



LA GRANGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Welcome From New Director



Greetings! Allow me to introduce myself. I'm Stephen Bero, the new executive director of the La Grange Public Library. The Library Board of Trustees has engaged me for the interim until they find a successor for previous executive director, Jeannie Dilger. Jeannie left on January 3 after almost 10 years of service to assume the executive director role at the

Palatine Public Library.

It's a privilege for me to take on this role. I'm happy to assist the library board in the launch of the first floor renovation, slated to begin in June, as well as to "hold down the fort" until a new, permanent executive director can be appointed. It's also a personal pleasure for me to be here. As the former director of the Brookfield Public Library, I have a fond familiarity with La Grange and am enjoying getting reacquainted with the community.

I also enjoy interacting with you, the library patron, so if you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact me at 708.215.3273 or director@lagrangelibrary.org.

Kind regards,

Mango Languages

Whether you're getting ready for a trip or just want to pick up a new skill, Mango Languages prepares learners for realistic conversations, and strengthens everyday communication skills in over 70 languages! This language and cultural learning resource is available from anywhere using your La Grange Public Library Card. Just visit www.lagrangelibrary.org/learn. Mango Languages—a \$20/month value—is **free with Your Card!**



The Book Report

March/April/May 2018

MONEY SMART WEEK® APRIL 21-28, 2018



Sunday Jazz: Pharlis James Quartet

Sunday, April 22, 2:00-3:00pm

All Ages

Enjoy a memorable afternoon of jazz featuring songs from *The Great American Songbook*. The quartet will perform the music of Tony Bennett, Johnny Mathis, Frank Sinatra, Nat "King" Cole, Bobby Darin, and more. **R**

DIY Banks for Kids

Monday, April 23, 3:45-4:45pm

Grades K-6

Saving money can be a lot more fun with a bank you've created and designed yourself! **R**

Three Steps to College Planning and Career Success Workshop

Monday, April 23, 7:00-8:30pm

Teens and parents are invited to attend this free workshop on best practices for college. Topics include admissions, financial aid, and career planning. Presented by Partners for Achievement. **R**

Sell Your Stuff Online

Wednesday, April 25, 7:00-8:30pm

Teens and Adults

There are lots of great options for unloading your old possessions, from old faves like eBay to newer places like Facebook Marketplace. Michael Gershbein of Very Smart People will cover them all and offer selling and safety tips! **R**

Programs for All Ages

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

La Grange Area Pizza Tasting Competition

Saturday, April 28, 1:00-2:00pm

Which pizzeria in the La Grange area has the best pie? You be the judge! Try blind taste-tests from local pizza places, then vote on your favorite. Winners will be chosen in the following categories: Best Overall, Best Crust, Best Sauce, and Best Cheese. Come make every vote (and bite) count! **R**

Free Comic Book Day

Saturday, May 5, 2:00-4:00pm

Get a free comic book courtesy of Chimera's Comics, pose for action shots in Studio 10 West, and experience virtual reality! **D**

Adult Programs

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

Lactation Station: Breastfeeding Clinic

Thursdays, March 1, April 5, & May 3, 1:30-2:45pm

Led by Board Certified Lactation Consultant, Vanessa Prinz, this is a welcoming group where you can meet other breastfeeding moms, ask questions, and get personalized assistance. A hospital grade scale will be available to check your baby's weight gain after feeding to determine milk transfer. All nursing moms and babies welcome! **R**

Knack for Knitting or Knot

Every Monday, 7:00-8:30pm

Bring your needlework projects! Enjoy conversation, and learn and share tips with other crafters. **D**

AARP Smart Driver Course

Tuesday, March 6 & Wednesday, March 7, 9:30am-2:30pm

Tuesday, April 24 & Wednesday, April 25 9:30am-2:30pm

Learn how driving is affected by changes in ourselves such as medications, medical conditions, alcohol, vision, hearing, brain health, and flexibility. Class cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members (payable to AARP at the class). *Must take both days of the class (Tues., March 6 and Weds., March 7, or Tues., April 25 and Weds., April 25) for credit on your car insurance.* **R**

