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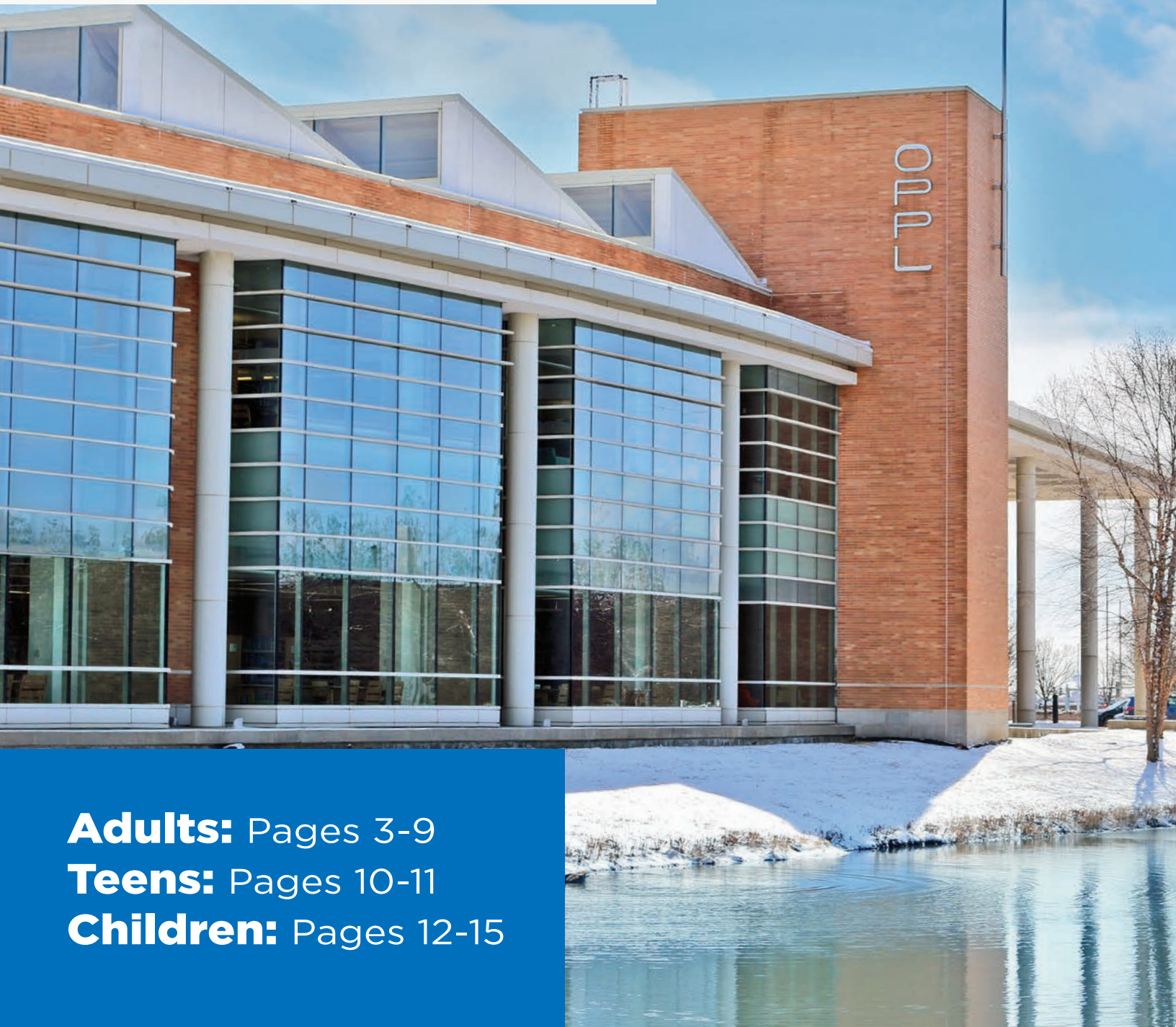
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New Program Registration

To serve you better, rolling
registration has begun.

Register at 9 a.m. on
January 2 for January programs
January 15 for February programs
February 15 for March programs
March 15 for April programs

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Library Hours

Monday - Friday
9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Saturday
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday
1 - 5 p.m.

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The Library Board meets the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. All meetings are open to the public.

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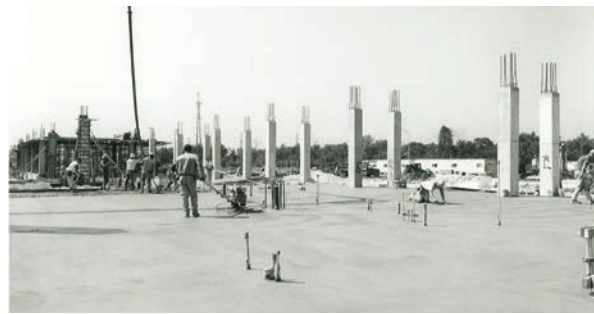
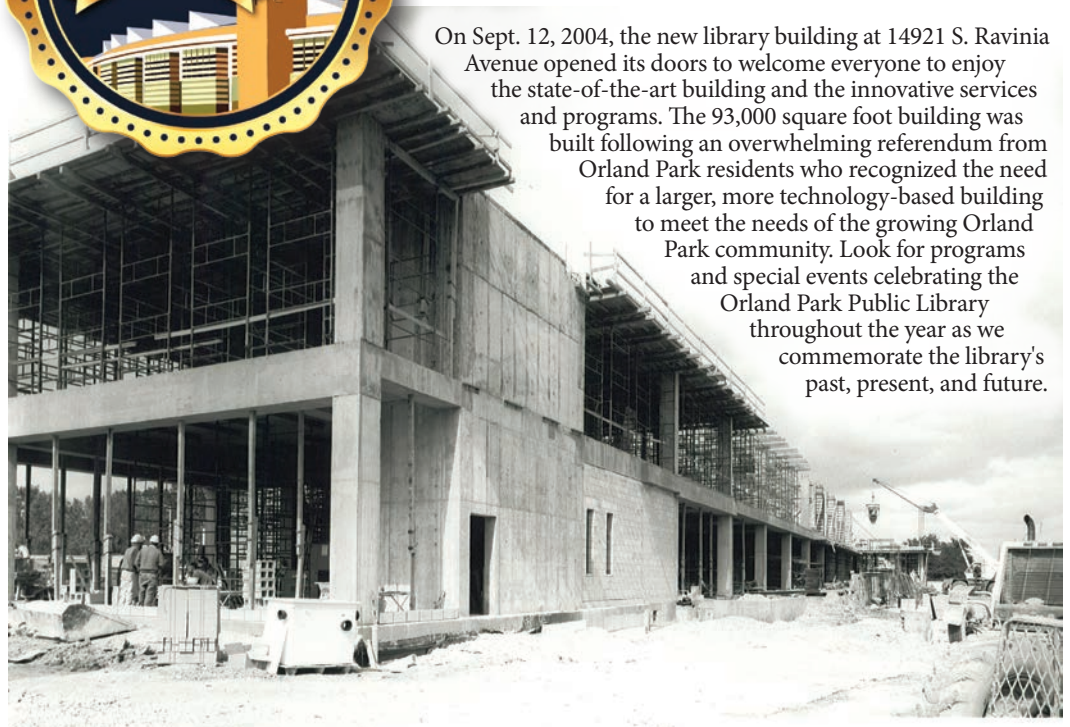


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Library Building Anniversary

On Sept. 12, 2004, the new library building at 14921 S. Ravinia Avenue opened its doors to welcome everyone to enjoy the state-of-the-art building and the innovative services and programs. The 93,000 square foot building was built following an overwhelming referendum from Orland Park residents who recognized the need for a larger, more technology-based building to meet the needs of the growing Orland Park community. Look for programs and special events celebrating the Orland Park Public Library throughout the year as we commemorate the library's past, present, and future.



