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20th Anniversary

September is a special month for OPPL! On Sept. 12, 2004, the library's newly built Ravinia Avenue location opened its doors to the community. Orland Park voters overwhelmingly passed a referendum in 2002 asking for a new library building to be constructed to meet the needs of the growing community. It is now 20 years later, and the library proudly serves its residents as a rich resource for reading, learning, entertaining, and engaging the community. Stop by and enjoy the beauty of the library building and all of the treasures it holds inside!

20th Anniversary Library Tour

Wednesday, Sept. 11
at 1 p.m.



Join Library Director Mary Adamowski for this special 20th Anniversary Tour of the library. Come learn about the library's history and see all the new spaces the library has to offer!

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Super Fan Friday Flyover

Friday, Sept. 20 at 7 a.m. 

We have been chosen for a Super Fan Friday Flyover by WGN9 News! In celebration of the library's Ravinia Avenue building's 20th anniversary, come join us as the WGN9 traffic helicopter with Brhett Vickery helps our community commemorate this special occasion. From the parking lot, be ready to wave, scream, and show your support of OPPL!

***WEATHER PERMITTING**

Brhett Vickery Visit

Friday, Sept. 27 at 2 p.m.



Join us as Chicagoland's very own, and south suburban native WGN9 Morning News Traffic Reporter Brhett Vickery, will tell us about her ties to the south suburbs, her career path, and how she is able to navigate WGN9 Chicagoland drivers each morning during the crazy rush hour traffic! **REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 3**



Look for this symbol for other anniversary programs.

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New Program Registration

To serve you better, rolling registration continues.

Register at 9 a.m. on
Sept. 3 for September programs
Sept. 16 for October programs
Oct. 15 for November programs
Nov. 15 for December programs

Library Hours

Monday - Friday
9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Saturday
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday
1 - 5 p.m.

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Library Board Meetings

The Library Board meets the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. All meetings are open to the public.

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Library Building 20th Anniversary Trivia

In 2002, the Orland Park Public Library Board of Trustees placed a referendum on the ballot to build a new facility to be located on 149th and Ravinia Avenue, replacing the Park Lane facility. The referendum passed with two-thirds of the votes in favor of the proposed building!

The Ravinia Avenue Library Building is the third library facility in its history. The first library was located in the Purple Candle Building on 143rd Street. In 1975, Andrew Corporation gave a gift of a new Library Building to the community of Orland Park. That location was located at 14760 Park Lane. After several additions, the building was 26,000 sq. feet. The Ravinia Avenue building is 93,000 sq. feet and has won numerous awards for its building design.

Michael Barnes, an architect from Lohan Anderson, designed the 93,000 sq. foot building and W.E. O'Neil was chosen as the General Contractor.

In late 2019 through 2020, the library underwent a \$3.4 million renovation and repurposing of spaces. Highlights of the renovation include a Tech Center, Teen Loft, Tween Area, Sensory Space, and The Backyard, the library's outdoor nature center. Millennium Park, another Chicago landmark, also debuted in the year 2004.

Come for a visit and be amazed at what your library has for you!

Winter Reading

Adult Blizzard of Books

Dec. 1 - Jan. 31

Join our Winter Adult Reading Program that runs from Dec. 1 - Jan. 31. Every book you read will give you one entry into our cozy gift basket drawings. Sign up at the Adult Services Desk or via the Beanstack app.



Teen Read a Latte

Dec. 1 - Jan. 31

Read a Latte Winter Reading Challenge: Read books throughout the winter months to win delicious prizes. Use the Beanstack app to track your progress and enter the drawings.



Youth Reading Dragons

Dec. 1 - Jan 31

Sign up to collect different trading cards with Reading Dragons and other Mythical Creatures. Every two hours read gets you more trading cards! When you complete your set, enter to win fantastical prizes!



Calling All Heroes!

Saturday, Oct. 26
from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

ALL AGES. Join us for OPPLcon Fan Fest 2024 featuring the Rolling Videogame Truck, Artist Alley, games, crafts, a super special Halloween OPPLcon Trick or Treat storytime, and more. Everyone who attends the event will have the chance to win a Nintendo Switch and other fabulous prizes.



Winter Wonderfest

Saturday, Dec. 7
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Celebrate the beginning of Winter Reading with a special all-ages event. Wind your way through the library to enjoy wintry demos, crafts, warm drinks, live music, and some special animal guests. The event will cap off with a Giant Bubble Show at 2 p.m.



Adults

Programs are in-person and may require registration. Check the online calendar. Orland Park Public Library cardholders are given priority, but nonresidents can still be waitlisted and will be granted registration if space allows.



SCAN ME

Featured Programs

How To Be an Informed Voter

Wednesday, Sept. 25 at 6:30 p.m.

With the upcoming general election in November, all voters need to be informed. The League of Women Voters of the Palos-Orland Area will discuss misinformation, disinformation, and how to be a knowledgeable voter this election season.

REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 3

Southern Illinois Travel & Lore

Thursday, Sept. 26 at 6:30 p.m.

Illinois traveler John Kokoris will share his secrets to a successful visit to Shawnee National Forest. He'll also discuss the region's fascinating history. From waterfalls to BBQ to the Big Muddy Monster, Southern Illinois has something for everyone. **REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 3**

Edgar Allan Poe

Monday, Oct. 7 at 6:30 p.m.

Broadway and film veteran Duffy Hudson brings his talent and fascination for Edgar Allan Poe to life in this unique one-man play, *In The Shadow of the Raven*. The performance begins with Poe rising from the scene of his mysterious death, and the story unfolds as he reconstructs the events of his life. Hudson weaves together biographical details with dramatic interpretations of Poe's iconic literature, including *Annabel Lee*, *The Raven*, and *The Tell-Tale Heart*. **REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 16**

Psychic Saturday

Saturday, Oct. 12 at 10:30 a.m.

Come and experience palm reading, tarot card reading, pendulums, and reiki healing at this fun event! Sign up for each session when you arrive.

Game Time!

Chicago Sports Outside the Lines

Monday, Oct. 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Where "Black Sox, Billy Goats, and da' Monsters of da' Midway" ends, this program carries on with the rich tales of Chicago sports venues, lore of consequential events, and legends of Our Town's sports personalities.

REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 16

Mindfulness and Positive Psychology

Thursday, Oct. 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Mindfulness practices can help reduce stress and anxiety while enhancing overall well-being. Positive psychology helps us shift our focus to what is working in our lives. In this session, explore a variety of mindfulness and positive psychology techniques to increase life enjoyment and well-being.

REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 16

Mammal Discovery Class

Tuesday, Oct. 22 at 10:30 a.m.

Meet and learn about several mammal species including a sloth, skunk, fennec fox, rabbit, sugar glider, hedgehog, and dormouse. Limited petting and handling will be allowed. **REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 16**

Fright Night Movie Marathon

Friday, Oct. 25 at 4 p.m.

Celebrate the scariest month of the year with a classic scary movie marathon. Be sure to stop by and watch some of your favorite ghoulish and gory horror films to kick off the spooky season right! **REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 16**

Handwriting Analysis

Friday, Nov. 1 at 2 p.m.

Jerry Vankus, "Mr. Jerry", has been studying and practicing the art of handwriting analysis since 1975. Enjoy this opportunity to learn more about yourself just by signing your name and writing a few lines. You may come away from the experience wiser about yourself.

REGISTRATION OPENS: OCT. 15

Jewelry Jumble

Sunday, Nov. 17 at 2 p.m.

Donations accepted Sept. 1 - Nov. 1

Eager to freshen up your look? Have some accessories that need a new home? Then take part in the Jewelry Jumble! Donate your jewelry, bags, scarves, belts, hats, and other accessories, then join the Jumble on Sunday, Nov. 17 to find your new favorite piece! Patrons who donate items will be given a pass to enter the Jumble an hour earlier than the rest of the public and get first dibs on the available accessories. No donation necessary to participate.

War & Wine, Part 2: Italy in WWII

Tuesday, Dec. 3 at 6:30 p.m.

After WWI, Italy's wine industry faced a tarnished reputation due to low quality and excessive consumption. Sommelier Christophe Bakunas will discuss the strategic rebranding of Italian wine to emphasize quality during WWII. **REGISTRATION OPENS: NOV. 15**

Holiday Wrap Swap

Sunday, Dec. 8 at 2 p.m.

