



March 2009 Newsletter  
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# The Book Report

## Library Blossoms with Spring Programs

### Director's Message

The Library Board and I always appreciate the comments and suggestions we receive. While we're not able to implement every suggestion, we do our best to accommodate those that will serve the greatest number of people. Some of the changes we've made recently in response to your suggestions include adding more bike racks, adding a writer's group and an afternoon book discussion, and prominently displaying new movies in the lobby for convenience.

In the coming months, we'll be actively seeking your input. The Library is entering a strategic planning process. As part of that process, we will be seeking input from all members of the community. We want to know what programs, services, and materials you'd like to see in your library. If you don't use the library, we want to know what we can do to change that.

Please keep an eye out in the next few months for a survey coming your way. We hope you will take the time to give us your feedback. Help us plan the future of your library!

*Jeannie Dilger-Hill*

### FOCUS ON RESEARCH TOOLS

The Library's website offers a wide variety of online research tools that are not available on the Internet. These research tools can help you research a company to prepare for a job interview, dig for information on your family ancestry and find out more about companies' ratings for investment purposes. For more information, ask the reference librarians or look for research tools on our website—[www.lagrangelibrary.org/lagrange/researchdatabases.asp](http://www.lagrangelibrary.org/lagrange/researchdatabases.asp).

### March/April Big Read Programs

*Animal, Vegetable, Miracle* by Barbara Kingsolver

Registration is strongly recommended for the following Big Read programs. Call the Library at (708) 352-0576 or register online at [www.lagrangelibrary.org](http://www.lagrangelibrary.org).

#### CONTAINER GARDENING

*Tuesday, March 3 at 7 pm*

Gardening in containers affords nearly unlimited possibilities. A U of I Extension Master Gardener offers tips and techniques for success, including choosing the right location, soil mixes, plants and care.

#### BIG READ BOOK DISCUSSION

*Wednesday, March 11 at 10 am*

#### VOLUNTARY SIMPLICITY

*Monday, March 16 at 7 pm*

Voluntary Simplicity is a way of living filled with purpose in a complex, consumptive society. Krista Mikos invites you to create a life you love, with discussions of living more with less in an acquisitive society and what you can do to begin or continue on your voluntary simplicity journey.

#### SPLENDORS OF THE VATICAN

*Thursday, April 2 at 7 pm*

The Vatican is one of the sights Barbara Kingsolver visits. Dr. Michelle Paluch-Mishur discusses a selection of works from the Vatican Museums in this slide lecture. She'll examine objects from the Early Christian, Renaissance and Baroque periods.

#### LIFE ON THE APPLACHIAN TRAIL

*Wednesday, April 15 at 7 pm*

The Appalachian region is known for the world's most famous hiking trail. John Lynn, an experienced hiker, shows you the mountain landscapes, plants, animals, and people on the trail from Georgia to Maine.

# YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAMS



## SPRING STORYTIMES

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

*Registration begins Monday, March 9.*

### **2 and 3 year-olds:**

Tuesdays, March 24 through April 14

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

Thursdays, March 26 through April 16

10:00 to 10:30 am

Fridays, March 27 through April 17

10:00 to 10:30 am

### **4 and 5 year-olds:**

Mondays, March 23 through April 13

10:00 to 10:30 am

Wednesdays, March 25 through April 15

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

### **Kindergarten through Grade 2:**

Wednesdays, March 25 through April 15

3:45 to 4:15 pm

*Registration begins Monday, April 13.*

### **2 and 3 year-olds:**

Tuesdays, April 28 through May 19

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

Thursdays, April 30 through May 21

10:00 to 10:30 am

Fridays, May 1 through May 22

10:00 to 10:30 am

### **4 and 5 year-olds:**

Mondays, April 27 through May 18

10:00 to 10:30 am

Wednesdays, April 29 through May 20

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

### **Kindergarten through Grade 2:**

Wednesdays, April 29 through May 20

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.

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Wednesdays, March 25 through April 15

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

Fridays, March 27 through April 17

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## PJ STORYTIME

*Wednesdays, March 4 and 18; April 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. This is a drop-in program.

## BOOKTREK

*Grades K-1: Mondays, March 2 and April 6*

*3:45 to 4:45 pm*

*Grades 2-3: Tuesdays, March 3 and April 7*

*3:45 to 4:45 pm*

*Grades 4-6: Tuesdays, March 10 and April 14*

*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 March we will travel to Ireland and on to Mexico in April.



## JUNIOR EXPLORERS

*Mondays, March 16 and April 20*

*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.

**March topic:** We will discuss useful ways to harness wind power as well as its destructive forces. View the “invisible” wind as it moves the windsock you design.

**April topic:** Create a parachute based on Da Vinci’s original design while discovering that it is still useful after more than 500 years.

## MAKE IT WORK!

*Mondays, March 23 and April 27*

*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, so registration is required.

**March concept:** How’s The Weather? Explore the science behind forecasting the weather.

**April concept:** Do Opposites Attract? Investigate the mysteries of magnetism.

## ADVENTURES IN READING

Tuesdays, March 17 and April 21, 3:45 to 4:30 pm

or Thursdays, March 19 and April 23,

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.

