



LA GRANGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Director's Message

Happy New Year! Have you made your resolutions yet?

One of our resolutions at the Library is to promote more of the great services we offer for cardholders. Some of the many services of which you might not be aware will be highlighted with the **Free With Your Card** tagline. Each month will focus on a service. For the month of January, we're highlighting Universal Class.

Universal Class provides high quality, online courses. Classes include lessons, exams, assignments, discussion boards and an instructor to help you master the learning outcomes. Recently, Universal Class added a video-audit option to over 100 classes. Patrons may join video-audit classes and watch the short 7-20 minute video training—and then, if needed, join the full course.

La Grange Public Library cardholders have access to over 500 online video-based courses specializing in professional or personal growth. Courses range from accounting, business, and computers to parenting, aromatherapy, and stress management. Whatever your New Year's resolution, there is probably a Universal Class to help you with it! Visit the Library's website to start a free course. Watch our website and in-house digital signage in the coming months to see what else you can get **Free With Your Card**.

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The Book Report

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Celebrating the Service of Dr. King

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service Blood Drive

Monday, January 18, 3:30-7:30pm

Celebrate the spirit of Dr. King by donating blood! Heartland Blood Centers will be set up on the lower level of the Library on Monday, January 18. Donation takes about one hour. Please contact the Library at 708.215.3200 to make your appointment or visit <http://bitly.com/donatebloodLGPL>. You must be 16 years or older to donate. Please register. **R**

Food for Fines

January 16-31

In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, La Grange Public Library will host a Food for Fines promotion throughout the month of January.

Patrons who owe fines for overdue La Grange materials can pay down their debt with canned goods and other non-perishable food donations. From January 16-31, patrons will receive a \$1.00 reduction in their overdue fines for each nonperishable food item donated at the Library with a limit of \$5.00 per card.

Donated items will be delivered to St. Francis Xavier parish in La Grange to support local food pantries.



Programs with this  power symbol are part of our digital media lab, Studio 10 West.

Adult Services Programs

Drop-In Downloadable Help

Tuesdays, January and February, 3:00-4:00pm

2nd Floor Adult Reference Desk

Learn about free downloadables. Get instructions on how to check out ebooks, emagazines, online classes, music, and more! **D**

Raspberry Pi for Adults!

Tuesdays, January 5 & February 2, 7:00-8:30pm

Participants will explore various levels of computer programming using the small but powerful Raspberry Pi computer. The versatility of the Raspberry Pi will be revealed as you load a variety of programs that change its operations and functions. (10 max) **R**

Your Medicare Questions Answered

Monday, January 11, 6:30-8:00pm

Learn about Medicare changes, how to select the best Medicare Supplement Plan and Part D Drug Plan. (5 min /50 max) **R**

AARP Smart Driver Course

Saturday & Sunday, January 9 & 10, 1:00-5:00pm

Thursday & Friday, February 18 & 19, 10:30am-2:30pm

Class cost: \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members payable to AARP at the class. **MUST TAKE BOTH DAYS OF THE CLASS** for credit on your car insurance. **R**

Studio 10 West Open House

Saturday, January 16, 12:00-2:00pm

Drop by for a tour our new digital media lab. **D**

WWII POW Camps in Chicago

Monday, January 25, 7:00-8:30pm

James Meierhoff, PhD candidate, UIC Department of Anthropology, will share the little known story of how German POW Camps came to be located throughout the Chicago area and the role archaeologists play in preserving this history. (5 min/100 max) **R**



Photos are from our Green Screen Photo Op program on December 5, 2015.

Intro to Photoshop

Monday, January 25, 7:00-8:00pm

Improve the look of your photos with Photoshop Elements. Learn the basics of photo editing including importing images, cropping, color correcting, and more. **R**

PECKAPALOOZA!

