



LA GRANGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Book Report

January/February 2018

First Floor Renovation Naming Opportunities

Beginning in Spring 2018, the first floor will undergo a renovation that will add space, repair wear and tear, add early play-based learning materials, and add more popular grab-and-go materials to the lobby. Learn more about the renovation at www.lagrangelibrary.org/plenty.

As a central hub of the community, the La Grange Public Library presents an opportunity for all citizens of La Grange to participate in its growth and value to the community. To encourage private support for enhancing Library services, we have created naming opportunities for donors.

Lobby

- Cafe Space: \$10,000

Youth Services Area

- iPad Station: \$2,500
- Pop-Up Program Area: \$5,000
- Baby Garden: \$5,000
- Interactive Play Space: \$20,000

Benefits of Giving

- In recognition of donor support, a plaque or other appropriate signage citing the name of the donor(s) will be prominently displayed.
- Special early reveal of completed renovation event for donors.
- Recognition in newsletter mailed to all households.
- Donations are tax deductible.

Interested in a naming opportunity?

Contact Community Engagement Coordinator, Arcadia McCauley, at mccauleya@lagrangelibrary.org or 708.215.3277.

Food (And Supplies) for Fines

January 15-31

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, patrons who owe fines for overdue La Grange Public Library materials can pay down their debt with donated food and supplies that will benefit BEDS Plus in La Grange. Patrons will receive a \$1 reduction in their overdue fines for each donated item submitted to the Library (limit of \$5 per card).

Needed items include: dry cereal, breakfast/nutrition bars, men's socks and white t-shirts, toothbrushes and toothpaste, deodorant, paper towels, and feminine products. For a full list of needed items, visit www.lagrangelibrary.org/stock-a-shelter.

**Free Your
with Card**

Need Help with those New Year's Resolutions?

The Library offers two awesome ways to help with your New Year's resolutions! You can access two online learning centers, **Universal Class** and **Lynda.com** from anywhere with your La Grange Public Library card. Visit www.lagrangelibrary.org/elibrary/online-learning.

Universal Class offers online courses in exercise, fitness, entrepreneurship, arts, music, home and garden care, cooking, computers and technology, health and medicine, home schooling, job assistance, law, plus hundreds more. **Lynda.com** offers more than 3,400 online courses in a wide range of subjects including: photography, animation, music, video, graphic design, project management, and web development. Watch an entire course or single tutorial as needed. A \$400/year value, but it's **free with Your Card!**

www.lagrangelibrary.org Learn. Explore. Connect.

Programs for All

Winter Reading Program: Reading Without Walls Challenge

Tuesday, January 2-Wednesday, February 28

Expand your reading horizons this winter and read a book outside of your comfort zone! The Reading Without Walls Challenge, an initiative started by Gene Luen Yang, encourages readers to explore the world through books. For every challenge a reader completes, they'll receive a small prize and be entered into our drawing for one of three grand prizes, including a Kindle Fire. To participate, register at the Youth, Young Adult, or Adult Reference desk beginning on Tuesday, January 2. **R**

Program Participation Raffle

Tuesday, January 2-Wednesday, February 28

Get rewarded for attending Library programs! For every program you attend in January or February, fill out a raffle ticket (at the Youth, Young Adult, or Adult Reference desk) and be entered to win a fun prize. **D**

DIY Valentine's Day Bath Bombs

Tuesday, February 6, 6:30-8:00pm

Bath bombs are really easy and fun to make. Join us and make a fizzy Valentine's Day bath bomb of your very own! Keep it or gift it. Teens, tweens and adults welcome. **R**

AmazonSmile Foundation

Did you know Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the Friends of the Library whenever you shop on AmazonSmile? AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service. Go to www.smile.amazon.com and search Friends of the Library of LaGrange Illinois to add us to your account.

Adult Programs

Register in-person at the Adult Reference desk, online at www.lagrangelibrary.org/events, or by calling 708.215.3220.

French Conversation Class

Wednesdays, January 3, January 17, February 7 & February 21

2:00-3:00pm: Beginning Level

3:00-4:00pm: Intermediate Level

Join Silva Melkonian, former manager at Lions Clubs International and speaker of several languages, in this fun and interactive French conversation class. In addition to teaching French language skills, Silva will delve into the culture, history, geography, and culinary world of France. She will also share her traveling experience throughout Europe, Asia, Canada, and Australia. Please plan to attend all four classes in the series at the beginning or intermediate level. **R**

Adult Programs Cont.

