

The Connection



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Orland Park Public Library Wins NEA Big Read Grant



CIRCE AND ONE OF ODYSSEUS' TRANSFORMED MEN, ATHENIAN PELIKE, CIRCA 5TH CENTURY B.C.E. STAATLICHE KUNSTSAMMLUNGEN DRESDEN.

The Orland Park Public Library was awarded \$10,000 from the National Endowment for the Arts to provide the community with copies of the book *Circe* by Madeline Miller, and a companion title *Athena: Goddess*

of War and Wisdom by Imogen and Isabel Greenberg. The library will be hosting a variety of events inspired by these two titles throughout the months of March and April in partnership with local schools and businesses.

Circe retells ancient Greek mythology from the perspective of one of its most infamous women. The library is partnering with the National Hellenic Museum to bring the residents of Orland Park a traveling display of breathtaking and meaningful textiles from the NHM collection showing residents the way that modern Greek women have shared their stories.

The National Endowment for the Arts Big Read is designed to broaden our understanding of our world, our communities, and ourselves through the joy of sharing a good book. Orland Park Public Library is one of 60+ nonprofit organizations to receive a grant to host an NEA Big Read project.



NEA Big Read Kick Off

Saturday, March 4
from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.



Join us for a day of music, crafts, food, and fun as we kick off our NEA Big Read program! Patrons will have the

opportunity to chat with "Zeus," as portrayed by local actor Terry Lynch, build LEGO® mazes, sample delicious Greek food from OPA! restaurant, hear live music, participate in a large-scale art project, and receive a copy of our Big Read title, *Circe* by Madeline Miller. Younger patrons can pick up a copy of the companion title: *Athena: Goddess of Wisdom and War* by Imogen and Isabel Greenberg. While supplies last.

Grand Piano Donation

The Library Board of Trustees and staff would like to thank Ed and Sharon Schussler for their generous donation of their Steinway Grand Piano. Sharon, an accomplished pianist, wanted to share the extraordinary instrument with the community, and in doing so, patrons of all ages will enjoy the musical talents offered by many local pianists. The piano has found a permanent home in the library's lobby, so please check the library's events calendar for times for scheduled and pop-up piano events.



Bree Beezhold

ADULT PROGRAMS

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

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

OPPL BOOK CLUB

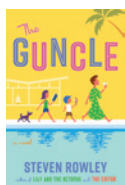
Join us every fourth Monday of the month to discuss a variety of genres and authors. Patrons can participate in person or online as our discussions are a hybrid of in-person and Zoom participants. Email reference@orlandparklibrary.org for the Zoom link.



The Parted Earth
by Anjali Enjeti
Historical Fiction
Monday, Jan. 23
at 10 a.m.



A Thousand Ships
by Natalie Haynes
Historical Fiction
Monday, March 27
at 10 a.m.



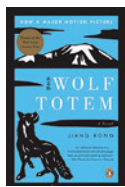
The Guncle
by Steven Rowley
Literary Fiction
Monday, Feb. 27
at 10 a.m.



The Other Black Girl
by Zakiya Dalila Harris
Thriller and Suspense
Monday, April 24
at 10 a.m.

VITAL VOICES

Every second Tuesday of the month, we'll discuss original texts from diverse authors. Discussions are in person.



Wolf Totem
by Jiang Rong
Literary Fiction
Tuesday, Jan. 10
at 7 p.m.



The Island of Missing Trees
by Elif Shafak
Literary Fiction
Tuesday, March 14
at 7 p.m.

