



LA GRANGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

First Floor Renovation Update

Planning continues on our first floor renovation project. Special thanks go out to all who attended our August community input sessions to give feedback on the drawings. The Library Board reviewed all the input and made adjustments to the plans.

In total, over 6,900 square feet will be updated to improve service to the community, including an additional 700 square feet of indoor space. Visitors on the go will now be able to easily access popular materials within several feet of the front entrance, and we're adding a café space with a clear view of our outdoor area.

Additionally, the Youth Services area will be much more flexible and offer pop-up activities that will change regularly.

Money has been set aside annually in the special reserve fund for the past 10 years to prepare for needed repairs and remodeling, meaning there will be no cost to taxpayers.

Renovation is anticipated to begin in 2018 and last four to six months. The Board is committed to maintaining services during that time while keeping visitor safety foremost in mind.

For the latest updates on the project, visit lagrangelibrary.org/plenty, or follow us on Facebook.

If you have any additional questions, suggestions, or concerns, please contact Executive Director, Jeannie Dilger, at 708.215.3273 or dilgerj@lagrangelibrary.org.

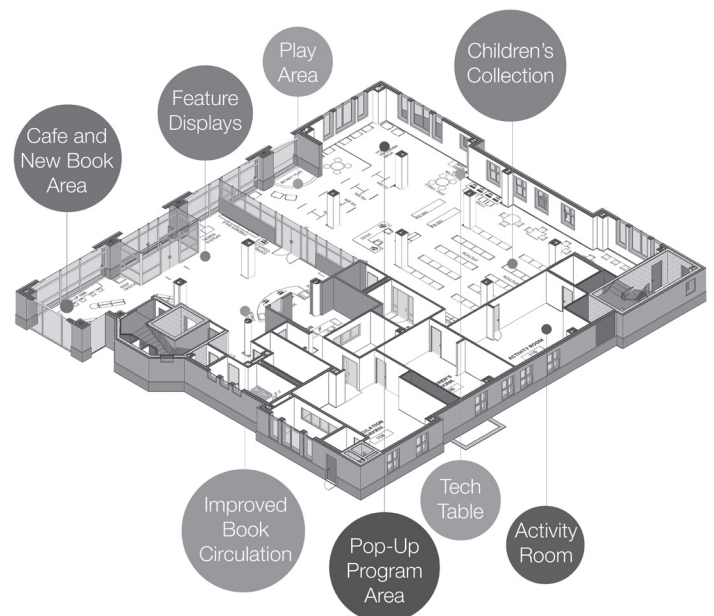
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Jeannie Dilger

*Executive Director
and the La Grange Public Library Board of Trustees*

The Book Report

November/December 2017



Architect's sketch of renovated first floor.

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Programs for All

Create a Green Screen Holiday Photo

Saturday, December 2, 4:30-6:00pm

Drop by Studio 10 West and have a holiday picture taken in front of the green screen. You can pick from a variety of fun, festive backgrounds. (*Don't wear green*—even if you're an elf!) **D**



Holidays Around the World

Saturday, December 2, 7:00-8:00pm

Family program for all ages

Join us the evening of La Grange's Hometown Holiday as Kidworks Touring Theatre brings to life holiday traditions celebrated by children around the world. Come spin the Chanukah dreidel, perform in *The First Christmas Tree* story from Germany, beat the djembe drum in an African-American Kwanzaa festival, parade under the Chinese dragon, and sing *Feliz Navidad*. This program is loaded with audience participation and is fun for the entire family! **D**

DIY Peppermint Bath Bombs

Thursday, December 7, 6:30-8:00pm

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

Candy House Creations

Friday, December 15, 4:00-7:30pm (*or as long as supplies last*)

Family program for all ages

Drop-in for our special holiday family craft event and create a candy house using sweet treats! Supplies will be provided. All you need to bring is creativity and a bit of holiday cheer. **D**

Star Wars Saturday: The Library Awakens

Saturday, December 16, 2:00pm

Celebrate the release of *The Last Jedi* with a screening of *The Force Awakens*! Come dressed up and be entered to win our costume contest. We'll also have a craft for kids and Star Wars trivia. **D**

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Programs with this  power symbol have a technology focus.

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

Adult Programs

Register in person at the Reference desk, online at lagrangelibrary.org/events, or by calling 708.215.3200.

