



LA GRANGE  
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# The Book Report

july/august 2010

## Director's Message

Summer is in full swing, and the Library is once again pleased to be a part of the La Grange Business Association's summer art project. Our rain barrel, decorated by artist Liz Hernandez, is right in front of the Village Hall fountain, in case you haven't seen it. Consider bidding on the rain barrel at the end of summer auction on September 10, 2010: the proceeds go to the Library!

Sponsoring a rain barrel is just one of the many things the Library is doing to go green. Our building was built with a number of green features, such as an underground sprinkler system that reuses groundwater and office lights that turn off automatically. The staff is active in recycling paper and other products, and using reusable cups and plates in our staff room. We've also added a bin for you to recycle rechargeable batteries and small electronics in our vestibule.

Of course, as a library, we like to think of ourselves as "the original recyclers:" instead of buying books, movies, music, and games, you can check them out from us and return them when you're finished! If you really want to own it, take a look at the used books and other materials on our ongoing booksale shelves. Do your part for the environment: stop by the Library today!

*Jeannie Dilger-Hill*

## Cancel Your Hold Online

You now have the ability to cancel your own hold online by accessing your SWAN account on the Library's website or from a Library computer. After logging into your account, you have the option to choose "Cancel All" or "Cancel Selected" holds. Please call the Library or ask for assistance at any Library desk for more information.

## Donations

The Library gratefully accepts monetary donations to purchase materials such as books, CDs and DVDs to celebrate a birthday, anniversary or the passing of a loved one. In addition, bricks, leaves and study chairs are available to honor a special person or occasion. Donations since November 2010 include:

Roy and Marcia Flack

Hinsdale Humane Society/Pets and Pals: In honor of

Read to the Dogs program

Library Staff: In Memory of Marj Bohnhoff

Madison Avenue Book Group: In memory of Casimira Gajewski

Mary Lou Molidor: In memory of Margaret Miles Chambers

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Robert and Rosemary Pratt: In memory of

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Moira Quinn: In honor of Erin McGovern's birthday

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For more information on making a donation to the Library, please visit [lagrangelibrary.org](http://lagrangelibrary.org) or call 708.352.0576.

# What's Happening at the Library in July & August

## July/August Adult Programs

### Green Program: Backyard Water Conservation Thursday, July 8 at 7 pm

Learn how to conserve water in your own back yard. Water conservation specialist Jim Kleinwachter from The Conservation Foundation will give you tips on how to moderate water usage in your yard during these hot, dry summer months.

### Scare Up Some Local History with a Ghosthunter Tuesday, July 13 at 7 pm

Join us for a spooky program with renowned Chicagoland historian, author and ghosthunter Ursula Bielski. Author of books such as *Chicago Haunts* and *Creepy Chicago*, Bielski has been leading historical ghost tours in Chicago for many years. This event fills up quickly - please register to secure your spot.

### Green Program Film: *Running Dry* Thursday, July 29 at 7 pm

Will we ever run out of water or when will we run out of water? Join us at the Library for this thought-provoking film on water conservation. Brought to you by Go Green La Grange and the La Grange Public Library.

### *Ghostbusters* at the La Grange Theatre Tuesday, August 3 at 3 pm (Run time 107 minutes)

Who you gonna call? Ghostbusters! You need to get off work early and take the family to see this classic comedy at the La Grange Theatre. Wrap up your family's Summer Reading Program with this funny film. Recommended for ages 10 & up.

### *Twilight/New Moon* Movie Marathon Saturday, August 7 from noon to 5 pm

Have you read the Stephenie Meyer books and want to see the first two movies in one sitting on the big screen at the Library? Join us for a marathon with popcorn, candy and some free give-aways. Registration required at 708.352.0576 ext. 35 or lagrangelibrary.org.

Registration is required for some and requested for all programs. Register at [lagrangelibrary.org](http://lagrangelibrary.org) or call 708.352.0576.