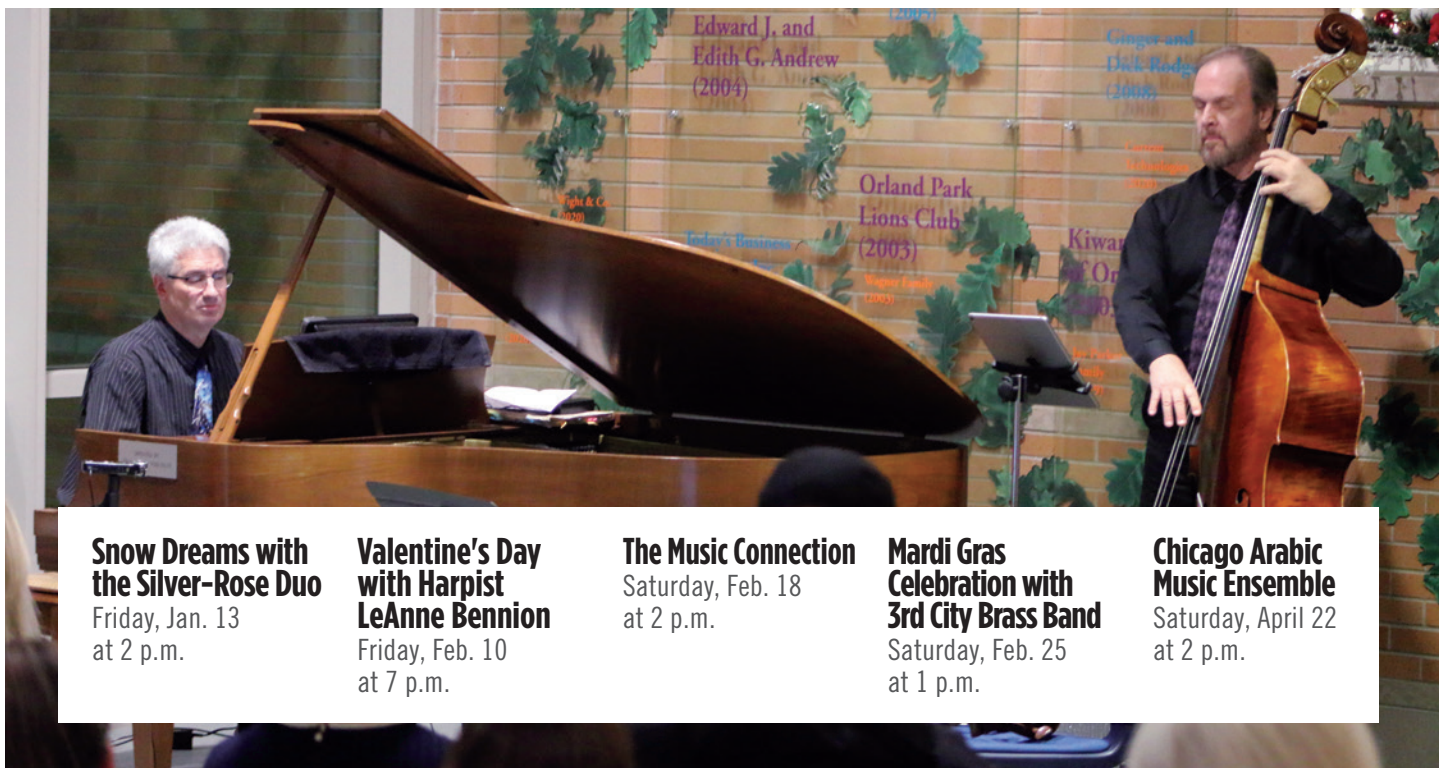


Heavy
by Kiese Laymon
Memoir
Tuesday, Feb. 14
at 7 p.m.



Against the Loveless World
by Susan Abulhawa
Historical Fiction
Tuesday, April 11
at 7 p.m.

CONCERTS IN THE LOBBY



Snow Dreams with the Silver-Rose Duo
Friday, Jan. 13
at 2 p.m.

Valentine's Day with Harpist LeAnne Bennion
Friday, Feb. 10
at 7 p.m.

The Music Connection
Saturday, Feb. 18
at 2 p.m.

Mardi Gras Celebration with 3rd City Brass Band
Saturday, Feb. 25
at 1 p.m.

Chicago Arabic Music Ensemble
Saturday, April 22
at 2 p.m.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Programs are in-person and require registration unless otherwise noted in the online calendar. Orland Park Public Library cardholders are given priority, but non-residents can still be waitlisted and will be granted registration if space allows.

BIG READ GRANT PROGRAM



Writers' Group

Tuesdays at 7 p.m.
Jan. 3, Feb. 7, March 7, & April 4

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

Take & Makes

Saturdays at 9 a.m.
Jan. 7 - Sock Snowman
Feb. 4 - Wool Dryer Ball
March 4 - Yarn Eggs
April 1 - Paper Flower Ball

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.

Memory Café

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.
Jan. 4, Feb. 1, March 1, & April 5

Each monthly session gives people living with Alzheimer's and related dementias and their care partners a chance to socialize, participate in activities, and enjoy time together. Presented in partnership with Pathlights.

English Conversation Café

Mondays at 10 a.m.
Jan. 9, 16, 23, & 30 Feb. 6, 13, 20, & 27
March 6, 13, 20, & 27 April 3, 10, 17, & 24

This is an informal, mixed level group, guided by a teacher. Anyone who has a basic knowledge of English can join. Childcare is not available, but parents or caregivers may bring young children who can occupy themselves during the program.

Introduction to Ebooks

Wednesday, Jan. 11 at 10 a.m.
Wednesday, March 8 at 10 a.m.

Curious about ebooks? Want to start using the library's digital reading services like Libby and Hoopla? During our session, we'll teach you everything you need to know to get started and troubleshoot common issues.

Dementia Caregiver Support Group

Mondays at 1 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.
Jan. 16, 30 Feb. 13, 27
March 13, 27 April 10, 24

Designed for those caring for a loved one with dementia. Come to relax, share, learn, and get connected with fellow caregivers and local experts. This class is exclusively for caregivers. The 1 p.m. session is for long attending members, and the 2:30 p.m. session is for newer participants.

Secrets of the Library Catalog

Thursday, Jan. 19 at 10 a.m.
Thursday, March 16 at 10 a.m.

Learn basic and more advanced searches while also discovering tips and tricks along the way.

BINGO

Saturdays at 2 p.m.
Jan. 21, Feb. 18, March 18, & April 15

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

MEET THE ARTIST

North American Fauna in Print: Kara DeCarlo

Friday, Jan. 6 at 7 p.m.

An exploration of plants and animals through the medium of printmaking.



The Pull of the Pencil: Peter Bosy

Friday, Feb. 3 at 7 p.m.

Local artist Peter Bosy has gone back to the future with pencil and paper, blending his photography skills with drawing.



Mythical Monsters Group Art Show

Friday, March 3 at 7 p.m.

A group show exploring various artists' depictions of mythological monsters.



Paintings and Handmade Books: Daiva Karuza and Linda Platt

Friday, April 7 at 7 p.m.

Artistic allies, Daiva Karuza and Linda Platt, join forces to present a creative duet with paintings by Karuza and handmade artist books by Platt.



Blizzard of Books Winter Reading Program

Thursday, Dec. 1–Tuesday, Feb. 28

Don't forget to register for our Winter Reading Program, Blizzard of Books! Every book you read will give you one entry into our cozy gift basket drawing. Stop by the Adult Services Desk or visit the Beanstack app to get signed up!

Blind Date with a Book

Month of February

Come visit our Blind Date with a Book display and check out a book without knowing what's inside the brown paper wrapping.

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BIG READ GRANT PROGRAM



Library Tours

Wednesday, Jan. 25 at 1 p.m.
Wednesday, March 22 at 1 p.m.

Let's explore the library! Come learn about the library's history, and see all the new spaces the library has to offer! You might just run into a library celebrity! Tours run approximately 45 minutes and are ADA accessible.

