

The Book Report



The Big Read Comes To La Grange Library!

The Big Read, an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts, is a program designed to restore reading to the center of American culture. This year, our library will join La Grange Park, Clarendon Hills, Downers Grove, Hinsdale, Indian Prairie, Lisle, Thomas Ford, Westmont, and Woodridge libraries in this community reading event.

Take part in **The Big Read** by visiting one of the ten participating libraries to borrow a copy of Elizabeth Berg's *Dream When You're Feeling Blue*, or to attend a book discussion or program.

Stop by the library and pick up **The Big Read Resource Guide**, which details the upcoming events, all of which explore life on the home front during the WW II years.

Registration is required for all programs by calling or stopping by the host library.

BIG READ PROGRAMS AT THE LA GRANGE LIBRARY

THE ART OF NORMAN ROCKWELL
Saturday, March 15, 2 p.m.
Norman Rockwell has endured in the warm memories of people who enjoyed his covers of the *Saturday Evening Post* for nearly 60 years. Art historian Jeff Mishur will provide a look at Rockwell's career.

DOROTHY THOMPSON: VOICE OF COURAGE
Thursday, April 3, 7 p.m.
Historian and actor Annette Baldwin portrays Dorothy Thompson (1893-1961), world renowned journalist. Dorothy Thompson was described by *Time* magazine as second only to Eleanor Roosevelt as "the most influential woman in the U.S." Her opinions earned the fear and admiration of the era's politicians and notables.

REMEMBER THE FRANKLIN
Tuesday, April 8, 7 p.m.
WWII Navy veteran David Baruch discusses his escape from the *USS Franklin* when it was attacked by Japan on March 19, 1945. Along with his firsthand account, Baruch also features a video clip of the attack.

BIG READ BOOK DISCUSSION
Thursday, April 10, 10 a.m.
We invite you to read *Dream When You're Feeling Blue* and join us to share your thoughts about the book with others.

SONGS OF THE WORLD WAR II ERA
Sunday, April 20, 2 p.m.
Cat Catalani sings classic hits of the time, including *Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree*, *Swinging on a Star*, and *The White Cliffs of Dover*.

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Notes from your library...

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION

Thursday, April 17, 7 to 8:45 pm

The Golden Compass by Philip Pullman/*The Subtle Knife* by Philip Pullman

Join us as we discover the adult appeal of these controversial titles involving a young girl's quest to discover the true meaning of Dust and her ultimate challenge of The Authority. Come see what all the fuss is about! Space is limited to 15.

LOCAL SCHOOL ART DISPLAYS

Local youth talent inaugurates the library's gallery space this spring!

March — Lyons Township High School students' artwork

April — Public Elementary students' artwork

May — Parochial Elementary students' artwork

Browse through these magnificent art displays on the library's Lower Level.



THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF EASTER SUNDAY ON MARCH 23rd.

Youth Services



SPRING STORYTIMES

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

Registration begins Monday, March 3.

2 and 3-year-olds:

Tuesdays, March 18 through April 8,
10:00 to 10:30 a.m. or 2:00 to 2:30 p.m.
Thursdays, March 20 through April 10,
10:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Fridays, March 21 through April 11,
10:00 to 10:30 a.m.

4 and 5-year-olds:

Mondays, March 17 through April 7,
10:00 to 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays, March 19 through April 9,
10:00 to 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 to 2:00 p.m.

Registration begins Monday, April 7.

2 and 3-year-olds:

Tuesdays, April 22 through May 13,
10:00 to 10:30 a.m. or 2:00 to 2:30 p.m.
Thursdays, April 24 through May 15,
10:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Fridays, April 25 through May 16,
10:00 to 10:30 a.m.

4 and 5-year-olds:

Mondays, April 21 through May 12,
10:00 to 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays, April 23 through May 14,
10:00 to 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 to 2:00 p.m.

LAPSIT STORYTIME

Lapsit storytime is for our youngest library users. Children aged 6 to 23 months are invited to join us for this interactive program that includes 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, March 3.

Wednesdays, March 19 through April 9,
9:15 to 9:45 p.m.
Fridays, March 21 through April 11,
9:15 to 9:45 a.m. or 2:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Registration begins Monday, April 7.

Wednesdays, April 23 through May 14,
9:15 to 9:45 p.m.
Fridays, April 25 through May 16,
9:15 to 9:45 a.m. or 2:00 to 2:30 p.m.

DROP-IN STORYTIME

Thursdays, March 20 through April 10 and
April 24 through May 15,
3:30 to 4:15 p.m.

Children are invited to join us to for stories, songs, and a simple craft. Children under the age of five must have an adult with them.

GOONEY BIRD GREENE

Saturday, March 8, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

The entire family is invited to a production by the Children's Theatre of Western Springs. Enjoy *Gooney Bird Greene and Her True Life Adventures* based on the books by Lois Lowry.

CHESS CLUB

Tuesdays 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Want to learn to play? Or just practice your skills against other players? Whatever your skill level, join this weekly drop-in group.