Winter Reading

Adult Blizzard of Books

Dec. 1 - Feb. 29

Don't forget to register for our Winter Reading Program, Blizzard of Books! Every book you read will give you one entry into our gift baskets drawing. Stop by the Adult Services Desk to sign up!

Gift Baskets this year include:

- A Cozy Night In Basket featuring a blanket, popcorn maker and supplies, "flaming" humidifier, mug cake, and a tissue box cover.
- Read a Latte Basket featuring coffee, milk frother, iced coffee drink holder, flavor syrups, ice nugget maker, and insulated travel mug.
- Sno-more Problems Basket featuring hand warmers, a portable charger, ice scraping mitt, deicer solution, snow windshield cover, and a snowball maker.

Teen Read a Latte

Dec. 1 - Feb. 29

Read books throughout the winter months to win gift cards to local coffee shops. Read five books and get a free book. Use the Beanstack app to track your progress and enter the drawings.

Youth Reading Dragons

Dec. 1 - Feb. 29

Sign-up to collect different trading cards with Reading Dragons and other Mythical Creatures. Every two hours read gets you more trading cards! When you complete your set, enter to win fantastical prizes!

Adults

Programs are in-person and may require registration. Check the online calendar. Orland Park Public Library cardholders are given priority, but nonresidents can still be waitlisted and will be granted registration if space allows.



SCAN ME

Featured Programs

The Fighting Solidarity Organization

Friday, Jan. 19 at 7 p.m.

Learn more about the Fighting Solidarity Organization and its role in Polish Political History. Presented by Bogdan Goc, Council Member, *Aurea Libertas Institute*, Krakow, Poland. Accompanying exhibit on display January through February.

Coffee and Comfort Dogs

Tuesday, Feb. 6 at 10 a.m.

Chase away the winter blues with a hot cup of coffee (or tea) and a canine cuddle. Healing Hearts Comfort Dogs will be here to help warm your hearts. **REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 15**

War and Wine

Saturday, Feb. 24 at 1 p.m.

Christophe Bakunas, a certified sommelier by the Master Court of Sommelier and owner of Cream Wine Company, discusses the history of World War II through the lens of French vigneron, the battles that raged inside the country, and the power of the French resistance in the world of wine. **REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 15**

Learning the Night Sky

Friday, March 8 at 6:30 p.m.

The next solar eclipse is Monday, April 8. Join David Fuller from the "Eyes on the Sky" YouTube channel as he talks about solar eclipses and teaches us about the different objects we can see in the night sky.

REGISTRATION OPENS: FEB. 15

Discovering Witches: The Real Records and Manuscripts

Thursday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Genealogist, author, and librarian Debra Dudek uncovers the real records and printed resources seen in your favorite shows, what the writers used as inspiration, and how to access historical resources for free from home.

REGISTRATION OPENS: FEB. 15

The Taylor Swif-Tea Party

Sunday, March 17 at 2 p.m.

Dear Reader, did you miss the Eras Tour? Think you know the songs and stories *All Too Well*? Then celebrate all things Taylor Swift with us in *Style!* Come for tea and treats with your fellow Swifties, then *Stay Stay Stay* for bracelet making and Taylor trivia. You might even win a *Gorgeous* prize! *Long Story Short*, it's going to be a blast. Only one *Question*...are you *Ready For It*? **REGISTRATION OPENS: FEB. 15**

Black Sox, Billy Goats, and da Monsters of da Midway

Wednesday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m.

From "Ruth's Called Shot" to "The Shot," Chicago is filled with sports legends, legions, and lore. Come learn about the why, when, and how of Chicago team sports.

REGISTRATION OPENS: MARCH 15

Essentials of Estate Planning

Tuesday, April 16 at 6 p.m.

This program covers the estate planning process from beginning to end and will explain the difference between a will and a trust.

REGISTRATION OPENS: MARCH 15

Meet the Artist

Landscapes

Friday, March 1 at 7 p.m.

Tahere Mousavi
Paintings

The Hybridity of Cultures
Friday, April 5 at 7 p.m.

Alex Brightbill-Velazquez
Printmaking

Food and Drinks

Cheese 101

Wednesday, Jan. 24 at 6:30 p.m.

Meredith Meder of Full Circle Cheese will introduce and discuss different milk types, and cheese styles, as well as how to buy, cut, and store cheeses. This class is ideal for a novice or if you just love cheese! Samples will be served. **REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 2**

Tea 101

Monday, Feb. 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Join us for an intimate tea education experience with hands-on brewing and serving. From white and green to black and herbal, we will hit all the highlights. Tea samples will be served. **REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 15**

Brunch Celebration Ideas

Monday, March 11 at 3 p.m.

Chef Susan Maddox returns by popular demand! Get your mid-morning started off right by learning some great recipes, as well as methods and techniques where breakfast and lunch fans come together. Samples will be served. **REGISTRATION OPENS: FEB. 15**

Boost Your Mood With Food

Tuesday, April 23 at 6:30 p.m.

Leilah Siegel from the University of Illinois Extension talks about which foods to eat and which to avoid for better mental health and wellness. **REGISTRATION OPENS: MARCH 15**

Did You Know?

Looking to sit back and enjoy some of the greatest films to hit the silver screen? Check out our Classic Movies DVD collection on the second floor! The library has cultivated an extensive selection of films made prior to 1980 and new titles are added regularly.

Questions and title suggestions are welcome at the Adult Services Desk; contact our friendly staff at (708) 428-5150 or reference@orlandparklibrary.org to learn more.



Guided Meditation

Guided Visualization and Imagery

Tuesday, Jan. 16
at 10:30 a.m.

This class focuses on using mental imagery and visualization techniques to create a sense of calm and relaxation.

REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 2

Sound Bath Meditation

Tuesday, Jan. 30
at 6:30 p.m.

Immerse yourself in the harmonious vibrations of crystal bowls, soothing melodies, and guided meditation with SoundBowlBae to unlock inner peace and relaxation.

REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 2

Mindfulness

Tuesday, Feb. 20
at 10:30 a.m.

This class focuses on cultivating present-moment awareness, allowing participants to observe their thoughts and emotions without judgement.

REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 15

Loving-Kindness

Tuesday, March 19
at 10:30 a.m.

Loving-Kindness meditation encourages participants to generate feelings of love and compassion towards themselves and others.

REGISTRATION OPENS: FEB. 15

Body-Mind Connection

Tuesday, April 16
at 10:30 a.m.

This class explores the connection between physical sensations, emotions, and thoughts.

REGISTRATION OPENS: MARCH 15

Concerts

Concert in the Lobby: Catalano-Sudman Piano Duo

Friday, Jan. 19 at 2 p.m.

Back by popular demand! From Rome, Italy, Katrina Sudman and Vincent Catalano perform classical piano together.

Dueling Pianos

Saturday, Feb. 3 at 2 p.m.

Windy City Dueling Pianos combines high-energy live music played on two pianos by two highly skilled entertainers with hilarious, interactive comedy!

Concert in the Lobby: Eddie Wojcik Tribute Band

Sunday, Feb. 18 at 2 p.m.