Book Box Subscription

Tuesdays at 9 a.m.
Jan. 31, Feb. 28, March 28, & April 25

Can't decide what to read? Love subscription boxes but hate the cost? Sign up for our new Book Box program! Register to receive a box each month packed with librarian-selected books to borrow, along with treats, goodies, and other exciting swag! Boxes will be available for pickup at the Adult Services Desk the last Tuesday of each month for registered patrons. OPPL cardholders only. **LIMIT 25.**

Spring Craft Swap

DONATIONS ACCEPTED
from Tuesday, Jan. 3-Friday, April 14 All Day
CRAFT SWAP
Saturday, April 22 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

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 and pencil crafts, etc. On April 22 you can come and "shop" from the donated materials. No donation necessary to participate!

Create an Interior Design Color Scheme

Saturday, Jan. 14 from Noon-1:30 p.m.

Mary Beth Zwolfer, interior designer, will help you choose and execute a color scheme for your home. All materials provided. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

Home Organization Workshop

Wednesday, Jan. 18 at 6 p.m.

Jacqueline McClendon, professional organizer, will show you how to tackle organizing your home, and demonstrate how it can benefit you in your day-to-day life.

Depicting the Divine

Friday, Jan. 20 at 2 p.m.

Art Institute lecturer, Laura Mueller reviews a diverse sample of devotional art spanning a variety of cultures and eras.

Clocking in for Unpaid Labor: Timecard Collage Workshop

Saturday, Jan. 21 at 11 a.m.

Be a part of the "Clocking in for Unpaid Labor" Public Participation Art Project. Artist Elaine Luther leads this workshop reflecting on the unpaid labor you perform in your life by helping you create a collage using a vintage timecard and personal paper items.

Military Care Package Drive

Saturday, Feb. 4 from 12:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 11 from 12:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

The Veterans Commission of Orland Park will be in the library lobby to collect donations for active-duty service members. There are 2 ways to participate: donate postage, \$20 sends one package, or drop off care package items. For a full list of accepted items see the event description in the library's calendar or email the Veterans Commission Program Coordinator at dwertheim@orlandpark.org.

Dried Botanicals Wreath

Saturday, Feb. 4 at 1 p.m. or 3 p.m.

Wreath-making class with floral designer Trisha Coffey. Please limit to one registration per person.

CLASS SIZE LIMIT: 15 PER SESSION.

Did You Know?

Did you know you can access free **ebooks and eaudiobooks** with your Orland Park Public Library card? With our two ebook applications, Libby and Hoopla, you can check out books from the comfort of your home! Ask a librarian for more details or register for an ebook class.



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Galentine's Day Tea

Sunday, Feb. 12 at 2 p.m.

What's Galentine's Day? Oh, it's only the best day of the year! Grab your best gal pals and guy friends and join us for tea and small treats.

Forgotten Black History: Chevalier de Saint-Georges

Monday, Feb. 13 at 7 p.m.

The accomplished composer and virtuoso violinist, Chevalier de Saint-Georges' has been dubiously labeled the "Black Mozart" by history, but he is more than the shadow he has been cast under. Learn about the extraordinary life, cultural influence, and musical contributions of this talented prodigy.

Vitalant Blood Drives

Sunday, Feb. 26 from 1-5 p.m.
Sunday, April 23 from 1-5 p.m.

The Vitalant Blood Mobile will be parked in the circle drive of the library. Walk-ins welcome, appointments recommended. Register at Vitalant.org or by calling (877) 258-4825.

Clay Amphora Charm Necklace

Friday, March 3 at 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.



Heather Young, Art Director of The Log Cabin Center for the Arts, will show you how to create a Greek-inspired mini clay amphora. Please limit to one registration per person. **CLASS SIZE LIMIT: 15 PER SESSION.**

Did You Know?

Did you know that the library has a **Home Delivery** program? This service is for those who, due to health or mobility reasons, cannot visit the library themselves, or do not have a family member to pick up materials for them. Twice a week, on Mondays and Fridays, the library delivers items to homes. Services are contactless and free to Orland Park Library Card holders. If you are interested in this service for yourself or a loved one, contact the Outreach Department at (708) 428-5113 or outreach@orlandparklibrary.org.



Astronomy and Greek Mythology

Thursday, March 9 at 2 p.m.



Learn about the connections between Greek mythology and the stars you see in the night sky. Backyard Astronomer, Joshua Degner, will also give you a crash course in stargazing for beginners interested in this cosmic hobby.

Greek Myth in Art

Friday, March 10 at 2 p.m.



Ancient Greek visual culture and mythology has had an enormous impact on modern western culture and beyond. Become literate in this system of stories and symbols and see its influence in the world around you.

History of the Olympics

Thursday, March 16 at 2 p.m.



Pierre de Coubertin, founder of the International Olympic Committee, began the first international Olympic Games in Athens in 1896. Understand how history, both ancient and modern, has affected the Games' development.

Mini Loom Weaving Class

Saturday, March 18 at 10 a.m. or
Thursday, March 23 at 6 p.m.



Weave a mini wall tapestry. Please limit to one registration per person. **CLASS SIZE LIMIT: 15 PER SESSION.**



Smith Crossing Men's Book Club

The Smith Crossing Men's Book Club celebrated reading 100 books together this past July. The group, led by Tom Ryan, reads a variety of fiction and nonfiction based on group member and librarian recommendations. Their 100th book, *Murder in Canaryville* by Jeff Coen, detailed a Chicago cold case investigation. Congratulations on reaching this important milestone!

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BIG READ GRANT PROGRAM



Greek Cooking Demonstration

Friday, March 24 at 7 p.m. or
Saturday, March 25 at 1 p.m.



Join Chef Susan Maddox as she shows us how to create 3 – 4 Greek-inspired dishes in 90 minutes. Samples will be served! Please limit to one registration per person.

Rules of the Road Review Course

Thursday, April 6 from 1-3 p.m.

