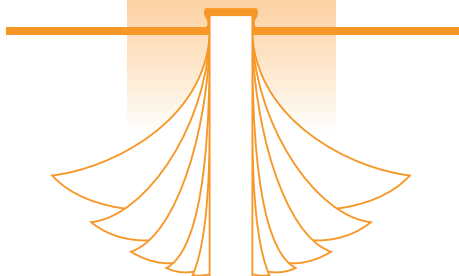


# LAGRANGE PUBLIC LIBRARY



# The Book Report

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## Library Director Steve Moskal Retires After 34 Years



After serving the La Grange Public Library for 34 years, Library Director Steve Moskal will retire on May 30. Armed with a master's degree in Library Science, Steve started as the Library's director on

January 17, 1974. He went on to receive his MBA from Lewis University in 1980.

Steve has been a stalwart leader spearheading many important projects for the library. His favorite accomplishments include computerizing the entire library, developing a library website and offering free NorthStarNet Web accounts to the village and other groups to create websites. His proudest accomplishment is the planning and building of the new library facility. After two successful referenda in 2003 and 2004, Steve worked with the Library Board, staff and architects to ensure the community would receive the best new building possible.

Steve plans to spend his extra time enjoying his hobbies, especially playing blues guitar; designing model airplanes; competing in model airplane contests around the country and exploring the Southwest.

### Open House Planned for June 18 to Honor Moskal

Everyone is invited to stop by the library to bid farewell to Steve on *Wednesday, June 18 from 5 to 8 p.m.* Tour the new library, enjoy live blues music and sample some tasty refreshments.

### May/June Adult Programs

#### **HISTORIC ROUTE 66**

*Saturday, May 10 at 2 pm*

Join us for a colorful and nostalgic history of Route 66 with music and slides.

#### **VICTORIAN LONDON**

*Monday, May 19 at 7 pm*

Discover the "pleasures and vices" that tickled the fancies of Londoners during the 1850s.

#### **PROVENCE: FRANCE'S ANCIENT PARADISE**

*Tuesday, June 10 at 7 pm*

Through a vibrant slide presentation, visit the heart of Provence and explore the food, recreation and history of this romantic region.

#### **CHICAGO WILDERNESS: WHERE I FIND INSPIRATION**

*Tuesday, June 17 at 7 pm*

Professional nature photographer Mike MacDonald takes you on a virtual journey that celebrates the beauty and drama of the Chicago area.

#### **BUTTERFLY GARDENING**

*Monday, June 23 at 7 pm*

Learn how to design a garden or container to attract colorful butterflies to your yard or balcony.

### Adult Summer Reading Program

This year's Summer Reading Program for adults is **Catch the Reading Bug!** The fun begins Monday, June 2 and runs until Friday, July 18. Read or listen to a minimum of three books and, in keeping with the theme, one of the selections must be a novel with a bug, insect, spider or other creepy crawly mentioned in the title. A list of suggested titles will be available at the Reference Desk. Registration begins June 2. Besides enjoying some good reading, participants will win exciting PRIZES!

## Youth Services– May Events

### JUNIOR EXPLORERS

Monday, May 12, 3:30– 4:30 pm  
Children in grades 1 to 3.

Bugs are fascinating creatures! We will take a close look at the Praying Mantis and everyone will build their own model to take home. Registration is required.

### MAKE IT WORK!

Wednesday, May 21, 3:30– 4:30 pm  
Children in grades 4 to 6.

This science group will meet on a special day so **Mad Science** can be here to host an exciting hands-on workshop. We will take a look at the science behind aerodynamics and flight. Make your own paper gliders and take home your own catapult glider! Space is limited, so registration is a must.

### “FOR KIDS ONLY” BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, May 20, 7– 8 pm  
Children in grades 4 to 6.

The discussion this month will be on *The Willoughbys* by Lois Lowry. A copy of the book will be available when registering.

### ADVENTURES IN READING

Tuesday, May 27, 3:30– 4:30 pm  
Children in grades 2 and 3.

The group will discuss *A to Z Mysteries: The Jaguar’s Jewel* by Ron Roy. Pick up a copy of the book when registering. We provide the snacks, you provide the enthusiasm!

### READING PATCH CLUB

Remember to hand in your completed reading logs by Friday, May 30 to earn a patch and a book. The program will resume next September and you may carryover any uncompleted reading logs.