P.J. STORYTIME

Wednesdays, March 12 and 26 and April 9 and 23,
7:00 to 7:30 p.m.

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

JUNIOR EXPLORERS

Monday, March 10 and April 21, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Children in grades 1 through 3 are invited to join us for this program which explores a different theme each month using visuals and a craft. Because class size is limited, registration is a must.

March topic: Learn the colorful stories behind the symbols of St. Patrick's Day and create your own leprechaun searching for his pot of gold.

April topic: Trace the journey water takes as it circulates from the land to the sky and back again. We will then make a rainstick to invoke the rain spirits.

"FOR KIDS ONLY" BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, March 18 and April 22, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Children in grades 4 through 6 are invited to join our lively book discussion group which meets one Tuesday evening each month. A copy of the book will be available when registering.

March selection: *Eleven* by Patricia Reilly Giff

April selection: *The Man with the Red Bag* by Eve Bunting

ADVENTURES IN READING

Tuesday, March 18 and April 29, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Do you like to read? Children in grades 2 and 3 are invited to join our monthly book discussion group. We provide the snacks, you provide the enthusiasm!
March selection: *The Bailey School Kids: Ogres Don't Hunt Easter Eggs* by Debbie Dadey
April selection: *The Curse of King Tut's Mummy* by Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld

MAKE IT WORK!

Monday, March 17 and April 28, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

This group looks at scientific concepts and then they "make them work." This program is for those in grades 4 through 6 who are curious about how things happen. Class size is limited, so registration is a must.

March topic: Soap Science

Did you wash your hands? With soap? We will experiment to discover how soap really works.

April topic: Lava Lamp Oozes Fun!

We will make a simple home-spun version of a lava lamp. While we're at it, we will learn a thing or two about chemistry.

LIBRARY SCAVENGER HUNT

Saturday, April 5, 2:00 p.m.

Children in grades 1 through 4, accompanied by an adult, can test their detective skills by participating in a library scavenger hunt. Snacks and prizes! Space is limited, so registration is a must.

Young Adult Services

YOUNG ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION

Wednesday, March 5, 7-8 pm

Wednesday, April 2, 7-8 pm

Meet Larry, whose website is full of wit, insight, and spiritual observation. There's one problem: Larry doesn't actually exist. All becomes clear in our March book, *The Gospel According to Larry* by Janet Tashjian. In April, we'll discuss *Backwater* by Joan Bauer. The books are available for checkout at the Patron Services desk. **Registration, beginning Feb 1, is required:** Register in person, or call Noël at 352-0576 x 35, or AIM us at *lgpublib*.

COLORED EGGS AT THE VERNAL EQUINOX

Thursday, March 20, 7-8:30 pm

What better way to celebrate the equal day/ night date than engaging in some hard-core egg coloring? Let your inner egg *artiste* free and see how beautiful, or wacky, you can make your eggs. We provide eggs and everything else. **Registration, beginning March 1, is required:** Register in person, or call Noël or Deb at 352-0576 x 35, or AIM us at *lgpublib*.

READER'S THEATER AND MORE WITH DUMBLEDORE'S ARMY

Sunday, March 16, 2-4 pm

Sunday, April 27, 2-3 pm

Dumbledore's Army is the YA Fantasy Fiction & Quidditch Club.

March SPECIAL EVENT: *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*

Are you the next Daniel Radcliffe or Emma Watson? Find out in a Reader's Theater presentation of the third book in the Harry Potter series. Everyone who attends gets to read a part. The event will be loads of fun, but it will take several hours, so be prepared. Tea and scones will be served.

April book discussion: *The Chronicles of Chrestomanci, Volume I* by Diana Wynne Jones
Gwendolen Chant is a witch. She's also the wildest, meanest big sister you'll ever meet. Gwendolen and Cat, her shy younger brother, are sent to live with the mysterious Chrestomanci. Find out the magical secrets of Chrestomanci and the Chant family in this imaginative series. This month's quidditch match will be Gryffindor vs. Beauxbatons. Butterbeer and chocolate frogs will help us celebrate warmer weather! **Registration, beginning March 1, is required.**

SATURDAY MORNING TEENS AND 'TOONS

Saturday, March 22, 10 am - noon

Saturday, April 26, 10 am - noon

Shuffle your sleepy self on in here – bring a pillow and a friend – and spend a nice lazy Saturday morning with breakfast and *Batman, Rocky & Bullwinkle, Ren & Stimpy*, and whatever else we dig out. Have some suggestions? Give me a call! A variety of sugary cereals, 2% milk, and orange juice will be served. **Registration, beginning March 1, is required.**

OPEN MIC POETRY PARTY

Friday, April 4, 7-8:30 pm

Friday, April 18, 7-8:30 pm

April is National Poetry Month! Why should you care? Because poetry is the lifeblood of human beings, and because you've probably written a poem or two yourself. Take a turn at our "open mic" and read or recite your favorite poems, by you or by other poets. Refreshments will be served. **Registration, beginning March 1, is required:** Register in person, or call Noël or Deb at 352-0576 x 35, or AIM us at *lgpublib*.