Michael Alan Peck, author of *The Commons*

Thursday, January 28, 7:00-8:30pm

Join the party as Michael Alan Peck, winner of the 2015 Soon to be Famous Illinois Author Project, makes an appearance at the Library to discuss the creation process of his book *The Commons*. Book signing to follow presentation. Ages 15 and older. (5 min/100max) **R**

Centennial Quilt Virtual Home Tour

Presented in conjunction with the La Grange Area Historical Society

Thursday, February 4, 6:30pm

Help us celebrate the restoration of the La Grange Centennial Quilt by taking a virtual tour of the homes and buildings on the quilt. John Burns will walk us through the history, architecture, and local significance of the homes and historic structures depicted on the quilt from La Grange's centennial year in 1979. The quilt will be on display in its new permanent home for you to view with heightened and renewed appreciation! This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library and will include a brief annual meeting. **R**

Adult Craft Corner: Show Your Love This Valentine's Day

Thursday, February 11, 7:00-8:00pm

Please join Library staff in making a homemade Valentine's Bath Bomb for that special somebody in your life. (5 min/15 max) **R**

Transfer Old Video Tapes to DVD

Saturday, February 13, 1:00-2:00pm

Studio 10 West (limit 4)

Do you have old VHS, 8, Hi8, or Mini DV's of old home movies that you'd love to watch on DVD or your computer? This class will teach you the basics of digitizing those old tapes. LGPL cardholders only. **R**

Coloring for Adults

Tuesdays, February 16 & 23, 7:00-8:00pm

It's been a long winter, so come treat yourself to some free time to color, listen to music, have some snacks, and socialize. We'll supply a wide array of spring-themed coloring sheets, coloring pencils and markers. **D**

What to Do With Those Wedding Photos?

Monday, February 22, 7:00-8:00pm

Select, organize and create imaginative color effects to display those precious images from your big day using Adobe Photoshop. **R**

Enter Our Contest!

Have you seen our new self-checkout machines? They're great for fast service when you just need to pop in, pick up a few DVDs or an item on hold, and go. You can also use them to pay fines with a credit card. When you scan your items, the self-checkout machines also will recommend similar books to place on hold!



During the month of February, we want everyone to try out the self-checkout machine. Each time you use it, you'll be automatically entered in a drawing for a library tote bag. "Check it out" today!



News From Our Neighbors

#DiscoverWill: IL Libraries Celebrate Shakespeare's First Folio, 50-Minute Hamlet

Performed by The Shakespeare Project of Chicago

Monday, February 8, 7:00pm at La Grange Park Public Library

Adapted by Jeff Christian, "50-Minute Hamlet" presents

Shakespeare's most enduring tragedy, utilizing just two actors.

Sponsored by the La Grange Park Friends of the Library. Register for this program by calling the La Grange Park Library at 708.352.0100.

Devils in the White City

Saturday, February 13, 2:00pm at Thomas Ford Memorial Library

In this Kennedy History Lecture, author and historian Richard C. Lindberg recalls some of the most infamous criminals of an earlier era, covering the strange and shocking crimes of Belle Gunness, Johann Hoch, H.H. Holmes (the "Devil in the White City"), Lizzie Borden, and Amy Archer Gilligan, the woman who inspired the famous movie "Arsenic and Old Lace." Please register by calling the Thomas Ford Memorial Library at 708.246.0520.

Young Adult Programs

Young Adult programs are open to those grades 7-12.

Many Young Adult programs require registration. Visit lagrangelibrary.org and click on Calendar of Events, or call Lisa and Megan at 708.215.FACT(3228).

Anime Night

Tuesdays, January 12 & February 9, 6:30-8:30pm

Anime fans meet monthly to watch anime, socialize, draw, and enjoy Japanese snacks. **D**

Teen Writer's Studio

Thursdays, January 21 & February 11, 4:30-6:00pm

Love to write but need feedback? No matter what you write (poetry, novels, fan fiction, etc.) we'll help you find your voice. **R**

ACT Practice Test

Saturday, January 23, 10:00am-1:30pm

A representative of the Sylvan Learning Center will proctor an ACT practice test and return a week later on Saturday, January 30 to discuss the results with you and your parents. **Register!**

Teen Advisory Board

Tuesdays, January 26 & February 23, 4:30-5:30pm

Teens, we need your input on young adult services at the Library. Tell us what events and materials you'd like to see, then plan and promote them. **R**

Candy Making for Teens

Tuesday, February 2, 4:30-5:30pm

Make chocolate candy for your valentine, your friend, or yourself. **R**

Winter Reading with the Chicago Wolves "Read to Succeed"

Monday, February 8 - Thursday, March 3

Win prizes with this reading program sponsored by the Chicago Wolves. Stop by the Young Adult room on the second floor to sign up, or visit our website. **R**