Winter Wellness Discussion Panel and Demonstration

Wednesday, January 10, 6:00-8:00pm

Join local businesses and organization leaders for tips on staying happy and healthy. Topics include: Overcoming Anxiety by the National Alliance for Mental Illness; Caring for an Aging Parent by BrightStar Care of Chicago & La Grange; Combatting a Sedentary Lifestyle by Boyce Chiropractic; Environmentally Friendly Home and Office Design Ideas by (r)evolution architecture; Joyful Fitness with Laughter Yoga and Line Dancing for Active Seniors by Plymouth Place; and Hot Fitness Trends to Help You Reach Your Goals by Right-Fit. Presented in partnership with the Health and Wellness Committee of the La Grange Business Association.

Medicare Seminar

Thursday, January 11, 6:30-8:30pm

Learn about Medicare changes, how to select the best Medicare Supplement plan, Part D Drug plan, how to avoid making a mistake in selecting a plan, and how to choose the lowest cost plan. Especially important for those age 65 and older and those approaching 65. Presented by Bill Scanlon and Courtenay Erb. **R**

Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service Blood Drive

Monday, January 15, 3:30-7:30pm

Celebrate the spirit of Dr. King Jr. by donating blood. Heartland Blood Centers will be collecting donations in the Dierkes Community Room. Donation takes approximately one hour and donors will receive a gift card for a free bowl of pasta at Noodles & Company (up to \$13). Please contact the Library at 708.215.3200 to make your appointment, or www.bitly.com/donatebloodLGPL. You must be 16 years or older to donate. **R**

Archaeology and the Black Hawk War of 1832

Monday, January 22, 7:00-8:30pm

Archaeologist James Meierhoff will explore the origins and outcome of the Black Hawk War. Meierhoff will discuss the locations of major war events, the lives of historical figures, and the effects of the war on us today. The program will conclude with a brief discussion on the archeological survey of Kellogg's Grove, a frontier tavern, farm, and battlefield site. The Battle at Kellogg's Grove was the last battle fought in Illinois. **R**

Political Science 101

Thursday, January 25, 7:00-8:30pm

Does the political process sometimes leave you scratching your head? You're not alone. Learn the differences between state and federal government, why we have an electoral college and if it's still useful, what powers the president possesses that aren't laid out in the constitution, and much more. Led by retired Riverside Brookfield High School social studies teacher, Jan Goldberg, and presented in partnership with the League of Women Voters of the La Grange Area. **D**

Adult Programs Cont.

Microsoft Word 101

Monday, January 29, 6:30-7:30pm



Learn to create, format, save, and print a document. Topics covered include templates, setting margins, font selection, and more. This class is for people who have little or no experience using Microsoft Word. The class is taught on PC laptops and is hands-on. Some computer knowledge necessary. LGPL cardholders only. (Limit 10.) **R**

We Love Coffee! Presented by Starbucks®

Monday, February 5, 7:00-8:30pm

Learn the art of home brewing the best coffee. Local Starbucks baristas will provide coffee and pastry pairing samples and share their brewing tips. **R**

Mary's Craft Corner: Anchor Hope Bracelet

Thursday, February 8, 7:00-8:30pm

Did you know anchors are a symbol of hope? Create an ocean blue leather bracelet with an anchor charm while we listen to melodies of the sea. Light refreshments will be served. **R**

The Meaning of Mindfulness

Saturday, February 17, 10:00-11:30am

Learn about mindfulness, its benefits, and how to do it. Pressing pause on mental activity and focusing on the present moment can improve your well-being and health. In this presentation you will be led in guided mindfulness practices by a licensed clinical psychologist and leave with the skills to incorporate mindfulness practice into your daily life. **R**

CPR Certification Course

Saturday, February 24, 9:30am-12:30pm

Need to get CPR certified for work, school, or the safety of your family? This 3-hour course led by the American Heart Association will demonstrate how to administer CPR in an emergency situation (it will cover adult and child/infant CPR). Open to adults and teens over 14 years of age. The CPR Basic Life Support certification is valid for 2 years. A \$30 fee (cash or check) is due at registration. You must register in-person at the Library for this program. **R**

Microsoft Word 102

Monday, February 26, 6:30-7:30pm



Create custom tables, format columns, and learn to insert headers, footers, and pictures into a document. This class is for people who have basic knowledge of Microsoft Word. The class is taught on PC laptops, and is hands-on. LGPL cardholders only. (Limit 7.) **R**

Programs with this  power symbol have a technology focus.

R = must register **D** = drop in program

Young Adult

Young Adult programs are open to those in grades 7-12. Register in-person at the Young Adult desk, by calling 708.215.3228, or online at www.lagrangelibrary.org/events.