Do you have some holiday wrapping paper, bows, and tags that you would like to swap for something new? Bring your good condition wrapping papers and bows to the library by Friday, Nov. 15, then come by on Sunday, Dec. 8 to take new papers and decorations. No donation necessary to participate.

Coffee & Comfort Dogs – Holiday Event

Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 10:30 a.m.

Start your holidays off in a calm and cuddly place. Join us once again for a visit with Healing Hearts Comforts Dogs. **REGISTRATION OPENS: NOV. 15**

Meet the Artist

I Am Because You Are: Portraits in Humanity

Friday, Nov. 1 at 7 p.m.

Jean Lewis
Pastels

Landscapes & Still Life

Friday, Dec. 6 at 7 p.m.

Elizabeth Andrews
Oil Paintings



Book Discussions

New members are always welcome. Drop in anytime! Copies of book discussion titles are available at the Adult Services Desk and on our Libby app.

Tuesday Night Book Club

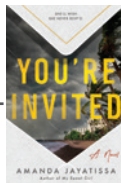
Every second Tuesday of the month, we'll discuss original texts from groundbreaking authors who are reframing the course of the literary world as we know it. **ADULTS 18+.**



Baumgartner: A Novel

by Paul Auster

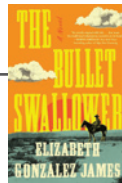
Tuesday, Sept. 10
at 7 p.m.



You're Invited

by Amanda Jayatissa

Tuesday, Oct. 8
at 7 p.m.



The Bullet Swallower

by Elizabeth Gonzalez James

Tuesday, Nov. 12
at 7 p.m.

A Novel Morning Book Club

Join us every fourth Monday of the month to discuss a variety of genres and authors. Patrons can participate in-person or online as our discussions are a hybrid of in-person and Zoom participants. Email reference@orlandparklibrary.org for the Zoom link. **ADULTS 18+.**



Early Morning Riser

by Katherine Heiny
Relationship Fiction

Monday, Sept. 23
at 10 a.m.



Leave the World Behind

by Rumaan Alam
Psychological Suspense

Monday, Oct. 28
at 10 a.m.



Come Fly the World: The Jet-Age Story of the Women of Pan Am

by Julia Cooke
Nonfiction

Monday, Nov. 25
at 10 a.m.

Book Club Bash

Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 5:30 p.m.

As a 'thank you' to our cherished book club attendees, the Adult Services staff will be hosting a holiday get-together! In celebration of a year's worth of great books, delightful company, and conversations we sometimes never want to end, this is a welcome chance to learn about all our book clubs and mingle with your fellow bookish folks.

Book Memorials

Celebrate loved ones and special occasions

Monetary donations accepted.
To learn more, email gifts@orlandparklibrary.org.

In memory of **Mary Cady**, *Wherever You Are: My Love Will Find You* by Nancy Tillman, has been donated by the **Orland Park Public Library Board of Trustees and Staff**.

In memory of **Joan Dietmann**, *The Wildest Sun* by Asha Lemmie, has been donated by **Jane Ryan**.

In memory of **Robert Kester**, *3v3: Inspired by Legends* by Peter Prickett, has been donated by **Greg and Sandy Mech**.

In memory of **Kay Hinkes**, *Grace Rose Farm: Garden Roses: The Complete Guide to Growing & Arranging Spectacular Blooms* by Gracielinda Poulson, has been donated by **Orland Park Public Library Board of Trustees and Staff**.

Meet the Author

Local Author Panel

Saturday Oct. 19 from 1 - 3:30 p.m.

The Orland Park Public Library is proud to present a panel discussion featuring three noteworthy Chicagoland authors. Our guests will discuss their journeys into authorhood, explore the book development process, and answer questions to motivate aspiring writers and inspire potential readers. Copies of their most current releases will be available for purchase.

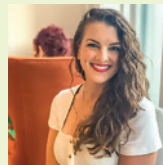
Tracy Clark

A true Chicagoan, Tracy Clark sets each of her works deep in the dark corners of her beloved city. In both her *Cass Raines* books and her ongoing *Harriet Foster* series, Clark examines the gruesome realities of crime in a cold world. She also spotlights the role that race and gender play in a field dominated by male forces. Fans of the series are counting down the days until *Echo* hits their local book scene this December.



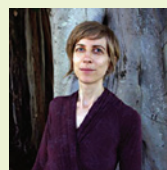
Rebecca Garner

Rebecca Garner is known for her BookFest Award winning debut *Why Won't My Boobs Grow...and Other Annoyances*. The story centers around Emma Bishop and the challenges of being 14 in the dizzying world of teenagehood. Smart, funny, and heartfelt, this nostalgic story warranted a sequel titled, *Dear Boyfriend...and Other High School Dilemmas* which will follow our main character on her next quest through all the new perils of surviving high school.



Debbie Urbanski

Orland Park's very own Debbie Urbanski debuted *After World* to rave critiques. Kirkus Review called it, "A difficult but deeply moving story on grief and love." Taking on the ever-controversial topic of AI and what happens when we entrust ourselves to the machine that runs us, Urbanski's first novel does just what the best of stories can do: it challenges, it changes, and it makes us think in ways we may never have before. A perfect tale for the times.



Journalist: Bill Healy

Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Earlier this year, Orland Park native Bill Healy won a Pulitzer Prize for Audio Reporting with his colleagues at the Invisible Institute. At this event, Healy will discuss his career in journalism and answer questions from the audience. **REGISTRATION OPENS: OCT. 15**



Author: Rita Woods

Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 6:30 p.m.

Award winning author, Rita D. Woods, will be discussing *The Last Dreamwalker*, 2023's Chicago Book of the Year. This is the story of Layla, a 20-something artist who travels to South Carolina after the unexpected death of her mother, to connect with distant relatives and hoping to find some explanation for her difficult relationship with her mother. Once there, she uncovers increasingly dark secrets and a mysterious power that her mother had kept hidden from her. Rita will discuss family secrets, the history of the Gullah-Geechee, how ideas become stories and the wild, weird ride of writing and publishing novels. **REGISTRATION OPENS: NOV. 15**



Arts & Crafts

Adult Take & Makes

Saturdays at 9 a.m.

Sept. 7: Fall Gnome

Oct. 5: Mason Jar Lid Pumpkin

Nov. 2: Candle

Dec. 7: Frosted Mason Jar Luminary

Feeling crafty? Pick up a Take & Make at the Adult Services Desk. Available starting at 9 a.m., while supplies last. Instructions are always available on the library website.

Fall Paint Party

Tuesday, Oct. 1 at 10:30 a.m.

Paint a fall-inspired masterpiece as artist Diane Cochran walks you through every step.

REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 16

Crochet 102

Saturday, Nov. 9 at 1 p.m.

Interested in leveling up your crochet skills? In this hands-on class you will learn intermediate stitches of double, half-double, and triple crochet as well as some new crochet techniques. You must have experience with crocheting chains, single crochet, and slip knot. **REGISTRATION OPENS: OCT. 15**

Origami Cranes

Monday, Nov. 11 at 10:30 a.m.

Learn to create origami cranes with step-by-step instruction along with a special discussion of Sadako Sasaki and her mission to fold 1,000 paper cranes.

REGISTRATION OPENS: OCT. 15

Holiday Card Making

Wednesday, Dec. 11
at 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

Learn how to make hand-crafted, heartfelt holiday cards. You will explore a variety of techniques and take home six unique cards to share with family and friends.

ONLY REGISTER FOR ONE SESSION. REGISTRATION OPENS: NOV. 15

Try Something New

Laughter Yoga

Tuesday, Sept. 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Laughter is a universal language that transcends barriers. In this interactive session, participants will learn what laughter is, but more importantly, will engage in several laughter yoga exercises. Participants will get in touch with their playful sides. Laughing is required in this playful session.

REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 3

Crochet 101

Saturday, Sept. 28 at 1 p.m.

From traditional blankets and hats to granny squares to the nontraditional amigurumi creatures, learning how to crochet will allow you to make a wide variety of fun crafts. In Crochet 101, you'll learn about hooks, yarn, reading patterns, and other basic techniques. You will then learn the beginning stitches of the chain stitch, single crochet stitch, and double crochet stitch in this hands-on class.

REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 3

Sip & Script Calligraphy

Wednesday, Oct. 2 at 6:30 p.m.

Learn the basics of brush calligraphy while sipping mocktails at this fun and creative class.

REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 16

Basic Backyard Chicken Keeping

Wednesday, Nov. 6 at 6:30 p.m.

