



The Book Report

Library Offers Relief from Summer Heat

Director's Message

The dog days of summer are here! Whether you're an adult or child, we have something for everyone. The Library is a perfect place to cool off, grab a book, CD or DVD and enjoy some of our summer programs. Even if you don't feel like leaving your home or office in this hot weather, some services of the Library are accessible 24 hours a day, including our new downloadable audiobook program— [Media On Demand](#) and our [online databases](#).

Don't forget to participate in our summer reading programs for adults, young adults and kids. It's not too late to register and win a variety of different prizes including gift certificates from local businesses such as Palmer Place, Applewood Smokehouse and Summer Chill.

A big thank you to all the people who completed our community survey. We received almost 600 surveys online and in the mail. I'll keep you updated on our progress with our strategic plan as we analyze the information we have received from the community.

Jeannie Dilger-Hill

Downloadable Audiobooks Now Available through [Media on Demand](#)

A convenient, new program that allows you to download audiobooks to your MP3 player, iPod or computer is now available to all La Grange library card holders. You may access [Media On Demand](#) from your home, office or laptop computer, 24 hours a day. Audiobooks may be "checked out" to your digital device for three weeks and then are automatically returned on the due date.

Access the [Media on Demand](#) site from the Library's website, www.lagrangelibrary.org or by going to www.mediaondemand.org. Once you access the *Media On Demand* site, visit the Quick Start Guide on the left hand side to get started. You will need to download some free software and activate it before you check out your first item. For more information on *Media on Demand*, visit the [Library's website](#) or call (708) 352-0576.

July/August Programs

STAYING SANE IN AN INSANE ECONOMY

Monday, July 27 at 7:00 pm

Is the Recession wreaking havoc on your finances? Join Brad Lazarus, personal finance instructor at DePaul University, for a hands-on workshop on how to get your financial house in order. Topics include positioning your portfolio, managing debt during the downturn and assessing how the 2009 federal stimulus affects you.

MUSICAL PROGRAM:

THE ROOTS OF AMERICANA

Monday, August 10 at 7:00 pm

Musician Steve Justman presents an entertaining program with American folk music and country tunes from the 60s. Armed with a moving voice, a guitar and banjo, he tells the story of this unforgettable era of American music.

Ongoing groups sponsored by the Library:

KNACK FOR KNITTING OR KNOT

Every Monday evening at 7:00 pm, Tyler's Room
Knitters of all levels are welcome to join this weekly group of knitters.

VOLUNTARY SIMPLICITY GROUP

Monday, July 20 at 7:00 pm

Monday, August 24 at 7:00 pm

Interested in living a simple and more joyous life? Join the Library's Voluntary Simplicity group. July's meeting will feature a "free" table to share gently used items. People are encouraged to bring excess fresh garden vegetables or fruit to the August meeting.

LA GRANGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

WRITER'S WORKSHOP

Wednesday, July 8 and August 12 at 7:00 pm

New and experienced writers are welcome to bring their written work for a friendly critique by other writers.

Registration is strongly recommended for all programs. For more information or to register, please call (708) 352-0576 or visit www.lagrangelibrary.org.

YOUTH SERVICES SUMMER READING PROGRAM



Be Creative @ Your Library
Program ends
Friday, July 24.

Registration ongoing.
There's still time to join
this year's Summer
Reading Program.

Be Creative @ Your

Library is open to toddlers through incoming sixth graders. Collect reading incentives, attend fun programs and enter to win chance at winning one of the final grand prizes.

CAMP CREATIVE

All camp participants remember to check your mailboxes often! And on Friday, July 24, you will have a chance to say goodbye to your fellow campers at the Camp Farewell Party. From 6:30 to 7:00 pm there will be a reception and the announcement of the top campers. Then, from 7:00 to 8:00 campers and their families will enjoy a special performance of *The Secret Garden* by **Robert's Marionettes**.

PUPPET THEATER PERFORMANCES

Tuesday, July 14 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm
Grades K to 1

Monday, July 13 from 3:00 to 4:00 pm
Grades 2 to 3

Tuesday, July 14 from 3:00 to 4:00 pm
Grades 4 to 6

The kids enrolled in the puppet theatre class have been busy crafting their puppets from felt, feathers and fuzz and rehearsing their scripts for weeks. Come and enjoy the results of all their hard work—a fantastic puppet show!

M&M™ BINGO

Tuesdays until July 21, 2:00 to 3:00 pm

Each year, one of the highlights of summer reading is the rousing competition at M&M™ Bingo. Join the fun, have a chance to win a book, and eat your bingo markers at the end of the hour. Registration is not required.

