



LA GRANGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Director's Message

As I write this, snowy weather is finally upon us, and many people are seeking refuge in our warm, welcoming library. This increased business always leads to fewer parking spaces. We know that parking here is a challenge for many of you, and the Library Board is actively looking for solutions.

In the coming months, expect to see reminders on car windows and increased signage, reminding people that the lot is for library users only, while in the library. We hope that you will help us by remembering to move your car when you finish up at the library and head downtown to grab a bite to eat. You can also help spread the word to friends and neighbors that the library lot is only for use while in the library.

As you start the New Year, please join or renew your membership to the Friends of the Library. We count on the Friends to provide Summer Reading prizes, Big Read programs and many other extras we can't afford without this support. Please look for the membership brochure and return envelope in this newsletter.

Jeannie Dilger-Hill

January/February Adult Programs

Planning for College Financing
Tuesday, January 25 at 7 pm

AARP Driver Safety Course: 2-day class
Tuesday and Wednesday, January 18 and 19, 10:30 am to 2:30 pm
Tuesday and Wednesday, February 15 and 16, 10:30 am to 2:30 pm

The Roots of Americana with Folksinger Steve Justman
Sunday, January 23 at 2 pm

Cooking for the Chinese New Year
Tuesday, February 1 at 7 pm

Register at lagrangelibrary.org or call 708.352.0576. For info on monthly programs such as Writers Workshop and Voluntary Simplicity, call 708.352.0576 or visit lagrangelibrary.org.

The Book Report

january/february 2010

The Big Read 2011: Zeitoun

The Big Read, a annual reading event that brings ten communities together to read and discuss one book, returns with Dave Eggers' *Zeitoun* as 2011's featured book. Chicago native Eggers tells the true story of a Syrian-born businessman who lived in New Orleans during Hurricane Katrina. He paddled through the destroyed city in a canoe offering help to his neighbors, until the day he abruptly disappeared.

For more information on *Big Read* news, programs, and resources, visit www.thebigread.org, follow *The Big Read* on Twitter @bigread2011 or "like" the event on Facebook. Printed resource guides will be distributed on February 1. Programs and book discussions will run from March 1 until the first week of May.

Kids Read Too

Similar to *The Big Read* for adults, kids are invited to partake in *Kids Read Too*, a community-wide literary event for young people. We will read *A Place Where Hurricanes Happen* by Renee Watson. Look out for the *Kids Read Too* brochure! Take part in family book discussions, creative workshops and performances that will bring this book to life. Visit www.thebigread.org.

Martin Luther King Day of Service

The library will celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday by being open and doing a service project benefitting BEDS PLUS Care. From January 2 to 17, we will collect unopened travel size toothbrushes and toothpaste, tissues, deodorant, and combs. Please bring an item or two the next time you visit the Library.

BINGO! Winter Reading Program

Adults and teens can participate in the Winter Reading Program from February 1 to 28. Chase the winter doldrums away by picking up a bingo card at the Reference Desk to play for fun and prizes.

Youth Services January/February Programs

Registration

Registration is required for children's storytimes and programs unless indicated as "drop-in". Registration for January programs begins January 3. Registration for February programs begins January 31.

Winter Storytimes

Monday, January 24 through March 4

Lapsit Storytime

Ages 6 to 23 months
Wednesdays 9:15-9:45 am
or 11:00-11:30 am
Fridays 9:15-9:45

Join us for an interactive 30-minute program that includes short stories, fingerplays, music and lap games, followed by time to interact in a playgroup setting.

Storytime

Ages 2 and 3
Tuesdays, Thursdays or Fridays
10:00-10:30 am

Ages 4 and 5
Mondays 10:00-10:30 am or
Wednesdays 1:30-2:00 pm

Grades K - 2
Thursdays 3:45-4:15 pm

Storytime introduces children to early literacy skills as well as the library through a half hour of stories, songs, and a simple craft. Parents also have the opportunity to learn new stories and songs with their children and meet other parents.

PJ Storytime

Fridays, February 4 - March 4
7:00-7:30 pm "drop in"
All ages with caregiver.