This course gives drivers — especially senior citizens — the knowledge and confidence needed to renew or obtain a driver's license. This is a free review course brought to you by the Secretary of State's office. The course combines an explanation of topics to expect in the driving exam with a practice written exam. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

The Journey to a Successful Retirement

Monday, April 10 at 7 p.m.

An interactive workshop on how to plan for all retirement related contingencies.

Circe: Chat and Craft

Wednesday, April 12
at 10 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.



Join us to discuss our NEA Big Read book *Circe* while we weave together a take-home craft.

Spring Wildflowers Drawing Class

Saturday, April 15 from 10 a.m.-Noon

Artist, David Carlson, will help you strengthen your methods of observation and help you create amazing drawings of plants and wildflowers using colored pencils. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

Poetry Workshop

Thursday, April 20 at 10 a.m.

To celebrate poetry month we will work together to create pieces any poet could be proud of through a variety of techniques. Come create, collaborate, and celebrate the joy of the dancing word.

Arab & Muslim Scientists' Contributions to Planetary Science

Wednesday, April 26 at 2 p.m. or 7 p.m.

In celebration of National Arab American Heritage Month, learn about ancient and modern scientists, mathematicians, and astronomers that have contributed to our understanding of the universe around us.

Exploring Eid-al-Fitr

Thursday, April 27 at 7 p.m.

Expand your knowledge of Ramadan and Eid-al-Fitr as we discuss the background, traditions, and celebrations surrounding these events.

BOOK MEMORIALS

Celebrate loved ones and special occasions. Monetary donations accepted. To learn more, email gifts@orlandparklibrary.org.

In memory of **Bob "POPS" Adamowski**, *How to Run a Marathon: A Go-to Guide for Anyone and Everyone* by Vassos Alexander has been donated by **Jean and Paul Marbach**.

In memory of **John Hnatkiewicz**, *Powder Days: Ski Bums, Ski Towns and the Future of Chasing Snow* by Heather Hansman have been donated by **Mary Adamowski, Nancy Heuser, Becky McCormack, Stephanie Thomas, and Lenore Garoufalidis**.

In memory of **Joseph G. Weber**, *DeWalt Carpentry and Framing: Complete Handbook* by Gary Brackett has been donated by **Paula Anastos**.

In honor of **Laura DeMent**, *All That Is Mine I Carry with Me* by William Landay, *At Sea*, by Emma Fedor, *Birnam Wood* by Eleanor Catton, *Black Candle Women* by Diane Marie Brown, *The Dance Tree* by Kiran Millwood Hargrave, *He Said He Would Be Late* by Justine Sullivan, *Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano, *The Kind Worth Saving* by Peter Swanson, *The Making of Another Major Motion Picture Masterpiece* by Tom Hanks, and *What Have We Done* by Alex Finlay have been donated by **Sharon Fritz**.

ADULT TECH CLASSES

All classes will be taught in the Computer Lab on the second floor and have a class limit of 14. Registration using our online calendar system is required. If you need any assistance with registration please call the Computer Help Desk at (708) 428-5171.

TECH

Intro to Internet Security

Saturday, Feb. 11 at 11 a.m.

This class will discuss common internet threats and best practices to protect against them.

Cut the Cable

Thursday, Feb. 23 at 7 p.m.

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

Raspberry Pi Basics

Thursday, March 2 at 7 p.m.

Learn about the initial startup cost of equipment, setup, and capabilities of this tiny computer.

Intro to Selling on eBay

Thursday, March 16 at 11 a.m.

Learn how to sell all your unwanted items to make space in your home and enhance your finances in the process.

Cricut Easter Carrot Box Project

Sunday, March 19 at 2 p.m.

Create a fun Easter candy box made to look like a carrot and ready to share for Easter.

Intro to iPhone

Monday, Jan. 23 at 7 p.m.

In this beginner level class we will cover the basic functions of an iPhone, how to navigate throughout the device, and how to check for updates.

MICROSOFT

Microsoft Word Basics

Tuesday, Feb. 7 at 7 p.m.

Discover basics of Microsoft Word including navigation and basic features.

Microsoft Word Intermediate

Saturday, Feb. 18 at 11 a.m.

In this intermediate level class, we will look at how to create labels, mail merge, and create fliers/posters.

Microsoft Power Point

Tuesday, March 7 at 7 p.m.

Learn and practice the fundamentals of creating a slideshow: using text and pictures to create, edit, save, and share a presentation.

Microsoft Outlook

Saturday, March 11 at 11 a.m.

Learn the fundamentals of using Outlook, including email, calendar, and tasks.

Microsoft Publisher

Saturday, March 18 at 11 a.m.

Learn and practice the fundamentals of creating a publication: combining text and graphics to create a newsletter, brochure, etc.

DESIGN & PHOTOS

Canva Basics

Tuesday, Jan. 17 at 7 p.m.

Discover the basics of using Canva to create projects like postcards and fliers.

Canva Basics - For Teens

Saturday, Jan. 21 at 1 p.m.

TEENS GRADES 6-12. Find out the basics of using Canva to create projects like postcards and fliers.

Digital Photo Storage

Thursday, Feb. 2 at 7 p.m.

Learn about storing and backing up your collection of digital photos. Get information on the various services available and their pros & cons.

3D MODELING & PRINTING

3D Printing

Wednesday, March 8 at 7 p.m.

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

Intro to 3D Modeling

Tuesday, March 14 at 7 p.m.

This introduction class will give you the basics on how to start 3D modeling from start to finish. We will cover basic modeling techniques and how to export for printing.

GOOGLE

Gmail Basics

Thursday, March 23 at 7 p.m.

Find out how to set up a Google email account, send and receive emails, set up folders, and troubleshoot basic questions.

Google Drive

Tuesday, March 28 at 7 p.m.