Eddie Wojcik and his brother, Sylvester, put together one of the premier Polka/Dance Bands of the 1960s. Their musical performances span over 5 decades. Ted Wojcik leads the band as a homage to his Uncle Ed and his father Sylvester. You will hear many of their original arrangements and novelty pieces including the "Bartender Polka" and "Who Stole the Keeshka."

Concert in the Lobby: The Kilgubbin Brothers

Sunday, March 3 at 2 p.m.

Join us for exciting traditional Irish music with Seán Cleland, master fiddle player and executive director of the Irish Music School of Chicago, and his multi-instrumental accompanists.

Concert in the Lobby: Denny Diamond

Monday, March 18 at 6:30 p.m.

Experience "The World's Okayest Vocalist Variety Show," a tribute to the hit makers from the 50s, 60s, 70s, and beyond. It's a real musical variety show full of music, stories, and fun.

Concert in the Lobby: Harpist LeAnne Bennion

Sunday, April 21 at 2 p.m.

As a concert harpist and classical artist, LeAnne Bennion has performed with Chicago Philharmonic, Chicago Symphonic Winds, The Salt Lake Symphony, Salt Lake Pops Orchestra, and The Cathedral Choir of the St. James, among others. Come and enjoy this beautiful musical performance.

Pop Up Piano Concerts

Bree Beezhold

Thursdays at 11 a.m.

Jan. 11 & 18 Feb. 1, 8, & 15
March 7, 14, & 21 April 11, 18, & 25

Justin Prince

Mondays at Noon

Jan. 22 Feb. 19 & 26
March 25 April 1 & 29

Watland & Kuester Piano Duo

Saturday, April 13 at 2 p.m.



Crafts

Adult Take & Makes

Saturdays at 9 a.m.

Jan. 6: Beaded Snowflake

Feb. 3: Paper Flower Earrings

March 2: Bunny Cube

April 6: Ice Cream Ornament

Feeling crafty? Pick up a Take & Make at the Adult Services Desk. Available starting at 9 a.m., while supplies last. Instructions are always available on the library website.



Tropical Getaway Floral Arranging

Saturday, Jan. 27 at 1 & 3 p.m.

Learn basic flower design skills while making your own tropical arrangement to take home. All materials will be provided. Register for only 1 session. **REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 2**

Valentine's Day Cards Using Canva and Cricut

Sunday, Feb. 4 at 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Learn how to make a Valentine's Day card using Canva and Cricut together. **LIMIT 6 PER SESSION. REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 15**

Valentine's Day Paint Party

Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 10 a.m.

Paint your own Valentine's Day themed masterpiece! **REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 15**

Origami Tulips

Saturday, March 16 at 10 a.m.

Learn to create origami tulips with step-by-step instruction. **REGISTRATION OPENS: FEB. 15**

Easter Cricut Candy Carrot Box

Sunday, March 24 at 1:30 p.m. & 3:30 p.m.

Learn how to make a carrot-shaped candy box using the Cricut machine. **LIMIT 6 PER SESSION. REGISTRATION OPENS: FEB. 15**

Traditional Middle Eastern Embroidery and Tea

Monday, April 15 at 2 p.m.

Learn the timeless trade of Middle-Eastern cross-stitching over a cup of tea. **REGISTRATION OPENS: MARCH 15**

Craft Swap

Saturday, April 27 at Noon - 3 p.m.

Donations accepted Jan. 2 - April 20

Donate your extra craft supplies in good condition to the library! We are seeking yarn, knitting and crochet supplies, scrapbooking materials, beading supplies, ribbon, embroidery kits, sewing materials, paint, pencil crafts, etc. On April 27, come and "shop" from the donated materials. No donation necessary to participate!

Mother's Day Surprise Using the Glowforge

Sunday, April 21 at 1:30 p.m. & 3:30 p.m.

Choose from one of five wooden templates to show mom how you feel! Customize it with flowers or other decoration types. **LIMIT 6 PER SESSION. REGISTRATION OPENS: MARCH 15**

Paper Lilacs

Wednesday, April 24 at 6:30 p.m.

Learn to create paper lilacs with step-by-step instruction. **REGISTRATION OPENS: MARCH 15**

Try Something New

Intro to eBooks

Wednesday, Jan. 17 at 10 a.m.

Curious about checking out eBooks through the library? We'll teach you everything you need to know to get started and troubleshoot common issues. **REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 2**

Cardio Drumming

Wednesday, Feb. 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Get moving and work up a sweat with a fun drumstick workout! Bring a water bottle and drum the stress away. **REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 15**

Intro to Pickleball

Tuesday, March 26 at 6 p.m.

Nathan Taylor from Pickled in Wheaton will discuss the history of Pickleball and how to play it. **REGISTRATION OPENS: FEB. 15**

Learn to Play Mahjong

Monday, April 8 at 10 a.m.

Curious about this Chinese tile game? Eric Bennion from Fair Game talks about the game and how it is played. **REGISTRATION OPENS: MARCH 15**

Poetry Workshop

Thursday, April 18 at 10 a.m.

Using different exercises and techniques, we will work together to create pieces that even the most novice poets would be proud of. **REGISTRATION OPENS: MARCH 15**

Golf Fitness

Tuesday, April 30 at 6:30 p.m.

Preparing your body for golf allows you to swing with more freedom and helps avoid injury. This is a hands-on hour where you'll learn simple but effective total body mobility movements that can be incorporated into your current workout or done as a stand-alone routine. **REGISTRATION OPENS: MARCH 15**

Welcome to Dungeons & Dragons

Monday, Jan. 29 at 6 p.m.

An introduction to Dungeons & Dragons that will discuss the game's structure and how to start playing. **REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 2**

Create Characters for Dungeons & Dragons

Monday, Feb. 26 at 6 p.m.

Learn to create a character to use in Dungeons & Dragons. We will discuss character inspiration, digital tools, and more. (Laptops/tablets welcome) **REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 15**

Becoming a Game Master for Dungeons & Dragons

Monday, March 25 at 6 p.m.

Interested in running your own games of Dungeons & Dragons? Come to this workshop to discuss ways of starting your own adventures. (Laptops/tablets welcome) **REGISTRATION OPENS: FEB. 15**

Career

Careers in the Trades: Pipefitters/HVAC

Thursday, Jan. 18
at 6:30 p.m.

Interested in a career in the trades? Adam Sutter from the Pipefitters Union 597 Training Center talks about their three, 5-year paid apprenticeship programs: HVAC/R, Building Trades, and Gas Distribution.
REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 2

Resumé Revamp

Thursday, Feb. 8
at 6:30 p.m.

Don't wait for unemployment to update your resumé! Attendees will learn each component of a resumé in an engaging and interactive way, using real-world examples and class exercises.
REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 15

LinkedIn Basics

Monday, Feb. 19 at 7 p.m.

Learn how to utilize LinkedIn tools to manage your professional career in this lecture presentation.
LIMIT 20. REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 15

Start a Career in IT

Friday, March 8 at 6 p.m.

Want to start an Information Technology career? This lecture-style class will go over different paths to becoming an IT professional including popular certifications and different IT specialties.
LIMIT 20. REGISTRATION OPENS: FEB. 15

Ace the Interview and Get the Job Offer!

Thursday, April 4
at 6:30 p.m.

Every job seeker knows that the MOST stressful part of a job search is the interview. This presentation shows how to prepare, stay focused, and properly follow-up after the interview.
REGISTRATION OPENS: MARCH 15

Small Business

Intro to SCORE

Monday, Jan. 22
at 3 p.m.