This class is designed for curious folks who are considering getting chickens, as well as for those who already have their own birds. Learn how to find local laws, choose and raise chicks, and care for adult birds. **REGISTRATION OPENS: OCT. 15**

Basic Self Defense for Adults

Monday, Nov. 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Attendees will participate in a series of discussions and be introduced to basic physical self-defense skills and techniques. Training will focus on three key areas: mindset, skill set, and planning. **REGISTRATION OPENS: OCT. 15**

Bridge 101

Wednesday, Nov. 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Contract Bridge is a game of strategy, communication, and teamwork. This program will explore the different player roles, give an overview of modern bidding, and showcase "playing the hand." **REGISTRATION OPENS: OCT. 15**

Intro to Dungeons & Dragons One-Shot Adventure

Saturday, Nov. 23 at Noon

This event is a self-contained adventure with premade characters available to choose from to allow beginners to understand the flow of the game. **REGISTRATION OPENS: OCT. 15**

Jewelry Making Workshop

Thursday, Dec. 5 at 10:30 a.m.

Join us to experience the fun of jewelry-making. **REGISTRATION OPENS: NOV. 15**

Cardio Drumming

Thursday, Dec. 12 at 6:30 p.m.

One hour of music, fun, and cardio! Dance and drum to the beat! Utility buckets, exercise ball, drumsticks, and energetic instruction will be ready for you. Let's make some NOISE! **REGISTRATION OPENS: NOV. 15**

Intergenerational Programs

Barbie (and Ken) Tea Party

Sunday, Nov. 10 at 2 p.m.

GRADES 6-12 & ADULTS. Calling all Barbies (and Kens)! You're invited to an intergenerational celebration of all things Barbie! Adults and teens will explore Barbie's history, celebrate the Barbie movie, and create our own accessories with a bracelet bar. **REGISTRATION OPENS: OCT. 15**

Wicked Tea Party

Thursday, Nov. 21 at 6:30 p.m.

GRADES 6-12 & ADULTS. Step into the enchanting world of "Wicked" at our themed tea party. Sip magical brews, craft an edible wand, create friendship bracelets, and maybe belt your favorite songs from the show. An evening of camaraderie and a dash of wickedness awaits! **REGISTRATION OPENS: OCT. 15**



Monthly Features

Writers' Group

Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

Sept. 3, Oct. 1, Nov. 5, Dec. 3

Join us as we read and discuss your work and the work of your fellow writers. All subjects and genres welcome.

Spice Club

Saturdays

Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Dec. 14

Spice up your cooking with Spice Club! Stop by the Adult Services Desk each month to receive a sample of a new spice along with an info card and delicious recipes. Available starting at 9 a.m., while supplies last.

Bingo

Saturday, Sept. 21 at 2 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 16 at 2 p.m.

It's time for casual Saturday afternoon bingo fun! Drop-ins welcome.

Book Box

Tuesdays

Sept. 24: Myths & Magic

REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 3

Oct. 29: Let's Bake!

REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 16

Nov. 26: History

REGISTRATION OPENS: OCT. 15

(NO DECEMBER BOX)

Can't decide what to read? Sign up for our Book Box program! Each month, registrants will receive a genre-themed box packed with librarian-selected books to borrow, along with treats, goodies, and other exciting swag. Please register for each month separately. Boxes not picked up after one week will be returned. OPPL cardholders only.

Thursday Classic Matinee

Thursdays at 2 p.m.

Sept. 26:

On the Waterfront

REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 3

Oct. 24:

Creature from the Black Lagoon

REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 16

Dec. 26:

Meet Me in St. Louis

REGISTRATION OPENS: NOV. 15

(NO NOVEMBER MOVIE)



They sure don't make 'em like they used to. Whether you're a film novice or a classic movie connoisseur, you're welcome to join us on the fourth Thursday of the month for our Thursday Classic Matinee. Popcorn will be provided by Marcus Orland Park Cinema!



Finance

Can You Afford to Retire?

Thursday, Sept. 5 at 6:30 p.m.

This retirement readiness program includes self-assessments, critical question exploration, and in-depth Social Security guidance—covering benefit calculation, optimal filing times, and tax implications. It also addresses estate planning, providing tools for a comprehensive estate analysis and net worth statement. REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 3

Health Care in Retirement

Wednesday, Sept. 11 at 6:30 p.m.

This session will provide an in-depth look at Retirement Health Care, covering Medicare Parts A to D, Medicare Supplements, and strategies for managing long-term care costs. REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 3

Estate Planning: Protecting Yourself and Your Heirs

Wednesday, Oct. 16 at 6:30 p.m.

This estate planning class outlines essential steps and documents, such as wills, trusts, and powers of attorney, to safeguard your family's future. Understand the probate process, guardianship appointments, and how to protect your spouse and heirs. REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 16

Understanding Social Security: A Look at the Bigger Picture

Monday, Oct. 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Learn about maximizing your Social Security benefits at this informational program including the optimal time to claim benefits, the impact of working while receiving them, tax implications, and spousal benefits. Ensure you're fully informed to make the most of your entitlements. REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 16

Financial Intelligence: Putting it All Together

Wednesday, Nov. 13 at 6:30 p.m.

This workshop covers retirement planning, focusing on fund accumulation, distribution, and qualified plans like IRAs. It includes strategies for tax management and risk assessment in life, health, and property, concluding with common retiree investments. REGISTRATION OPENS: OCT. 15

Career

Brhett Vickery Visit

Friday, Sept. 27 at 2 p.m.

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See page 1 for details.

REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 3

Learn About an Exciting Career in Voice Acting

Thursday, Nov. 7 at 6:30 p.m.

Come meet professional Voice Actor Gary Spitzer. Gary has been a professional agency-represented Voice Actor since the mid 2000s. He has lent his voice to commercials for Dewars Scotch Whisky, Gerber Collision and Glass, Dish Network, First Midwest Bank, and many others. He will explain what it's like to be a professional Voice Actor and how he got into the business. He will touch base on the day to day and the training needed to become a Voice Actor and answer questions. REGISTRATION OPENS: OCT. 15

Did You Know?

With the Hoopla app, you can stream movies and TV shows on your portable smart device! Selections are regularly updated and span various genres, from award-winning films to British television favorites to beloved children's books brought to life.



Community

20/20: One Hundred Years in Focus – Smith Communities in a Changing World

Reception Friday, Sept. 6 at 7 p.m.



OPPL hosts a special exhibit featuring a multi-panel timeline celebrating Smith Crossing's 20 years of serving southwest suburban seniors and their families. The exhibit is on the second floor of the library from Sept. 6 through Oct. 28.

Illinois Tollway Tabling

Tuesday, Sept. 17 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Visit the Illinois Tollway information table to pick up your NEW Illinois Tollway transponder sticker.

Naturalization 101 with USCIS

Wednesday, Sept. 18 at 1 p.m.

Join us for this seminar on Naturalization hosted by Eneida Spaho, of USCIS, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. This presentation will include an overview of the eligibility requirements for the Citizenship, English-language, and Civics examinations, and the USCIS online resources and study materials.

Jewel-Osco Vaccine Clinic

Tuesday, Sept. 24 from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.



Osco Pharmacy is partnering with the library to provide a free onsite flu shot clinic. No appointment necessary. If you have any questions about eligibility or age requirements for the flu vaccine or questions about required paperwork, please call Osco Pharmacy at (708) 460-8212.

The Opioid Crisis & Saving Lives with Naloxone

Wednesday, Oct. 9 at 7 p.m.

Opioid overdoses are a serious public health concern in our communities. The University of Illinois Extension has partnered with the Cook County Department of Public Health to provide free training on how to recognize the symptoms of an opioid overdose and administer life-saving Naloxone.

Military Care Package Cookie Drive

Saturday, Nov. 9 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The Veterans Commission of Orland Park will be collecting cookie donations for active-duty service members on Veterans Day in the library's lobby. There are 2 ways to participate: donate postage. \$20 sends one package, or drop off items like store-bought cookies, hot chocolate, or small holiday decor at the library. For a full list of accepted items see the event listing in our calendar. Questions? Contact Dan Marsan of the Veterans Commission at dmarsan@orlandpark.org or call (708) 403-6115.

Community Holiday Caroling

Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 10 a.m.

WARREN BARR OF ORLAND PARK

Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 1 p.m.