## Young Adult Services

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

All Young Adult programs require registration. This allows us to plan for you – to buy enough pizza and pop, set up the popcorn machine, gather enough supplies – you see what we mean. Please feel free to spread the word and bring a friend – and be sure to sign up your friend, too! Call Noël or Deb at the library at 708-352-0576 (ext.35), email us at [ya@lagrangelibrary.org](mailto:ya@lagrangelibrary.org), or AIM us at [lgpublib](https://www.lgpublib.org).

### FRIDAY NIGHT MUSIC + MOVIES

*Fridays, May 2 through June 27, 8:30 - 11 pm*  
Every other Friday night in May and June, Young Adult Services will host a pizza party featuring new CD releases from the YA collection followed by movies with music.

**5/2:** Best episodes of HBO’s *Flight of the Conchords* with audience karaoke

**5/16:** *The Animation Show* and The Beatles’ *Yellow Submarine*

**5/30:** *High School Musical 2* – MST3K-style with open mic audience comments

**6/13:** *Frankenweenie* and *The Nightmare Before Christmas*

**6/27:** *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* with free props bags for the authentic audience participation experience.

*This series is recommended for ages 14 and older due to strong language and sexual content in several of the films.* Registration is required.

### BABYSITTING CLINIC

Monday, May 12, 4 - 6:30 pm and  
Monday, May 19, 4 - 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 the first session. Open to ages 11-15. Registration is limited to 20 and ends May 5.

### THE COMPLETE JANE AUSTEN: REDUCED!

Saturday, May 24, 2 - 3 pm

See all six of Jane Austen's novels performed as five-minute plays. The production is written and acted by three talented local teens who will also teach the audience one of the dances from A & E's renowned production of *Pride and Prejudice*. High tea will be served. Oh, Mr. *Daaah-cy*, do come! Registration is required. Suggested for ages 12 and up. Adults are welcome, too.

### BOY SCOUT EAGLE SCOUT CLINIC

Thursdays, June 5 through August 14, 7 – 8:30 pm  
(no meeting July 3)

Are you a serious Scout, but running out of time to work on your merit badges? Instructor Larry Regan offers this 10-week clinic with you in mind! This clinic is designed to present information about and assist in obtaining requirements for the following merit badges: Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in



the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Personal Management, Family Life, and Communications. Class is limited to 15; must be a minimum of 1<sup>st</sup> Class. To apply for a spot in this clinic, submit your name, current Boy Scout rank, and any merit badges held to: [larryregan1958@hotmail.com](mailto:larryregan1958@hotmail.com).

For details, call Noël at 352-0576 x 35.

## MORPHING TRASH INTO TREASURE

*Mondays, June 9 through July 14, 11 am— noon*

Hold it – don't throw away that Snapple cap! Bring it to the library instead, where we'll turn it into a nifty photo magnet! Our craft series explores ways to turn everyday trash into items both beautiful and functional (they make nifty gifts, too!). Check the website for details on each week's craft.

**Register by Thursday, June 5** for the first session.

## WAY COOL FILM SCHOOL SCREENWRITER'S WORKSHOP

*Wednesdays, June 18 – July 9, 10 – 11:30 am*

Screenwriting is different than any other kind of writing, and it's WAY COOL! Learn the basics by watching some great movie scenes and short films and doing in-class exercises. No homework! Everyone who comes to all four classes will receive a WCFS tee-shirt. Recommended for ages 12-14. Registration is required. *YA Assistant Deb Mitchell will lead the workshop. Her first screenplay was one of twelve finalists in the comedy category of the 2007 International Filmmakers screen-writing competition.*

## WORLD CUP QUIDDITCH TEAM MEETING

*Saturday, June 21, 2-3 pm*

Join our quidditch team and meet the La Grange Park library's team for a high-flying World Cup tournament to be held in Kiwanis Park on **Saturday, July 12**. Come to the team meeting for more details. The tournament will be tied to the summer reading program, meaning players can earn bonus

points for their teams by writing short reviews of any books they read over the summer. Registration is required.

## METAMORPHOSIS FILM SERIES

*Fridays, July 11 through August 8, 8:30 – 11 pm*

### 7/11: *The Giant Gila Monster*

Teenagers save their small town from a mutant lizard.

### 7/25: *The Fly*

Vincent Price in the all-time metamorphosis classic. "Help me! Help me!"

### 8/8: *Invasion of the Body Snatchers*

The original (and scariest) film version of this alien possession tale.

Films will be shown in the Dierkes Community Room on the lower level of the library. Fresh-popped popcorn and soft drinks will be provided. Vintage cartoons start at 8:40 pm. The feature presentation begins at 9 pm. Registration required.