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

Special Needs Storytime

Saturday, January 15 and
February 12
10:00-10:30 am

The entire family is invited to a special storytime designed for children with various needs. We'll have stories, songs, fingerplays and a simple craft. This storytime is designed to encourage children to participate while having fun in an atmosphere that is comfortable for the child with special needs.

Spanish Storytime

Ages 6 months to 6 years
Friday, January 14 and February 11
11:15 am

Take part in a storytime presented entirely in Spanish. Presented by a native Spanish speaker from Language Stars in Hinsdale, this is a perfect opportunity for native speakers to hear a storytime in Spanish as well as for non-native speakers to experience the Spanish language through picture books, songs and other activities appropriate for preschoolers.

Read to the Dogs

Grades 1 - 6
Monday, January 24 and February 28
7:00-8:00 pm

Readers in grades 1- 6 are welcome to sign up to read to a specially trained dog for a fifteen minutes. Dogs are great listeners no matter what your reading level.

Book Discussions

A copy of the book will be available at the Youth Services desk for checkout.

Fun with Books

Grade 1
Tuesday, January 11 and February 8
3:45-4:30 pm

Follow the adventures of different characters in early chapter books in this interactive book discussion program for beginning readers.

Adventures in Reading

Grades 2-3
Tuesday, January 18 and February 15
3:45-4:30 pm

Join us for our monthly book discussion group. We provide the snacks, you provide the enthusiasm!

For Kids Only

Grades 4-6
Tuesday, January 25 and February 22
3:45-4:30 pm

Enjoy a great book each month and then join your peers for a lively discussion and snacks.

Junior Explorers

Grades 1-3
Monday, January 24 and February 14
3:45-4:45 pm

Explore a different theme each month using visuals and crafts. In January, we'll examine snowflakes' unique formations and design a snowflake mobile. In February, we will create a mosaic picture after learning about this popular art form.

The Toys of Our Lives

Grades 3-6
Monday, January 31
3:45-4:45 pm

Learn about toys that have been inducted into the National Toy Hall of Fame: who invented them, how they were made, where they were sold, and what made them so popular. You will also have the opportunity to create your own "classic" toy.

Sweet Home Chicago

Grades 3-6
Monday, February 28
3:45-4:45 pm

Did you know that Chicago is considered the candy capital of the world? Explore the history behind the brands made or invented in the city and learn what made Chicago such a powerful location for candy making. Sampling will be included in the program.

Read to Succeed with the Wolves

Winter Reading Program runs from
January 17 to February 25

Register for this winter reading program for kids in Kindergarten through sixth grade and have the chance to win great Chicago Wolves hockey merchandise, including tickets to a Wolves game of your choice. Stop by the Youth Services desk and pick up a reading log. Why leave the fun of reading only to the kids? Parents and teens can pick up a Winter Reading Bingo card from the Reference Desk and win prizes during the month of February.

Very Funny Magic with Dennis De Bondt

For the whole family
Friday, February 25 “drop-in”
7:00-8:00 pm

If you love magic and love to laugh, this is the show for you. Dennis DeBondt has been called the “Best Magician for Family Fun” by the *Chicago Tribune*. He blends humor with his amazing tricks, including floating an audience member in the air. You won’t believe your eyes! This is not just magic for the kids, it’s entertainment for the whole family.

Special Needs Collection Open House

Parents, caregivers, and professionals
who work with kids
Thursday, January 27 at 7 pm

Drop by the library and browse our newest educational books and manipulatives thanks to a donation from the Padgett family. These carefully selected materials support the various learning styles, social and emotional development, and sensory integration issues of children.

We have hands-on games, flashcards, and learning material with teacher’s guides, as well as informative books for parents and teachers working with children with unique learning needs.

Take advantage of this chance to take a sneak peek at the collection before it hits the shelves.

Tyler’s Time Programs



Singsong and Yoga for Children

Preschool through age 5
Thursday, January 20 “drop in”
3:45-4:45 pm

Gina Marie Slager shares her original songs and leads children in simple yoga poses. Great fun for preschoolers through age 5! Registration is not required.