SCORE provides free mentorship for small business owners. They can help you start, grow, or successfully exit a business. Small business owners who receive three or more hours of mentoring report higher revenues and increased growth.
REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 2

Starting a Business in Illinois

Tuesday, Feb. 20
at 6:30 p.m.

Are you interested in starting a business? Felicitas Cortez, an expert from the Women's Business Development Center, will cover what you need to know when opening a business in Illinois.
REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 15

PR Secrets from a Media Insider

Thursday, March 21
at 6 p.m.

Come and learn how to craft compelling, publication-ready news releases, establish yourself as an expert in your field, use social media to expand your communications reach, and secure media coverage that leads to greater profits.
REGISTRATION OPENS: FEB. 15

Security Awareness for Businesses

Wednesday, April 17
at 6 p.m.

This lecture-style class will discuss common internet threats and best practices to protect your small business.

Writing a Business Plan

Thursday, April 18
at 6:30 p.m.

Participants will learn elements of writing a business plan. Topics covered will include the Full Business Plan, Lean Plan, and Cash Flow projections.
REGISTRATION OPENS: MARCH 15

Monthly Features

Library Tours

Wednesdays at 1 p.m.

Feb. 14 **REGISTRATION OPENS JAN. 15**
April 10 **REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 15**

Have you ever wanted to explore the library? Come learn about the library's history and see all the new spaces the library has to offer!

Writers' Group

Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

Jan. 2, Feb. 6, March 5, & April 2

Join us to read and discuss your work and the work of your fellow writers. All subjects and genres welcome.

Bingo

Saturdays at 2 p.m.

Jan. 20, Feb. 17, March 16, & April 20

Join us for casual Saturday afternoon bingo fun! Drop-ins welcome.

Spice Club

Saturdays

Jan. 13, Feb. 10, March 9, & April 13

Spice up your cooking with Spice Club! Stop by the Adult Services Desk each month to receive a sample of a new spice along with a booklet of delicious recipes. Available starting at 9 a.m., while supplies last.

Say Goodbye to Subscriptions

Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Jan. 10 **REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 2**
March 20 **REGISTRATION OPENS: FEB. 15**

Looking to cancel your newspaper and magazine subscriptions? Learn how to receive your daily news and entertainment using your library card! We'll discuss how to freely access the Chicago Tribune, the Chicago Sun-Times, Consumer Reports, and more.

Book Box

Tuesdays

Jan. 30: Romance

REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 2

Feb. 27: Cozy Mystery

REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 15

March 26: Graphic Novels/Manga

REGISTRATION OPENS: FEB. 15

April 30: True Crime

REGISTRATION OPENS: MARCH 15

Can't decide what to read? Sign up for our Book Box program! Each month, registrants will receive a genre-themed box packed with librarian-selected books to borrow, along with treats, goodies, and other exciting swag. Please register for each month separately. Boxes not picked up after one week will be returned. OPPL cardholders only.

Thursday Classic Matinee

Thursdays at 2 p.m.

Jan. 25: *It Happened One Night*

REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 2

Feb. 22: *The Heiress*

REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 15

March 28: *The Quiet Man*

REGISTRATION OPENS: FEB. 15

April 25: *Casablanca*

REGISTRATION OPENS: MARCH 15

They sure don't make 'em like they used to. Whether you're a film novice or a classic movie connoisseur, you're welcome to join us on the fourth Thursday of the month for our Thursday Classic Matinee. Popcorn will be provided by Marcus Orland Park Cinema!



Caregiving

Dementia Caregiver Support Group

Mondays at 2:30 p.m.

Jan. 15, 29 Feb. 12, 26
March 11, 25 April 8, 22

Designed for those caring for a loved one with dementia. Come to relax, share, learn, and connect with fellow caregivers and local experts. This program is exclusively for caregivers. Registration is not required, but encouraged for planning purposes.

Memory Café

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Feb. 7 **REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 15**
March 6 **REGISTRATION OPENS: FEB. 15**
April 3 **REGISTRATION OPENS: MARCH 15**

A social gathering for people living with Alzheimer's and related dementias and their care partners. Each session includes an activity and gives participants a chance to enjoy time together. Offered in partnership with Pathlights Senior Services.



Understanding Caregiver Stress and Self-Care Strategies

Friday, March 15 at 1 p.m.

While taking care of a friend or family member may be a labor of love, it can also be extremely stressful. Kandis Draw, Community Education Associate and Research Liaison for the HAP Foundation will discuss the physical, emotional, and financial stressors that caregivers may face. Caregivers need to take care of their own well-being in order to be able to care for another person. Together, you will explore tips and strategies for self-care. **REGISTRATION OPENS: FEB. 15**

Communication Strategies for Alzheimer's Disease

Friday, April 12 at 1 p.m.

Patricia McClure-Chessier is the Award-Winning Author of *Losing a Hero to Alzheimer's: The Story of Pearl* and *A Caregiver's Guide for Alzheimer's and Dementia: Nine Key Principles*. McClure-Chessier will share her and her mother's care partner journey and the communication strategies she developed to avoid power struggles, address non-compliance, and manage challenging behaviors. Presented in partnership with Pathlights. **REGISTRATION OPENS: MARCH 15**

Early Memory Loss Support Group

Thursdays from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

April 11, 18, 25 May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

The library, in partnership with the Alzheimer's Association and Pathlights, hosts an eight-week support group for those living with early-stage dementia or MCI (mild cognitive impairment), and their care partners. "Early stage" refers to people, irrespective of age, who are diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or related disorders, and are in the beginning stages of the disease. Pre-screening is required BEFORE registration. Please contact Catherine Stowers at cstowers@pathlights.org or (708) 361-0219 to begin the screening process.



Older Adults

Housing and Home Care Options for Older Adults

Wednesday, April 3 at 2 p.m.

Determining whether to age in place or seek new housing can be overwhelming. Mark Levy specializes in helping older adults and their families make personalized decisions for care and safety as we age. Join Levy for an interactive presentation about housing, care options, and financial considerations when planning for yourself or a loved one. **REGISTRATION OPENS: MARCH 15**

My Home. My Castle. My Options.

Tuesday, April 9 at 2 p.m.

The children have moved out. What do I do with the house now? Stay? Sell? Sell by owner? Rent it? Do I really want to be a landlord? Take out a reverse mortgage? And, how and when do I give it to my children? Attorney Michael J. Maslanka will address all these homeowner questions...and more. **REGISTRATION OPENS: MARCH 15**

Community

English Conversation Café

Mondays from 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Jan. 22, 29
Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26
March 4, 11, 18, 25
April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

An informal, mixed level group, guided by a teacher. Anyone with a basic working knowledge of English can attend. Childcare is not available, but parents or caregivers may bring young children who can occupy themselves during the program. **REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 2**

The Opioid Crisis & Saving Lives with Naloxone

Wednesday, Feb. 7 at 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 10 at Noon

Opioid overdoses are a serious public health concern in our communities. The University of Illinois Extension has partnered with the Cook County Department of Public Health to provide free trainings on how to recognize the symptoms of an opioid overdose and administer life-saving naloxone.

Military Care Package Drive

Saturday, April 6
from Noon - 4:30 p.m.

The Veterans' Commission of Orland Park will be collecting care package items for active-duty service members in the lobby. You can donate postage, \$20 sends one package, or donate care package items. For a full list of accepted items please see the event listing on the online calendar. Questions? Contact the Veterans' Commission: veterans@orlandpark.org or call (708) 403-6115.