Vagabonding Around the World

Tuesday, March 6, 7:00-8:30pm

If you've always dreamt of long-term world travel but never thought it plausible, allow Brian Michalski to guide you through the process. Take a visual journey through Michalski's 22-month solo backpacking trip where he worked and volunteered in Southeast Asia, Australia, India, Cuba, and more. Get insider info about budgeting, utilizing

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travel apps, embracing culture shock, realities of hostel life, coping with inevitable setbacks, and visa applications. **R**

La Grange Writers Group

Wednesday, March 14 & 28 6:30-8:30pm

Wednesday, April 11 & 25, 6:30-8:30pm

Wednesday, May 9 & 23, 6:30-8:30pm

Feeling creative? Join the La Grange Writers Group! Get feedback on your work and give feedback to other local authors. **D**

Medicare Seminar

Saturday, March 10, 10:00-11:30am

Learn about Medicare changes, how to select the best Medicare Supplement plan and 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**

French Conversation Class

Wednesdays, March 14, March 28, April 11, April 18, May 2, & May 16

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 six classes in the series at the beginning or intermediate level. **R**

Photoshop Elements 101

Monday, March 19, 6:30-7:30pm

Improve the look of your photos with Photoshop Elements. Learn the basics of photo editing including importing images, cropping, color correcting, and more. Class is taught on PC laptops and is hands-on. LGPL cardholders only. (Limit 10.) **R**

Powering Your Home with the Sun

Tuesday, March 20, 7:00-8:00pm

Curious about solar energy? Join La Grange's resident Illinois Solar Energy Association ambassador, Tim Sheldon. Learn how solar works, what being a solar owner in La Grange entails, and hear his personal experiences installing and utilizing solar panels. **R**

Tips & Tricks for Taking a Great Picture Presented by Bob Briskey

Monday, March 26, 6:30-8:00pm

Why do some people take great photos? Do they have a better camera? Are they just naturally artistic? You too can take better photos! Come learn a few tricks that will make your photos better and have people asking you for help. **Adults and teens welcome. R**



Adult Programs

Utility Bill Clinic

Tuesday, March 27, 1:30-3:30pm

The Citizens Utility Board of Illinois will be here to help you find ways to save money! Bring copies of your gas, electric, and phone bills for a free 15-minute analysis. Experts will teach you how to spot unnecessary charges on utility bills, which energy efficiency programs and rebates can help, what to watch for when shopping around in the energy market, and your options when it comes to phone, TV, and internet. *To register, please call the Adult Services desk at 708.215.3220, or schedule your 15 minute appointment in-person.* **R**

Scrabble Club

Tuesday, April 3 & April 17, 6:30-8:30pm

Tuesday, May 1 & May 15, 6:30-8:30pm

Whether you play for fun or the challenge, come enjoy some classic wordplay. All skill levels are welcome. The Library will provide Scrabble boards, dictionaries, and refreshments. **R**

In the Belly of the Beast: King in Chicago

Wednesday, April 4, 7:00-8:30pm

From Montgomery, to Memphis, to Chicago, Martin Luther King Jr.'s profound life covered countless cities, and his extraordinary legacy resonates here still. Join local historian Clarence Goodman for this presentation in recognition of the 50th anniversary of King's death. **R**

Microsoft Excel 101

Monday, April 9, 6:30-7:30pm

Discover the tools and formulas needed to create a basic spreadsheet and chart. Topics include entering data, formatting, cell alignment, fonts, mathematical calculations, functions, and more. This class is for people who have little or no experience using Microsoft Excel. The class is taught on PC laptops and is hands-on. Some computer knowledge necessary. LGPL cardholders only. (Limit 10.) **R**



Mary's Craft Corner: DIY Decorative Wall Vase

Thursday, April 12, 7:00-8:30pm

Celebrate the arrival of spring by creating an easy DIY hanging wall vase. These vases look lovely filled with flowers on a wall at home, or even filled with colorful pencils at the office! Light refreshments will be served. **R**

