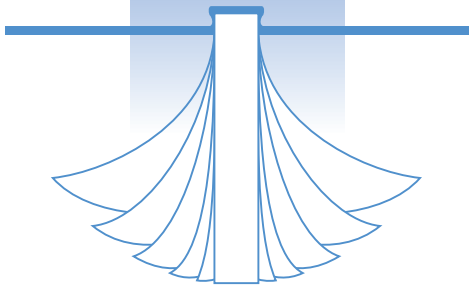


LA GRANGE PUBLIC LIBRARY



The Book Report

Jan 2009 Newsletter
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Library Provides Options to Beat the Winter Blues

Director's Message

Winter always makes me want to hunker down and curl up with a good book. As 2009 begins, the library is offering book discussion groups for adults, teens, and children. Programs are listed on these pages, or on our website at www.lagrangelibrary.org and click on calendar of events.

Need help finding a good book? Our librarians love the challenge of helping you find a book to meet your reading tastes. Tell them about your favorite book and ask them to help you find something similar. Or, if you'd like to find your own recommendations, try NoveList. The library subscribes to this service, which allows you to type in a favorite title, then find similar titles. Try it out on our website at www.lagrangelibrary.org/lagrangeresearchdatabases.asp.

Finally, if you can't get out of the house because of the snow and ice, renew and reserve your books, CDs and DVDs online by clicking "My Account" from the left tool bar on our website or by calling our Patron Services desk at (708) 352-0576.

Jeannie Dilger-Hill

FOCUS ON ADULT READING

The Library offers many opportunities for adult reading. There is an adult book discussion group that meets every six weeks in the evening and a new afternoon discussion has been added. Look at the library's website for the "Dear Reader" online book club to "taste test" a few books before you check them out. Sign up for the club on our website—www.lagrangelibrary.org/lagrange/dearreader.asp.

2009 Big Read Book Announced: *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle: A Year of Food Life* by Barbara Kingsolver



For the second year, the La Grange Public Library will participate in the Big Read. The Big Read is a cooperative project of the Clarendon Hills, Downers Grove, Hinsdale, Indian Prairie, La Grange Park, Lisle, Thomas Ford, Westmont and Woodridge libraries that seeks to connect communities through literature. The Big Read program encourages patrons at all ten libraries to read the same book with the goal of promoting reading, sparking discussion and building communities.

The book selected for this year's Big Read is *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle: A Year of Food Life* by Barbara Kingsolver. Look for multiple copies of Kingsolver's book beginning in mid-January at the library. Big Read programming will begin in March and continue until May with book discussions and programs on food, art, travel and music related to the book.

The library will host a morning book discussion and programs on container gardening, art, *Voluntary Simplicity*, and *Life on the Appalachian Trail*. Look for more detailed information in the next *Book Report* and the Big Read Resource guide about Big Read programs at the La Grange Public Library and participating local libraries.

YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAMS



WINTER STORYTIMES

Storytime introduces your child to the library through a half hour of stories, songs, and a craft.

Registration begins

Monday, December 29.

2 and 3 year-olds:

Tuesdays, January 13 through February 3

10:00 to 10:30 am or 2:00 to 2:30 pm

Thursdays, January 15 through February 5

10:00 to 10:30 am

Fridays, January 16 through February 6

10:00 to 10:30 am

4 and 5 year-olds:

Mondays, January 12 through February 2

10:00 to 10:30 am

Wednesdays, January 14 through February 4

10:00 to 10:30 am or 1:30 to 2:00 pm

Kindergarten through Grade 2:

Wednesdays, January 14 through February 4

3:45 to 4:15 pm

Registration begins Monday, February 2.

2 and 3 year-olds:

Tuesdays, February 17 through March 10

10:00 to 10:30 am or 2:00 to 2:30 pm

Thursdays, February 19 through March 12

10:00 to 10:30 am

Fridays, February 20 through March 13

10:00 to 10:30 am

4 and 5 year-olds:

Mondays, February 23 through March 9

10:00 to 10:30 am

Wednesdays, February 18 through March 11

10:00 to 10:30 am or 1:30 to 2:00 pm

Kindergarten through Grade 2:

Wednesdays, February 18 through March 11

3:45 to 4:15 pm

LAPSIT STORYTIMES

Lapsit storytime is for our youngest library users. Children aged 6 to 23 months are invited to join us for this interactive program that will include short stories, fingerplays, music and lap games. The program will last 30 minutes, including 15 to 20 minutes of stories and action followed by time to interact in a playgroup setting. For lapsit-aged children and their caregivers only, no younger or older siblings allowed.