BROOKDALE SENIOR LIVING OF ORLAND PARK

Join library staff for caroling at Warren Barr and Brookdale Senior Living! Stephane Collopy will accompany us on the violin while we sing some classic winter favorites. **REGISTRATION OPENS: NOV. 15**

Vitalant Blood Drive

Saturday, Dec. 21 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

AGES 16+. Every 2 seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. This constant need for blood can only be met by generous donors like you.



When you give blood, you could save the life of a cancer patient or someone needing open-heart surgery. The Vitalant Blood Mobile will be parked in the circle drive of the library. Walk in or make an appointment by calling (877) 258-4825 or visiting the library calendar for a Vitalant registration link. Blood donors who are 16-years-old must prove parental or guardian consent.

Crisis Center Programs

Tech-Facilitated Abuse: Signs of an Online Predator

Wednesday, Sept. 25 at 1 p.m.

Domestic violence abusers have many tools by which to abuse their victim. This presentation will examine how abusers use technology to inflict further harm to their victims and establish/maintain coercive control. This session will also show individuals how to spot a predator online and avoid potentially abusive situations.

Building and Maintaining Healthy Boundaries

Thursday, Oct. 24 at 6 p.m.

AGES 13+. It is crucial for our well-being to have healthy boundaries in all types of relationships. This presentation will examine building and maintaining healthy boundaries to help attendees minimize the chance of entering a toxic or abusive relationship.

Domestic Violence in Later Life

Thursday, Nov. 14 at 1 p.m.

This presentation discusses the differences between elder abuse and domestic violence in later life, and who can be victimized. Learn about the barriers that prevent victimized individuals from seeking help and how ageism impacts the way domestic violence in later life is addressed. Information will be provided on how to both prevent and respond to domestic violence in later life.

Crisis Center Coat Drive

Saturday, Dec. 14 from Noon - 3 p.m.

The Crisis Center for South Suburbia will be collecting warm coats, hats, mittens, and other winter goods for domestic violence survivors. Also accepted: toiletries, diapers, household products, gas gift cards, and Walmart and Target gift cards. Packages may be dropped off up to a week early at the Patron Services Desk. Ask for the Outreach Department when you arrive. Questions? Contact Brooke Holton, bholton@crisisctr.org or call (708) 429-7255.

Caregiving

Memory Café

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6, Dec. 4



A social gathering for people living with Alzheimer's and related dementias and their care partners. Each session includes an activity and gives participants a chance to enjoy time together. Offered in partnership with Pathlights Senior Services.

Dementia Caregiver Support Group

Mondays at 1 p.m.

Sept. 9, 23 Oct. 7, 21 Nov. 4, 18 Dec. 2, 16

Designed for those caring for a loved one with dementia. Come to relax, share, learn, and connect with fellow caregivers and local experts. This program is exclusively for caregivers. Registration is encouraged for planning purposes, but walk-ins are welcome. **REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 3**

Understanding Caregiver Stress and Self-Care Strategies

Thursday, Sept. 19 at 1 p.m.

While taking care of a friend or family member may be a labor of love, it can also be stressful. Kandis Draw, Community Education Associate and Research Liaison for the HAP, Hospice and Palliative Care Research & Education, Foundation will discuss the physical, emotional, and financial stressors that caregivers face. Together, you will explore tips and strategies for self-care. **REGISTRATION OPENS SEPT. 3**

Computer Classes

Class capacity is 14 unless otherwise noted.

Computers 101

Tuesday, Sept. 17 at 11 a.m.

In this hands-on class, you will learn the various parts of a computer including how to use a mouse, how to open/close a program, and how to properly turn on and off the computer. **REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 3**

Computers 201

Saturday, Sept. 21 at 11 a.m.

Build on the foundation of the previous Computer 101 class. You will learn how to create folders, surf the internet, and how to create safe passwords in this hands on class. **REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 3**

Canva Basics

Tuesday, Sept. 24 at 7 p.m.

Learn how to use this graphic design program to make all kinds of fun projects including print and digital in this hands on class. **REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 3**

Raspberry Pi Basics

Monday, Sept. 30 at 11 a.m.

What is this small credit card sized circuit board, and what can it do for me? We will touch on all the basics including the equipment costs, setup, and the capabilities of this tiny computer in this lecture-style class. **REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 3**

Microsoft Word Basics

Tuesday, Oct. 8 at 7 p.m.

Discover the basics of Microsoft Word, including navigation through the application and basic features in this hands-on class. **REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 16**

Intro to 3D Printing

Thursday, Oct. 10 at 11 a.m.

This class is a lecture-style overview on everything 3D printing. You'll learn about how 3D printing works, startup costs, and how to get a model from your PC to the printer. **REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 16**

iPhone Basics

Friday, Oct. 11 at 11 a.m.

This basic lecture-style class will cover basic functions of iPhones, including checking for updates and how to navigate through your device. **LIMIT 20. REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 16**

Beware of Scams

Monday, Oct. 14 at 11 a.m.

This lecture-style class equips you to identify phishing emails, avoid fake government calls, steer clear of crypto scams like rug pulls, and outsmart schemes like pig butchering.

iPhone Intermediate

Friday, Oct. 18 at 11 a.m.

This lecture-style class will cover iPhone functions such as password protection, Screen mirroring, Calendar, Bluetooth, and much more. **LIMIT 20. REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 16**

Microsoft Word Intermediate

Tuesday, Oct. 22 at 7 p.m.

In this intermediate level hands-on class, we will look at how to create labels, use mail merge to speed up the mass sending of personalized mailings, and create flyers and posters. Prior familiarity with Microsoft Word is required for this class. **REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 16**

Microsoft PowerPoint Basics

Thursday, Oct. 24 at 7 p.m.

In this hands-on class, learn and practice the fundamentals of creating a slideshow using text and images to create, edit, save, and share a presentation. **REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 16**

Microsoft Office 365

Monday, Oct. 28 at 7 p.m.

This lecture-style class will cover topics on Microsoft 365 apps, plans, pricing, storage, and features. **REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 16**

Digital Photo Storage

Monday, Nov. 4 at 2:30 p.m.

Learn about storing and backing up your collection of digital photos using flash drives, portable hard drives or cloud drives in this lecture-style class. **LIMIT 20. REGISTRATION OPENS: OCT. 15**

Gmail/Google Drive Basics

Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 7 p.m.

Find out how to setup and use a Google email account. Discover more about Google Drive, a cloud-based solution for composing, storing, and collaborating on various types of documents in this hands-on class. **REGISTRATION OPENS: OCT. 15**

Tech For Checkout

Thursday, Nov. 14 at 11 a.m.

The library offers tech items for checkout. This includes Roku, Hotspots, Nintendo classics, and more. Learn about each piece of equipment and how to use them in this lecture-style class. **REGISTRATION OPENS: OCT. 15**

Introduction to Internet Security

Monday, Nov. 18 at 7 p.m.

This lecture-style class will discuss common internet threats and best practices to protect against them. **LIMIT 20. REGISTRATION OPENS: OCT. 15**

Google Docs Basics

Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 7 p.m.

Learn how to create, edit, and share documents with Google's word processing program in this hands-on class. **REGISTRATION OPENS: OCT. 15**

Google Photos

Saturday, Nov. 30 at 11 a.m.

Learn how to organize and manage your photos, make edits, and share albums using Google Photos in this lecture-style class. **LIMIT 20. REGISTRATION OPENS: OCT. 15**

Google Sheets/Forms Basics

Tuesday, Dec. 3 at 7 p.m.

This introductory hands-on class will show you how to create, edit, and share spreadsheets in Google Sheets, as well as how to create, edit, and share various forms using Google Forms. **REGISTRATION OPENS: NOV. 15**

Windows 11 Desktop Basics

Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 2:30 p.m.

This course will guide you through the fundamentals of navigating Windows 11. Learn to find what you need, organize your files, and personalize your experience. We'll cover the Start menu, Taskbar, File Explorer, Settings, and more! This class is perfect for beginners who want to feel comfortable and confident using Windows 11. **REGISTRATION OPENS: NOV. 15**

Excel Basics: Terms and Navigation

Thursday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m.

In this class, we will discuss the terms and navigation of Microsoft's spreadsheet product, Excel, while you follow along on the computer. **REGISTRATION OPENS: NOV. 15**

Excel Intermediate: Formulas

Thursday, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m.

This hands-on class will demonstrate the power of formulas in Excel to calculate and streamline data. Prior familiarity with Excel is required. **REGISTRATION OPENS: NOV. 15**

Intro to Python Programming

Monday, Dec. 16 at 11 a.m.

