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THE LEMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

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LIBRARY *on the* TOWN



Storytime at the New Lemont Farmers Market

Tuesday, August 29 & October 10

Join the library for an evening storytime at the Farmers Market. The market runs from 4-7 pm. The library will be there for the entire event, and will also host a special storytime. Village Green 322 Main Street. (Farmer's Markets runs August 1 - Mid-October).



Trick or Treat Trail

(Family Friendly)

Saturday, October 14

Location: Centennial Park

Lemont Park District brings back the popular Trick or Treat Trail and we are creeping out to join them! Stop by the Lemont Library table for something to add to your Halloween haul. *Registration is required through the Lemont Park District website.*



Fall Color Walk with Sagawau Valley Education Center (Family Friendly)

Sunday, Oct 15 • 1 pm

Enjoy a leisurely nature walk to see the fall colors. Meet at the Sagawau Valley Education Center Building, 12545 111th Street, with other library and local friends. Path is grass; dress appropriate for the weather. Stop by the library table for a post-walk refreshment.

LJWC Scarecrow Fest (All Ages)

Saturday, Sept. 23
2 - 5 pm

Come visit the Scarecrow Trail at the Lemont Community Center (16300 Alba Street) on September

23 for food, crafts, horseback rides, local author Megan Dagnino, a Storywalk featuring *We're Going on a Pumpkin Hunt* by Goldie Hawk, and more! Don't forget to vote on your favorite scarecrow.

LJWC
LEMONT JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB

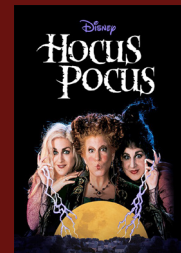


Lemont Area Historical Society Movies (Family Friendly) ®

Friday, October 13 • 6 pm

Saturday, October 14 • 6 pm

Join the library and the Lemont Area Historical Society for showings of *Hocus Pocus* (Fri.) & *Hocus Pocus 2* (Sat.). Tickets are \$5 per showing and the events will be at the Historical Society (306 Lemont St). Doors open at 5:30. Ticket purchases can be made at the door or in advance at Lemonthistory.org.



KIDS

Monday Morning Mommy Meet-Up

(Moms with children ages 0-4) **R**

2nd and 4th Mondays • 11:15 am
September 11 & 25, October 9 & 23

Meet up with other moms to discuss books, movies, or current events while your little ones are busy doing activities and crafts. An email with the discussion topic will be sent prior to the dates.



Lego Mystery Afternoons

(Ages 5 & up) **R**

Wednesdays • 4 pm
September 6
October 25

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



Registered Programs



The programs below require registration and are marked with an **R**. If you are unable to attend a registered program, please call 630-257-6541 x 3 to cancel as space is limited.

HAUNTED MANSION FAMILY NIGHT



Wednesday, October 25 • 6 pm **R**



Listen to some hauntingly good ghost stories and create your own haunted mansion in this frighteningly fun family night.

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday–Thursday: 9am–9pm

Friday and Saturday: 9am–5pm

Sunday: 1pm–5pm

LIBRARY CLOSED DATES

Sunday, September 3

Labor Day (Observed)

Monday, September 4

Labor Day

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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 Learning Center, 50 E. Wend St., Lemont.



LEMONT
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Music Makers (Ages 0-5 with caregiver) **R**

Wednesdays • 10 am
September 13 & 27
October 11 & 25

Join local music school Edge Music Academy for this hands-on, early childhood music class. Let's make beautiful noise together!



Trust the Process Art Nights (Ages 5-8) **R**

Wednesdays • 6 pm, Sept. 13 & Oct. 11
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!

Bingo Buddies (Ages 5 & up) **R**

Friday, September 15 • 2 pm
Sign your child up to play a few rounds of bingo with a senior buddy during this intergenerational program.

Bunco Buddies (Ages 5 & up) **R**

Friday, October 27 • 2 pm
Sign your child up to play a few rounds of the dice game bunco with a senior buddy during this intergenerational program.

Crafty Family (Family Friendly) **R**

Thursday, October 5 • 6:15 - 7:45 pm
The family that crafts together, laughs together! Come in as a group for a spooky Halloween wreath craft designed by the fabulous Holly Dean. *One kit will be provided per family*

Family Bingo Night (Family Friendly) **R**

Mondays • 6 pm, Sept. 18 & Oct. 16
Play our themed bingo games for your chance to win prizes.



Artful Messes (Ages 0-4 with caregiver) **R**

Mondays • 10 am
September 18 & October 16
This class is for our littlest artists to explore the wonderful world of color creativity. Dress to get messy please!