Rules of the Road Review Course

Thursday, April 18 from 1 - 3 p.m.

This review course is brought to you by the Secretary of State's office. The course combines a thorough explanation of topics to expect in the driving exam with a practice written test. Please note: This is NOT a course which issues a certificate for car insurance premium reductions. **REGISTRATION OPENS: MARCH 15**

Author Visits

Meet the Author: Mia P. Manansala

Thursday, Feb. 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Mia P. Manansala is a writer and certified book coach from Chicago who loves books, baking, and strong women. She is the author of the multi-award-winning Tita Rosie's Kitchen Mystery series and uses humor (and murder) to explore aspects of the Filipino diaspora, queerness, and her millennial love for pop culture. **REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 15**



Author Alan St. Jean Discusses Publishing

Tuesday, April 2 at 6:30 p.m.

Are you a writer who is interested in the publishing process? Award-winning author Alan St. Jean will discuss his experiences as a published author and give advice on independently publishing your work. **REGISTRATION OPENS: MARCH 15**

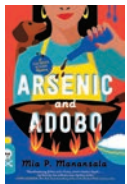


Book Discussions

New members are always welcome. Drop in anytime! Copies of book discussion titles are available at the Adult Services Desk and on our Libby app.

A Novel Morning Book Club

Join us every fourth Monday of the month to discuss a variety of genres and authors. You can participate in person or online as our discussions are a hybrid of in-person and Zoom participants. Email reference@orlandparklibrary.org for the Zoom link.



Arsenic and Adobo

by Mia P. Manansala
Cozy Mystery

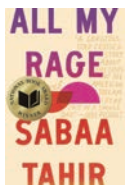
Monday, Jan. 22
at 10 a.m.



The Paris Library

by Janet Skeslien Charles
Historical Fiction

Monday, Feb. 26
at 10 a.m.



All My Rage

by Sabaa Tahir
Fiction

Monday, March 25
at 10 a.m.



Crying in H Mart

by Michelle Zauner
Memoir

Monday, April 22
at 10 a.m.



The Elephants in my Backyard

by Rajiv Surendra
Memoir

Tuesday, Jan. 9
at 7 p.m.



Hula

by Jasmin Iolani Hakes
Historical Fiction

Tuesday, Feb. 13
at 7 p.m.



Razorblade Tears

by S.A. Cosby
Thriller

Tuesday, March 12
at 7 p.m.



The Man Who Could Move Clouds

by Ingrid Rojas Contreras
Memoir

Tuesday, April 9
at 7 p.m.



Book Memorials

Celebrate loved ones and special occasions

Monetary donations accepted. To learn more, email gifts@orlandparklibrary.org.

In memory of **Irene Muntner**, *The Other Mothers* by Katherine Faulkner, has been donated by **Larry and Sharon Wsol**.

In memory of **Irene Muntner**, *Zero-Sum Stories* by Joyce Carol Oates, has been donated by **the Orland Park Public Library Board of Trustees and Staff**.

Computer Classes

iPad Basics

Wednesday, Jan. 17 at 2 p.m.

This lecture-style class will cover basic iPad functions, including turning the device on/off, locking, home screen layout, volume controls, the home button, keyboard, web browser, saving contacts, and the calendar.

LIMIT 20. REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 2

iPhone Basics

Tuesday, Jan. 23 at 11 a.m.

This introductory class will cover the basic functions of iPhones, how to navigate throughout the device, and how to check for updates.

This is a lecture presentation with time for some specific hands-on questions at the end.

LIMIT 20. REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 2

iPhone Intermediate

Thursday, Jan. 25 at 11 a.m.

This intermediate class will go over iPhone functions such as screen mirroring, Bluetooth, the calendar, and more. This is a lecture presentation with time for some specific hands-on questions at the end.

LIMIT 20. REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 2

Canva Basics

Thursday, Jan. 25 at 6 p.m.

Learn how to use this graphic design program to make all kinds of fun projects: both print and digital. **LIMIT 14. REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 2**

Android Basics

Monday, Jan. 29 at 11 a.m.

Learn the basics of the Android operating system running on billions of phones and tablets around the world. We will cover basic setup, functions, how to install/manage apps, and more. This is a lecture presentation with time for some specific hands-on questions at the end.

LIMIT 20. REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 2

Microsoft Word Basics

Thursday, Feb. 1 at 6 p.m.

Discover the basics of Microsoft Word, including navigation through the application and basic features in this hands-on class.

LIMIT 14. REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 15

AI Chatbots and You

Tuesday, Feb. 6 at 7 p.m.

In this ChatGPT focused lecture you will learn what an artificial intelligence (AI) chatbot is, what has been done with them, and what they can do for you.

LIMIT 20. REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 15

Excel Basics: Terms and Navigation

Monday, Feb. 12 at 11 a.m.

In this class, we will discuss the terms and navigation of Microsoft's spreadsheet product, Excel, while you follow along on the computer.

LIMIT 14. REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 15

Microsoft Word Intermediate

Thursday, Feb. 15 at 6 p.m.

In this intermediate level hands-on class, we will look at how to create labels, use mail merge to speed up the mass sending of personalized emails, and create flyers/posters.

LIMIT 14. REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 15

Excel Intermediate: Formulas

Thursday, Feb. 22 at 7 p.m.

This hands-on class will demonstrate the power of formulas in Excel to calculate and streamline data.

LIMIT 14. REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 15

Excel Advanced: Pivot Tables and Charts

Tuesday, Feb. 27 at 7 p.m.

This advanced hands-on class will show how to prepare data and how to use and manipulate pivot tables and charts in Excel. Prior familiarity with Excel is required for this class.

LIMIT 14. REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 15

Microsoft PowerPoint Basics

Saturday, March 2 at 2 p.m.

In this hands-on class, learn and practice the fundamentals of creating a slideshow using text and images to create, edit, save, and share a presentation.

LIMIT 14. REGISTRATION OPENS: FEB. 15

Computers 101

Tuesday, March 5 at 6 p.m.

In this hands-on class, you will learn the various parts of a computer, how to use the mouse, how to open/close a program, and how to properly turn on/off the computer.

LIMIT 14. REGISTRATION OPENS: FEB. 15

Computers 201

Tuesday, March 12 at 6 p.m.

This hands-on class will build upon the foundation of the previous Computer 101 class. You will learn how to create folders, surf the internet, and receive basic knowledge of Windows 10 and 11.

LIMIT 14. REGISTRATION OPENS: FEB. 15

Music Conversion

Thursday, March 14 at 11 a.m.

Learn how to convert vinyl albums and audio cassettes to digital audio on a computer using equipment available at the library in this lecture-style class.

LIMIT 10. REGISTRATION OPENS: FEB. 15

Google Docs

Saturday, March 16 at 2 p.m.

Learn how to create, edit, and share documents with Google's word processing program in this hands-on class.

LIMIT 14. REGISTRATION OPENS: FEB. 15

Gmail/Google Drive

Tuesday, March 19 at 6 p.m.

Find out how to set up and use a Google email account. Also, discover more about Google Drive, a cloud-based solution for composing, storing, and collaborating on various types of documents in this hands-on class.

LIMIT 20. REGISTRATION OPENS: FEB. 15

Basics of Internet Safety

Wednesday, March 20 at 11 a.m.

Staying safe online is essential in today's world. Use these tips to keep yourself protected. This is a lecture presentation.