Registration begins Monday, December 29.

Mondays, January 12 through February 2

9:15 to 9:45 am

Wednesdays, January 14 through February 4

9:15 to 9:45 am or 11:15 to 11:45 am

Fridays, January 16 through February 6

9:15 to 9:45 am or 11:15 to 11:45 am

Registration begins Monday, February 2.

Mondays, February 23 through March 9

9:15 to 9:45 am

Wednesdays, February 18 through March 11

9:15 to 9:45 am or 11:15 to 11:45 am

Fridays, February 20 through March 13

9:15 to 9:45 am or 11:15 to 11:45 am

PJ STORYTIME

Wednesdays, Jan. 7 and 21 and February 4 and 18

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. This is a drop-in program.

BOOKTREK—NEW!

Grades K-1: Mondays, January 5 and February 2

3:45 to 4:45 pm

Grades 2-3: Tuesdays, January 6 and February 3

3:45 to 4:45 pm

Grades 4-6: Tuesdays, January 13 and February 10

3:45 to 4:45 pm

Would you like to travel the world? Each month we will visit a different country through games or dance, songs, stories, maps, crafts, food, and conversation. When booking your trip (registering for the program) you will receive a passport which will be stamped each time you visit a country. In January we will travel to China and on to Egypt in February. Registration begins 2 weeks prior to each month's program.



JUNIOR EXPLORERS

Mondays, February 9 and March 16

3:45 to 4:45 pm

Children in grades 1 through 3 are invited to join us for a program that explores a different theme each month using visuals and crafts. Because class size is limited, registration is a must.

January topic: We have all heard the phrase “no two snowflakes are alike.” This discovery was made by Wilson Bentley. After discussing and viewing his work, we will bring the snow indoors when we create a snow mobile.

February topic: Come celebrate Mardi Gras – one of the most famous carnival festivals in the world! We will create a mask after exploring the traditions, significance and events connected with this grand celebration.

MAKE IT WORK!

Mondays, Jan. 26 and Feb. 23, 3:45 to 4:45 pm

This group will not only look at scientific concepts, but, as a group, they will use these concepts and “make them work!” This program is open to those in grades 4 through 6 who are curious about how things happen. Class size is limited—registration required.

January concept: Underground Science
Safely explore nature's most destructive force when we investigate the power of volcanoes.

YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAMS *cont...*

February concept: What's the Matter? Solid, liquid, or gas...right? Can a substance be two states of matter at the same time? Come and find out.

ADVENTURES IN READING

Tuesdays, January 20 and February 10, 3:45 to 4:30 pm or Thursdays, January 22 and February 12, 3:45 to 4:30 pm

Children in grades 2 and 3 are invited to join our monthly book discussion group. We provide the snacks, you provide the enthusiasm! When registering, a copy of the book will be available for checkout.

January selection: *A to Z Mysteries: The Gooses Gold* by Ron Roy

February selection: *Horrible Harry Cracks the Code* by Suzy Kline

"FOR KIDS ONLY" BOOK DISCUSSION

Tuesdays, January 27 and February 24, 7:00 to 8:00 pm.

Enjoy a great book each month and then join your peers for a lively discussion and snacks. This group is open to those in grades 4 to 6. A copy of the book will be available for checkout when you register for the discussion.



January selection: *Swindle* by Gordon Korman

February selection: *Framed* by Frank Cottrell Boyce

DONUTS FOR DAD!

Saturday, January 24, 10:00 to 11:30 am

Kids, bring your dads to the library for a morning of food and fun. We'll have stories and a simple craft as well as coffee, juice and donuts. This is an open house format, so come and go as you please.

LEGOMANIA AT YOUR LIBRARY

Friday, January 30, 3:30 to 4:30 pm

Grades 1 and up

Bring your own Legos and make amazing creations with your friends. We will provide snacks for some indoor building fun.

WOLVES PLAYER VISIT

Wednesday, February 25, 6:30 to 7:30 pm

The Library will host Wolves Center Riley Holzapfel. All ages are invited to come for questions and answers, an autograph, or to be picked as the lucky person to dress in his hockey gear.

YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

All Young Adult programs require registration. Please feel free to spread the word and bring a friend – and be sure to sign up your friend, too! Call Noël or Jane at the library at 708-352-0576 (ext.35), email us at ya@lagrangelibrary.org, Meebo us at [lgpublib](https://www.meebo.com/ya@lagrangelibrary.org), or visit www.lagrangelibrary.org and click on Calendar of Events.

YOUNG ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION

Tuesday, January 6, 7 to 8 pm

Teens who want to discuss good books in a comfy setting with interesting people – here's your chance! We're talking about *The Boy in the Burning House*, a mystery involving a disappeared dad and a minister who may have something to hide. Copies will be available for checkout at the Patron Services desk beginning December 8. Don't forget to register!

TEEN FANTASY BOOK CLUB -- DUMBLEDORE'S ARMY

Sundays, January 18 and February 15, 2 to 3 pm

Dumbledore's Army, our teen fantasy book club, starts off the New Year with a discussion of *Raven's Gate* by Anthony Horowitz. In February, we'll turn to *The Ruins of Gorlan: Book 1 of The Ranger's Apprentice* series by John Flanagan. Come discuss great fantasy books with your friends while enjoying some tasty snacks! Copies of *Raven's Gate* will be available for checkout at the Patron Services desk beginning December 22. Don't forget to register!

TEEN MAKEUP MAKEOVER

Tuesday, February 3, 7 to 8 pm

Do you like to experiment with your look? Get some new ideas, just in time for Valentine's Day. Cosmetologist Jamie Weyforth will share tips for makeup application, send you home with samples, and even give you a free makeover. Bring a friend – just don't forget to register!

WHO'S YOUR CADDY?

Tuesday, February 24, 7 to 8:30 pm

Wednesday, March 4, 7 to 8:30 pm

Monday, March 9, 7 to 8:30 pm

Yes, it's snowy now, but the golf season is just around the corner, and caddying is a great way to make a few bucks! We welcome back instructor Larry Regan, a long-time caddy who has caddied at Butler National, Medinah, and La Grange Country Club. Three 1 1/2 hour classes will illustrate the rules, etiquette, and strategies of golf for prospective country club caddying. Don't forget to register for this FREE program!



New Tyler's Time Program Series To Engage Kids in Hands-On Fun



One year ago, the library opened its doors and the Tyler Duelm Activity Room was unveiled. The room was a result of the many heartfelt donations made in memory of three-year-old resident Tyler Duelm. This room showcases not only Tyler's strength but also the things he loved. In the past year, hundreds of children have enjoyed story times, after-school programs, and summer reading programs in this cozy, welcoming space.

We are now launching the next step -- a new series of programs called **Tyler's Time**. The library will host a variety of programs: one for preschool age, one for Grades K through 2, and one for Grades 3 through 6.

JANUARY

Becky Swanson, an artist with the LaGrange Art League, will hold workshops in January to explore a variety of art concepts.

FINGER PAINTING

Thursday, January 15, 11:00 am to noon
Registration begins Mon., December 29.
Preschool age.

Preschoolers aged 2 to 5 experiment with color and texture in this very "hands-on" art exploration. Bring a smock or dress for mess!

WATERCOLOR WHIMSY

Thursday, January 15, 3:45 to 4:45 pm
Registration begins Mon., December 29.
Grades K through 2.

Dots and dashes, swirls and washes, experiment with watercolor and create a whimsical scene while learning a few simple watercolor techniques.

FROM SALA-MA-GOOX TO SNEETCHES

Thursday, January 22, 3:45 to 4:45 pm
Registration begins Monday, January 5.
Grades 3 through 6.

Inspired by Dr. Seuss, children create and sculpt their own imaginary creatures with clay.

FEBRUARY

SINGSONG AND YOGA FOR CHILDREN

Thursday, February 12, 10:30 to 11:30 am
Registration begins Monday, January 26.
Preschool age.

Gina Marie Slager shares her original songs and leads children in simple yoga poses. Great fun for preschoolers through age 5!

The Chicago Field Museum will present 2 special workshops in February.

AFRICA'S BEAT

Thursday, February 26, 4:00 to 5:00 pm
Registration begins Monday, February 9.
Grades K through 2.

Explore a variety of African instruments and create your own African Percussion Ensemble, complete with self-made instruments and traditional rhythms.