## “FOR KIDS ONLY” BOOK DISCUSSION

Tuesdays, March 24 and April 28, 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 through 6. A copy of the book will be available for checkout when you register for the discussion.



## DONUTS FOR DAD!

Saturday, March 14,

10:00 to 11:30 am

Drop-in program;

NO registration  
required.

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.

## DO YOU HAIKU?

Entries due by Friday, April 24.

In honor of National Poetry Month, Youth Services is having a Haiku contest. Children in grades 3 through 6 are invited to compose one or more haiku poems for a chance to win a prize. Entries will be displayed and all participants are invited to our Haiku Poetry Slam on Thursday, April 30, at 3:45 pm. Come share your haiku poems and enjoy some snacks! Stop by Youth Services to pick up a "How to write a Haiku" fact sheet.

## READ TO THE DOGS

Thursday, April 30, 7:00 to 8:00 pm

Registration begins Monday,  
April 13.

The library will host two special Therapy Dogs and they love to be read to! Beginning readers may sign-up for a 15 minute session to practice their reading skills and make

a new friend. Bring a favorite book from home or choose one from the library. Kids will find that the dogs are great listeners no matter the reading level.



## YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

### REGISTRATION INFO

Most 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*, or visit [www.lagrangelibrary.org](http://www.lagrangelibrary.org) and click on Calendar of Events.



### PERFORM AT THE LIBRARY

Have a show, but need a mid-sized, local performance space? The Library is looking for teen actors, musicians, poets, and other performers to perform for the public in the Dierkes Community Room, which seats about 100. Perfect venue for acoustic musical performance, chamber strings, vocal groups, poetry readings, and minimalist theater. If you would like your group to be considered, call Noël or email her at [zethmayrn@lagrangelibrary.org](mailto:zethmayrn@lagrangelibrary.org).

### TEEN TUESDAY FILMS AT THE LIBRARY

Tuesdays, March 10 and April 14, 7:00 to 8:45 pm

When his band votes him out due to his embarrassing musical antics, Dewey (Jack Black) has to make the rent somehow. We'll see how he pulls off substitute teaching in *School of Rock* (Rated PG-13). In April, we'll venture into the depths of the Amazon jungle to seek *The Creature from the Black Lagoon*. Free popcorn, drinks, and concession candy will be served. Don't forget to register!

### BABYSITTING CLINIC

Monday, March 23, 4:00 to 6:30 pm **and**

Monday, March 30, 4:00 to 5:30 pm

Instructor George Scukanec from the Willowbrook Park District will be your guide through this 4-hour, hands-on clinic, covering baby and child care, first aid, and babysitter training. If you attend both sessions, you will receive your official **Babysitting Certification** at the end of the second class! Cost: \$10.00, payable at registration. Open to ages 11-15. Registration, in person, is limited to 16 and ends March 15.

### TEEN FANTASY BOOK CLUB

Sundays, March 15 and April 19, 2 to 3 pm

Our Teen Fantasy Book Club meets one Sunday every month. In March, join us for a discussion of *Mister Monday* by Garth Nix. In April, we'll turn to *Artemis Fowl* by Eoin Colfer. Come discuss great fantasy books with your friends while enjoying some tasty snacks! Copies of *Mister Monday* will be available for checkout at the Patron Services desk beginning February 15. Don't forget to register!

# Notes from your library...

## ADULT BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Thursday, March 12, 7 :00 to 8:30 pm or  
Tuesday, March 17, 2:30 to 4:00 pm \*NEW  
**Welcome to the World Baby Girl**  
by Fannie Flagg

Thursday, April 23, 7:00 to 8:30 pm or  
Tuesday, April 28, 2:30 to 4:00 pm \*NEW  
**The Brief and Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao**  
by Junot Diaz

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

*La Grange Public Library Writers' Workshop*  
Wednesdays, March 11 and April 8 at 7 pm

## CLASSIC FILM CLUB

Get out of the house this spring and enjoy some outstanding classic movies with popcorn, refreshments and a short discussion after the film.

Friday, March 13 at 1 to 3 pm  
**My Fair Lady** (1964)  
Delight in this lovely film directed by George Kucor starring Audrey Hepburn, Rex Harrison and Stanley Holloway.



Friday, April 17 from 1 to 3 pm  
**From Here to Eternity** (1953)  
Enjoy this classic romance directed by Fred Zinnemann with Burt Lancaster, Montgomery Clift and Deborah Kerr.

## STUDENTS SHOWCASE ART AT LIBRARY DURING MARCH AND APRIL

**March** – Lyons Township High School students return with a fantastic variety of artwork that will be displayed on all three levels of the library.

**April** – Art designed by local elementary school students will be featured on the first and lower levels of the library.

**The Library will be closed on Sunday, April 12.**

**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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### Board Meetings

Tuesday, March 17 at 7 pm  
Tuesday, April 21 at 7 pm

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