## I'VE CREATED A MONSTER! CONTEST

*Entry deadline: Monday, July 7, 9 pm*

Design your own monster movie poster or make an original creature model, and we'll display all the artwork in a special exhibit here at the library. The exhibit will open on **July 11**, and prizes will be awarded before the screening of *The Giant Gila Monster* on the same date at 8:30 pm. Posters and models can be any size. Please make sure the artist's name and phone number is on each entry. **You must be 12 – 18 years old to enter.**

## YOUNG ADULT END OF SUMMER READING PROGRAM PARTY

*Friday, July 18, 2-4 pm*

Join us for our third annual End-of-Summer-Reading-Program Party! Work up an appetite playing Cosmic Twister – the game you know and love, played with glow-in-the-dark mats! Undergo a facial metamorphosis – get your face painted --with phosphorescent paint, which will look SO cool under black-lights! Finally, help yourself to our do-it-yourself sundae bar – all to celebrate the end of six wonderful weeks of reading! And of course – registration is required.



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## Notes from your library...

### ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION

Looking to discuss a good book?

Thursday, May 29, 7 to 8:45 pm

*The Thirteenth Tale* by Diane Setterfield

Thursday, June 26, 7 to 8:45 pm

*On Chesil Beach* by Ian McEwan

Space is limited to 15 for both discussions.

Call Reference Services to save a spot.

### “NEW” CLASSIC FILM CLUB

Join us for an “oldie but goodie” and a short discussion of the film.

Friday, May 16, 1 to 3 pm

*Hans Christian Andersen* (1952) starring Danny Kaye.

Friday, June 6, 1 to 3 pm

*The Best Years of Our Lives* (1946)

For more adult programs, see the cover page.

### EXPLORE LOCAL TALENT THROUGH THE LIBRARY’S ART DISPLAYS

**May** — Parochial Elementary students’ artwork will be featured.

**June** — The Second Sunday Silk Painters will display hand painted silk scarves, accessories and gifts.

Check out these colorful art displays on the library’s Lower Level and display cases along the stairways.



**The Library will be closed on Mother’s Day, May 11 and Memorial Day, May 26.  
Summer hours start in June: The Library will be closed on Sundays  
from June to September.**





# Catch the Reading Bug!

## La Grange Public Library Youth Services Summer Reading

*Monday, June 9 through Friday, July 18.*

*Registration begins Monday, June 2.*

Grab your pith helmet and your butterfly net and “swarm” over to the La Grange Public Library to join this year’s Summer Reading Program. **Catch the Reading Bug!** is open to toddlers through incoming sixth graders. Collect reading incentives, attend fun programs, and have a chance to win one of the ending grand prizes. You will receive a book bag and reading log when registering.

### CAMP BUGGY

*Ongoing summer program.*

*Registration begins Monday, June 2*

*Application deadline is Fri., June 13.*

Would you like to make new friends and enjoy some fun activities? Camp participants will love this pen pal orientated program. Register for this camp at the Youth Services desk. Once accepted, campers will be assigned to a cabin with other bunkmates. Earn points for writing letters and completing fun assignments from your counselors. At the end of camp, say goodbye to your fellow campers at our farewell party (we promise no goodbye tears!) where there will be snacks, games, crafts, and awards to the top campers.

### READ TO THE DOGS

*Mondays, June 9 through July 14, 10–11am*

*Children in grades 1 through 3.*

*Registration begins each Wednesday prior to your Monday reading date.*

The library will have two special Therapy Dogs visit each week and they love to be read to! Sign up to practice your reading skills and make a new friend. Children may sign up for a 10 minute reading session. Bring a favorite book from home or choose one from the library. Kids will find that dogs are great listeners no matter the reading level.

### CREATE A BUG CONTEST

*Creations due by Friday, June 27.*

Unleash your imagination and create a fun and unique bug. This contest is open to children ages three and up. Work alone or as a group. Prizes will be awarded to a variety of bugs. Stop by the Youth Services desk for a copy of the contest rules.

### PUPPET THEATER

*Tuesdays, June 10 through July 15.*

*Grades 4 through 6: 10–11 am*

*Grades 1 through 3: 1–2 pm*

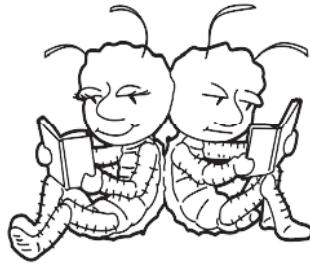
*Registration begins Monday, June 2.*

Discover your hidden talents and creativity once we enter the wonderful world of puppetry. This group will spend five weeks making puppets, designing scenery, and choosing entertaining stories. On the sixth week, the curtain will go up and you will put on a puppet show for friends and family. So become a participant, not just a spectator by joining this group of puppeteers. Remember that without you, puppets are just a pile of materials waiting to spring to life!