SAT Practice Test

Saturday, February 13, 10:00am-1:30pm

A representative of the Sylvan Learning Center will proctor a SAT practice test and return a week later on Saturday, February 20 to discuss the results with you and your parents. **R**

Chicago Wolves Player Visit

Thursday, March 3, 7:00-8:00pm

Chicago Wolves player Zach Pochiro will be at the library to meet fans and wrap up the Wolves' "Read to Succeed" program. All ages welcome! **R**

Tween Programs

Tween programs are open to those in grades 5-8. To register visit lagrangelibrary.org and click on Calendar of Events, or call Young Adult Services 708.215.3228 or Youth Services 708.215.3210.

Raspberry Pi

Grades 5-8

Tuesday, January 19, 3:45-4:45pm

Register for this class that is an introductory program with an overview of Raspberry Pi computing, including animation programming with Scratch, music making with Sonic, gaming with Minecraft, and more. **R**

Electronic Wearables

Grades 5-8

Tuesday, February 16, 3:45-5:30

Build circuits into clothing and take home an accessory that lights up when you wear it. **R**



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Catch our posts at librarylagrange.tumblr.com. Watch for and use the tags #tumblarian #library #books and #yalit.



“Like” us at www.facebook.com/LaGrangePublicLibrary. Look for posts about the community, upcoming programs, and pictures of events and artwork at the Library.

Youth Services Programs

Registration for Storytimes and Programs begins Monday, January 4, at 9:00am.

Winter Storytimes

January 19 through February 25

Registration is required.

Storytime introduces children to early literacy skills and the Library through a half hour of stories and songs. Parents also have the opportunity to learn new stories and songs with their children and meet other parents. The Toddler Storytimes, for ages 2 and 3, have shorter stories and more songs and fingerplays. If your child is ready for longer stories, then they are ready to move on to Preschool Storytimes, offered to 3-5 year-olds. Parents and caregivers can choose which storytime is appropriate for their 3-year-old.

Toddler Storytime (ages 2-3)

(Choose one)

Tuesdays, 10:00-10:30am or

Wednesdays, 10:00-10:30am or

Thursdays, 10:00-10:30am

Preschool Storytime (ages 3-5)

(Choose one)

Tuesdays, 10:30-11:00am or

Wednesdays, 1:30-2:00pm or

Thursdays, 10:30-11:00am

Bouncing Babies!

For children ages 6 to 23 months and their caregivers.

Wednesdays, January 20 through February 24,

9:30-10:00am or 10:30-11:00am

Drop-in for this interactive program that includes short stories, fingerplays, music, lap games, and bubbles. For bouncing babies and their caregivers only; no siblings allowed. There is seating for 18 babies and their caregivers at each session. First come, first served. **D**

Preschool Art Studio

Fridays, January 22 through February 25, 10:00am-12:00pm

(There will be no Art Studio on January 29.)

Stop by with your preschooler for self-guided arts and craft time.

Supplies will be available for that week's art project. **D**

Field Day

Grades K-2nd

Monday, January 11, 3:45-4:45pm

Need to get some energy out now that the weather has turned cold? Join us for library field day and play a variety of games, try different challenges, and more!

Youth Services Programs continued

Read to the Dogs

Mondays, January 18 & February 22, 7:00-8:00pm

Readers are invited to stop by the Library to read to a specially-trained dog for 15 minutes. Dogs are great listeners no matter what your reading level! Advanced registration is not required, but you will need to stop by the Youth Services desk to reserve a time slot on the evening of the program. Reading time is a one-on-one experience; no parents or siblings allowed.

Fairy Tale Science

Grades K-2

Thursday, January 14, 3:45-4:45pm

After reading *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*, we will build a working latch so the Three Bears no longer have to worry about Goldilocks eating their porridge. **R**

Build Day

Family program

Saturdays, January 16 & February 13, 11:00am-2:00pm

January: Building Blocks

Show us what you've got using every block (and that's a lot!) in the Library.