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

My Journey into the Wilds of Chicago: Presentation and Book Signing

Saturday, April 14, 2:00-3:30pm

Photographer, humorist, and author Mike MacDonald will showcase breathtaking images from his latest book *My Journey Into the Wilds of Chicago: A Celebration of Chicagoland's Startling Natural Wonders*. Books will be available for purchase at this program courtesy of Anderson's Bookshop. For more information on Mike's work, visit www.chicagonature.com. **R**

Photoshop Elements 102

Monday, April 16, 6:30-7:30pm

Take your Photoshop Elements skills to the next level by learning to enhance your digital photos using layers, cloning, and other tools. Class is taught on PC laptops and is hands-on. We recommend that you take Photoshop Elements 101 first. LGPL cardholders only. (Limit 10.) **R**



Beyond Ancestry

Tuesday, April 24, 7:00-8:00pm

Not all your online research can be conducted with ancestry.com. There are many free and budget friendly resources to assist you in conducting genealogy research on the web. This program covers exciting and evolving websites from across the United States and parts of Europe. **R**

Microsoft Excel 102

Monday, April 30, 12, 6:30-7:30pm

Take your Excel skills to the next level. Topics include graphing data, advanced formatting, formulas, and working with home budgets and work invoices. This class is for people who have basic knowledge of Microsoft Excel. The class is taught on PC laptops, and is hands-on. LGPL cardholders only. (Limit 10.) **R**



Teen Programs

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

Read-A-Thon

Friday, March 9, 6:30-11:30pm

Take reading to the extreme during our late night teen Read-A-Thon. We'll have pizza, prizes, and more. **R**

Anime Night

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

Tuesday, April 10, 6:30-8:30pm

Tuesday, May 1, 6:30-8:30pm

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

Teen Programs

Teen Writers' Studio

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

Friday, April 6, 4:30-5:45pm

Friday, April 20, 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**

Skittles® Bingo

Friday, April 6, 6:30-7:30pm

Missing those Skittles Bingo days of summer? Due to popular demand we are having a spring Skittles Bingo night. Head on over for candy and prizes! **D**

Virtual Reality for Teens

Friday, April 27, 6:30-8:00pm

Experience virtual reality with the Library's new HTC Vive set. **R**



Tween Programs

Tween programs are open to those in grades 5-8. Register in-person at the Teen or Children's Services desk, online at www.lagrangelibrary.org/events, or by calling 708.215.3228 (Teen) or 708.215.3210 (Children's).

Up, Up, and Away!

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

Grades 5-8

Float to your destination as you build a tissue paper balloon and use hot air to make it soar. **R**

Augmented & Virtual Reality

Monday, April 9, 6:30-8:30pm

Grades 5-8

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



Babysitting Class

Thursday, May 17, 4:00-6:30pm, & Friday, May 18, 4:00-5:30pm

Ages 11-15

Instructor George Scukanec from the Willowbrook Park District will be your guide for this 4-hour, hands-on clinic covering baby and childcare, first aid, and babysitter training. Attend both sessions and receive your official Babysitting Certification at the end of the second class! A fee of \$20 is due at registration. Register in-person at the Children's Services desk. *Due to the popularity of this program, you may only register your own child/children.* (Limit 16.) **R**

Children's Programs

Registration for March/April/May storytimes and programs begins Monday, March 5 at 9:00am. Register in-person at the Children's Services desk, online at www.lagrangelibrary.org/events, or by calling 708.215.3210.

Spring Storytimes

March 12-April 19 (*Due to spring break, there will be no storytimes the week of March 26.*)

Storytimes introduce children to early literacy skills and the library through a half hour of stories, activities, and songs. Parents and caregivers have the opportunity to learn new stories and songs with their children and meet other adults. 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**

Pop-Up Playgroup

Fridays, March 9 & 23, April 6 & 20, and May 4 & 18, 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**

STEM Time: Bridge Engineering

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

Grades 4-6

Try your hand at building bridges with all kinds of unusual materials! See whose bridge can hold the most weight and whose can span the biggest gap. **R**