Discover more about Google Drive, a cloud-based solution for composing, storing, and collaborating on various types of documents.

Google Docs

Saturday, April 1 at 11 a.m.

Learn how to create, edit, and share documents with Google's word processing program.

Google Sheets

Tuesday, April 4 at 7 p.m.

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

Google Slides and Forms

Tuesday, April 18 at 7 p.m.

Discover how to create and share slideshows with Google Slides and create fillable forms with Google Forms.

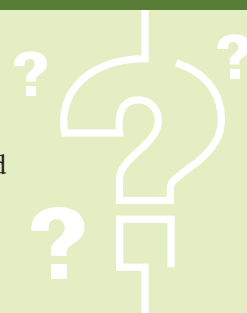
Google Sites

Saturday, April 22 at 11 a.m.

Learn to create, edit, and share a website for a team or project with Google sites.

Did You Know?

The **scan station** in the IT Commons area can scan a document and translate it into over 100 different languages. The translated document can be printed, sent to a cloud account, or USB drive. The translated document can even be transformed to an audio file, emailed to you, and read aloud.



TEEN SCENE

TEEN PROGRAMS

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.



SCAN ME



(As Seen On TikTok) Paper Squishies

Friday, Jan. 20 at 5 p.m.

You've seen people create these on TikTok, now try it out for yourself. We'll give you the supplies and instruction, you bring your imagination, and we'll see what we can create!

Canva Basics - For Teens

Saturday, Jan. 21 at 1 p.m.

Learn the basics of using Canva to create projects like postcards and fliers. Class will be taught in the Computer Lab on the second floor and have a class limit of 14.

Watercolor Galaxy Art

Friday, Feb. 10 at 5 p.m.

Join us in creating a galactic masterpiece! It's easier than it looks.

SAT Practice Test

TESTING DAY:

Saturday, Feb. 25 from 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

TEST RESULTS:

Sunday, Feb. 26 at 2 p.m.

GRADES 9-12. Come in for a SAT Practice test to help you get familiar with a test structure and environment. Tests will be on Saturday, Feb. 25 and the results will be available on the following day.

Manga and Anime Club

Do you like Manga & Anime? Come and hangout with fellow fandom members! We watch anime, catch up on what everyone is watching and reading, and make a craft!

Monday, Jan. 30 at 5 p.m.
Character Cross-stitch

Wednesday, March 22 at 5 p.m.
Needle Felt Pokémon

Monday, Feb. 13 at 5 p.m.
Onigiri (Rice Ball) Making

Wednesday, April 26 at 5 p.m.
Bleach Fabric Painting

TEEN LOFT TAKE & MAKES

Pick up starts at 9 a.m.

Vision Board for the New Year
Wednesday, Jan. 4

Single Serving Rice Krispie Treat
Friday, Feb. 3

Lucky Shamrocks in a Jar
Friday, March 17

DIY Bubble Tea
Thursday, April 20

Neon Glow Art
Thursday, Jan. 12

Y2K Phone Charms
Tuesday, Feb. 21

Felt Succulents
Friday, March 31

Y2K Shoe Chains
Monday, April 24

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SCAN ME

BIG READ GRANT PROGRAM

Teen Study Help

Friday, March 3 at 5 p.m.

Do you want extra help with your homework or with studying for various tests like the ACT, SAT, or AP exams? Come to our Teen Database class. We'll show you the ins and outs of some of our best databases and resources that are perfect for you. OPPL library card required to access databases.

Mythical Terrarium

Friday, March 24 at 5 p.m.

Create a tiny world of your own. We'll provide you with all the supplies.

Teen Super Smash Bros. Tournament

Saturday, April 8 at 2 p.m.

A tournament to determine the Orlando Park Public Library's best Super Smash Bros.™ Ultimate player! Register in advance for this 1 vs. 1 tournament. Bringing your own controller is welcomed but not required!

Decorate Your Wardrobe

Friday, April 14 at 5 p.m.

Tired of all of your old clothes? Bring in your old shirts, shoes, socks, jackets, or any other clothing and use our supplies to decorate them and give them a new life.

Percy Jackson: Adventures at Camp Half Blood Escape Room

Saturday, April 22
at Noon or 3 p.m.



GRADES 3-8. Camp Half Blood has been overrun with monsters. Will you be able to vanquish them and save the camp in time? Join a team, solve the puzzles, and find out. Please register for only one session as they are the same.

Teen Reads Subscription Boxes

Pick Up Starts Feb. 3, March 3, & April 7

Sign up for a Teen Subscription Box that will be curated to your own personal tastes. It will contain 2 books and a movie that you'll need to return to the library, PLUS special items and snacks that you get to keep. You'll be emailed a survey after you register that you will fill out so we can customize the material for you. Box pick up starts the first Friday of the month at the Teen Loft Desk. Boxes not picked up after 1 week will be returned. You must have a library card on file with us to sign up since the materials will be checked out to you. Materials and the box must be returned to the library. All the other items are yours to keep. Register for each month separately. Space is limited.

Read for a Lifetime and 100 Books Before High School

GRADES 6-9. Be sure to sign up for one of our extra reading programs using the Beanstack App. You will receive different rewards for each program. Visit the Teen Loft Desk or check out our Teen webpage for more information.



TEEN SCENE

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 teens cannot attend the opportunities that they registered for, they must either cancel online or call us to cancel. If they miss more than 2 opportunities without canceling, they will not be able to register for any more 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 discretion of library staff.

BIG READ GRANT PROGRAM



TEEN INC.

Teen Inc. Little Free Food Pantry Stockers

Friday, Jan. 6 at 5 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 6 at 5 p.m.
Monday, March 6 at 5 p.m.
Friday, April 7 at 5 p.m.

