately. We have started a new and exciting chapter in the bookshop.

Need holiday gift ideas? Include a book on baking cookies in a gift basket with flour, sugar, sprinkles, oven mitts etc. How about holiday entertaining ideas? A volunteer on duty can show you where to find those. After the holidays are over, we can comfort and inspire you with some great books, puzzles, DVDs and CDs to get you through the winter.

The inventory in the shop is all donated. Please consider donating your gently used books, premium collectible books, audio books, magazines, puzzles, games, CDs and DVDs with all proceeds benefiting the library. Our prices can't be beat!

The Book Shop Around the Corner is staffed by volunteers. Want to surround yourself with books and make new friends in the process? To join our team stop by for an application or contact us at *friends@lplibrary.org*. A minimum two-hour weekly time commitment is required. Our greatest need for volunteer staffing is late afternoon, evenings and weekend hours.

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