MAKE AN INSTRUMENT CONTEST

Entries due by Friday, July 10.

From tambourines to rain sticks, drums to guitars, use your imagination and create an instrument using everyday materials. After creating rhythms and sounds you will have an appreciation for what makes music great. All instruments entered into the contest will be displayed in the Youth Services Department.

PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT

Entries due by Friday, July 10.

Do you enjoy taking pictures? If so, this contest is for you! Stop by the Youth Services Desk and pick up a list of scenarios that you must photograph. Turn in your printed photos for display in Youth Services. Work alone or with a group of friends or family. Winners will be judged on both completing the list and creativity. Have fun!



P. J. STORYTIME

Wednesdays, July 8 and 22, 7:00 to 7:30 pm

Wear your pajamas, grab your favorite bedtime buddy, and join us for stories and songs followed by a simple craft.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES

Fridays until July 24, 2:00 pm

The La Grange Library's "Movie Theater" will again open on Friday afternoons. Bring a pillow, a snack, and a friend or two and join us for a movie on the big screen. Check the movie marquee in Youth Services or the [Library's website](#) for that week's feature or contact us at 708-352-0576.

Wii-LYMPICS



Grades K-3: Thursday,
July 9—10:00 to 12:00 am

Grades 4-6: Thursday,
July 9—2:00 to 4:00 pm

Show off your *Wii Sports* skills in this Olympic-style event. Face off against your peers in baseball, golf, bowling, boxing or

tennis. You can choose to compete in any (or all) of the *Wii Sports* events. The tournament will be played in 20 minute increments, starting with 20 minutes of baseball and progressing as follows: golf, tennis, boxing, and bowling. A small prize will be awarded to the winner of each of the five events.

GREAT BIG FACES

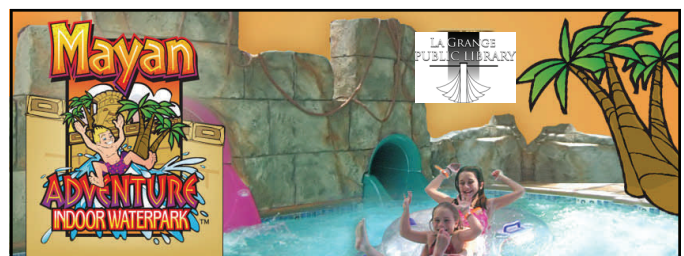
Friday, July 31, 7:00 to 8:00 pm



We will end this year's summer reading program in a BIG way! Dynamic artist Paul Merklein will entertain the entire family as he paints Great Big Faces. This unique and unforgettable show combines music, audience participation, and Paul creating art in action for all ages! Paul paints famous faces from history and literature as well as audience members. At the end of the program we will announce this summer's grand prize winners. Hope to see you there!

FAMILY READING PROGRAM

Don't forget to get your Family Reading Program card stamped. It's not too late to enter! Pick up your special family reading card at the Youth Services or Adult Reference desk. The **grand prize is a one-night stay and four water park passes to the Holiday Inn Elmhurst - Mayan Adventure Water Park**. The winning family's card will be drawn on Friday, July 31 at the Great



A NOTE FROM YOUTH SERVICES

Back to School!

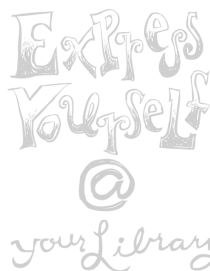
As you start your back to school shopping and getting your kids into their fall schedules, remember the library is here for all of your homework and information needs. We offer an extensive reference and non-fiction collection that can help with research projects for all ages. We also are excited to be adding two new services this fall. First, we are able to provide teachers in District 102 and 105 with library cards. Teachers will now have access the library's books, research databases, DVDs and more! Teachers can now use the same resources as their students when creating lessons and assignments.



We also are expanding our research databases to include more resources for children. Most recently, we have added **World Book Encyclopedia**. The database not only has all of the information that the print encyclopedia has, but it also has video clips, photos, graphs, maps and primary sources. The information on the site is updated regularly, and is more current than even the most recent printed edition of the books.

To access the **World Book Encyclopedia** and the many other databases that the library subscribes to, visit our website www.lagrangelibrary.org and click on "List of Databases." You can access all of the library's databases from home with your library card number. Visit us this fall for our many programs as well as our research resources. We are eager to assist with you all of your information needs.

YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS



SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Don't forget – the deadline for reporting books for the Young Adult Summer Reading Program is **Friday, July 24**. Prizes will be distributed the following week; winners will be notified by phone or email.

TEEN TUESDAY FILM AT THE LIBRARY

Tuesday, July 14, 7 to 8:45 pm

July's movie is the 2003 classic, *Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl*. Popcorn, drinks, and concession candy will be served. Come enjoy a free movie at the library! **Registration is required** -- call 352-0576 or email ya@lagrangelibrary.org to register.

TEEN FANTASY BOOK CLUB

Saturdays, July 18, 2 to 3 pm

Meet your friends and enjoy some snacks while discussing Michael Scott's *The Alchemyst*. Copies of the book are available at the Patron Service desk. Please call 352-0576 or email ya@lagrangelibrary.org to register.

TEEN SKITTLES™ BINGO

Wednesdays until July 15, 2:30 to 3:30 pm

Remember when you played M&M™ Bingo as a kid here at the Library? Well, now we've continued for teens! Teens ages 11-18 are welcome to play 1, 2, 3, or even 4 cards at a time -- and win small prizes playing Bingo with Skittles™. Don't eat 'em until you're done – and don't forget to register!

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Did you know that the Library accepts **donations of your gently-used books, magazines, CDs and DVDs**? Your donation may be used in the Library's collection, added to the *Book Club in a Bag* program, or sold in the ongoing Used Book Sale that is featured on the first and second floors. Proceeds benefit the Friends of the Library. Please drop off your gently used materials at the Patron Services desk. Receipts for tax donation purposes are provided upon request.

The Friends of the Library's **Book Club in a Bag** program recently added six new titles:

The Friday Night Knitting Club by Kate Jacobs
The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini
The Middle Place by Kelly Corrigan
Peace Like a River by Leif Enger
Running with Scissors by Augusten Burroughs
Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen.

Summer Reading Kickoff

Many thanks to the Friends of the Library for providing a warm welcome, coffee, water and donuts on the first day of Summer Reading—Monday, June 8.





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Board Meetings
Tuesday, July 21 at 7 pm
Tuesday, August 11 at 7 pm*
*Date change



Bubbles set the mood for Dave Rudolph's program, *Silly Songs for Silly Kids and their Silly Parents*, on June 23.



Magician Dennis DeBondt wows the audience with his humor and tricks on June 11.

SUMMER READING FUN!
Did you know that you can view photos of programs at the Library on Flickr?
Go to the Library's website [lagrangelibrary.org](http://www.lagrangelibrary.org) and look for the Flickr box on the bottom left or try <http://www.flickr.com/photos/lagrangelibrary/>.



Kids show off *The Rainbow Fish* craft they made at the Storybook Art program on June 10.



Two families enjoy The Friends of the Library's Summer Reading Kick Off with donuts and coffee on June 8.

Notes from your library...

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Possession

by A. S. Byatt
Thursday, July 16,
7:00 pm or
Tuesday, July 21,
2:30 pm

Before You Know Kindness

by Chris Bohjalian
Thursday, August 13, 7:00 pm or
Tuesday, August 18, 2:30 pm

Space is limited to 15 for book discussions. Please call Reference Services at 708-352-0576 ext. 18 to save a spot.



CLASSIC FILM CLUB

Enjoy some outstanding classic movies with popcorn, refreshments and a short discussion after the film.

Dr. Zhivago (1965)
Friday, July 24 from 1 to 4 pm
NOTE: Location change—Tyler's Room in Youth Services.

The Russians Are Coming, the Russians Are Coming (1966)
Friday, August 14 from 1 to 4 pm in Dierkes Room A.

WEEKLY RAVINIA CONCERT DRAWINGS RETURN

Stop by the Patron Services desk to fill out a chance to win free lawn tickets to Ravinia in Highland Park. Most tickets are for classical and jazz concerts. Winners will be drawn weekly. The following restrictions apply: One entry per person, per week. Winners must be 18 to enter.

JULY & AUGUST DISPLAYS

July — Artwork from La Grange artist Carl Grether in the lower level art gallery and stairway display cases.

August — Special display featuring comic book creator Hal Foster in the lower level art gallery and display cases.

LaGrange Art League Display: Watch the walls of the second floor for new artwork from the LaGrange Art League.

HOURS: The Library will be closed on Saturday, July 4.
Open Monday through Friday from 9 am to 9 pm, Saturday, 9 am to 5 pm
Closed on Sunday until September 13.