Art with Ms. Carolyn (Grades 3-5) **R**

Thursdays • 6 - 7:15 pm
September 21 - *Jellyfish Watercolor*
October 19 - *Painting Butterflies*
Unleash your creative genius as we produce awesome art and learn great techniques with fan favorite Carolyn Zolecki. Put on artist clothes that you don't mind getting a little extra color - art can be messy!

Doggone Good Reads (Independent Readers ages 5 & up) **R**

Mondays • Sept. 25 & Oct. 30
Sign up for a time slot between 6-7 pm
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!



Fan Favorites Parties (Grades 2 & up) **R**

Tuesdays • 6 pm
September 26: *InvestiGATORS*
October 3: *The Baby-Sitters Club*
Celebrate new additions to these fan favorite series with themed games and activities. Bonus: We'll raffle off a copy of the new book at each party!



Strictly Self Defense with Lindsey Daehnke **R** (Ages 7-11)

Monday, Oct. 2 • 6 pm
Topics include stranger danger, situational awareness, consent, grooming, basic striking, and more. This training is intended to help parents feel comfortable as their kids transition into a more independent lifestyle. All topics are presented in an age appropriate manner.



Drop in Programs

The programs below do not require advance sign up. Just come on down to the library & join us!

Baby Play Time (Ages 0-3 with caregiver)

Tuesdays • 10:45 am

September 5 & October 24

Toys, music, and bubbles, what could be better? Meeting other babies and parents, that's what!

Duplo Builders (3+ with caregiver)

Saturdays • 2 pm

Sept. 2 & Oct. 7

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.



Not Quite Ready for Storytime

(Ages 0-5 with caregiver)

Fridays • 10 am, September 8 & October 27

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



Move & Groove (Ages 0-5 with caregiver)

Fridays • 10 am, Sept. 1 - Oct. 20

(No class September 8)

Kick off Fridays with music, movement, & more!

Homeschool Hangout (Family Friendly)

Fridays • 1 pm

September 15 & October 20

Meet other homeschoolers and enjoy a variety of activities.

Evening Family Storytime

(Ages 3-8 with caregiver)

Wednesdays • 6 pm

September 6 & 20

October 4 & 18

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



WEEKLY STORYTIMES

September 12 - October 31

(No storytimes the week of October 22 - 28)

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!

Family Storytime

(Ages 3-8 with caregiver)

Saturdays • 11 am

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



HALLOWEEN After Party!

(Family Friendly)

**Tuesday, October 31
6 - 8 pm**

Trick or Treating hours are over? BOO! But we have a treat. Come to the library to extend the spooky fun of Halloween. There will be tricks, treats, and an opportunity to swap out the candy you don't quite like. Allergy-friendly options will be available.

TWEEN & TEEN

Teen programs are intended for grades 6-12 unless otherwise noted.

Registered Programs



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Percy Jackson and the Chalice of Trivia **R**

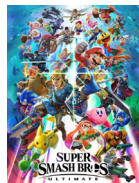
Tuesday, September 12 • 4 - 5 pm

Percy fans: celebrate the new book's arrival by testing your knowledge of the original series. Answer the most questions correctly to ascend to your place on Mount Olympus and be crowned God or Goddess of Trivia. Ambrosia (or food and beverages to us mere mortals) will be served.

Super Smash Bros. Teen Tourney **R**

Monday, October 9 • 3 pm

Bring your Switch controller and a friend and battle each other to see who will come out on top. Snacks will be provided and the winner will receive a prize.



Passive Programs

Crafternoon Kits

Wednesdays

September 6 - October 25

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

Fall StoryWalk[®]

Friday, September 1
Continues through
Sept. & Oct.

Location: Mayfair Park

Ready to fall for a good book? Come out to beautiful Mayfair Park, take a relaxing stroll, and read *The Leaf Thief* by Alice Hemming.



*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.

Boo!

Spooky Cookie Decorating **R**

Tuesday, October 24
3:45 - 4:45 pm

Decorate a tasty terrific treat good enough to give to a ghoul!

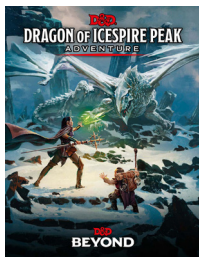


Adventurer's Unite [®]

Thursdays • 6 - 8 pm
Sept. 14 & 28
Oct. 12 & 26

Sundays • 2 - 4 pm
Sept. 17 & Oct. 15

Join us as we play through the Dungeons and Dragons *Dragon of Icespire Peak* campaign. Participants will be able to choose a premade character at their first session or contribute their own character to join in the fun.



Teen Building Challenge [®]

Saturday, September 9 • 2 pm
Using crackers, Cheez Whiz, and pretzels, try your hand at constructing famous structures and complete different challenges.