In this beginner-friendly course, you'll embark on a journey into the world of the Python programming language, one of the most versatile and in-demand programming languages today. In this course, gain knowledge of the fundamentals, the building blocks of Python, and even do some hands-on programming. **LIMIT 10. REGISTRATION OPENS: NOV. 15**

Google Slides Basics

Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 7 p.m.

Discover how to prepare and share slideshow presentations with Google Slides in this hands-on class. **REGISTRATION OPENS: NOV. 15**

Excel Advanced: Pivot Tables and Charts

Thursday, Dec. 19 at 7 p.m.

This advanced hands-on class will show how to prepare data and how to use and manipulate pivot tables and charts in Excel. Prior familiarity with Excel is required. **REGISTRATION OPENS: NOV. 15**

Glowforge & Cricut Classes

Glowforge Basics

Thursday, Oct. 3 at 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 29 at 7 p.m.

In this basic lecture-style class, you will learn how to use the Glowforge laser cutting and engraving machine.

LIMIT 12 PER CLASS.
REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 16

Cricut Basics

Saturday, Oct. 5 at 2:30 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 7 at 7 p.m.

REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 16
REGISTRATION OPENS: OCT. 15

In this basics class, you will receive hands-on instruction on how to use the Cricut craft cutting machine. **LIMIT 12 PER CLASS.**

Glowforge/Cricut Halloween Project

Saturday, Oct. 19 at 2:30 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 20 at 3 p.m.

You will use the Glowforge and Cricut machines to create a take-home Halloween Project. Previous Glowforge and Cricut experience, or having taken our Glowforge and Cricut Basics classes are required to participate in this project class. **LIMIT 6 PER CLASS.**
REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 16

Glowforge/Cricut Thanksgiving Project

Saturday, Nov. 16 at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17 at 3 p.m.

Let's use the Glowforge and Cricut machines to create a take-home Thanksgiving Project. Previous Glowforge and Cricut experience, or having taken our Glowforge and Cricut Basics classes are required to participate in this project class. **LIMIT 6 PER CLASS. REGISTRATION OPENS: OCT. 15**

Glowforge Christmas Ornament Project

Saturday, Dec. 7 at 2:30 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 8 at 3 p.m.

You will use the Glowforge machine to create a take-home Christmas ornament. Previous Glowforge experience, or having taken our Glowforge Basics class is required to participate in this project class. **LIMIT 6 PER CLASS.**
REGISTRATION OPENS: NOV. 15



Food & Drinks

Traditional Arab Cuisine

Monday, Sept. 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Come and learn how to cook Palestinian cuisine with cookbook author Heifa Odeh from Fufu's Kitchen. She will showcase and share samples of dishes and flavors from the Middle East. **REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 3**

Coffee 101

Sunday, Sept. 29 at 2 p.m.

A presentation on coffee from cultivation to cup with fun and interesting facts about coffee farming. Samples will be provided. **REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 3**

Cheese Pairing: Eat What You Sow

Tuesday, Oct. 29 at 6:30 p.m.

Meredith Meder creates cheese-centric recipes with popular items from your garden. Samples will be provided. **REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 16**

Pickles & Chutneys

Thursday, Nov. 14 at 6:30 p.m.

November 14 is National Pickle Day! Celebrate with us by learning how to make pickles and chutneys. Samples will be provided. **REGISTRATION OPENS: OCT. 15**

Holiday Sides & Salads

Monday, Nov. 18 at 2 p.m.

The holiday season is coming. Join Chef Susan Maddox for some delicious holiday sides and salads to use for your entertaining. Samples will be provided. **REGISTRATION OPENS: OCT. 15**

Electronic Cooking Devices

Friday, Dec. 27 at 2 p.m.

Confused by all the electronic cooking devices on the market nowadays? This class will teach you the difference between a pressure cooker and an air fryer with healthy delicious recipes in both! Samples will also be provided – chicken parmesan two ways! **REGISTRATION OPENS: NOV. 15**

Concerts

Bounding Main

Sunday, Sept. 22 at 2 p.m.

Bounding Main is a Great Lakes-based, acapella vocal group that sings richly harmonic versions of traditional and contemporary maritime songs. Their shows are filled with spirit, humor, and harmony, and their arrangements of nautical-themed music bring the listener into the world of fellowship, adventure, and romance.

M80s

Sunday, Oct. 6 at 2 p.m.

The M80s are Chicagoland's 80s MTV-era new wave and alternative pop/rock band, covering songs from such classic 80s new wave hitmakers as The Cure, Depeche Mode, Til Tuesday, Berlin, The Cars, Tears for Fears, Flock of Seagulls, Simple Minds, and Billy Idol.

Sarah McQuaid

Sunday, Nov. 3 at 2 p.m.

Born in Spain, raised in Chicago, holding dual Irish and American citizenship and now settled in rural England, Sarah McQuaid brings the eclecticism of her background to her "captivating, unorthodox songwriting" and choice of material, spanning genres and defying categorization.

Canterbury Carollers

Sunday, Dec. 15 at 3 p.m.

Come and enjoy the holiday sounds of the a cappella performers, the Canterbury Carollers.

Pop Up Concerts: Bree Beezhold

Sept. 12 at Noon
Thursdays at 11 a.m.
Sept. 19
Oct. 3, 10, & 31
Nov. 7 & 21
Dec. 5 & 12

Pop Up Concerts: Justin Prince

Mondays at Noon
Sept. 23
Oct. 14 & 21
Nov. 11 & 25
Dec. 16, 23, & 30

Teens

Programs are for Teens in Grades 6-12 unless otherwise noted. All events are in person unless otherwise noted. Register for each program through the library's online calendar at orlandpark.librarycalendar.com.



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Teen Subscription Boxes

Mystery/Thriller

Thursday, Oct. 3 at 9 a.m.

REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 16

Realistic Fiction

Friday, Nov. 1 at 9 a.m.

REGISTRATION OPENS: OCT. 15

Winter Reads

Monday, Dec. 2 at 9 a.m.

REGISTRATION OPENS: NOV. 15

Register for a Teen Subscription Box geared to the genre of the month. It will contain at least 2 books that you'll need to return to the library, PLUS special items and snacks that you get to keep. Box pick up is for one week at the Teen Desk. Program is available to Orland Park cardholders only. Register for each month separately. Space is limited.

"I Myself am Strange and Unusual" Ghost Paintings

Wednesday, Sept. 18 at 5 p.m.

To celebrate the new Beetlejuice movie, we'll be reimagining paintings by adding a haunted feel to them. REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 3

Homeschoolers Google Suite Class

Friday, Sept. 27 at 2 p.m.

Get an introduction to all the programs that Google Suites has to offer like Google Documents and Google Sheets.

REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 3

Pumpkin Patch Pins

Monday, Sept. 30 at 5 p.m.

Come and make a seasonal felt pumpkin pin to get ready for autumn! REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 3

Mesmerizing Potions

Thursday, Oct. 3 at 5 p.m.

Create a unique swirling potion! Great for adding a mystical feel to your personal space.

REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 16

Sugar Skull Crafting

Monday, Oct. 14 at 5 p.m.

Learn how to make and decorate a sugar skull you can eat as a treat!

REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 16

Teen Henna Program

Saturday, Oct. 19 at 2 p.m.

Discover henna including the history and how to create henna designs. All participants will be able to practice with henna stencils or use pre-made henna designs.

REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 16

Pet Ghosts

Tuesday, Oct. 29 at 5 p.m.

Create a one-of-a-kind pet ghost who will stick with you forever!

REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 16

Boba Slime

Tuesday, Nov. 5 at 5 p.m.

Create boba slime! (Slime is not edible.) REGISTRATION OPENS: OCT. 15

Barbie (and Ken) Tea

Sunday, Nov. 10 at 2 p.m.

GRADES 6-12 & ADULTS. Calling all Barbies (and Kens)! Invite your favorite adult fan of Barbie (or Ken) and join us for a celebration of all things Barbie. We will explore Barbie's history, celebrate the Barbie movie, and create our own accessories with a bracelet bar.

REGISTRATION OPENS: OCT. 15

Clay Charms

Monday, Nov. 18 at 5 p.m.

Create a clay charm to add some flair to your keychain.

REGISTRATION OPENS: OCT. 15

Wicked Tea

Thursday, Nov. 21 at 6:30 p.m.