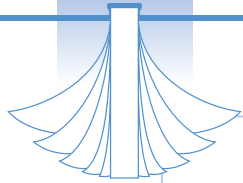
EGYPT UNWRAPPED

Tuesday, February 17, 4:00 to 5:00 pm
Registration begins Monday, February 2.
Grades 3 through 6.

Children will prepare a mummy for its journey to the afterlife. Explore the traditions and beliefs of ancient Egypt as we recreate sacred objects and treasures of this ancient civilization.



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Jan./Feb. Adult Programs

The La Grange Public Library is offering some special programs for adults in January and February 2009:

Clear the Closet Clutter to Make Way for Fashion

Tuesday, January 13 @ 7 pm

Executive presence consultant Nancy Pipal returns with tips on how to clean your closet and revamp your style and wardrobe for the new year. Learn what clothing staples will give you the most mileage and take up the least amount of valuable closet space.

Edvard Munch: The Frieze of Life

Tuesday, February 3 @ 7 pm

To prepare for the Art Institute's upcoming exhibit, Dr. Michelle Paluch-Mishur will present a fascinating look at artist Edvard Munch. She will discuss Munch's intriguing artistic vision through a study of paintings and prints that relate closely to his biography.

Selling on eBay

Monday, February 23
6:30 to 8:30 pm

Have you ever wanted to sell something on eBay? Learn how to set up an account, list, sell and ship items on eBay. Presented by a representative from the United States Postal Service, this seminar will cover all the basics and more.

Writers Workshop-New!

Wednesday, January 14 and
Wednesday, February 11
@ 7 pm

This new on-going workshop offers adults a place to bring their poems, manuscripts and other written works for feedback from other writers. In a casual atmosphere, writers can share their work and get tips for better writing. Please bring 10 copies of your current piece of work to share with others.

Knack for Knitting or Knot

Mondays, 7 to 8:45 pm

Join a group of knitters every Monday night at the library. More experienced knitters can help beginners and those with some experience learn basic and new techniques. Bring your knitting needles, yarn and questions and ideas.

Classic Film Club

Friday, January 9 @ 1 pm

West Side Story (1961)
Enjoy this musical delight directed by Robert Wise and Jerome Robbins with Natalie Wood, Richard Beymer, Russ Tamblyn, Rita Moreno and George Chakiris.

Friday, February 13 @ 1 pm

Casablanca (1942)
This classic tops the American Film Institute's list of most romantic films of all time. Directed by Michael Curtiz, starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman.

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Registration is requested, but not required for these free programs. Visit our the library's website www.lagrangelibrary.org and check out the calendar of events. Click on the program to register or call the library at (708) 352-0576.

Notes from your library...

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Thursday, January 29, 7 to 8:30 pm and
Tuesday, February 3, 2:30 to 4 pm *NEW TIME
The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay
by Michael Chabon

Thursday, March 12, 7 to 8:30 pm and
Tuesday, March 17, 2:30 to 4 pm *NEW TIME
Welcome to the World Baby Girl by Fannie Flag

Space is limited to 15 for book discussions. Please
call Reference Services to save a spot.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library (FOL) is a group that supports
the library by fundraising and volunteering. The FOL always
welcomes new members and volunteers.

This year, the Friends hosted a Summer Reading Kickoff
event; held a fundraiser to launch the new Book Club in a
Bag program; and presented the Holiday Vendor Fair.

For more information on the Friends, call FOL president
Heather Cavanaugh at 708-354-1293 or visit the Library's
website at www.lagrangelibrary.com/lagrange/friends.asp

EMPLOYEE AND VOLUNTEER HONORED AT BOARD RECOGNITION

Patron Services employee Justin Mottier was recently honored for ten years of dedicated service to the library by the Board of Trustees. La Grange resident and college student Emily Franzen was recognized for her volunteer work in Patron Services.

EXPLORE LOCAL TREASURES THROUGH THE LIBRARY'S ART DISPLAYS

January — La Grange resident Owen Shurson will display his unusual ceramic creations including sculpture and wall hangings of all sizes.

February — Photographs and thought-provoking mixed media collages by artist Sarah Rehmer will be featured in February.

**The Library will be closed on Monday, January 19 for Martin Luther King Day
and on Monday, February 16 in honor of Presidents' Day.
Hours: Monday to Friday 9 am to 9 pm; Saturday 9 am to 5 pm; Sunday from 1 to 5 pm.**



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