February: Make and Take for Valentine's Day

Make something special this Valentine's Day for your favorite person...mom! Dads and kids are invited to stop by the Library and make a gift to take home. Supplies are provided. **D**

Downward Dog Yoga with Miss Cara

Grades K-2

Monday, January 18, 1:00-2:00pm

Warm up and get moving with some fun kid's yoga poses! Children will act out stories through various animal-themed yoga poses, learn partner poses, and play fun yoga games. It is sure to stretch your children's bodies and imaginations! Children should wear comfortable clothing that will allow for lots of bending, stretching, and moving. **R**

LEGO® Club

Grades K and up

Thursdays, January 21 & February 18, 3:45-4:45pm

LEGO® enthusiasts are invited to meet and work individually or as a group. All supplies will be provided and your project will be on display until the next month. You only need to bring your imagination and creativity! **D**

Downward Dog Yoga with Miss Cara

Ages 3-5

Tuesday, January 26, 3:45-4:45pm

Calm and captivate children through yoga and a story! Children will act out stories through various animal-themed yoga poses. It is sure to stretch the children's bodies and imaginations! **R**

Puterbugs

Presented by Log on 2 Learning, Inc.

Ages 3-5

Thursday, January 28, 3:45-4:45pm

Our kids are born into a digital era, and as technology unfolds, Technology Education is a new and necessary part of core curriculum. Puterbugs teaches children ages 3-5 how to apply technology in a safe, age-appropriate environment while learning essential school readiness skills. Your child will learn how to respect technology as a learning tool, rather than a toy in isolation! This program is brought to you through the generous donations to the Tyler Duelm Memorial Fund. **R**



Art Club: Perler Bead Magnets

Grades 4-6

Monday, February 1, 3:45-4:45pm

Design your own magnet using Perler beads. Perler beads are tiny beads that come in a variety of colors that you place on a small peg board and then iron to melt them together. We'll iron them for you on the spot and you'll get to take home your creation on the same day. Be creative and make your own design or copy some of the ideas we'll have available. **R**

Valentine Workshop

Ages 3-5

Thursday, February 11, 3:45-4:45pm

Come make some cool homemade Valentines to share with friends and family. We'll have everything from googly eyes and glitter glue to ribbons and craft punches – let your creativity run wild this Valentine's Day! **D**

Gooney Bird Greene and Her True Life Adventures

Presented by Children's Theatre of Western Springs

Family program

Saturday, February 27, 2:00-3:00pm

Join us for the Children's Theatre of Western Springs' production of Gooney Bird Greene and her True Life Adventures. Summer has ended and kids are reluctantly back in school. Suddenly, the classroom door bursts open and there, wearing pajamas and cowboy boots, stands red-headed Gooney Bird Greene! Class is never the same again.

Registration Key for **ALL** programs

R = must register! **D** = drop in program

Go to lagrangelibrary.org and click on Calendar of Events.



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Board Meetings
 Tuesday, January 19 at 7:30pm
 Tuesday, February 16 at 7:30pm

Friends of the Library Meeting
 Thursday, February 4 at 6:30pm

Everyone Welcome!

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Book Discussions

Thursday Night Book Discussions | Thursday, January 21, 7:00pm
The Fifties by David Halberstam

Great Books Discussion | 3rd Thursdays of each month, 7:00pm
 Discussions on classic books and readings.
 January 21, *The Confidence Man* by Herman Melville (complete novella)
 February 18, *The Master Builder* by Henrik Ibsen, and *Under the Garden* by Graham Greene (play and short story)

Noir in a Bar | Tuesday, January 26, 7:00pm
The Martian by Andy Weir
 La Buona Vita, 15 Calendar Court
 Dinner, drinks, and discussion.

Beyond Borders Reading Group | 2nd Tuesdays of each month, 10:30am-12:30pm
 January 12, *The Age of Innocence* by Edith Wharton
 February 9, *The News Sorority* by Sheila Weller

The Friends of the Library seeks volunteers who want to:

- Sort book donations for book sales
- Stock and maintain the book sale shelves
- Be on the Friends of the Library Board. You'll attend 4 short meetings per year, learn what's new at the library, and consider library funding requests.

Retired? Need service hours for high school? Have 2-8 hours a month? Contact Nicole at zimmermann@lagrangelibrary.org.

Exhibits: Salt Creek Quilters Stairwell Display Cases

Library Hours

Monday-Friday 9am-9pm
 Saturday 9am-5pm
 Sundays 1pm-5pm

Closed

December 31 Close at 5pm for New Year's Eve
 January 1 for New Year's Day
 January 29 Closed for Staff Training
 February 15 for Presidents Day