GRADES 6 - ADULT. Step into the enchanting world of "Wicked" at our themed tea party. Sip magical brews, craft an edible wand, create friendship bracelets, and maybe belt your favorite songs from the show. An evening of camaraderie and a dash of wickedness awaits!

REGISTRATION OPENS: OCT. 15

Coffee Shop Stamps

Monday, Dec. 9 at 5 p.m.

The winter reading program, Read a Latte, is happening! Why not celebrate by making a cute coffee themed stamp? REGISTRATION OPENS: NOV. 15

DIY After School Snacks

Saturday, Dec. 14 at 2 p.m.

Learn how to create delicious snacks with Chef Susan. We'll get to taste test everything she teaches us how to make! REGISTRATION OPENS: NOV. 15

Hot Chocolate Paint and Sip

Monday, Dec. 30 at 2 p.m.

Celebrate the start of Winter Reading by painting a mug and drinking hot chocolate with friends. REGISTRATION OPENS: NOV. 15

Take & Makes

Pickup begins at 9 a.m.

Mini Photo Dioramas

Thursday, Sept. 5

School Mascot Shrinky Dinks Keychain

Wednesday, Sept. 25

Horror Movie Fake Knife Bookmark

Monday, Oct. 7

Spooky String Dolls

Tuesday, Oct. 22

Safety Pin Broach

Wednesday, Nov. 6

Mini Cork Board

Friday, Nov. 22

Mini Zen Gardens

Tuesday, Dec. 10

Confetti Shaker Bookmark

Thursday, Dec. 26

Volunteer Hours

Anyone in grades 6-12 can participate in our service hour opportunities, unless otherwise noted. All in-person service hour programming requires registration through our online calendar. If you cannot attend the opportunities that you have registered for, be sure to either cancel online or call us to cancel. If you miss more than 2 opportunities without canceling, you will not be able to register for any more opportunities. The library does not provide service hours for court mandated issues. Students must provide their own service hour paperwork. Hours are given out at the discretion of library staff. Students must be present to pick up/drop off kits, and to get their service hour forms signed.

Take, Make, & Bring Back

Pick up your kits at the Teen Loft Desk, while supplies last. Hurry, they go FAST! Be sure to follow ALL instructions in your kit to earn service hours. You may only have 1 kit out at a time. Once you return your finished kit you may take another one.

Dress a Skeleton

Month of September

HOURS EARNED: 2. Pick up a 6-inch skeleton kit from the Teen Desk, dress up/decorate your skeleton for Halloween, bring your work back to the Teen Desk to earn hours. Skeletons will be used in the Teen Loft for the month of October.

Celebrate Libraries: Mini Works of Art

Month of September

HOURS EARNED: 2. Pick up this kit and create a work of art to show off your love for libraries, especially Orland Park Public Library! Artwork may be used in the Teen Loft or other parts of the library.

Fall Photo Challenge

Months of September & October

HOURS EARNED: VARIES ON HOW MANY PROMPTS ARE COMPLETED Pick up the Fall Photo Challenge instructions from the Teen Desk. Choose at least 5 prompts, take your pictures, print them, and then bring in your photos to earn service hours. Photos will be used to decorate the Teen Loft. Bonus for the month of September: Complete the 20th Anniversary Challenge for an extra 2 service hours.

Wood Snowflakes

Month of November

HOURS EARNED: 2. Pick up a Snowflake Cutout kit, decorate all of the cutouts front and back, and return your work to the Teen Desk to earn hours. Cutouts will be used to decorate the Teen Loft.

Winter Photo Challenge

Months of December & January

HOURS EARNED: VARIES ON HOW MANY PROMPTS ARE COMPLETED Pick up the Winter Photo Challenge instructions from the Teen Desk. Choose at least 5 prompts, take your pictures, print them, and then bring in your photos to earn service hours. Photos will be used to decorate the Teen Loft.

Decorate a Paper Latte

Months of November - January

HOURS EARNED: 2 Pick up a Latte kit, decorate all of the cutouts, and return your work to the Teen Desk to earn hours. Cutouts will be used to decorate the Teen Loft for the Read a Latte Winter Reading Program.

Mad Science Buddies: Cryptid Conservation Club

Thursday, Sept. 19 at 6:15 p.m.

HOURS EARNED: 1 Work with librarians to help kids learn about conservation by using crafts and cryptids like Big Foot and the Loch Ness Monster.
REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 3

Getting Ready for Tricks and Treats

Sunday, Oct. 13 at 1:30 p.m.

HOURS EARNED: 1.5 Help little kids make spooky trick or treat bags.
REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 16

Mad Science Buddies: Ink-Tober

Thursday, Oct. 17 at 6:15 p.m.

HOURS EARNED: 1 Do you like to draw? Buddy up with a child to create large-scale drawings using Ink-Tober prompts.
REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 16

OPPLcon Tape Obstacle Course

Thursday, Oct. 24 at 5 p.m.

HOURS EARNED: 2 Create obstacle courses in the Children's Library for our upcoming annual OPPLcon. **REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 16**

OPPLcon Volunteers

MANDATORY TRAINING DATE:

Friday, Oct. 25 at 5 p.m.

PROGRAM DATE:

Saturday, Oct. 26
from 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

TOTAL HOURS EARNED: 6 Register to help with various stations and activities that you will run with the help of our librarians. Lunch will be provided. Attending mandatory training is required to work the day of the event. **REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 16**

Food Drive

Friday, Nov. 1 at 5 p.m. and

Saturday, Nov. 30 at 2 p.m.

HOURS EARNED: 1 PER SESSION Session 1 we'll be creating donation bins and placing them out for the public. Session 2 we'll come back, sort, and pack up all of the donations. Register for each date separately. **REGISTRATION OPENS: OCT. 15**

Mad Science Buddies: Dinovember

Friday, Nov. 8 at 6:15 p.m.

HOURS EARNED: 1 Buddy up with a child to make awesome dinosaur collages, then come back to find pictures of your dinos in a scavenger hunt in the Children's Library. **REGISTRATION OPENS: OCT. 15**

Giving Tree

Monday, Dec. 2 at 5 p.m. and

Thursday, Jan. 2 at 5 p.m.

HOURS EARNED: 1 PER SESSION Session 1 we'll be creating donation bins and placing them out for the public. Session 2 we'll come back, sort, and pack up all of the donations. Register for each date separately. **REGISTRATION OPENS: NOV. 15**

Winter Wonderfest Tape Obstacle Course

Friday, Dec. 6 at 5 p.m.

HOURS EARNED: 2 Register to join us in creating a tape obstacle course for our upcoming Winter Wonderfest. **REGISTRATION OPENS: NOV. 15**

Winter Wonderfest Volunteers

Saturday, Dec. 7

from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

HOURS EARNED: 5 Help out with our Winterfest Day. We'll have various stations and activities that you will help run with the help of our librarians. Lunch will be provided. **REGISTRATION OPENS: NOV. 15**

Mad Science Buddies: Snow Buddies

Friday, Dec. 27 at 1:45 p.m.

HOURS EARNED: 1 Buddy up with children to help them make fake snow. **REGISTRATION OPENS: NOV. 15**

Little Free Food Pantry Stockers

Monday, Sept. 9 at 5 p.m.

REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 3

Wednesday, Oct. 2 at 5 p.m.

REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 16

Monday, Nov. 4 at 5 p.m.

REGISTRATION OPENS: OCT. 15

Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 5 p.m.

REGISTRATION OPENS: NOV. 15

HOURS EARNED: VARIES Help us keep our Little Food Pantry stocked. You will need to attend a 1-hour mandatory training session and commit to visiting the library once a week for the month you register for. Meet at the Teen Desk for training. See our Teen Service Hours webpage for more details. Registration required for each month separately.

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Children

All programs are in-person. Please pay attention to age restrictions and program limits. OPPL cardholders are given priority, but nonresidents can be waitlisted and will be allowed registration 5 days before the event if space allows.



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Storytime Schedule

Register at 9 a.m. on Sept. 3 for September programs, Sept. 16 for October programs, Oct. 15 for November programs, and Nov. 15 for December programs. All storytimes require registration unless otherwise noted.

Tuesdays

Toddler Time

at 10 a.m.

Sept. 17 - Nov. 26

24-47 MONTHS
WITH PARENT OR CAREGIVER.

Wednesdays

Baby Lapsit Storytime

at 10 a.m.

Sept. 18 - Nov. 27

AGES BIRTH-11 MONTHS.

Baby Walkers Storytime

at 11 a.m.