Quiltmaker’s Gift Program

Grades 1-6
Saturday, February 19
1:00-3:00 pm

Salt Creek Quilters Guild

Learn the art of quilt making from the Salt Creek Quilters Guild. After sharing the story *The Quiltmaker’s Gift*, children will explore and discuss quilts. We’ll design and sew blocks for a quilt and decorate quilt labels. The Guild will then turn the blocks into a quilt.

Young Adult Programs

Registration

Young Adult programs require registration. Feel free to spread the word and bring a friend – and be sure to register your friend, too! Visit lagrangelibrary.org and click on Calendar of Events, call the library at 708.352.0576, or email us at ya@lagrangelibrary.org.

Finals Destination

Sunday, January 9, 1:00-4:30 pm
Monday, January 10 through
Thursday, January 13, 4:00-8:30 pm

Finals are approaching, and you’re probably looking for a place to study. The library is a perfect choice -- for five days, we’re turning our meeting room into your Finals Destination! Come study with your friends or alone -- we have plenty of tables and chairs and snacks to help you focus. No registration needed; just drop in.

Teen Writing Club

Tuesday, February 8
7:00-8:00 pm

Do you have an inner writer itching to come out? Are you a poet, or are you working on a fantasy or a detective novel? Are you the next Anthony Horowitz or Sarah Dessen? Let’s meet every month to share our work and try fun writing prompts and exercises. Remember to register for this program.

Teen Advisory Board

Thursday, February 10
7:00-8:00 pm

We are looking for teens who love the Library and want to help shape its services by forming a Teen Advisory Board. TAB serves as a forum for teens aged 12 through high school to suggest materials the Library should purchase for teens, such as books, music and movies. Come monthly to discuss books, magazines, teen issues, and programs. We want your input!

Who’s Your Caddy?

Tuesdays, March 1 and March 8
6:00-8:30 pm

It’s snowy now, but the golf season is just around the corner, and caddying is a great way to make a few bucks! Instructor Larry Regan has caddied for decades at Butler National Golf Club, Medinah, and La Grange Country Club. Two 2.5-hour classes will illustrate the rules, etiquette, and strategies of golf for prospective country club caddying. Registration for both classes is required.



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Board Meetings

Tuesday, January 18 at 7:30 pm

Tuesday, February 15 at 7:30 pm

Friends of the Library Meeting

Tuesday, February 1 at 7:30 pm

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Book Discussions

Adult Book Discussions

Book discussions facilitated by library staff. Call Reference 708.352.0576 ext.18.

Thursday, January 27 at 7:00 pm
Blankets by Craig Thompson and *Fax from Sarajevo* by Joe Kubert
Join us as we discuss two graphic novels, one fiction and one nonfiction.

Thursday, March 10 at 7:00 pm
Stoner by John Williams

Great Books Discussion

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

Thursday, January 20 at 7:00 pm
Eugenie Grandet by Honore de Balzac

Thursday, February 17 at 7:00 pm
Selections from **Great Conversations 3: A Defence of Poetry** (selections) by Percy Bysshe Shelley and *The Unknown Masterpiece* by Honore de Balzac

Noir in a Bar

Edgy books, perhaps a drink, at a local bar or restaurant. 708.352.0576 ext.18 to reserve your spot.

Tuesday, January 25 at 7:30 pm
Hairstyles of the Damned by Joe Meno at Nickson's Eatery in La Grange

Tuesday, March 22 at 7:30 pm
Truth and Beauty by Ann Patchett at Palmer Place in La Grange

Classic Film Club

Friday, January 21, 10:00 am to noon
Rear Window (1954)
Friday, February 18, 10:00 am to noon
An American in Paris (1951)

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

January/February Exhibits

January

The Sons of Norway, Elvessund Lodge of La Grange Park, will display dolls, books, sweaters, pottery and painted wood trolls.

February

Beautiful watercolors and photographs by self-taught La Grange artist and photographer Apostalia Vallianatos will be displayed.

Library Hours

Monday—Friday 9 am to 9 pm
Saturday 9 am to 5 pm
Sunday 1 pm to 5 pm

Closed

Saturday, January 1 for New Year's Day
Friday, January 28 for Staff Training
Monday, February 21 for President's Day

Now Open

Monday, January 17 on Martin Luther King Day