

spring 2024 NEWSLETTER

THE LEMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

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SAVE THE DATE for our **Summer Learning Kickoff Party** on Saturday, June 1.

THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY SEMI-ANNUAL BOOK SALE

THIS IS THE BIG ONE!



April 12 - 14
Preview Night \$5 admission
Friday April 12 • 6-8 pm
Saturday 9-4 pm; Sunday 1-4 pm

MEMORIAL BOOKS



Did you know you can **honor your loved ones** with a memorial book in our library collection? You can ask us to purchase a book that matches their personality and we will inscribe it and make it available for all to honor their memory.



May the Fourth (All Ages)
Saturday, May 4 • While Supplies Last
 Feel the Force Awaken! We will have Star Wars and comic book themed games and crafts.



Coming this summer... DCM Wonder Clubs

These amazing STEAM sessions are courtesy of DuPage Children's Museum and are designed to encourage your child's curiosity in the world around them. Using an amusement park theme, we will be exploring the wonderful world of STEAM. Stay tuned for these fantastic programs during the summer.

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9 am - 9 pm
 Friday and Saturday: 9 am - 5 pm
 Sunday: 1 pm - 5 pm

LIBRARY CLOSED DATES

April 9: Scheduled Library Maintenance
 April 26: Staff Institute Day
 May 26: Memorial Day Holiday
 May 27: Memorial Day



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Meeting agendas are posted 48 hours in advance of the meeting date on the library website and the library notices board. The public is welcome to attend Library Board meetings.

Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month in the Library Event Space, 50 E. Wend St., Lemont.

Sick at home? Don't have time to browse for books, movies, and more?

Fill out the library's **Materials Pickup Request form**, then wait for a call or email letting you know to pick up your checked out items from the library's vestibule.

Feeling Unwell?

Please help us keep all our patrons healthy by staying home if your kids are sick. We look forward to your visit when they are feeling well again!

Need some games, videos, or books to keep the kids occupied when they are ill? What about some items for yourself too? Fill out the form below, and our staff will check out the items and have them waiting for pick up in the library vestibule.

Materials Pickup Request

Sick at home and need some materials to keep you busy? In a rush and don't have time to pick out items yourself? Let us help!

Use this form to tell us about what type of books or media you're interested in and who the items are for, and we'll take care of selecting the items and checking them out to you. We'll notify you when your items can be picked up from the library vestibule.

* Required

1. First Name *

Enter your answer

2. Last Name *

Enter your answer

KIDS

Spring StoryWalk®

Continues through
April & May
Location: Mayfair Park

Ready for Spring to sprout? Enjoy a stroll around lovely Mayfair Park while you read *Don't Touch That Flower* by Alice Hemming and see what Squirrel is up to now.



*The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

Move & Groove

(Ages 0 - 5 with caregiver)

Fridays • 10 am

April 12 - May 24 (No session April 26)

Kick off Fridays with music, movement, & noise!

Evening Family Storytime

(Ages 3 - 8 with caregiver)

Wednesdays • 6 pm

April 17; May 8 & 22

Join us for stories, songs, rhymes, and more with your Youth Services staff.

Not Quite Ready for Storytime

(Ages 0 - 5 with caregiver)

Wednesdays • 10 am

April 3 & 17; May 1, 15, & 29

Does your child crave stimulation? Do they struggle to sit still? This is the program for them! We'll have a lively mix of rhymes, fingerplays, songs, and movement activities.



Homeschool Hangout (All Ages)

Fridays • 1 pm

April 19 & May 17

Meet other homeschoolers and enjoy games, crafts, and activities.

Brush It Real Good (Ages 0-5)

Wednesdays • 10 am

April 24 & May 22

Join Faith from Kids Plus Pediatric Dentistry for a program you'll really want to sink your teeth into.



May the Fourth (All Ages)

Saturday, May 4 • While Supplies Last

Feel the Force Awaken! We will have Star Wars and comic book themed games and crafts.

