The New Year is Bringing New Things to the Library!

The Early Learners Area construction was completed at the end of December. As I write this update, special trees are being added to the room. On February 2 all of the Easy Books and materials were moved to the area, and our youngest patrons are enjoying the new space. Thank you to all who made this possible including Lower Level Renovation Fund donors, fundraiser attendees, the Junior Woman’s Charity for the donation of the nature reading nook, and our best friends, the Friends of the Library, for funding the majority of the furniture and shelving. We could not have done this without all of our generous patrons! Take a look the next time you are in the Library.

The Friends of the Library also have funded a much needed upgrade on the lower level, our water fountain. Over 35 years old, the old one made its presence known by the noisy vibration and the not so cool water. The new unit has a bottle filler which makes it very convenient when needing water refills.

With the number of programs and activities planned for the Spring, we know there will be something for everyone to enjoy at the Library!

JANICE FOLEY, LIBRARY DIRECTOR
**AAUW Spring Meeting with Leslie Goddard**

Monday, March 2, 7 pm, GR

The annual meeting of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) presents Leslie Goddard in, Alice Paul: Winning Votes for Women. Alice Paul was the dynamic women's suffrage leader who pioneered radical techniques to get women the vote. Co-sponsored with Riverside Public Library

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**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Royalty Party**

Thursday, March 19, 3:30 pm

Calling all Kings, Queens, Princesses and Knights. Come and celebrate all things royal. All ages.

**I Can Be a Librarian**

April 19 - April 25

Celebrate National Library Week by practicing being a librarian at our play library – try our book scanning station, run your own mini stuffed animal storyline, shelf board books and more!

**Open Gaming**

Saturdays, March 14, April 11 & May 9, 1 - 3 pm

Grades 4 and up.

**DIY Wednesdays**

Wednesdays after school

A different project each week. Stop by to see what's up! Younger children may require adult assistance.

**Super Smash Bros**

Monday, May 4, 3:30 pm

Celebrate Star Wars day with games and activities while wearing your intergalactic finest. All ages.

**Cats and Dogs Party**

Thursday, April 23, 3:30 pm

Are you a cat person or a dog person? Come and celebrate them both! All ages.

**May the Fourth Be With You Costume Party**

Monday, May 4, 3:30 pm

Celebrate Star Wars day with games and activities while wearing your intergalactic finest. All ages.

**Pee Wee Prom**

Friday, May 8, 10 - 11 am

Get all dressed up and dance the morning away at our Pee Wee Prom. Snacks, fun, and smooth moves await!
**Mini Movers Storytime**
Tuesdays, March 10 - April 28, 9:30 am or 10:15 am
No storytime Tuesday, March 24
/Register starting Monday, February 24
Toddlers up to age 3 with their caregivers.
Registration required.

**Storytime for Everyone!**
Fridays, March 20 - May 1, 10 am

**Storytime Yoga with Blissful Owl**
Thursdays, March 12 & 19, 1 pm
/Register starting Thursday, February 27
Join Blissful Owl for a session filled with stories and movement perfect for preschool/kindergarten-aged children. 
Registration required.

**Little Hands Drop-In Play**
Wednesdays, March 11 - May 6, 9:30 - 11 am
Open to all ages: best for kids 1 to 4 years old.

**Hands-On Stories**
Tuesdays, March 10 - April 28, 1 – 1:30 pm
No class Tuesday, March 24 (Register starting Monday, February 24) Stories and projects perfect for preschool and kindergarten-aged children.
Registration required.

**Money Minded Storytime & Activity**
Friday, March 13, 10 am
Come and hear a special storytime all about saving money by a representative from the Illinois State Treasurer. Following the reading will be a fun money-themed activity. Children aged 0-5 years.

**Nature by Design Game Day**
Saturday, April 4, 9 - 11 am
Come try out the backpacks donated by the Landscape Advisory Commission that are full of games and activities that teach planned community design, garden design, and natural areas exploration. Funding provided by ComEd Green Grant and Openlands.

**School’s Out Movie Double Feature**
Thursday, March 26
11:30 am: Frozen 2 (PG, 103 minutes)
2 pm: Playing with Fire (PG, 96 minutes)

**Pokémon Club**
Friday, March 27, 2 pm
Grades 3 and up.

**Pokémon Jr.**
Friday, March 27, 3 pm
All ages are welcome to come hang out and talk Pokémon.

**Eco-Friendly Clear the Clutter!**
Thursday, April 23, 7 pm, PMR
Getting organized and going green go hand-in-hand! Find out how to recognize and eliminate clutter and explore green solutions for clearing it from your home. Save time, money, and the planet while regaining control of your home. Presented by Certified Professional Organizer, Colleen Kilmczak.
Registration encouraged.

**Long Term Care Planning – Obtaining Good Care Without Going Broke!**
Thursday, March 26, 7 pm
This presentation will outline finding quality care that best suits your individual situation including: home care, adult daycare, independent living, assisted living, and nursing care. Also included is a discussion of long-term estate planning techniques, Medicare, Medicaid, VA Aid & Attendance benefits, and negotiating the contract with a nursing home or home care agency. Presented by Delaney, Delaney & Voorn, Ltd., Elder Law Attorneys. Registration encouraged.