Winter Reading Presented by the Chicago Wolves

Ongoing through Saturday, January 13

Win prizes for reading and attending Library programs! Stop by the Young Adult room on the second floor to sign up. **R**

Anime Night

Tuesday, January 9, 6:30-8:30pm

Tuesday, February 13, 6:30-8:30pm

Anime fans meet monthly to watch anime, socialize, draw, and enjoy Japanese snacks. **D**

Teen Writers' Studio

Friday, January 12, 4:30-5:45pm

Friday, January 26, 4:30-5:45pm

Friday, February 9, 4:30-5:45pm

Friday, February 23, 4:30-5:45pm

Love to write, but need feedback? Share your talent and opinions with peers in this program. Enjoy writing prompts and games too. **D**

Practice ACT

Saturday, January 20, 10:00am-1:00pm

Are you ready for the ACT? A representative from C2 Education will proctor a practice test. Please bring pencils, a calculator, and a snack. After the practice exam, C2 Education will contact you with test scores. **R**

13th Screening and Discussion

Friday, January 26, 6:30-8:30pm

Named after the 13th Amendment that freed slaves and prohibited slavery (unless as punishment for a crime), this Ava DuVernay documentary explores the relationship between race, justice, and mass incarceration in America. Presented in partnership with The LeaderShop. LeaderShop teens will help lead a post-screening discussion. **R**

Chocolate FUNdue!

Thursday, February 1, 4:30-5:30pm

From strawberries, to potato chips, to gummy worms, everything tastes better in chocolate, right? We'll use a variety of foods to test this theory. **R**

Virtual Reality for Teens

Friday, February 23, 6:30-8:00pm

Experience virtual reality with the Library's new HTC Vive headset! **R**



Tween Programs

Tween programs are open to those in grades 5-8. Register in-person at the Young Adult or Youth Services desks, online at www.lagrangelibrary.org/events, or by calling 708.215.3228 (YA) or 708.215.3210 (YS).

Chocolate Olympics

Saturday, February 17, 2:00-3:30pm

Grades 4-8

We're celebrating the 2018 Winter Olympics by holding our own Chocolate Olympics competition. Make your way through a series of games and activities that involve chocolate, chocolate, and even more chocolate! **R**

Youth Programs

Registration for January/February storytimes and programs begins Tuesday, January 2 at 9:00am. Register in-person at the Youth Services desk, online at www.lagrangelibrary.org/events, or by calling 708.215.3210.

Winter Storytimes

January 15-February 22

Storytimes introduce children to early literacy skills and the Library through a half hour of stories, activities, and songs. Parents also have the opportunity to learn new stories and songs with their children and meet other parents. The toddler storytimes planned for ages 2-3 feature shorter stories and more movement. If your child is ready for longer stories, then come to our preschool storytimes for ages 3-5. Parents and caregivers can choose which storytime is appropriate for their 3-year-old. **R**

Toddler Storytime (ages 2-3)

(Choose one) **R**

Tuesdays, 10:00-10:30am

Wednesdays, 10:00-10:30am

Thursdays, 10:00-10:30am

Preschool Storytime (ages 3-5)

(Choose one) **R**

Tuesdays, 10:30-11:00am

Thursdays, 10:30-11:00am

Baby Time (For children ages 3-23 months and their caregivers)

Mondays, 10:00-10:30am or Thursdays, 9:15-9:45am

Join us for your child's first storytime experience! This interactive program includes books, action rhymes, songs, and bubbles. This is a drop-in program, but space is limited to the first 20 children and their caregivers. **D**

Youth Programs Cont.

Pop-Up Playgroup

Fridays, January 12 & 26, and February 9 & 23, 10:00am-12:00pm

Ages 0-5

Join us at our new playgroup! Every other Friday, we'll open up our community room on the lower level for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers to play together, and for parents and caregivers to socialize. We'll have different activities, a craft, snacks, and even coffee for the adults courtesy of Starbucks® in La Grange! Drop by for a bit or stay for the whole time. **D**

Tiny Toes Music

Saturday, February 3, 10:00-10:45am

Ages 0-5 with a caregiver. Older siblings are allowed.

Tiny Toes Music classes provide a musical and social opportunity for children and adults. Each class is 45 minutes of singing, dancing, and rhythmic chants. Musical rituals, instrument play, and intentional song variations and actions support children's musical, language, social, emotional, and physical development. **R**

Winter Messy Art

Tuesday, February 13, 3:45-4:45pm

Ages 2-5

Let your preschooler discover and create! Tables will be set up with a variety of winter-themed art projects. Stay for one or try them all. Dress to get messy! **D**

STEM Time: Augmented & Virtual Reality

Thursday, January 11, 3:45-4:45pm

Grades 4-6

Tuesday, January 16, 3:45-4:45pm

Grades K-3

Experience technology like you never have before! We'll bring images to life using Quiver®, an augmented reality coloring app, and you'll get to try out our new virtual reality technology in Studio 10 West. **R**



Cards for the Military (MLK Jr. Day of Service)

Monday, January 15

All ages

Stop by the Library anytime on Monday, January 15 and make a card for a member of the U.S. military. Cards will be distributed through A Million Thanks, Inc., a nonprofit organization whose goal is to see that our military (active, reserve, and veterans) receive messages of thanks whether they are serving at home, abroad, or are injured in hospitals. **D**