Sept. 18 - Nov. 27

AGES 12-23 MONTHS.

Arabic Storytime

at 4:30 p.m.

Sept. 25, Oct. 23, & Nov. 27

ALL AGES. NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Thursdays

Once Upon a Time Storytime

at 10 a.m.

Sept. 26 - Nov. 21

ALL AGES.

Night Owls Storytime

at 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 26, Oct. 10 & 24,
and Nov. 7 & 21

ALL AGES.

A Very Special Once Upon a Time Storytime: 20th Anniversary!

at 10 a.m.

Sept. 19

20

ALL AGES. NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Saturdays

Bright Starts Family Storytime

at 10 a.m.

Sept. 21 - Nov. 30

ALL AGES.

Czytanie na dywanie: Bilingual Polish Storytime

at 2 p.m.

Oct. 12 & Nov. 9

ALL AGES.

A Very Special Bright Starts: Winter Wonderfest

at 10 a.m.

Dec. 7

ALL AGES.



Very Spooky Halloween Week

Oct. 24-30

Our storytimes (Toddler Time, Baby Lapsit, Baby Walkers, Once Upon a Time, Night Owls, and Bright Starts) this week have a Halloween vibe! Patrons are encouraged to dress up in their costumes and join us for a costume parade as we trick-or-treat in the library after some stories!

Smokey Bear Reading Challenge

Month of October

Help Smokey celebrate his 80th birthday by learning how to prevent wildfires and help the environment! Read 3 books on wildfire prevention or the environment and earn 4 activity badges to complete the challenge and earn your prize! Start by taking Smokey's Pledge. Badges are earned by completing at least one activity in each section. You can select books from Smokey's Reading List at smokeybear.com or choose your own. You can find the challenge on the Beanstack app.

Little Free Food Pantry



A big thank you to the students from District 135 Park and Center schools, along with Art Teacher Nancy Heuser, for decorating the Little Free Pantry in May.

Family Event/All Ages

Books, Board Games, and Buddies

Fridays from 1 - 3 p.m.

Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 20

Come hang out at the library and meet new friends. Read a book or play board games in this monthly drop-in program.

All homeschooling families are welcome.

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Move & Groove

Fridays at 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 27 **REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 3**

Oct. 11 **REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 16**

Nov. 22 **REGISTRATION OPENS: OCT. 15**

Dec. 27 **REGISTRATION OPENS: NOV. 15**

An upbeat movement party for the family.

Animals Around the World

Saturday, Nov. 2 at 2 p.m.

Come see what animals Sharon Peterson of Incredible Bats has to share with you including a special appearance by Rico the Sloth.

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Santa Duck is Quacking to Town!

Monday, Dec. 2 at 11 a.m. & 4 p.m.

Who's that with the bright red hat? Why, it's Santa Duck! Join Mr. Alex and Sailor Duck for a festive holiday storytime full of songs, stories, and surprises as they await the arrival of Santa Duck! **NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

Giant Bubble Show

Saturday, Dec. 7 at 2 p.m.

As part of Winter Wonderfest, come enjoy an interactive giant bubble show that's sure to be fun for the whole family.

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Santa at the Library

Sunday, Dec. 15 from 1 - 4 p.m.

Santa is in the library! Visit with Santa and get a picture with him next to our beautiful lobby Christmas tree. **NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

Smarty Pants Big Balloon Holiday Show

Sunday, Dec. 15 at 2 p.m.

Smarty Pants is back with a balloon show full of magic and GIANT balloon sculptures.

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Scavenger Hunts

Pirate Scavenger Hunt

Month of September

Halloween Scavenger Hunt

Month of October

Winter Wonderland Scavenger Hunt

Month of December

Take & Makes

Paper Porcupines

Tuesday, Sept. 3

Transformers

Friday, Sept. 13

Shrinky Dinks Keychains

Monday, Sept. 23

Smokey the Bear Pack

Tuesday, Oct. 1

Popsicle Catapult

Monday, Oct. 14

Flying Bat

Friday, Oct. 25

Future Voter Button

Tuesday, Nov. 5

Tissue Paper Turkey

Monday, Nov. 18

Turkey Headband

Monday, Nov. 25

Christmas Light Garland

Friday, Dec. 6

Lion Craft

Wednesday, Dec. 18

Snowman Handprint

Monday, Dec. 30

Birth-23 Months

With parent or caregiver.

Trick or Treat, Paint My Feet!

Monday, Oct. 21 at 4 p.m.



Create a BOO-tiful keepsake that doubles as a Halloween decoration. **REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 16**

Baby Subscription Box

Monday, Nov. 18

REGISTRATION OPENS: OCT. 15

Monday, Dec. 16

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Sign up to receive a specialty themed subscription box for your baby. Each box contains library board books (already checked out to you), a small craft or activity, and a little something extra. Return the library books, keep everything else! **LIMIT 15.**

Sailor Duck's Nursery Rhymes

Monday, Nov. 4 at 11 a.m.

Sailor Duck presents his interactive take on several classic nursery rhymes for babies.

REGISTRATION OPENS: OCT. 15

Decembrrrr Baby Sensory Play

Monday, Dec. 16 at 11 a.m.

Baby, it's cold outside! Join us for a winter themed sensory play time just for babies.

REGISTRATION OPENS: NOV. 15

Ages 2-3

With parent or caregiver.

Beaded Pumpkins

Monday, Oct. 7
at 4 p.m.



Practice fine motor skills by stringing beads on pipe cleaners to make a festive pumpkin craft.

REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 16

I Know My Numbers

Monday, Nov. 11
at 4 p.m.



Practice counting and identifying numbers at fun stations around the room.

REGISTRATION OPENS: OCT. 15

Snowy Sensory Bottles

Thursday, Dec. 19
at 4 p.m.



Make your own wintry sensory bottle to enjoy all season long.

REGISTRATION OPENS: NOV. 15



Ages 3-6

With parent or caregiver.

Pirate Party

Monday, Sept. 16
at 6:30 p.m. V

Ahoy mateys! Join us at the library for a pirate party. Be there or walk the plank!

REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 3

Getting Ready for Tricks and Treats

Sunday, Oct. 13
at 2 p.m. V

Come decorate your own spooky trick or treat bag with the help of a Teen buddy.

REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 16

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

DROP OFF ANIMALS:
Saturday, Nov. 16
from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

PICK-UP ANIMALS:
Sunday, Nov. 17
at 2 p.m.

Drop off a stuffed animal for a special overnight stay in the library. Kids can pick them up the next afternoon and enjoy a recap of the evening with a yummy treat!

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Storygami

Friday, Nov. 22
at 11 a.m.

Join us for storytime and then create origami figures based on our storytime books.

REGISTRATION OPENS: OCT. 15

Snowflake Fun!

Thursday, Dec. 12
at 11 a.m.

Join us for snowflake storytime followed by a flurry of snowflake crafts.

REGISTRATION OPENS: NOV. 15

Grades K-2

Fall Fun with Chalk

Tuesday, Sept. 17 at 6:30 p.m. V

Who said sidewalk chalk is just for summer! Let's get creative and make a fantastic fall leaf project! **REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 3**

Mad Science Buddies: Cryptid Conservation Buddies

Thursday, Sept. 19 at 6:30 p.m. V

Let's explore conservation through crafts and cryptids (like Big Foot and the Loch Ness Monster.) **REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 3**

The Sailor Duck Construction Co.

Saturday, Sept. 21 at 2 p.m. 20 V

It's the 20th anniversary of the Orland Park Public Library building! We'll celebrate by having a construction-themed party that'll test your building skills. **REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 3**

Changing Leaves

Wednesday, Oct. 2 at 6:30 p.m. V

Why do leaves change color in the fall? Find out and create your own Wreath of Leaves to hang on your very own front door.

REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 16

Harvest History

Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 6:30 p.m. V

Learn why the scarecrow got started nearly 3,000 years ago and create your own scarecrow for fall. **REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 16**

Mad Science Buddies: Ink-Tober

Thursday, Oct. 17 at 6:30 p.m. V

Do you like to draw? Buddy up with a teen to create large-scale drawings using Inktober prompts. **REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 16**

Mad Science Buddies: Dinovember

Friday, Nov. 8 at 6:30 p.m. V

Buddy up with a teen to make awesome dinosaur collages, then come back to find pictures of your dinos in a scavenger hunt in the Children's Library. **REGISTRATION OPENS: OCT. 15**

Whooo's Brave

Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 6:30 p.m. V

Do you think you have enough courage as little owl? Join us as we read *The Owl Who Dared*, and create your own brave owl.