Baby Play Time

(Ages 0 - 3 with caregiver)

Tuesdays • 11 am

April 30 & May 28

Toys, music, and bubbles, what could be better? How about meeting other babies and parents!

Any program marked with an **R** requires advanced registration through our online event calendar, by clicking on the program below, or calling 630-257-6541 x 3.

Duplo Builders

(Ages 3+ with caregiver)

Thursdays • 11 am

April 4 & May 30

Not ready to build with the big kids? No worries! This Duplo day is geared towards your littlest architects so they can build (and destroy) their own creations of big building blocks.

Family Bingo Nights (Ages 5+) **R**

Mondays • 6 pm

April 1 & May 6

Join Ms. Joan for fun themed Bingo games and prizes.

LEGO Mystery Afternoons

(Ages 5+) **R**

Tuesdays • 4 pm

April 2 & May 7

Build your creation using only the bricks in your mystery bag. We'll set a new challenge each session.

WEEKLY STORYTIMES

April 11 - May 24

(No storytimes April 29 - May 3)

Lapsit Baby Storytime

(Ages 0-3 with caregiver)

Tuesdays • 11 am

Tuesday's lapsit program is geared for younger babies, with bounces, rhymes, and tickles.



Toddler Storytime

(Ages 0-3 with caregiver)

Thursdays • 11 am

Thursday's program is aimed at babies who are walking, with lots of movement for young ones on the go!

Monday Morning Mommy Meet-Up

(Moms with children ages 0 - 4) ®

April 8 & 22, May 13 • 11:15 am

Meet up with other moms to discuss books, movies, or current events while your little ones are busy doing activities and crafts.

Coyote Call

(PreK - 5th Grade) ®

Date to be announced

Check our event calendar for more details.



Coyotes live around us, but we seldom see them. Learn how to spot signs they leave behind, what they eat, how they communicate, and what to do during a chance encounter. Presented by a nature interpreter from Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie.

Artful Messes

(Ages 0 - 4 with caregiver) ®

Mondays • 10 am & 11 am

Please only sign up for one time slot.

April 15 & May 6

This class is for our littlest artists to explore the wonderful world of color creativity. Dress to get messy please!



Dudes & Donuts ®

Saturdays • 10:30 am

April 20 & May 18

Come for the donuts, stay for the conversation. Bring the kiddos for activities and coloring, have a donut, and chat with other dudes about whatever comes to mind. A perfect way to meet other dads with common interests.

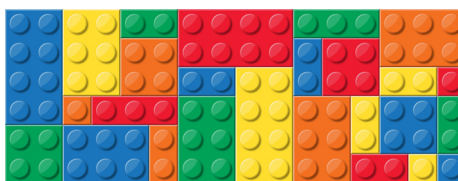
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Teddy Bear Tea Party ® Monday, April 22 • 2 pm

Put on some fancy clothes and grab your favorite stuffie because you are invited to a tea party!



Builder Buddies Intergenerational LEGO Build-Off (Ages 5+) ®

Thursday, April 18 • 4:30 pm

Working together with an adult buddy, your child will complete different building challenges using LEGO bricks.

Science is Sweet (Ages 5+) ®

Monday, April 22 • 6 pm

What's better than science? Science using candy, that's what!

Brain Busters Intergenerational Trivia (Ages 5+) ®

Thursday, May 30 • 2 pm

Your child will be partnered with an adult buddy to compete against other teams in this battle of the brains.

Taekwondo (Ages 5+) ®

Saturday, April 27 • 12:15 pm

Annyeonghaseyo! The library is turning into a temporary Dojang for this program introducing kids to the sport of Taekwondo. Join Master Damon and his assistants from T-USA Lemont as he shares his knowledge of Taekwondo techniques.



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Your favorite kids' comics and manga are on **hoopla**

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Available on the App Store, Google Play, Roku, Amazon, Chromecast, Android Auto, and Apple CarPlay.