Drop in Programs

The programs below do not require advance sign up. Just come on down to the library & join us!

At Your Service (Volunteer Opportunity)

Tuesdays • 4 pm
September 19: *Letter for Operation Gratitude*
October 17: *Letters Against Isolation*
Come socialize with other teens while you complete service projects for community organizations.

TEEN VOLUNTEER SQUAD

Thursdays • 4 pm
September 7 & 21
October 5 & 19

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.

New Day & Time!

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 their favorite 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 Box [®]

September 15 & October 15

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

take AND make

Teen Take n' Make

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

SEPTEMBER 1:

Straw Woven Bookmarks/Bracelets

OCTOBER 1:

Pony Bead Pumpkins



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

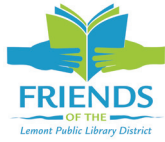
ARC & Other Book Reviews

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

ADULT PROGRAMS

SAVE THE DATE:
November 10 - 12

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY SEMI-ANNUAL BOOK SALE



Friday Presale 6-8 pm
(\$5 entrance fee)
Saturday 9-4 pm
Sunday 1-4 pm (Bag Sale)



Venerable Mother Mary Theresa Dudzik: Promoter of the Cause [®]

Sunday, Sept. 24 • 2 pm
Did you know that there
is a woman right here in

Lemont that might one day be a saint? The founder of the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago, and candidate for sainthood, is entombed at Our Lady of Victory Convent. Come to hear Sister Jeanne Marie Toriskie, the Vice-Postulator for Mother Theresa's Cause, speak about the life of this remarkable woman. With her will be local author Pat Camalliere, who will tell how she came to write *The Miracle at Assisi Hill*, a novel inspired by Mother Theresa.

Getting the Most from Medicare Benefits! [®]

Thursday, September 21 • 7 pm
What is Medicare? Who is eligible? What is my enrollment period? What is the difference in Medicare Parts A, B, C, D? All these confusing questions and more will be answered by Financial Advisor, Mark Hughes.

The programs marked with an [®] require registration. If you are unable to attend a registered program, please call 630-257-6541 x 2 to cancel as space is limited.

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

Mondays • 9:30 - 11 am

September 18: *What is Lifestyle
Medicine and Why Does it Work?*

October 1: *The Wellness Wheel-
Taking Control of our "Big Picture" Wellness*

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.



Check out IPO

The Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra at the Ozinga Chapel of Trinity Christian College provides free passes to library patrons on a first-come, first-served basis. Stop by the Patron Services Desk 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 patron limit.

October 14 • 5:30 pm

Opening Night: Music from the Americas
Stilian Kirov, Conductor featuring Márquez,
Barber, Cziner and Ginastera

Women's Small Business Monday Monthly Meet-Up [®]

Mondays • 6:30-8 pm

September 18 & October 16

Join Liz Rose and other local women business owners on the third Monday of the month. This program is perfect for business owners just starting out and veteran business owners on the lookout for how to keep things progressing. The first half hour of each meeting will be for socializing. Liz will then lead the group focusing on that month's topic.

Bingo Buddies ®

Friday, September 15 • 2 pm

Sign up to play a few rounds of bingo with a little buddy during this intergenerational program. (Please sign up under "Adult Buddy" when registering.)

Bunco Buddies ®

Friday, October 27 • 2 pm

Sign up to play a few rounds of the dice game bunco with a little buddy during this intergenerational program. (Please sign up under "Adult Buddy" when registering)

Essentials of Estate Planning with Greg Kurinek ®

Tuesday, September 26 • 6 pm

Join Greg Kurinek, a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ professional and member of the Financial Planning Association, as he shares his knowledge about the ins and outs of estate planning. At the end of the class, attendees will have a thorough understanding of what steps they need to take to protect their spouse and heirs.

National Voter Registration Day - Registration Drive

Tuesday, September 19
11-2 and 3:30-5:30 pm

Stop by the library as the area chapter of League of Women Voters help register new residents and those turning 18. See more details for voting eligibility on our calendar.



NEW!

Birds of a Feather

2nd Monday of the Month
6:30 pm

September 11 and October 9

An evening meet-up specially designed for ladies experiencing a new empty nest. Whether the kids flew the coop or you're looking for a new group of friends, come for a chat and social time with special guests throughout the year.

CELEBRATE BOOOOOK-TOBER

Fun Seasonal Happenings
at the Library



Paranormal Investigation with Ghostly Voices ®

Thursday, October 19 • 6:30 pm

Join Nicole Tito as she shares the results from investigating the paranormal for the past twenty years visiting numerous haunted locations both locally and across the country. She enjoys sharing her results on her website: www.ghostly-voices.com.