HOURS EARNED: VARIES Help us keep our Little Free Food Pantry stocked. You will need to attend a 1-hour mandatory training session and commit to visiting the library once a week for the month you register for. Meet at the Teen Loft Desk for training. See our Teen Service Hours webpage for more details. Registration required for each month separately.

Blood Drive Tabling

Wednesday, Feb. 22 & April 19
from 5-7 p.m.

Help us get people to sign up for our Vitalant Blood Drive by greeting people in the library lobby.

Teen Epic Poetry Competition

Wednesday, March 1-
Saturday, April 15



HOURS EARNED: 2 HOURS PER SUBMISSION, UP TO 3 SUBMISSIONS ALLOWED Imagine your own epic story and put a single page of it into verse. Pick up full instructions at the Teen Loft Desk. Poems will be displayed in the Teen Loft. First, Second, and Third place winners will be chosen by library staff and gift cards to a local business will be awarded. Winners will also be featured on a special page of our Big Read Grant Zine.

Volunteers: NEA Big Read Grant Kickoff Day

Saturday, March 4
from 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

HOURS EARNED: 4 Sign up to help with our Big Read Grant Kickoff Day. We'll have various stations and activities that you will help run with the help of our librarians. For more information on the Big Read Grant and its programs please see the front page.

Volunteers Nature Buddies

Monday, April 3 at 4:45 p.m.

Be a Teen buddy and help us out with our Nature Buddies program. See the description on page 14 for more information the activities.

Teen Inc. Friends Book Sale Helpers

Friday, May 5 from 5-9 p.m.
Saturday, May 6 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Saturday, May 6 from 1-5 p.m.

HOURS EARNED: VARIES We need help with our annual book sale. The first day we will be setting everything up. The second day is the book sale. You will help restock tables, keep everything neat, and clean up. Registration required for each date and time separately.

VIRTUAL SERVICE HOURS

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



MORE VOLUNTEER HOURS ON PAGES 12-15

Look for the hand and heart symbol next to children's events on pages 12-15. Register online using the calendar of events.



TAKE, MAKE, & BRING BACK

Pick up your kits at the Teen Loft 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 1 kit out at a time. Once you return your finished kit you can take another one. **NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

Tiny Paintings for Book Display

Month of January

HOURS EARNED: 2 PER KIT Decorate a mini canvas to represent a YA book that you love. Returned art will be displayed in our February Teen Loft book display.

Big Read Greek Masks

Month of February



HOURS EARNED: 3 PER KIT Decorate a mask to represent the ones used in Ancient Greece. Returned masks will be displayed in our Teen Loft during March and April in honor of the NEA Big Read Grant.

Big Read Zine Submissions

Months of March & April



HOURS EARNED: 2 PER SUBMISSION Create work for our zine that goes along with the NEA Big Read Grant. We will be accepting photos, drawings, poetry, short stories, recipes, and more. Got an idea not listed? Let us know and we may add it. Pick up a kit at the Teen Loft Desk for full instructions. The Zine will be published in May.

Big Read Traveling Book Club— Your Choice *Circe* or *Athena, Goddess of Wisdom and War*

Months of March & April



HOURS EARNED: 3 (CAN ONLY DO THIS PROJECT ONCE) Pick up a free copy of the book *Circe* or *Athena Goddess of Wisdom and War* at the Teen Loft Desk (while supplies last). Follow the instructions that come with your book and write up a quick review. Read the book, turn in your review, and earn hours! It's just that easy.

YOUTH SERVICES

STORYTIMES

Register online at orlandpark.librarycalendar.com



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Toddler Time

Tuesdays at 10 a.m.
Jan. 17 – April 25

24-47 MONTHS WITH PARENT OR CAREGIVER. We will have fun as we read, sing, and play together to build early literacy skills.

Virtual Baby and Toddler Storytime

Wednesdays at 10 a.m.
Jan. 18 – April 26

AGES BIRTH-35 MONTHS. Stories, songs, fingerplays, and fun all while building early literacy skills. Dewey Bear will enjoy the fun with you. Register for the program and a Zoom link will be sent to you.

In-Person Baby Storytime

Wednesdays at 11 a.m.
Jan. 18 – April 26

AGES BIRTH-23 MONTHS. Stories, songs, fingerplays, and fun all while building early literacy skills.

Once Upon a Time Storytime

Thursdays at 10 a.m.
Jan. 19 – April 27

ALL AGES. Be ready to sing, shake, and move in this interactive storytime!

Night Owls Storytime

Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.
Jan. 19, Feb. 2, & 16
March 2, 16, & 30
April 13, & 27

ALL AGES. Come hear stories and songs to end the day on a happy note.

Bright Starts Family Storytime

Saturdays at 10 a.m.
Jan. 21 – April 29

ALL AGES. Start your weekend off right! Bring the family together for stories, songs, and fun!

Arabic Storytime

Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 4 p.m.
Wednesday, April 19 at 4 p.m.

ALL AGES. Stop by for an exciting time and hear stories in English and Arabic.

TAKE & MAKES

Take & Makes are available starting at 4 p.m. on the dates below. Kits are for Orland Park residents only.

Ages 2 - 6

Super Simple Mystery Bag

Friday, Jan. 6
Wednesday, Feb. 8
Monday, March 6
Monday, April 10

Grades K - 2

Snowy Owls

Tuesday, Jan. 10

Pop-Up Groundhog Phil

Thursday, Feb. 2

Leprechaun Lookers

Monday, March 13

Raindrop Suncatcher

Monday, April 3

Grades 3 - 5

Star Wars Origami

Monday, Jan. 2

The Amazing World of Gumball

Friday, Feb. 10

Spring Joke Chatterbox

Monday, March 27

It's a me, Mario!

Tuesday, April 4



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Did You Know?

Did you know the Children's Library has a lactation room called **The Nest**? This is a private area to nurse your child.



Baby Subscription Box

Fridays, Feb. 3, March 3, & April 7

BIRTH-24 MONTHS. Sign up to receive a specialty themed subscription box for your baby from February to 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!