**Stock and Bond Investing**
Wednesday, April 29, 7 pm, PMR
Learn to understand stocks and bonds and the advantages of investing through index funds. Also covered: making informed decisions (not decisions based on hot tips or emotions) and thinking and acting for the long term. Presented by Timothy Lambert, who has 43 years of self-directed experience in stock and bond investing. Registration encouraged.

**RTA Transit Orientation**
Wednesday, May 27, 7 pm, PMR
Stay informed about public transportation options in order to get to appointments, maintain social connections, and enjoy independent travel! Accessible CTA, Metra and Pace buses and trains are easy to use and the RTA would love to show you how! This is an important program for older adults. Presented by Linda Chamberlin, the Mobility Outreach Coordinator for RTA.

**Spring Break Activities**

**Nailed It: Family Challenge**
Monday, March 23, 2 pm
Are you a master decorator? Kids & adults can work together to prove it. Grade K and up. Space is limited and registration is required.

**Little Learner’s Day**
Tuesday, March 24, All Day
Explore STEAM using our learning kits and science exploration toys.

**Big and Little Hands**
Wednesday, March 25, 9:30 - 11 am
Older siblings can join younger siblings for drop-in play and a craft.

**American History and Today**
Part One, Thursday, May 21, 7 pm, PMR, 1914 through 1964
Part Two, Thursday, May 28, 7 pm, PMR, 1964 to the present day
American History and Today recounts the past 106 years of news events and pop culture in a 3-hour show that features 43 carefully-crafted film clips and some 400 photographs. This presentation will be separated into two 90 minute programs. Produced and presented live by John LeGear in 2020 at Illinois community colleges. Registration encouraged.

**Laurie Redden’s New Art Display**
A colorful collection of paintings by local artist, Laurie Redden, celebrating women and motherhood, will be on display and serves to highlight Mother’s Day.

“I’ve sketched ideas for this series for years, inspired by the many remarkable women I’ve come to know. Each painting and its companion poem captures and reveals a unique female spirit.” A donation to the library will be made for each painting sold.
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The Overstory by Richard Powers
Tuesday, March 17, 2 pm, QRR
Winner of the 2019 Pulitzer Prize in Fiction. There is a world alongside ours—vast, slow, interconnected, resourceful, magnificently inventive, and almost invisible to us. This is the story of a handful of people who learn how to see that world, and who are drawn up into its unfolding catastrophe. From the roots to the crown and back to the seeds, Richard Powers’s twelfth novel unfolds in concentric rings of interlocking fables.

The Tiger’s Wife by Téa Obreht
Tuesday, April 21, 2 pm, QRR
National Book Award Finalist and New York Times Bestseller. In a Balkan country mending from war, Natalia, a young doctor, is compelled to unravel the circumstances surrounding her beloved grandfather’s recent death. She turns to his worn copy of The Jungle Book and the stories he told her of his encounters over the years with “the deathless man.” But most extraordinary of all is the story her grandfather never told her—the legend of the tiger’s wife.

Nothing to See Here by Kevin Wilson
Tuesday, May 19, 2 pm, QRR
Named a Best Book of the Year by The New York Times Book Review & The Washington Post. Madison’s twin step-kids are moving in with her family and she wants Lillian to be their caretaker. However, there’s a catch: the twins spontaneously combust when they get agitated, flames igniting from their skin in a startling but beautiful way. Lillian is convinced Madison is pulling her leg, but it’s the truth.

RIVERSIDE READS
BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Filling out the Branches: Cultivating Your Family Tree
Thursday, March 12, 7 pm, PMR
Join Ken Zintak, self-taught genealogist and south side Chicago native, as he shares the journey that has unfolded while working on his family trees. Ken will share hints, ideas, and tools used in finding his family, along with great stories of unexpected findings. From novice searcher to knowledgeable genealogist, Zintak will entertain and inspire those wanting to take on their own family trees.

All in the Family!
Thursday, April 9 & May 14, 7 pm, PMR
Join others who have an interest in genealogy and learn what resources are available at the Library. Future programs will also be discussed. All ages welcome but attendees younger than 10 should be with an adult.

GENEALOGY CLUB - ALL IN THE FAMILY!

The Culinary Historians of Northern Illinois’ Cookery Manuscript Project intends to capture, record, and study the culinary history of the region through historical family recipes. This collection of recipes and comments will be an important research tool for studying cultural, political, and social history. Bring in up to 3 recipes, handwritten and older than 50 years, and meet with a culinary historian who can tell you more about your family recipes while they are being digitally preserved to become part of CHNI’s collection. You must make a 1/2 hour appointment in order to participate. Space is limited. Registration required.

The Historic Recipe Road Show
Saturday, April 25
9, 9:30, 10, 10:30, 11, 11:30 am, PMR

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