Children's Programs

LEGO® Club

Thursdays, March 15, April 19, & May 10, 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**

The Tale of Peter Rabbit

Friday, March 16, 10:30-11:15am

Ages 0-5

AMITA Health has joined with Emerald City Theatre to bring our youngest patrons a production of *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*. Kids will have the opportunity to participate in interactive scenes with Peter Rabbit and Jemima Puddle-Duck, receive a copy of a Beatrix Potter book, and hear an excerpt from the tale. **R**

Read to the Dogs

Mondays, March 19, April 16, & May 21, 7:00-8:00pm

Dogs are great listeners no matter what your reading level! Kids are invited to read to a specially trained dog for 15 minutes. Advanced registration is not required, but you will need to stop by the Children's Services desk to reserve a time slot beginning at 6:45pm on the evening of the program. Reading time is a one-on-one experience. No parents or siblings allowed. **D**

Art Club: 2D Vases and Flowers

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

Grades K-3

Celebrate spring by making a 2D vase with flowers using tissue and construction paper. No two vases will be the same! When you're finished, you can hang it proudly at home for all to admire. **R**

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

Tuesday, April 10, 3:45-4:45pm

Grades 4-6

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

STEM Time: Chromatography Butterfly Craft

Thursday, April 12, 3:45-4:45pm

Grades K-3

We will explore chromatography (separating mixtures) using coffee filters and markers. We'll use this technique to separate the various pigments in markers to see how each color was created. In the process, we will make beautiful butterflies to take home. **R**

Tiny Toes Music

Saturday, April 21, 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**

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

Tuesday, April 24, 3:45-4:45pm

Grades 2-3

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

Artist's Club

Thursday, April 26, 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**

Whimsical Garden Sculptures

Tuesday, May 1, 3:45-4:45pm

Ages 4-6

Roll up your sleeves and break out your creativity to construct a whimsical 3D garden sculpture. Use beads, pipe cleaners, pom poms, and decorative paper butterflies on a painted plaster base. Let your imagination GROW WILD! Presented by Imagine Art Studio. This program is brought to you by the generous donations to the Tyler Duelm Memorial Fund. **R**



Mother's Day Make & Take

Saturday, May 12, 11:00am-2:00pm

All Ages

Drop by the Library and make your mom a gift for Mother's Day! Color your own flowerpot and even make a card. (While supplies last.) **D**

News From Our Neighbors

Autism: A Discussion

Tuesday, April 24, 7:00pm

Join a representative from Autism Behavioral Educational Services to discuss intervention options and behavior management strategies. Caregivers and educators welcome. Registration recommended. Questions? Call the La Grange Park Public Library at 708.352.0100.



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Board Meetings
 Tuesday, March 20 at 7:30pm
 Tuesday, April 17 at 7:30pm
 Tuesday, May 15 at 7:30pm

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Book & Film Discussions

Beyond Borders Reading Group | 2nd Tuesday of each month, 10:30am-12:30pm
 March 13, *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult
 April 10, *Killing the Rising Sun* by Bill O'Reilly
 May 8, *The Kitchen House* by Kathleen Grissom

Great Books | Thursday, March 15, 7:00pm
A Nasty Story and *An Honest Thief* by Fyodor Dostoyevsky
 Thursday, April 19, 7:00pm
A Dull Story and *The Bet* by Anton Chekhov
 Thursday, May 17, 7:00pm
Father Sergius and *How Much Land Does a Man Need* by Leo Tolstoy

Noir in a Bar | Tuesday, March 27, 7:00pm
 Dinner, drinks, and discussion.
The Alienist by Caleb Carr
 Meet at **Thipi Thai, 25 Calendar Ct., La Grange. R**
 Tuesday, May 29, 7:00pm
The Last Mrs. Parrish by Liv Constantine
 Meet at **Santiago's Mexican Restaurant, 24 Calendar Ct., La Grange. R**

Art Exhibits

Student Art
 March-May, First Floor and Lower Level
 Artwork from local elementary, middle and high schools.

Library Hours

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

Closed

Sunday, April 1 and Monday, May 28