LIMIT 20. REGISTRATION OPENS: FEB. 15

Intro to 3D Printing

Tuesday, March 26 at 11 a.m.

This class is a lecture overview on everything 3D printing. You'll learn how 3D printing works, startup costs, and how to get a digital model from your PC to the printer.

LIMIT 20. REGISTRATION OPENS: FEB. 15

Google Sheets

Thursday, March 28 at 6 p.m.

This introductory hands-on class will show you how to create, edit, and share spreadsheets with Google Sheets.

LIMIT 14. REGISTRATION OPENS: FEB. 15

Intro to 3D Modeling

Tuesday, April 2 at 11 a.m.

This introductory lecture-style class covers 3D modeling basics from start to finish, including modeling techniques and exporting files.

LIMIT 20. REGISTRATION OPENS: MARCH 15

Google Slides

Tuesday, April 9 at 6 p.m.

Discover how to prepare and share slideshow presentations with Google Slides in this hands-on class.

LIMIT 14. REGISTRATION OPENS: MARCH 15

Cut the Cable

Monday, April 29 at 7 p.m.

Learn how to cut your cable subscription and look at local internet service options, as well as the equipment necessary to get your home ready for a streaming-only experience.

Did You Know?

Loaner laptops (Mac and Windows) are available to Orland Park Public Library card holders for use only inside the library. Loaner laptops can be borrowed at the Computer Help Desk by patrons 13 and older.



Teens

Programs are for Teens in grades 6-12 unless otherwise noted. All events are in person unless otherwise noted. Register for each program through the library's online calendar at orlandpark.librarycalendar.com.



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Teen Subscription Boxes

Fridays at 9 a.m.

Feb. 2 - Romance/Friendship

REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 15

March 1 - Fantasy

REGISTRATION OPENS: FEB. 15

April 5 - Fairy Tale Retellings

REGISTRATION OPENS: MARCH 15

Register for a Teen Subscription Box geared to the genre of the month. It will contain at least 2 books that you'll need to return to the library, PLUS special items and snacks that you get to keep. Box pick up is for one week at the Teen Desk. Program is available to Orland Park Public Library cardholders only. Register for each month separately. Space is limited.

Paint a Latte

Tuesday, Jan. 23 at 5 p.m.

Register and celebrate our Read a Latte Winter Reading program by painting a cool picture, eating some cookies, and drinking hot chocolate. REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 2

Photo Keychains

Monday, Jan. 29 at 5 p.m.

Decorate your own photo keychain with charms and stickers. You can bring in your own picture or K-pop Mini Photocards. Photocards and pictures will not be provided.

REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 2

DIY Mini Koala Squishmallow

Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 5 p.m.

Create a cute, cuddly stuffed friend.

REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 15

Digital SAT Practice Tests

Saturday, Feb. 24 from 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 25 from 1:30 - 4 p.m.

GRADES 9-12. Register to take a practice version of the updated digital SAT in our computer lab, and see how you do. REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 15

Fake Cake Boxes

Monday, Feb. 26 at 5 p.m.

Make your very own viral fake cake box to store your jewelry or trinkets in! REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 15

Paying for College 101

Tuesday, Feb. 27 at 7 p.m.

GRADES 6-12 AND ADULTS. Join Maria Koeppen and explore the cost of college, types of financial aid, scholarships and grants, student loans, creating a budget, and money-saving tips.

Paint and Sip: Aesthetic CD

Monday, March 11 at 5 p.m.

Decorate a CD to add to your room décor.

REGISTRATION OPENS: FEB. 15

Hobbit/Fairy Door Wreaths

Tuesday, March 26 at 5 p.m.

Celebrate March with this Hobbit/Fairy Door inspired project. REGISTRATION OPENS: FEB. 15

Custom Patches

Monday, April 8 at 5 p.m.

Register to design your own patches!

REGISTRATION OPENS: MARCH 15

No Sew Pop Tart® Pillow and Pop Tart® Tasting

Tuesday, April 23 at 5 p.m.

See if you can guess Pop Tart® flavors and vote on your favorites! Then create an awesome mini pillow! REGISTRATION OPENS: MARCH 15

Teen Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament

Saturday, April 27 at 2 p.m.

A 1 vs. 1 tournament to determine the library's best Super Smash Bros. Ultimate player! Bringing your own controller is welcome but not required. REGISTRATION OPENS: MARCH 15

Take & Makes

Pickup begins at 9 a.m.

Beaded Rings

Friday, Jan. 5

Hair Clip Charms

Thursday, Feb. 8

Clay Lucky Charm

Friday, March 15

Mason Jar Lid Sun Catcher

Monday, April 8

DIY Coffee Shop Stickers

Wednesday, Jan. 10

Slap Bracelets

Friday, Feb. 23

Cottagecore Origami Mushrooms

Friday, March 29

Perler Bead Instax Photo Picture Frame

Tuesday, April 16

Volunteer Hours

Anyone in grades 6-12 can participate in our service hour opportunities, unless otherwise noted. All in-person service hour programming requires registration through our online calendar. If you cannot attend the opportunities that you have registered for, be sure to either cancel online or call us to cancel. If you miss more than two opportunities without canceling, you will not be able to register for future opportunities. The library does not provide service hours for court mandated issues. Students must provide their own service hour paperwork. Hours are given out at the discretion of library staff.

Little Free Pantry Stockers

Mondays at 5 p.m.

Jan. 8 **REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 2**
Feb. 5 **REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 15**
March 4 **REGISTRATION OPENS: FEB. 15**
April 1 **REGISTRATION OPENS: MARCH 15**

Help us keep our Little Free Pantry stocked. You will need to attend a mandatory 1-hour training session and commit to visiting the library once a week for the month you are registered for. Meet at the Teen Desk for training. See our Teen Service Hours website for more details. Registration is required for each month you are planning to help out.

Blind Date with a Book Project

Tuesday, Jan. 30 at 5 p.m.

HOURS EARNED: 1

Register to help us with our "Blind Date with a Book" display by choosing books, wrapping them up, and decorating the wrapping.

REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 2

Reading Buddies

Thursday, Feb. 1 at 6:15 p.m.

REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 15

Thursday, March 28 at 6:15 p.m.

REGISTRATION OPENS: FEB. 15

HOURS EARNED: 1

Pair up with a child and read them stories.

STEAM Buddies

Saturday, March 23 at 1:45 p.m.

HOURS EARNED: 1

Register to buddy up and help little kids complete an amazing STEAM experiment. **REGISTRATION OPENS: FEB. 15**

Bluey Obstacle Course

Tuesday, March 12
from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

HOURS EARNED: 2

Create a Bluey obstacle course for kids, then stick around to help them complete it. **REGISTRATION OPENS: FEB. 15**

Magazine Giveaway

Sunday, April 7 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

HOURS EARNED: 3

Help set up our magazine giveaway.

REGISTRATION OPENS: MARCH 15

Nature Buddies

Friday, April 12 at 6:15 p.m.

HOURS EARNED: 1

Buddy up with a child to build and decorate a butterfly house.

REGISTRATION OPENS: MARCH 15

Cards for Hospitalized Kids

Sunday April 28 from 2 - 4 p.m.

HOURS EARNED: 2

Register to earn service hours by making special cards.

REGISTRATION OPENS: MARCH 15

Take, Make, & Bring Back

Pick up your kits at the Teen Desk, while supplies last. Hurry, they go FAST! Be sure to follow ALL instructions in your kit to earn service hours. You may only have one kit out at a time. Once you return your finished kit, you can take another one. Teens must be present to pickup and return Take, Make and Bring Back kits.