We Love Bluey!

Monday, Jan. 16 at 11 a.m.

BIRTH-AGE 6. Beat the winter blues by celebrating our favorite blue heeler.

New Year's Around the World

Tuesday, Jan. 17 at 6:30 p.m.

GRADES K-2. Learn about different New Year's traditions around the world, and create your own New Year's Puppet.

Knitting Club

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 18, Feb. 15, March 8, & April 12

GRADES 3-5. Do you admire hand knit hats, mittens, and scarves? This is your chance to learn to knit, so you can create your own. Parents are invited to accompany their children.

Video Game Club

Fridays from 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Jan. 27, Feb. 17, March 17, & April 21

GRADES K-5. Get ready for an action-packed time at Video Game Club! We'll be playing Mario Kart™ 8 Deluxe and Super Smash Bros.™ Ultimate, both on the Nintendo Switch™!

Drama Club

Saturday, Jan. 21 at 2 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 4 p.m.

Thursday, March 9 at 4 p.m.

Monday, April 10 at 4 p.m.

GRADES 3-5. Love acting and improv?

We will be building our acting skills through games and short scripts.

Hello Kitty® Likes to Read

Monday, Jan. 23 at 6:30 p.m.

AGES 3 AND UP. Calling Hello Kitty® little fans!

Come in for some cute Hello Kitty® stories and activities.

Snowball Fight

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

GRADES 3-5. No gloves and coats needed for this winter program. Join in on the fun of snowball fight in the library.

Art Club: Snow Explorers

Wednesday, Jan. 25 at 4 p.m.

GRADES K-2. We will investigate snow and make a wintry wonderland.

Snowman Factory

Thursday, Jan. 26 at 4 p.m.

AGES 3-6. Build an indoor snowman that won't melt!

Books and Ballerinas

Saturday, Jan. 28 at 2 p.m.

AGES 3-6. Join us for an interactive ballet-themed storytime, mini-performance, and workshop! The ballerinas of Ballet 5:8 will read a story about ballet and teach aspiring ballerinas a ballet class! Please wear loose fitting clothing and socks to provide freedom of movement.

Snow Slime

Tuesday, Jan. 31 at 4 p.m.

GRADES 3-5. Snow is cool, but let's make it slimy! Make your own snow slime to bring home.

Pop Some Popcorn

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

GRADES K-2. Come test your skills at various games involving pieces of popcorn—or look-alikes—and then enjoy munching on some popcorn.

Purple Party

Friday, Feb. 3 at 4 p.m.

AGES 3-6. Let's celebrate the beloved children's book, *Harold and the Purple Crayon*, becoming a movie by playing with all things purple!

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LEGO® Creator's Corner

Monday, Feb. 6 at 4 p.m.

GRADES K-2. Show off your building genius using the library's LEGO® collection. We will display your creations for all to see in the Children's Library display cases.

Owl Pellet Dissection

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

GRADES 3-5. Learn about the amazing world of owls by dissecting their pellets. These predators will amaze you with all the things they eat!

Handprint Hearts

Thursday, Feb. 9 at 4 p.m.

AGES 2-3. Little ones can create a handprint keepsake for Valentine's Day.

Super Smash Bros. Tournament

Saturday, Feb. 11 at 2 p.m.

GRADES K-5. A tournament to determine Orland Park Public Library's best Super Smash Bros.™ Ultimate player! Register in advance for this 1 vs. 1 tournament. Bringing your own controller is welcome but not required!

Sign Language Valentine

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

GRADES K-2. Sharpen your sign language skills and make a special Valentine's card.

Teddy Bear Picnic

Saturday, Feb. 18 at 2 p.m.

AGES 3 AND UP. Bring your teddy bear or special stuffie to listen to picture books about bears, make your own moveable bear, and eat Teddy Grahams™.

Art Club: Heart Party

Monday, Feb. 20 at 4 p.m.

GRADES K-2. We will investigate the color wheel and make an extra-large super colorful heart.

Green Screen Storytellers

Thursday, Feb. 23 at 6:30 p.m.

GRADES 3-5. Have you ever wanted to be in an action-packed movie with dinosaurs, sharks, or monsters? Here is your chance to learn how to use a green screen to create amazing effects and create your very own short film.

OPPL Puppet Hospital

Monday, Feb. 27 at 11 a.m.

AGES 2-6. Calling all doctors! The puppets of OPPL need you! Help nurse them back to health, so they can get back to storytime shenanigans.

Loteria

Monday, Feb. 27 at 6:30 p.m.
Monday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m.

GRADES K-5. Play the beloved and traditional Mexican picture Bingo. Presented bilingually. No Spanish skills needed.

Ven y diviértete con el tradicional juego de Loteria. Presentado en inglés y en español.

Find the Minotaur

Month of March

Can you follow the trail of clues to find the minotaur hidden in the Children's Library?

Ribbit Ribbit

Wednesday, March 1 at 6:30 p.m.

GRADES K-2. Listen to some frog stories, and make your own frog completely from circles.

NEA Big Read Kick Off

Saturday, March 4
from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

See front page for details.

Light Up Alligators

Tuesday, March 7 at 6:30 p.m.

GRADES 3-5. We will be learning about simple circuits and creating a light up alligator you can take home.

JR STEAM: Fizzy Rainbows

Friday, March 10 at 4 p.m.

AGES 3-6. Start a simple chemical reaction to make a different kind of rainbow!

Preschool Fair

Saturday, March 11 from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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

Drop-In Family Fun Day

Saturday, March 11 from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

FAMILY EVENT. Visit the library for family fun! Make a cute craft, have some tasty snacks, try your luck with our Guess Jar, and more!

Suzi Shelton and Little Miss Ann Family Concert

Sunday, March 12 at 2 p.m.