Chez Madelaine's Library Kitchen Thursdays ®

Homestyle Oktoberfest
September 28 • 6:30 pm

Join Madelaine as she explores culinary delights from Deutschland in this Oktoberfest-themed session. Learn to prepare a crispy schnitzel, blend German mustard, and ferment cabbage for sauerkraut.



October Mid-Morning
Mysteries Book Club
October 6 • 10:30 am

*Everyone in My Family
Has Killed Someone*
by Benjamin Stevenson



TechTuesdays [®]

Join Gil, our tech wiz librarian, for help on your most pressing topics.
Senior Sessions • 2 pm / Sept. 12 & Oct. 10
Come with any questions about technology where you need the most help. Bring your own computer, tablet, or phone.

WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS

Versiti Blood Drive [®]

September 6 • 12 - 6 pm
Give the gift of life to your community. Sign up for the Versiti Blood Drive <https://bit.ly/libraryblooddriveseptember23> (Held in Event Space).

Breast Cancer with Advocate Health October 11 • 6:30 pm [®]

Join Dr. Ameer Gomerwalla, MD, breast surgeon at Advocate Christ Medical Center as he shares updates in breast cancer screening and treatment: one size DOES NOT fit all.

Ageless Grace (z) Led by Colette Gallian 2nd and 4th Wednesdays • 10:30 am September 13 & 27 October 11 & 25

NEW: please register for the new session if you are interested in receiving the Zoom link; otherwise registration is not required.

Hatha Yoga [®]

1st Wednesday of the month • 7 pm
September 6 and October 4

Restorative Yoga [®]

3rd Wednesday of the month • 7 pm
September 20 and October 18
Led by Sandy Bianco, CYT

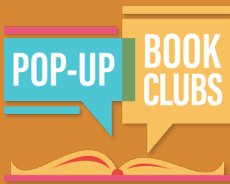
CRAFTS & HOBBIES

Crafternight with Holly - Afterhours [®]

Fridays • 6:30 pm
September 15: *Garden Flag*
October 20: *Engraved Pumpkins*

I've Always Wanted to Learn. . . How to Crochet [®]

Monday, September 25 • 7 pm
Join Wendy, an avid crocheter, to learn how to create simple beginner stitches. Hooks will be provided. Please bring your favorite color of 4-ply yarn.



NEW! Pop Up Book Clubs!

Not quite sure if you want to, or don't have time to commit to a club? Try these on for size. New choices every newsletter!

Gil's GENRE-fication of the Library

Tuesday, September 19 • 2 pm
Located in the Event Space
Gil's taste in books have a range, but we know he is well versed in True Crime -- and he's here to chat about this month's title: *American Predator* by Maureen Callahan.



Sam's Savvy Selections

Tuesday, Sept. 26 • 6:30 pm
This month's club held at our new Wifi-enabled tables in front of Safety Village/Canal Center, 55 Stephen Street. Join Sam at the new "hot spot" on the canal as she discusses her favorite fairytale retelling: *Malice* by Heather Walter.





On Display

The Lemont Historical Society (LAHS) has created a **Who/What/When/Where/Why Contest** that will be exhibited inside the Library's display case. Questions are available at our front desk. The exhibit will run from August 1 through October 31. At the end of each month, LAHS will read all entries and a winner will be randomly selected from those with the correct answers. The winner each month will receive a basket of goodies.

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.*

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.



SEPT. 21

Straight Talk
(Dolly Parton
1992 - Filmed
right here in
Lemont!)



OCT. 19

The Others
(Nicole Kidman,
Horror, 2001)

Brewed Alternatives ®

First Thursday of the month • 7 pm

hosted at Pollyanna
Brewing Company



OCT. 5

*Into the Devil's
Reach* by Louis
Weinberger



NOV. 2

*All the Living
and the Dead*
by Hayley
Campbell

Mid-Morning Mysteries

First Friday of the month • 10:30 am



OCT. 6

*Everyone in My
Family Has Killed
Someone*
by Benjamin
Stevenson



NOV. 3

Girl, Alone
by Blake Pierce

Happy Bookers on the Town

Thursday, October 12 • 7 pm

Location: One Eleven Wine
Bar and Martini Parlour at
111 Stephen Street

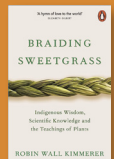
Our fiction and collection development librarian, Maureen, loves to share her passion for books at her Happy Booker events. Now she's focusing on one novel at a time. This month's selection: *One Hundred Years of Lennie and Margot* by Marianne Cronin.



Sagawau Education Center Book Club ®

Saturday, November 11 • 10 am

Meet at the Sagawau Education Center for an offsite book club lead by a naturalist of the Cook County Forest Preserves discussing the collection of nature essays: *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer.





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