Read to the Dogs

Mondays, January 15 & February 12, 7:00-8:00pm

Kids are invited to read to a specially trained dog for 15 minutes. Dogs are great listeners no matter what your reading level! Advanced registration is not required, but you will need to stop by the Youth Services desk to reserve a time slot beginning at 6:45pm on the

Youth Programs Cont.

evening of the program. Reading time is a one-on-one experience. No parents or siblings allowed. **D**

LEGO® Club

Thursdays, January 18 & February 15, 3:45-4:45pm

Grades K-6

LEGO enthusiasts are invited to meet and work individually or as a group. All supplies are provided and your project will be on display until the next LEGO Club. Bring your imagination and creativity! **D**

Artist's Club

Tuesday, January 23, 3:45-4:45pm

Grades 4-6

Picasso, van Gogh, or Matisse? We'll explore the different techniques of famous artists throughout history and use one of these techniques to create your own masterpiece! **R**

Art Club: Little Artist's Edition

Thursday, January 25, 3:45-4:45pm

Grades K-3

Join us as we learn about a famous artist and their works. We will then use their signature technique on a project to take home. **R**

Valentines for Plymouth Place Residents

Tuesday, February 6, 3:45-4:45pm

All ages

Roses are red, violets are blue, and we care about you! You can help brighten someone's day by making a valentine for Plymouth Place residents. Supplies will be provided. **D**

No-Bake Treats

Thursday, February 8, 3:45-4:45pm

Grades K-3

Make delicious treats, all without using an oven! *Please note: Some ingredients may include common allergens including dairy, soy, and nuts.* **R**

Kids' Corner: A Book Club for 2nd-3rd Graders

Tuesday, February 20, 3:45-4:45pm

Grades 2-3

Are you a book-loving kid who enjoys mysteries? Then join us for our new book club! You'll discuss the book with kids your age and enjoy a craft or activity, as well as a snack. A copy of the book will be available at the Youth Services desk at the time of registration. **R**

Book Squad: A Book Club for 4th-6th Graders

Tuesday, February 27, 3:45-4:45pm

Grades 4-6

Book Squad is a new, relaxed book discussion group for book-loving kids! We'll enjoy discussion of the book, a snack, and a related craft or activity. You can also help decide the book for the next meeting. A copy of the book will be available at the Youth Services desk at the

time of registration. **R**

CSI: Kids Presented by the Mystery Shop

Thursday, February 22, 3:45-4:45pm

Grades 3-6

Kids will not only solve a mystery, but help to create it in this one-hour interactive adventure of mysterious games, puzzles, stories, and fun! Kids will act in the story and make decisions that move the action forward. This program is brought to you by the generous donations to the Tyler Duelm Memorial Fund. **R**



News From Our Neighbors

Tea 101

Sunday, February 18, 2:00pm

Join us for afternoon tea! In this introductory program we'll first learn about the history, geography, and different types of tea, and then have a chance to taste various teas to experience their flavors. Questions? Call the Thomas Ford Memorial Library at 708.246.0520.

Teen Job and Volunteer Fair

Saturday, February 24, 1:00-3:00pm

Ages 15-20

Local businesses and volunteer organizations, including Brookfield Zoo, The Forest Preserves of Cook County, and Western Springs Park District will be on-hand to answer questions about job and volunteer opportunities. Questions? Call the La Grange Park Public Library at 708.352.0100.

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Board Meetings

Tuesday, January 16 at 7:30pm
Tuesday, February 20 at 7:30pm

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Book & Film Discussions

Beyond Borders Reading Group | 2nd Tuesday of each month, 10:30am-12:30pm
January 9, *Funny in Farsi* by Feroozah Dumas
February 13, *The Wicked Boy* by Kate Summerscale

Great Books | Thursday, January 18, 7:00pm
The Temptation of Jack Orkney and *The Day Stalin Died* by Doris Lessing
Thursday, February 15, 7:00pm
The Visit to the Museum and *Signs & Symbols* by Vladimir Nabokov

Noir in a Bar | Tuesday, January 30, 7:00pm
Dinner, drinks, and discussion.
Manson by Jeff Guinn
Meet at Thipi Thai, 25 Calendar Ct., La Grange, IL. **R**

LGPL Confidential | Wednesday, February 7, 7:00pm
Film discussion with cinema history and refreshments.
Nightmare Alley (1947)
Please note: the complete film will be shown and the group will meet for discussion at a local establishment after the showing. **R**

Art Exhibits

Paintings by Brendan McAlinden
January-February, Lower Level Gallery

Library Hours

Monday-Friday 9:00am-9:00pm
Saturday 9:00am-5:00pm
Sunday 1:00-5:00pm

Closed

January 1, February 2, and February 19