## Ongoing Programs for Adults

### Writers Workshop

Second Wednesday of each month  
7:00 to 8:45 pm  
No registration necessary.

Interesting in honing your writing skills? Other writers will offer advice and critique your work. Writers of all levels are invited. Bring your novel, script or poem to share with the group.

### Voluntary Simplicity

The Voluntary Simplicity group will take the summer off and resume Monday, September 20 at 7 pm

Want to live a more simple life free, from clutter and dreaded commitments? Join us to explore more about making a difference in your family, your job and the environment.

### Classic Film Club

Friday, July 16, \*10:00 am to 12:30 pm  
\*Note time change  
*The Birds* (1963) by Alfred Hitchcock  
Friday, August 27, 1:00 to 3:00 pm  
*State Fair* (1945)

Join us once a month for a classic film, freshly popped corn, and a short discussion.

### AARP Safe Driver Course

Tuesday/Wednesday, August 10 & 11  
1:00 to 5:00 pm  
Tuesday/Wednesday, Sept. 21 & 22  
1:00 to 5:00 pm

Take this safety course to improve your driving skills and receive a discount on your car insurance. The two-day course is taught by certified AARP instructor George Goodwin. Cost: \$12 for AARP member, \$14 for non-member. Registration required.

### Knack for Knitting or Knot

Mondays  
7:00 to 8:45 pm

Knitters and other needle crafters are invited to knit, embroider, crochet and macrame in a comfortable group setting. People of all levels are encouraged to bring a project and learn from others.

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## Etcetera @ the Library

### Rechargeable Battery and Small Electronic Recycling Now Available

The Library now accepts batteries and small electronics for recycling. Drop off your items in the white bucket located in the front vestibule of the Library. Acceptable items: Rechargeable batteries of all sorts: camera batteries, cell phone batteries, cordless phone batteries; Cell phones - all types; Battery rechargers (including cables, etc.); Other SMALL electronic devices (hand held games, GPS units), SMALL computer peripherals (mice).

# Youth Services

## Scare Up a Good Book

Runs through Friday, August 6.

It's not too late to join the Summer Reading Program and explore the world of the unknown and the unexplained. Scare up a Good Book! is a reading club open to toddlers through incoming sixth graders which includes programs, storytimes, reading incentives, prize drawings, and more. You will receive a reading log and the rules for your age level when registering. Space is still available in the programs designed for all ages. Check out our full list of programs on our website at [lagrangelibrary.org](http://lagrangelibrary.org) or contact Youth Services at 708.352.0576.

Registration for July activities begins July 6.

## Continuing Summer Reading Activities

**M & M™ Bingo** - Wednesdays from 2:00 to 3:00 pm through August 4. No registration required.

**Friday Afternoon at the Movies** - Fridays at 2:00 pm through August 6. No registration required.

## End of Summer Reading Performance

All Ages

Friday, August 6, 7:00-8:00 pm

You've worked hard all summer and now it's time to sit back and enjoy the production of *Beauty and the Beast* by Roberts Marionettes. This unique art form promises an unparalleled theatre experience. The presentation will include the play, a demonstration of how marionettes work, and an informative question- and- answer session. We will announce the grand prize summer reading winners after the program.

# Young Adult

## Summer Reading Registration Information

Most Young Adult programs require registration. Visit [lagrangelibrary.org](http://lagrangelibrary.org) and click on *Calendar of Events*, call Noël or Jane at the library at 708.352.0576, or email us at [lagrangelibrary.org](mailto:lagrangelibrary.org).

## Read Books – Win Fab Prizes

June 7 – August 6

It's not too late to register for the Summer Reading Program! Come to the Adult Services desk, fill out a card, and read three books (one should be scary) to be entered to win a great prize! The more books you read, the more chances you'll have to win. Books must be reported on your card by 9 pm on Friday, August 6. Stop by the display case in the Library foyer to see examples of the great prizes you could win!