### M&M BINGO

*Tuesdays, June 10 to July 15, 2–3 pm*

Each year, one of the highlights of summer reading is the rousing competition at M&M Bingo. Join the fun, have a chance to win a book, and eat your bingo markers at the end of the hour.



### LAPSIT STORYTIME

*Wednesdays, June 18 and 25, July 9*

*9:15 -9:45 am*

*Registration is required.*

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, and

music. The program lasts 30 minutes, including 15 to 20 minutes of stories and action, followed by time to interact in a playgroup setting.

### PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

*Wednesdays, June 18 and 25, July 9*

*10–10:30 am*

*Registration is required.*

Preschoolers, accompanied by an adult, are invited to join us for stories, songs, and a simple craft.

### P.J. STORYTIME

*Wednesdays, June 11 and 25, July 9*

*7–7:30 pm*

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

### BUGS!

*Wednesday, June 18, 2–3 pm*

*Grades 1 through 6.*

*Registration begins Monday, June 2.*

Everyone will become junior entomologists when **Mad Science** holds this workshop giving children a bug’s eye view of the world around them. Children will be fascinated as they get a close-up look at a variety of creepy crawlies to learn how they move, eat, and more. Space is limited, so registration is a must.

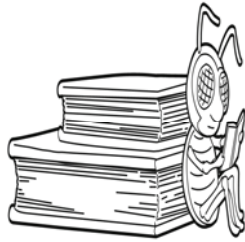
## METAMORPHOSIS

Thursday, June 12, 2– 3 pm

Open to grades Kindergarten and up.

Come in as a kid and leave as a bug! We will have supplies to create wings, antenna, and other buggy parts. You can even arrive in old clothes that can be transformed into bug bodies.

Registration is required so we can prepare the “buggy” parts.



discussing *Allie Finkle's Rules for Girls: Moving Day* by Meg Cabot. This is a “for girls only” book discussion. A copy of the book will be available at the time of registration.

## ADVENTURES IN READING

Monday, July 7, 1:30– 2:30 pm

Children in grades 2 and 3 are invited to get together for a book discussion. Pick up a copy of the book when registering. We'll provide the snacks, you'll provide the enthusiasm!

## FLUTTER, BUZZ, AND ZOOM

Thursdays, June 19 and July 10

Registration begins Monday, June 2.

Join us as we transform bugs into beautiful craft projects. Space is limited, registration required.

**Grades Kindergarten- 3rd: 11 to 2 pm**

June Project: Bug Hand Puppets

July Project: Butterfly Windsocks

**Grades 4– 6: 2 to 3 pm**

June Project: Fly Rainbow Catchers

July Project: Bug Rain Gauges

## BASEBALL AND BOOKS

Tuesday, July 8, 3:30– 4:30 pm

Grades 4 through 6.

This is a “for boys only” book discussion group, featuring *Shoeless Joe & Me* by Dan Gutman. Come for some lively talk and snacks. A copy of the book will be available at the time of registration. Show support for your favorite team by wearing a jersey or baseball cap.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES

Fridays, June 13 through July 11 at 2 pm

(closed July 4)

The La Grange Library's “Movie Theater” will again open on Friday afternoons. Bring a pillow, a snack, and a friend or two and join us for a movie on the



big screen. Check the movie marquee in Youth Services for the weekly feature or contact us at 352-0576.

## BEACH PARTY

### END OF SUMMER READING EVENT

Saturday, July 19, 2– 3 pm

We will mark the end of Summer Reading with a **Beach Party** presented by Dave Rudolf, a Grammy nominated, Gold Record winner, Parents Choice award winner. Want to see your kids (or yourself) Limbo, Hula Hoop, watch the Bubble Machine, do a Congo Line, or many more fun interactive activities while listening to great music? The entire family is invited to have some Fun in the Sun!

## PROFESSOR MARVEL'S AMAZING FLEA CIRCUS

Friday, June 20, 7– 8 pm

Come witness well-trained fleas doing the impossible, including walking a tight rope, performing a high dive, and getting fired out of a cannon. Despite being the “Smallest Show on Earth,” this show can be seen by everyone in the crowd. Great entertainment for the entire family!



## TEA AND BOOKS

Thursday, June 26, 3:30– 4:30 pm

Grades 4 through 6.

Relax with some afternoon tea and cookies while

**For more information, call Youth Services at (708) 352-0576 or access the Library's website at [www.lagrangelibrary.org](http://www.lagrangelibrary.org)**