Begin the Process Art Nights (Ages 5 - Grade 2) ®

Wednesdays • 4:30 pm
April 24 & May 29

It's about the journey, not the destination. This class, geared towards our budding artists, will explore different art mediums while making unique pieces to bring home. Splat happens, so make sure to dress for mess.

Trust the Process Art Nights (Grades 3 - 5) ®

Wednesdays • 6 pm
April 24 & May 29

The process is important, regardless of the outcome. This class, geared towards our intermediary artists, will explore different art mediums while making unique pieces to bring home. Creativity is messy, and we will be very creative.

The Great Puzzle Race *After Hours* (Ages 5+) ®

Friday, May 10 • 5:30 pm

Piece together a team of up to 5 puzzle enthusiasts and come to the library to see who has the fastest fingers in Lemont. Each team will be given a 500 piece puzzle and a 90 minute time limit; the team to complete the most of their puzzle will be crowned puzzle champions.



Tastes Like Snozzberries (Ages 5+) ®

Sunday, April 28 • 2 pm

Slip into a world of pure imagination during this showing of Gene Wilder's *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory* (1971, G).

Dog-gone Good Reads

(Independent Readers ages 5+) ®
Mondays • Sign up for one time slot between 6 - 7 pm
April 29 & May 20

Sign up to read with a therapy dog from PAWSitive Therapy Troupe. You'll have fun reading to these furry friends, no bones about it!



Passive Programs

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Sign up through Beanstack or at the Youth Services desk and keep track of how many books you read together. For every 100 books read, kids will add a new petal to their flower and help us grow a garden of readers. They'll also receive a few other special prizes on their way to 1000!



1000 BOOKS
BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

Sick at home? Don't have time to browse for books, movies, and more?

Fill out the library's **Materials Pickup Request form**, then wait for a call or email letting you know to pick up your checked out items from the library's vestibule.

Crafternoon Kits

Wednesdays • April 3 - May 29

Stop by the Youth Services desk every Wednesday for our weekly craft kit while supplies last.

Passive Pet Show (All Ages) April

Love your pet? Want to tell the library about it? Bring a picture of your pet into the library or send it to youthinfo@lemonlibrary.org, answer a few questions about your pet, and we will share it in the library.



Boggle Board May

Stop by and see how many words you can make with our giant Boggle board.

TWEEN & TEEN

Teen programs are intended for grades 6 - 12 unless otherwise noted. Any program marked with an **R** requires advanced registration through our online event calendar, by clicking on the program below, or calling 630-257-6541 x 3.

Passive Programs

Character Pen Pals Letter Writing (Volunteer Opportunity) Ongoing

Earn up to five service hours by using our supplies to write letters to children as a popular character. Please fill out the form on the teen page of the library's website before you pick up a kit at the Youth Services desk to take home.



Teen Treat Your Shelf Book Bag **R** April 15 & May 15

Sign up on the teen page of our website each month to receive a book bag created just for you! Your amazing bag will be filled with a selection of snacks, surprises, and books to check out based on your input.

Teen Take n' Make April 1: Stained Glass Earth May 1: Bird Seed Feeders

Pick up a different craft kit each month in our teen room while supplies last.

100 Books Before Graduation (Grades 6 - 12) Ongoing

Reading books for school or for fun? Log your books with Beanstack and earn prizes on your way to 100 reads!



Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities ARC & Other Book Reviews

See the teen page of the library's website for more details.



Adventurers Unite **R** Thursdays • 6 - 8 pm April 11, 25 & May 16, 30

Sundays • 2 - 4 pm April 21 & May 19

Join us as we play through the Dungeons and Dragons Ghost of Saltmarsh campaign. Participants will be able to choose a pre-made character at their first session or contribute their own character to join in the fun.

TEEN VOLUNTEER SQUAD

(Volunteer Opportunity)

Thursdays • 4 pm

April 11 & 25, May 16 & 30

Make your voice heard! Teens share what they're watching, reading, etc., while also sharing opinions on current and future teen programs. We'll work on various service projects at each meeting.