## Teen Skittles™ Bingo

Wednesdays, June 23 - July 28, 3:30-4:30 pm

Too old to play M & M™ Bingo at the Library? Good news - we've continued it for teens! Ages 12-18 can play with Skittles™ and win small prizes. Don't forget to register!

## Teen Tuesday Films at the Library:

### Scare up a Cheesy Horror Flick!

Tuesdays, July 6 and August 3, 7- 8:30 pm

For ages 12-18. Come see a free movie on the big screen!

Jul. 6: *Frogs* (1972) 90 min.

Aug. 3: *Plan 9 From Outer Space* (1959) 79 min.

Free popcorn, drinks, and candy will be served. Don't forget to register!

## Scare Up Some Local History

Tuesday, July 13, 7-9 pm

Join us for a chilling evening with renowned ghosthunter Ursula Bielski. Bielski has been leading historical ghost tours of Chicago and the suburbs for several years. We're sure she'll talk about ghostly happenings in our own backyards, too. Registration is strongly suggested.

## Ghostly Tales Around the Campfire

Thursday, July 15, 9-10 pm

A crackling fire. Lightning bugs. S'mores, bug spray, and folding chairs. The library parking lot after dark. And the very best thing of all – scary stories. Registration is required.

## Twilight/New Moon Movie Marathon

Saturday, August 7, Noon - 4:45 pm

Teens – adults – *anyone* crazy about *Twilight* -- grab your pillows and your friends for an afternoon of Bella, Edward, and Jacob! We'll have popcorn, drinks, candy -- and some fun giveaways and prize drawings between movies. Space is limited -- be sure to register!

# Family

## Operation Splash: Family Summer Reading Program

Stop by one of the desks by August 6 and have your Family Summer Reading Program card stamped and enter for a chance to win passes and an overnight stay at Holiday Inn Chicago-Elmhurst Mayan Adventure Indoor Water Park. Grand Prize Drawing on August 6 at End of Summer Reading Performance.

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**Board Meetings**  
Tuesday, July 20 at 7:30 pm  
Tuesday, August 17 at 7:30 pm

**Friends of the Library Meeting**  
Tuesday, August 3 at 7:30 pm

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## Book Discussions

### Adult Book Discussions

Book discussions led by library staff. Space is limited to 15. Call Reference Services at 708.352.0576 ext.18 to reserve your spot.

### Great Books Discussion

This group discusses classical selections with the assistance of volunteer Al Silinis.

### Noir in a Bar

Call Reference Services at 708.352.0576 ext.18 to reserve your spot.

*Madame Bovary*  
by Gustave Flaubert  
Thursday, July 22 at 7:00 pm

*Peace Like a River*  
by Leif Enger  
Thursday, September 2 at 7:00 pm

*Crime and Punishment*  
by Fyodor Dostoevsky  
Thursday, September 16 at 7:00 pm

Great Books will take a summer break and resume on September 16.

*Pride and Prejudice and Zombies*  
by Seth Grahame-Smith.  
Tuesday, July 27 at 7:30 pm  
at Nicksons Eatery in La Grange

*Noir in a Bar* is geared toward discussing edgy books in a bar or restaurant on the last Tuesday of every odd-numbered month.

## Exhibits for July and August

### July

Recycled art work is the focus of our July art exhibit in the stairway display cases, Quiet Reading Room and lower level Art Gallery. View art by Victor Hinojosa, including painted rain barrels and reclaimed glass blocks. See Hinojosa's ideas for decorating your home with the environment in mind. Don't miss the fascinating sculptures, wall art and mixed media crafted by artist Tom McDonald from reclaimed wood, canvas, metal and fabrics.

### August

The Salt Creek Camera Club will display photos from competitions on all three levels of the Library. Join us on Wednesday, September 22 at 7 p.m. for an innovative program by the Salt Creek Camera Club on photo composition.

## Library Hours

Monday—Friday 9 am to 9 pm  
Saturday 9 am to 5 pm  
Closed Sundays: Memorial Day through Labor Day

## Closed

Monday, July 5 for Independence Day  
Monday, September 6 for Labor Day