French Conversation Class

Wednesdays, November 1, November 15, & December 6

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. **D**

Chicago Auto Show History

Thursday, November 2, 7:00-8:30pm

Join us for a Chicago Auto Show video presentation highlighting over a century of legendary cars from around the world, celebrity appearances, stage shows, and more. Speaker/historian M. J. (Mitch) Frumkin will give away two pairs of complimentary tickets to the 2018 Chicago Auto Show and samples of Ryba's Fudge, the official show confectionary! **R**

Holiday Technology Gifts

Monday, November 6, 7:00-8:30pm

Need gift ideas for the holidays? Michael Gershbein of Very Smart People will offer a survey of unique technology products from inexpensive to pricey, and practical to off-the-wall. The first 25 people seated will receive a 4GB flash drive! **R**



Medicare Seminar

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

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**

The Great Migration and the Great War: Conflict Fuels Change

Monday, November 13, 7:00-8:00pm

Join us for a story of World War I with local historian Clarence Goodman. As the African American population gravitated towards work and away from Jim Crow laws, a series of complex problems presented themselves that would put millions at odds with the president and ultimately fuel tremendous social change. **R**

Mary's Craft Corner: Cupcake Ornament

Thursday, November 16, 7:00-8:00pm

Sweeten your holidays with this lovely and yummy-looking cupcake ornament. And enjoy a tasty cupcake that you *can* eat. Space is limited, so register early. (15 max.) **R**

Adult Programs Cont.

AARP Smart Driver Course

Tuesday, November 28 & Wednesday, November 29, 10:00am-2:00pm

Thursday, December 7 & Friday, December 8, 10:00am-2:00pm

Learn how our 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 for credit on your car insurance. R**

LinkedIn: Charting Your Career

Monday, December 11, 7:00-8:30pm



Begin or advance your career by creating a professional profile and utilizing the tremendous amount of information on LinkedIn. This program will include an overview of LinkedIn and its general usage, building your own network of connections, and identifying LinkedIn Groups to join. Finally, discover how to create a job search agent and the options for job applications. Presented by Bruce Bennett. **R**

Managing Lower Back Pain

Wednesday, December 13, 10:00-11:00am

Lower back pain can range from mild, dull, and annoying, to persistent and severe. Join physical therapist Christine Lucas of Loyola University Medical Center as she discusses the best ways to achieve a better back. **R**

Young Adult Programs

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

Teen Writers' Studio

Friday, November 3, 4:30-5:30pm

Friday, December 1, 4:30-5:30pm

Friday, December 15, 4:30-5:30pm

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 (Cold Weather Edition)

Wednesday, November 1, 6:30-7:30pm

Friday, December 8, 6:30-7:30pm

Missing those Skittles® Bingo days of summer? We are bringing them back for winter! Bundle up and head over for candy and prizes. **D**

Practice ACT

Saturday, November 11, 10:00am-1:00pm

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

Young Adult Cont.

Anime Night

Tuesday, November 14, 6:30-8:30pm

Tuesday, December 12, 6:30-8:30pm

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

Read-A-Thon

Friday, November 17, 4:00-11:30pm

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

Finals Destination

Monday, December 18, 4:00-9:00pm

Tuesday, December 19, 4:00-9:00pm

Wednesday, December 20, 4:00-9:00pm

Ace your finals by studying at the Library! We're opening our meeting rooms just for you. Snacks and hot chocolate provided. **D**

Winter Reading with the Chicago Wolves

Saturday, December 18-Saturday, January 13

Take advantage of winter break by reading for fun and winning prizes. Sponsored by the Chicago Wolves. **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 lagrangelibrary.org/events, or by calling 708.215.3228 (YA) or 708.215.3210 (YS).

Tween Writers' Workshop

Tuesday, November 28, 3:45-4:45pm

Grades 5-8

Want to write but don't know where to start? Learn techniques and share ideas with friends. **R**

Youth Services Programs

Registration for November/December storytimes and programs begins Monday, October 30 at 9:00am. Register in person at the Youth Services desk, online at lagrangelibrary.org/events, or by calling 708.215.3210.

Fall Storytimes

Monday, November 13-Thursday, December 21 (*No storytimes the week of Thanksgiving.*)

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

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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

Drop-in for this interactive program that includes books, action rhymes, songs, and bubbles. For babies and their caregivers only. No older siblings allowed. Space is limited to the first 20 babies and caregivers. Tickets may be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. **D**

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

1000 Books Before Kindergarten is an exciting program that encourages parent and child interaction and promotes reading through sharing books together. Together with their parent, children who register for this program will read 1000 books before their first day of kindergarten. Infants, toddlers, and preschoolers are eligible to participate by registering with Youth Services. Participants receive rewards along their reading journey, and we will hold a graduation ceremony for those that finish at the end of the school year. **R**

Preschool Art Studio

Fridays, November 17-December 22, 10:00am-12:00pm (*No session the week of Thanksgiving.*)

Ages 2-5

Stop by for our weekly self-guided arts and craft time. There's a different project each week! **D**

Read to the Dogs

Mondays, November 20 & December 18, 7:00-8:00pm

Readers are invited to stop by the Library 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 evening of the program. Reading time is a one-on-one experience. No parents or siblings allowed. **D**

LEGO® Club

Thursdays, November 9 & December 21, 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. You only need to bring your imagination and creativity! **D**

Create with Code!