FAMILY EVENT. Join us as we welcome back Suzi Shelton and Little Miss Ann for a fun interactive show full of energy that is sure to get your off your seats.

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

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Lucky Penny Spinners

Monday, March 13 at 6:30 p.m.



GRADE 3-5. It's your lucky day! We'll make super cool spinners using pennies.

Mythical Monster Mash

Tuesday, March 14 at 4 p.m.



AGES 3-6. Pegasus, Cyclops, and Minotaurs, oh my! Meet the mythical monsters of Ancient Greece through games, activities, and crafts. Monster snacks and nectar of the gods will be provided.

Luck of the Irish

Wednesday, March 15 at 6:30 p.m.



GRADES K-2. Learn all about Pointillism and create your own magical shamrock.

Ready for Ramadan!

Monday, March 20 at 4 p.m.

ALL AGES. Ramadan is almost here, and the Orland Park Public Library is ready to celebrate with you! Stop in for Ramadan-themed stories, crafts, and activities!

Melted Crayon Art

Tuesday, March 21 at 6:30 p.m.



GRADES 3-5. Create amazing art using melted crayons and springtime shapes!

Art Club: Rainbows Galore

Thursday, March 23 at 4 p.m.



GRADE K-2. We will investigate the science behind rainbows and create our own colorful rainbows.

Spring Break for Tots

Saturday, March 25 at 2 p.m.



AGES 2-3. Can't travel somewhere tropical? Come to the library to play in the water and sand (in sensory bins)! We'll read a story while "floating" and make a craft.

Time Traveler Tales: Alexander the Great

Tuesday, March 28 at 4 p.m.



AGES 3 AND UP. Who better to tell Greek stories than Alexander the Great? Sailor Duck and Mr. Alex use their time machine to bring the conqueror to the library for a storytime! Kids will learn all about geography in this especially silly storytime!

Reader's Theater

Wednesday, March 29 at 4 p.m.



GRADES 3-5. Bring out your inner actor! Join a fun group of students as we perform parts of *Athena: Goddess of Wisdom and War*. No memorizing.

We're Hatching Baby Chicks!

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.

Dave DiNaso's Travelling World of Reptiles

Saturday, April 1 at 2 p.m.

FAMILY EVENT. The Traveling World of Reptiles is an up-close, live, and extremely interactive or "hands on" experience about reptiles and amphibians from around the world.

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Nature Buddies

Monday, April 3 at 5 p.m.



GRADES K-2. Partner with a teen volunteer to explore all that nature has to offer. We will be planting our own mini gardens.

You've Got the Midas Touch

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



GRADES K-2. Think you would like to have everything you touch turn to gold? Listen to stories where they had that power. Then, pick objects to paint gold and take home as your treasures. This program is sponsored by Bratcher Enterprises' Midas in Orland Park.



Mini Myths

Thursday, April 6 at 4 p.m.



AGES 2-3. We will read the Mini Myths board book, *Be Careful Icarus*, and make a kite craft.

Greek Easter Celebration!

Tuesday, April 11 at 6:30 p.m.



AGES 3 AND UP. We'll crack some eggs, read some stories and snack on some pita in this storytime celebrating Greek Easter and recognizing Easter celebrations across the globe!

Hand Building Pottery Workshop

Saturday, April 15



Learn pottery hand building basics and make a clay pot.

AGES 3-6 WITH CAREGIVER Pinch Pot at 11 a.m.
GRADES K-2 Pinch Pot at 1 p.m.
GRADES 3-5 Pinch Pot or Coil Pot at 3 p.m.

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Homeschool STEAM: Squishy Circuits

Monday, April 17 at 2 p.m.

HOMESCHOOL FAMILY EVENT. Homeschool Families are invited to learn all about how simple circuits work using Play-Doh and LED lights!

Aesop's Fables

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



AGES 3 AND UP. Join Aesop as he recounts his tales and, with help of the audience, makes some of his favorite stories come to life. Careful, amid the fun and the laughter, you may learn something.

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Art Club: Watery Worlds

Thursday, April 20 at 4 p.m.



GRADES K-2. We will investigate the water cycle and then make our own watery masterpiece.

Percy Jackson: Adventures at Camp Half Blood Escape Room

Saturday, April 22
at Noon or 3 p.m.



GRADES 3-8. Camp Half Blood has been overrun with monsters. Will you be able to vanquish them and save the camp in time? Join a team, solve the puzzles, and find out. Please register for only one session as they are the same.

Baby Groot Perler Bead Magnet

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



GRADES 3-5. The Guardians are coming back with a new adventure. Stop by to make your own Baby Groot magnet.

Crazy About Cloulette

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



GRADES K-2. Make your very own "Cloulette," based on the book by Tom Lichtenheld.

Heracles and the 12 Labors

Friday, April 28 at 4 p.m.



GRADES K-2. Heroes! The Almighty Zeus has proclaimed that you have the opportunity to obtain godhood by completing the 12 tasks his son, Heracles, also had to complete to claim his own godhood. Are you up to the task?

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

DROP-OFF: All Day Saturday, April 29

PICK-UP: Sunday, April 30 at 2 p.m.

AGES 3-6. Drop off a stuffed animal for a special overnight stay in the library. Kids can pick them up at 2 p.m. the next day and enjoy a recap of the evening and get a treat.





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LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS

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

FOLLOW US



Registration for events starts Monday, Jan. 2. All information is accurate as of press time. The Orland Park Public Library is subject to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Individuals who require an accommodation for a disability to any library presentation should contact the library at (708) 428-5110 at least five (5) working days prior to the event.

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Preschool Fair

Saturday, March 11
from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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

Spotlight on Display



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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

Saturday, Dec. 31 & Sunday, Jan. 1
Sunday, April 9

**NEW YEAR'S EVE & NEW YEAR'S DAY
EASTER**