At Your Service **R** (Volunteer Opportunity)

Tuesdays • 4 pm

April 9: Centennial Park Campus Clean-up

May 14: Volunteering with Hope and Friendship

Come socialize with other teens while you complete service projects for community organizations. April 9 we will be meeting at the Centennial Campus parking lot (16028 127th Street) near the tennis courts.

TEEN PROGRAM TEST LAB (Volunteer Opportunity)

Be our guinea pigs! Test new and existing programs, then tell us what you like, what you would change, and if we are offering events on the right days & times. Teens will receive service hours for participating in test lab programs and providing feedback on the programs.

Artful Adventures **R** Thursday, May 23 • 2 pm

Art is an adventure into an unknown world. Come on this adventure with us where it isn't about how the art looks, it's all about how it makes you feel.

Teen Candy Olympics Monday, May 13 • 4 pm

Enjoy some sweet competition with friends at the Candy Olympics. Test your dexterity as you work together to build the tallest marshmallow tower and speed sort M&M's. Are you a candy connoisseur? Then you'll love the chance to compete in our blind taste test. Let the games begin!



Creative Writing Workshop Tuesday, April 23 • 3:45 pm

Do you enjoy writing and want to talk about it with others your age? Join us for a new creative writing group and learn new ways to improve your skills.



Snack n' Study with Therapy Dogs

Wednesday, May 8 • 3 pm

Come enjoy calm music and tasty snacks with a furry friend from PAWsitive Therapy Troupe while you take a break from studying.

ADULT PROGRAMS

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MAY IS OLDER AMERICANS MONTH



Pathlights, ATI, and Slip Proof Safety have partnered to bring a two-part series of presentations for creating safe situations at home.



Fall Prevention and Safety at Home • May 9 • 1 pm

Falls are the most common cause of traumatic brain injury, fractures, and unintentional death in older adults. Join this interactive presentation by a licensed physical therapist and fall prevention specialist about the most common causes of falls in the home, simple changes you can make to reduce risks, and exercises to increase strength and stability.

Tools for Aging in Place May 23 • 1:30 pm

Most of us dream of aging peacefully in our homes. This presentation will introduce you to some of the tools available to support this dream if health conditions interfere. Come learn about the minor and major modifications that can help keep you in your home.

LEMONT TOWNSHIP *Lemont Library and Lemont Township have partnered to offer recurring events to support older adults.*

Wits Workout! **R** Tuesdays • 1 pm April 2 & May 7

Enjoy a mental workout with exercises involving language, word play, puzzles, and memory. Wits Workout has two main goals—to provide purposeful opportunities for older adults to engage intellectually, and to increase connection through ongoing group participation. This class is brought to you by the U of I Extension Project.



Memory Cafe Wednesday May 8 • 1:30 pm

Join us for a comfortable social gathering that allows people experiencing memory loss and their loved ones to connect, socialize, and build new support networks. Cafés are free to attend and welcome to all. Each monthly session includes an art project, music, or other activity. Coffee, tea, and light refreshments will be provided by Franciscan Village. Designed for people living with Alzheimer's or related dementias to attend with their care partners. This program will be held monthly.



PINNACLE & POURS

Take a tour of area coffee shops and drinking establishments in the towns served by the Pinnacle Library System. Visit pinnaclelibraries.org/pours for more information. Scan the QR Code at each establishment to enter for a chance to win some swag.



Lemont Business Participants:



Folklore Coffee
All April long visit Folklore Coffee at 214 Main Street to enjoy a book-themed drink.



Pollyanna Social
Join our Happy Bookers book club on April 11 or stop by for a book-inspired cocktail, sure to bring you "Down the Rabbit Hole," throughout April.