REGISTRATION OPENS: OCT. 15

Thankful Pumpkin

Wednesday, Nov. 20 at 6:30 p.m. V

Create a centerpiece for your Thanksgiving table where you design a unique pumpkin from the prompt "I am thankful for..."

REGISTRATION OPENS: OCT. 15

Holiday Candles

Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 6:30 p.m. V

Design your own special candles from tanagram squares, the Chinese geometric puzzle using seven shapes. **REGISTRATION OPENS: NOV. 15**

Loveable Llamas

Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 6:30 p.m. V

Join us as we celebrate National Llama Day by reading *Llama Llama Little Lie*, and make a loveable llama to take home.

REGISTRATION OPENS: NOV. 15

Sonic the Hedgehog's Party Zone!

Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 4 p.m. V

Sonic's the name! Speed's his game! We'll celebrate the release of *Sonic the Hedgehog 3* in theaters with a party and craft!

REGISTRATION OPENS: NOV. 15

Mad Science Buddies: Snow Buddies

Friday, Dec. 27 at 2 p.m. V

Buddy up with a teen and make fake snow you can play with all winter long.

REGISTRATION OPENS: NOV. 15



Grades 3-5

Breaking Geodes

Tuesday, Sept. 24 at 6:30 p.m. 

Learn all about how geodes form and put on your safety glasses as we crack open geodes to take home. [REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 3](#)

Experiment with a Book: *The Wild Robot*

Saturday, Sept. 28 at 2 p.m.

Science can be found in many of the books we read. Come experiment with robotics and discuss *The Wild Robot* just in time for the release of the highly anticipated movie.

[REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 3](#)

Great Chicago Fire!

Tuesday, Oct. 8 at 6:30 p.m.

Stop, Drop, and Roll! Learn about the Great Chicago Fire, how to prevent fires today, and create your own painted fire.

[REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 16](#)

Knitting Club

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.


Oct. 9 [REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 16](#)

Nov. 13 [REGISTRATION OPENS: OCT. 15](#)

Dec. 11 [REGISTRATION OPENS: NOV. 15](#)

Do you admire handknit hats, mittens, or scarves? This is your chance to learn to knit, so you can create your own. Parents are invited to accompany their children.

Rubber Ducky Costume Contest

Tuesday, Oct. 22 at 6:30 p.m. 

Join us to create an extravagant costume for your rubber duck using model magic clay and paint. [REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 16](#)

Junior Illustrator

Friday, Oct. 25 at 6:30 p.m.

Picture book illustrations are beautiful works of art. Learn about the art used by some of your favorite children's book illustrators and try a project to mimic or practice their style.

[REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 16](#)

Painting Round Robin

Monday, Oct. 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Let's play a fun Halloween painting game – start a painting, when the timer rings rotate to a friend's painting, then switch again a few more times...will you be spooked?

[REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 16](#)

Art Warmups

Monday, Nov. 4 at 6:30 p.m.

Calling all artists! Learn how to warm up your brain to be creative for your next art project with fun warmups! [REGISTRATION OPENS: OCT. 15](#)

Dill Pickle Autopsy

Thursday, Nov. 14 at 6:30 p.m.

There has been a pickle massacre! We are recruiting the best forensic investigators to perform autopsies on the poor pickles who have met an unfortunate demise. [REGISTRATION OPENS: OCT. 15](#)

Binglow!

Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 6:30 p.m.


Join us for glow in the dark bingo and other fun black light games! [REGISTRATION OPENS: OCT. 15](#)

Podcast Club - National Geographic Greeking Out Podcast

Saturday, Nov. 23 at 2 p.m.

Do you love Greek Mythology? Come Greek out as we listen to an episode of National Geographic's popular podcast. We will do a creative activity while we listen to keep our hands busy! [REGISTRATION OPENS: OCT. 15](#)

Moana Celebration

Tuesday, Nov. 26 at 6:30 p.m. 

Celebrate the release of *Moana* 2 with *Moana*-themed crafts. [REGISTRATION OPENS: OCT. 15](#)

Explore Microorganisms

Thursday, Dec. 5 & 12 at 6:30 p.m.


Join us to learn all about bacteria and microorganisms. The first session we will be swabbing surfaces from around the library such as doorhandles, water fountain faucets and more to swab on petri dishes. The second session we will observe the bacteria that has grown. Must sign up for both sessions. [REGISTRATION OPENS: NOV. 15](#)

Holiday Zentangles

Monday, Dec. 16 at 4 p.m.

Come relax and create your own unique Christmas zentangles with some festive music! [REGISTRATION OPENS: NOV. 15](#)

Snow Globes

Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 4 p.m. 

Create a magical, whimsical, and fun snow globe to take home for the winter season! [REGISTRATION OPENS: NOV. 15](#)

Grades K-5

Make an OPPL Original!

Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 4 p.m.  


We are looking for artists to paint a beautiful picture of what the library means to them! Stop by to make an art piece that will be displayed in the library for all to see for our 20th anniversary of the library building! Please get a ticket at the Children's Library Desk when you arrive for the program, supplies are limited. [NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.](#)

Grandparents Day Celebration

Saturday, Sept. 14 at 2 p.m. 

Come celebrate Grandparents Day and learn about each other by conducting interviews while spending time together! [NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.](#)


Video Game Club

Fridays at 4 p.m. 

Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 20

Get ready for an action-packed time at Video Game Club! We'll be playing Mario Kart 8 Deluxe and Super Smash Bros. Ultimate, both on the Nintendo Switch! [NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.](#)

Super Smash Bros. Tournament

Saturday, Oct. 5 at 2 p.m. 

Sign up for a frantic tournament to determine the Orland Park Public Library's best Super Smash Bros. Ultimate player! Register in advance for this 1 vs. 1 tournament. We'll supply the gaming gear. [REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPT. 16](#)

Time Traveler Tales: Theodore Roosevelt

Friday, Nov. 1 at 6:30 p.m. 

This election season, Mr. Alex and Sailor Duck go back in time to bring back Theodore Roosevelt to tell us about the importance of our vote and voice! [REGISTRATION OPENS: OCT. 15](#)

Grinch Holiday Hoobie Whatty?

Saturday, Dec. 21 at 2 p.m. 

He is as cuddly as a cactus and here at your local library. Join the Grinch for super *Whotastic* games and crafts. [REGISTRATION OPENS: NOV. 15](#)

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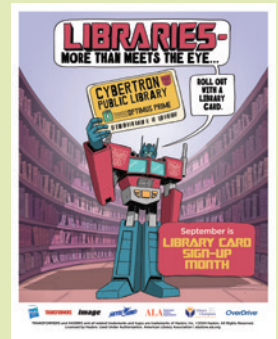
National Library Card Sign-Up Month

Month of September

A Message from Optimus Prime to Orland Park Public Library Patrons:

Citizens of Earth, September marks a momentous occasion, as it is Library Card Sign-Up Month.

Display your library card with pride during this month at the Patron Services Desk, and you shall be rewarded with the chance to win treasures of our modern age – a robotic vacuum to aid you in your daily cleaning quests, robotic toys and STEM kits to remind you of the Autobots' valiant spirits, or a prize basket from Robek's to fuel your day.



Food Drive

Month of November

Please consider donating nonperishable food items and toiletries to help our community. All donations will be placed in our little free pantry located in our circle drive.

Giving Tree

Month of December

Please consider donating new winter hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves to help our community. All donations will be given to a local charity.

Library Closed

Sunday, Sept. 1 and Monday, Sept. 2
Friday, Oct. 4
Thursday, Nov. 28
Tuesday, Dec. 24 and Wednesday, Dec. 25
Tuesday, Dec. 31 and Wednesday, Jan. 1

LABOR DAY
STAFF ENGAGEMENT DAY
THANKSGIVING
CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY
NEW YEARS EVE AND NEW YEARS DAY

Banned Books Week

Sept. 22 - Oct. 13

Join the Banned Books Reading Challenge! Celebrate the freedom to read by exploring challenged books from Sept. 22 - Oct. 13. Each challenged book you checkout earns you a drawing ticket for our Banned Books Prize Baskets. Find books on display in Youth and Adult Services, or ask a library staff member for recommendations. Log your checkouts in the Beanstack app or ask a staff member for help. Dive into these powerful stories and be "Freed Between the Lines."