Decorate A Latte

Month of January

HOURS EARNED: 1

Pick up a latte kit, decorate your latte, and return your work to the Teen Desk to earn hours. Lattes will be used to decorate the Teen Loft for our Winter Reading Challenge.

Have A Heart: Cards For Hospitalized Kids

Month of February

HOURS EARNED: 2

Pick up a Cards For Kids kit, follow the instructions to make your cards, and return your work to the Teen Desk to earn hours. Cards will be sent to the Cards For Hospitalized Kids group.

Decorate Spring Wooden Cutouts

Month of March

HOURS EARNED: 2

Pick up a Spring Cutout kit, decorate all of the cutouts front and back, and return your work to the Teen Desk to earn hours. Cutouts will be used to decorate the Teen Loft.

Spring Photo Challenge

Months of March & April

HOURS EARNED: VARIES ON HOW MANY PROMPTS ARE COMPLETED

Pick up the Spring Photo Challenge instructions from the Teen Desk. Choose at least 5 prompts, take your pictures, print them, and then bring in your photos to earn service hours. Photos will be used to decorate the Teen Loft.

Poetry Month Poem Challenge

Month of April

HOURS EARNED: 2

Pick up your Poem Challenge instructions from the Teen Desk, compose your poem, and turn in your poem to the Teen Desk to earn service hours. All poems will be displayed in our Teen Loft (without the Teens' names.)

MORE VOLUNTEER HOURS ON PAGES 12-16

Look for the capital 'V' symbol next to children's events on pages 12-16. Register online using the calendar of events.



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VIRTUAL SERVICE HOURS

More information on programs and additional virtual service hour opportunities can be found on our Teen Service Hours webpage.



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Children

All programs are in-person. Please pay attention to age restrictions and program limits. OPPL cardholders are given priority, but nonresidents can be waitlisted and will be allowed registration 5 days before the event if space allows.



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Storytime Schedule

Register at 9 a.m. on January 2 for January programs, January 15 for February programs, February 15 for March programs, and March 15 for April programs.

Tuesdays

Toddler Time

at 10 a.m.

Jan. 16 - April 30

24-47 MONTHS

WITH PARENT OR CAREGIVER.

Wednesdays

Baby Lapsit Storytime

at 10 a.m.

Jan. 17 - April 24

AGES BIRTH-11 MONTHS.

Baby Walkers Storytime

at 11 a.m.

Jan. 17 - April 24

AGES 12-23 MONTHS.

Arabic Storytime

at 4:30 p.m.

Jan. 24, Feb. 28, March 27, & April 24

ALL AGES. NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Thursdays

Once Upon a Time Storytime

at 10 a.m.

Jan. 18 - April 25

ALL AGES.

Night Owls Storytime

at 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 25

Feb. 8 & 22

March 7 & 21

April 4 & 18

ALL AGES.

Saturdays

Bright Starts Family Storytime

at 10 a.m.

Jan. 20 - April 27

ALL AGES.

READING DRAGONS

WINTER READING PROGRAM

Dec. 1 - Feb. 29
Birth - Grade 5

Sign-up to collect different trading cards with Reading Dragons and other Mythical Creatures. Every two hours read gets you more trading cards! When you complete your set, enter to win fantastical prizes!



Birth-23 Months

With parent or caregiver.

Baby Subscription Boxes

February-April

Each box will contain library board books (already checked out to you), a small craft or activity, and a little something extra. Return the library books, keep everything else! If you do not pick up your box, you will not be permitted to sign up for the next month. This program is limited to Orland Park Public Library cardholders only. **LIMIT 15. REGISTER AT 9 A.M. JAN. 15 FOR FEB. PROGRAMS. REGISTER AT 9 A.M. FEB. 15 FOR MARCH PROGRAMS. REGISTER AT 9 A.M. MARCH 15 FOR APRIL PROGRAMS.**

Baby Springtime Sensory Play

Monday, April 29 at 11 a.m.

Tuesday, April 30 at 6:30 p.m.

Join us for a spring-themed sensory play time just for babies. Please register for only one session. **REGISTRATION OPENS: MARCH 15**

Ages 2-3

With parent or caregiver.

Play Place

Monday, Jan. 15 at 4 p.m.

Get out of the house but avoid the cold by coming to play at the library! We'll set out different toys to explore while caregivers get a chance to connect. **REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 2**

We Love Letters!

Thursday, Feb. 15
at 6:30 p.m.

Practice the alphabet with Valentine-themed activities! **REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 15**

Hello Spring!

Monday, March 18 at 4 p.m.

Welcome the changing of seasons with spring stories and a craft. **REGISTRATION OPENS: FEB. 15**

Bunny Tales

Saturday, April 13 at 2 p.m.

Hop to the library to read books about bunnies and make a cute craft! **REGISTRATION OPENS: MARCH 15**

Ages 3-6

With parent or caregiver.

Minute to Win It

Saturday, Jan. 27 at 2 p.m.

Participate in a series of silly challenges that you have to finish in 1 minute or less! **REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 2**

Valentine's Day Scavenger Hunt

Feb. 1-14

Can you find the missing hearts for Valentine's Day? Visit the Preschool Area to complete the challenge.

Suit up for the Super Bowl!

Friday, Feb. 9 at 4 p.m.

This movement-based program will have us zipping all around, TOUCHDOWN! **REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 15**

Paw Patrol Party!

Monday, Feb. 19 at 4 p.m.

We'll save the day in many ways with this party full of different games. **REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 15**

Bluey Obstacle Course

Tuesday, March 12 at 6:30 p.m.

Try out a Bluey inspired obstacle course created by Teen Volunteers. **REGISTRATION OPENS: FEB. 15**

Rainbow Collage

Monday, March 25 at 4 p.m.

Use a variety of materials to make a spring rainbow decoration. **REGISTRATION OPENS: FEB. 15**

UNI-CARNIVAL!

Tuesday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Puppycorns, Kittycorns, Unicorns, bring your plushie friends to our Uni-Carnival! **REGISTRATION OPENS: MARCH 15**

Teeny Tiny Terrariums

Monday, April 15 at 4 p.m.

Build a teeny tiny ecosystem to take home in a jar. **REGISTRATION OPENS: MARCH 15**

Life-Sized Self Portraits

Monday, April 22 at 4 p.m.

Decorate a life-sized version of yourself to take home! **REGISTRATION OPENS: MARCH 15**

We're Hatching Baby Chicks!

Month of April

Before they're cute and fluffy, they have to grow, grow, grow! Visit the library during the month of April, and watch the progress of our eggs as they hatch into cuddly little chicks.



Take & Makes

Mystery Take & Makes:

Jan. 3 & 8 at 4 p.m.

Feb. 9 & 26 at 4 p.m.

March 11 & 18 at 4 p.m.

April 12 & 29 at 4 p.m.

Take & Makes are available to all ages starting at 4 p.m. on the dates above. All kits will be a mystery craft and are for Orland Park Public Library cardholders only.

Grades K-2

Dragon's Den Escape Room

Thursday, Jan. 18 at 6:30 p.m.

Solve a series of puzzles to free the dragon's egg from the enchanted chest. [REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 2](#)

Winter Hat Craft

Wednesday, Jan. 31 at 6:30 p.m.

Cozy up, listen to some winter stories and create a magical winter wonderland hat. [REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 2](#)

Reading Buddies

Thursday, Feb. 1 at 6:30 p.m.

[REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 15](#)

Thursday, March 28 at 6:30 p.m.

[REGISTRATION OPENS: FEB. 15](#)

Pair up with a teen volunteer to hear fun stories.

Owl Always Love You

Wednesday, Feb. 7 at 6:30 p.m.

Put together different sized hearts to create an owl that you can give as a gift. [REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 15](#)

Calm Kids Yoga

Saturday, Feb. 10 from 2 - 2:30 p.m.

Learn some new yoga poses from a yoga instructor in this mindfulness-focused program. Bringing your own yoga mat is encouraged but not required. [REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 15](#)

Swirly Shaving Cream Hearts

Wednesday, Feb. 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Make a swirly shaving cream Valentine heart for someone special. [REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 15](#)

Lion and Lamb Craft

Wednesday, March 6 at 6:30 p.m.

Make lion and lamb stick puppets to predict March weather. [REGISTRATION OPENS: FEB. 15](#)

STEAM Buddies

Saturday, March 23 at 2 p.m.

Register to try out one of our amazing STEAM experiments with a teen volunteer. [REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 15](#)

Lucky Shamrock

Saturday, March 16 at 2 p.m.

Have fun finger painting a lucky shamrock while listening to some favorite St. Patrick's Day stories! [REGISTRATION OPENS: FEB. 15](#)

Cheerios Bird Feeder

Wednesday, April 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Create a colorful bird feeder for our feathered friends. [REGISTRATION OPENS: MARCH 15](#)

Broccoli Paintbrushes

Wednesday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m.

Have you ever tried painting with broccoli?! Come and try out this fun painting technique! [REGISTRATION OPENS: MARCH 15](#)

Nature Buddies

Friday, April 12 at 6:30 p.m.

Buddy up with a teen volunteer to build and decorate your very own butterfly house. [REGISTRATION OPENS: MARCH 15](#)

Grades 3-5

STEAM CHALLENGE

Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 16 - Structural Engineering
[REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 2](#)

Feb. 20 - Center of Gravity
[REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 15](#)

March 19 - Spider Web Builders
[REGISTRATION OPENS: FEB. 15](#)

April 16 - Paper Chain Challenge
[REGISTRATION OPENS: MARCH 15](#)

Test your Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math skills with different challenges presented by our librarian. Do you have the skills to beat the challenge?

Knitting Club

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 17 [REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 2](#)

Feb. 21 [REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 15](#)

March 20 [REGISTRATION OPENS: FEB. 15](#)

April 17 [REGISTRATION OPENS: MARCH 15](#)

Do you admire handknit hats, mittens, or scarves? This is your chance to learn to knit, so you can create your own. Parents are invited to accompany their children.

Just Dance

Tuesday, Jan. 30 at 6:30 p.m.

Put on your dancing shoes and get ready to play the popular game Just Dance with all your friends. [REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 2](#)

Preschool Throwback

Tuesday, Feb. 6 at 6:30 p.m.

Let us go back to the days of finger painting and Play-Doh. We will be doing all your favorite activities from preschool. [REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 15](#)

Calm Kids Yoga

Saturday, Feb. 10 from 3 - 3:45 p.m.

Learn some new yoga poses from a yoga instructor in this mindfulness-focused program. Bringing your own yoga mat is encouraged but not required. [REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 15](#)

Stitch it Up: Intro to Embroidery

Thursday, Feb. 29 at 6:30 p.m.

Stitch it up! This is an introduction to embroidery. Using child-safe materials, we'll stitch up a sweet sampler. [REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 15](#)

Black Light Paint and Sip

Tuesday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Prepare for a glow in the dark extravaganza. Join us to paint fun neon paintings, play glow in the dark games, and have a sweet fizzy beverage. [REGISTRATION OPENS: FEB. 15](#)

Rabbits Galore: Intro to Watercolor

Thursday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Using crayons and liquid watercolors, we will use resist techniques to create adorable bunnies. [REGISTRATION OPENS: FEB. 15](#)

Library Mystery Party

Tuesday, April 2 at 6:30 p.m.

Someone has been causing mayhem in the library. We are inviting the best investigators to help solve the mystery and bring the culprit to justice. [REGISTRATION OPENS: MARCH 15](#)

Water Lilies: An Intro to Sculpture

Thursday, April 25 at 6:30 p.m.

Using sturdy paper, we will create beautiful 3D water lilies. [REGISTRATION OPENS: MARCH 15](#)

Grades K-5

Video Game Club

Fridays from 4 - 5:30 p.m.

Jan. 19 **REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 2**
Feb. 16 **REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 15**
March 15 **REGISTRATION OPENS: FEB. 15**
April 19 **REGISTRATION OPENS: MARCH 15**

Hop in for some multiplayer fun on Nintendo Switch games like Mario Kart 8 Deluxe and Super Smash Bros. Ultimate!

Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament

Saturday, March 30 at 2 p.m.

Sign up for our 1 vs. 1 tournament to determine the library's best Super Smash Bros. Ultimate player! We'll supply the gaming gear! **REGISTRATION OPENS: FEB. 15**

Time Traveler Tales: Shel Silverstein

Friday, April 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Happy National Poetry Month! Alex and Sailor Duck go back in time to bring back esteemed poet, Shel Silverstein for a visit! Poetry activities and games will have the whole family giggling! **REGISTRATION OPENS: MARCH 15**

Family Event/All Ages

Move & Groove

Fridays at 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 26 **REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 2**
Feb. 23 **REGISTRATION OPENS: JAN. 15**
March 22 **REGISTRATION OPENS: FEB. 15**
April 26 **REGISTRATION OPENS: MARCH 15**

An upbeat movement pajama party for the family and your favorite stuffie.

Preschool Fair

Saturday, March 2 from 10 a.m. - Noon

Meet representatives from local preschools and learn which fits your child's educational needs.

Ready for Ramadan

Friday, March 8 at 6:30 p.m.

Join us for a night of celebration before Ramadan begins.

Miss Jamie's Farm

Saturday, March 9 at 2 p.m.

Join us for a high energy, interactive musical play with farm animal puppets and Miss Jamie. This event is best for ages 2-8 and their caregivers, but the whole family is welcome.

Get Science with Steve Belliveau

Saturday, April 6 at 2 p.m.

The next eclipse is April 8 and Steve Belliveau is here to teach us about the science of space and astronomy.

Sailor Duck's Scavenger Hunt!

April 7 - 13

Happy National Library Week! Sailor Duck has left clues to his fave places in the Children's Library. Find them all for a prize!



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Magazine Giveaway

Sunday, April 7 at 1 p.m. - Monday, April 8 at Noon

Visit us for our annual magazine giveaway of all last year's magazines. No reserves or requests will be taken. While supplies last. Limits may be enforced for specific titles.

Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale

Saturday, April 13 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. &
Sunday, April 14 from 1 - 4 p.m.



Looking for gently-used books? The Friends have so much to offer at a great price! No audio-visual media items such as DVDs will be sold. The Friends of the Library is a volunteer group who sells donated books year-round in the Recycled Reads room near the bottom of the main staircase. For more information, visit orlandparklibrary.org/about-us/friends-of-the-library.



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Spotlight on Display

The Orland Park Public Library takes pride in hosting local artists, unique collections, and historical exhibits in our museum quality gallery space and display cases. To see a full schedule of our upcoming exhibits, please scan the QR code or visit the library's website at orlandparklibrary.org/spotlight-on-display.

Library Closed

Monday, Jan. 1

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Sunday, March 31

EASTER