WEALTHY & WISE

Downsizing Made Stress-Free: Preparing to Sell Smart with Pawlak Properties®

Wednesdays

April 24 • 11 am

May 22 • 6:30 pm

Ease the burden of selling your home and navigate the challenges of downsizing effortlessly

with local real estate experts Mark and Wendy Pawlak. Discover practical tips for deciding what to keep or discard, learn how to stage your home effectively, and participate in an engaging Q&A session while enjoying a complimentary BBQ lunch or dinner. Let us help guide you through the process! Choose from the sessions above.



Shred Event Saturday, May 18 9 am- Noon



Stop by Lemont Bank & Trust | Wintrust Community Bank, 12400 Archer Avenue, to shred your private documents. Please enter on Archer Avenue at the KinderCare entrance to begin lining up. No early shredding accepted.



Check out IPO

The Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra at the Ozinga Chapel of Trinity Christian College provides free passes to Lemont cardholders on a first-come, first-served basis. Stop by Patron Services to reserve tickets for the upcoming concerts, beginning two weeks prior to the day of the concert. 1 pass per concert, 2x per season, per family limit.

April 13 • 7:30 pm (tix available 3/30)
Bologna, Mozart & Haydn

May 18 • 7:30 pm (tix available 5/4)
Joyful Voice: Shaw & Beethoven

READ, SEEN, HEARD

Discussions of books, films, and other media in various settings. Pick up materials at the Patron Services Desk for clubs. Don't forget many of our titles are available on our eReading platforms. (Not sure how to use one, join our eReading class on May 21 at 6:30 pm).

Movie Club®

Third Thursday of the month • 1 pm

Watch the movies as a group on our 10 foot screen and stay for a lively discussion.



APRIL 18
Sense & Sensibility
PG (1995)
Romance/Comedy,
2 hr 16 min



MAY 16
Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon
PG-13 (2000) Action/Adventure, 2 hr

Brewed Alternatives®

First Thursday of the month • 7 pm

NEW change of location: Now held at the library.



MAY 2
The Hobbit: an Illustrated Edition of the Fantasy Classic by Chuck Dixon



JUNE 6
The Wager by David Grann

Mid-Morning Mysteries

First Friday of the month • 10:30 am



MAY 3
How to Solve Your Own Murder by Kristen Perrin



JUNE 7
Mastering the Art of French Murder by Colleen Cambridge

Happy Bookers on the Town®

2nd Thursday of the Month • 7 pm / Held at Pollyanna Social 326 Main Street

Our fiction and collection development librarian, Maureen, loves to share her passion for books at her Happy Booker events. Now she's focusing on one novel at a time.



APRIL 11
The Midnight Library by Matt Haig



MAY 9
One Italian Summer by Rebecca Serle

Gil's GENRE-fication of the Library®

3rd Tuesdays of the Month • 2 pm / Located in the Event Space

Gil's taste in books has a range so it should be easy to find something that fits your bill too!



APRIL 16
There Will Be Fire by Rory Carroll



MAY 21
The Last Honest Man by James Risen



Sam's Spicy Selections®

Tuesday, May 14 • 7pm

Looking for something to make you blush? Follow Sam over to Pollyanna Brewing, 431 Talcott Avenue, for a fun and sassy discussion. This month's steamy selection: *Raiders of the Lost Heart* by Jo Segura.



Sagawau Education Center Book Club®

Saturday, May 4 • 1 pm

Meet at the Sagawau Education Center (12545 111th St) for an offsite book club celebrating migratory bird season. Discussion led by a naturalist of the Cook County Forest Preserves. The Spring selection is *Conversations with Birds* by Priyanka Kumar.

GETTING SOCIAL

Seed Library Kick-off [®]

April 1

Spring into your gardening season with an array of seeds from our seed library. Have too many? You can donate seeds to our library, too. Let's get planting!

Sow What! [®]

Wednesday, April 10 • 6:30 pm

Sow the seeds of love with Aster Gardens, the Lemont Library's Official Sponsor of the Seed Library. Make a biodegradable fruit or veggie seed pot to take home for your garden. Meet at Aster Gardens 202 Stephen Street.