Mondays, November 6-27, 3:45-5:15pm

Grades 4-7

Register for this four-week program using Scratch, an interactive programming language. This program is best suited for beginning Scratch users, and lessons will increase in difficulty each week. Presented by the STEM Tech Tutors, a student group from Lyons Township High School. **R**



Art Club: Rock Painting

Tuesday, November 14, 3:45-4:45pm

Grades K-2

Join us as we get creative painting rocks and writing simple messages of kindness to share with others. The Kindness Rocks Project aims to inspire others through randomly placed rocks. What better time to spread kindness than right before Thanksgiving! **R**

Artist Club

Thursday, November 16, 3:45-4:45pm

Grades 3-6

Picasso, van Gogh, or Matisse? Join us as we explore the different techniques of famous artists throughout history. You will then use these techniques to create your own masterpiece! **R**

STEM Time: Food Science

Thursday, November 30, 3:45-4:45pm

Grades 3-6

Join us as we conduct experiments using items straight from the kitchen. **R**

STEM Time: Make Your Own Slime

Thursday, December 7, 3:45-4:45pm

Grades K-2

It's gooey and gloppy and oh so fun! Join us as we make slime using simple ingredients including glue, contact solution, borax, and food coloring. You even get to take it home! Dress to get messy. **R**

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

Tuesday, December 12, 3:45-4:45pm

Grades 2-3

If you are a kid who loves reading, we would love to have you join our new book club! You'll discuss the book with other kids your age and enjoy a craft or activity, as well as a snack. A copy of the book will be

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available at the Youth Services desk at the time of registration. **R**

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

Tuesday, December 19, 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 craft or activity, and a snack. 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**

Holiday Messy Art

Thursday, December 14, 3:45-4:45pm

Ages 2-5

Stop by and let your preschooler discover and create. Tables will be set up with various holiday-themed art projects. Stay for one or try them all. Dress to get messy! **D**

News From Our Neighbors

Friday at the Ford: Heather Styka

Friday, November 10, 7:30pm

Chicago songwriter Heather Styka sings narratives of vulnerability, strength, and wanderlust delivered with "sweet, soulful vocals," (*Portland Press Herald*) and "nimble finger-picked guitar" (*Dispatch Magazine*). This award-winning young troubadour has performed for over a decade, released four full-length albums, and toured from coast to coast. Doors open at 7:00pm. Sponsored by the Western Springs Library Friends. No registration required. Questions? Call the Thomas Ford Memorial Library at 708.246.0520.

DNA: A Power Tool in the Genealogist's Tool Box

Monday, November 13, 7:00pm

Certified genealogist Karen Stanbary will show you how DNA testing can confirm and advance traditional genealogical research. Sponsored by the La Grange Park Friends of the Library. Questions? Call the La Grange Park Public Library at 708.352.0100.

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Board Meetings

Tuesday, November 21 at 7:30pm
Tuesday, December 19 at 7:30pm

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Book & Film Discussions

Beyond Borders Reading Group

2nd Tuesdays of each month, 10:30am-12:30pm
Tuesday, November 14, *The Outsider* by
Frederick Forsyth
Tuesday, December 12, *The Devil and Sherlock
Holmes* by David Grann

Noir in a Bar

Dinner, drinks, and
discussion.

Tuesday, November 28, 7:00pm
The Ballad of Black Tom by Victor LaValle
Meet at Taco Cantina, 50 S. La Grange Rd. **R**

LGPL Confidential

Film discussion with
cinema history and
refreshments.

Thursday, November 30, 7:00pm
The Third Man (1949) **R**
Please note: the complete film will be shown.

Art Exhibits

Midwest SOARRING Foundation: Harvest Pow Wow Photographs
Lower Level Gallery
October through mid-November

Harry Sidebotham: The Second Time I Saw Jupiter
Lower Level Gallery
Mid-November through December

Library Hours

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

Closed

November 23, December 23-25,
December 31 & January 1