HEALTHY HAPPENINGS

Lemont Walking Club hosts The Library Monday Morning Mosey [®]

Mondays • 9:30 - 11 am

April 15 • Restorative Sleep

May 20 • Whole Food plant-based Meals on a Budget

Join Danyelle Andrews from Bee Well Collective and leader of the weekly Lemont Walking Club for a wonderful walk around the neighborhood, followed by a brief discussion about wellness and staying active. Remember: there is no bad weather, only bad clothing!



Yoga Led by Sandy Bianco, CYT [®]

1st Wednesday of the month • 7 pm

April 3 & May 1

Ageless Grace (z)

Led by Holly Ramsdell [®]

2nd & 4th Mondays • 12:45 pm

April 8th & 22

May 13 & 27

Ageless Grace[®] is



a cutting-edge brain fitness program based on neuroplasticity that activates all 5 functions of the brain – strategic planning, memory/recall, analytical thinking, creativity and imagination, kinesthetic learning – and simultaneously addresses all 21 physical skills needed for lifelong optimal function.



My Time to "TRI"

Wednesday, April 24 • 7 pm

Interested in taking your running to the next level by training for a triathlon or marathon? Join Liz Waterstraat, coach at Multisport Mastery, and race partner with The Forge, for a guide to accomplish your racing goals. This program is intended for racers looking to advance.

Versiti Blood Drive [®]
 June 5 • 12 - 5:30 pm
 Give the gift of life to your community. Sign up for the Versiti Blood Drive <https://bit.ly/libraryblooddrivejune24> (Held in Event Space).

TECH TUESDAYS

Join our tech wiz librarians for help on your most pressing topics.

Senior Sessions [®]

May 14 • 2 pm

Come with any questions about technology where you need the most help. Bring your own computer, tablet, or phone.

You can read on this thing??? [®]

Tuesday, May 21 • 6:30 pm

Put your device to the test and learn how to use our free reading and listening apps. Books, music, movies, magazines, and more. Bring your device and all associated passwords!



Friends Corner

THE FRIENDS SEMI-ANNUAL SALE - THIS IS THE BIG ONE!



April 12 - April 14

Preview Night \$5 admission
Friday April 12 • 6-8 pm

Saturday 9-4 pm; Sunday 1-4 pm

Join us for the semi-annual book sale. Back by demand – preview night!

HOBBIES AND HOW-TOS



DO YOU LIKE PUZZLES?

Puzzle Swap

Have a gently used puzzle you already solved? Looking for a fresh one to put together? Stop by our puzzle swap to sign one out or drop one off.

Community Puzzle

Stop by and add your piece to the current puzzle on display. The challenge is can you do just one? The community puzzle is set up on the book bar in the Gathering Space.

Crafternight with Holly - Afterhours®

Friday May 3 • 6:30 pm

Craftapalooza - We'll have past crafts and left over supplies at our fingertips.



MahJong

Mondays • 1 pm

Did you know a local MahJong group meets weekly? Tiles provided. The more, the merrier! Played with the National MahJong League card.

Get Spicy!

Get Spicy! gets a sponsor! Spices for this program have been generously donated by Pete's Fresh Market.



APRIL
Everything
but the Bagel
Seasoning



MAY
Curry Powder



Hidden in the Library

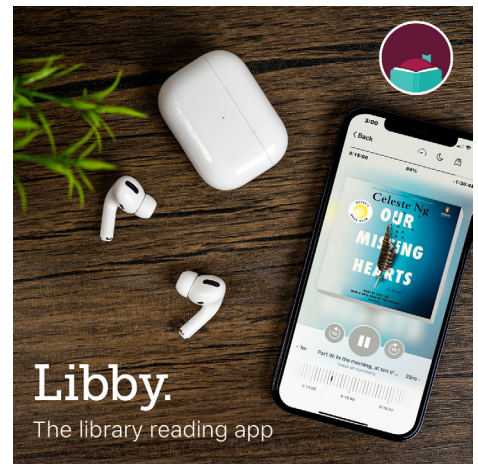
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