

# holiday 2023 NEWSLETTER

THE LEMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

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# Celebrate the Holidays at the library with these all ages programs and giving opportunities.

## A Holiday for Giving



Stop by the Lemont Public Library for a variety of opportunities to give to those in need.

### Veterans Drive

In honor of Veterans Day, donate to assist veterans with new paper goods, linens, toiletries, and office supplies. A full list is linked here: [www.lemontlibrary.org/veteranwishlist](http://www.lemontlibrary.org/veteranwishlist)

### Little Free Pantry



### The Giving Tree

Take an ornament off the tree during the month of December, purchase a book for that specific person, and return it unwrapped with the ornament inside. In partnership with Hope & Friendship of Lemont.

### Tractors for Toys

Join the Lemont Tractor Club as they gather gifts for local families in need. Please drop off your unwrapped toys in the vestibule through December.



### Library Wishlist



Take a look at our Amazon Wish List. The library would love to add to our craft closet and supply list for upcoming programs for you. <https://bit.ly/LemontLibraryWishlist>

### Community Quilt Squares (All Ages)

Wednesday, November 15 • 4 - 6 pm

Can't make a stitch? Sew what? Come create a quilt square using a swatch and fabric markers. The squares will be sewn together and displayed in the library for the whole community to see. If you can't join us, stop by the Youth Services Desk after November 15 to pick up a square while supplies last.

### Countdown to Christmas

Starting November 25

Grab a calendar at the library or go online to our event calendar for a daily way to be merry and bright all season long!

### Hometown Holiday with the Library and Pawlak Properties

Saturday, December 2

Jingle downtown to Lemont's Hometown Holiday for a festive afternoon of Santa, treats, games, and shopping. While you are there, trek over to our booth to write letters to Santa and create a festive craft! Letters to Santa forms will be available in the library November 27 - December 15.



### Holiday Movies @ Home

Week of December 10: Elf (PG)

Week of December 17: A Christmas Story (PG)

Be a part of the movie! Use our prop bags and scripts as you watch at home. No need to register, one bag per family each week while supplies last.

### Library SWAG Sale

Through November 30

Looking for something amazing to put in your stocking this year? Visit our Eich's store by scanning the QR code. Sport your new library gear around town to show you love where you live!



SCAN ME



## Starting in January, we will no longer be mailing newsletters.

Now they will live on the homepage of the library website. Newsletters will also be emailed to you, as is done currently. If you prefer a print copy, feel free to stop at the Patron Services desk and someone will print one for you.

**HOW TO PREPARE:** To ensure receipt of the next newsletter, stop by Patron Services to make sure your contact information and email address are up to date.

**This decision will save approximately \$30,000+ taxpayer dollars each year, to be redistributed for other purposes within the library.**

### **LIBRARY HOURS**

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

### **LIBRARY CLOSED DATES**

November 10 Library In-Service  
November 23 Thanksgiving Day  
December 24 Christmas Eve  
December 25 Christmas Day  
December 31 New Year's Eve



### **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.**

# KIDS

## 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.

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

Wednesdays • 10 am  
November 8 and 22  
December 6 and 20

Join local music school Edge Music Academy for this hands-on, early childhood music class. Let's make beautiful noises together! Sponsored by Beth Striker, a member of The Friends of the Lemont Public Library.



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

Mondays • 10 am  
November 6 and December 4

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

### Lego Mystery Afternoons (Ages 5+) **R**

Wednesdays • 4 pm  
November 8 and December 27

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



### Troll-tally Awesome (Ages 5+) **R**

Saturday, November 4 • 2 pm  
Spike your hair and put on your happy face! Come sing and dance along while we celebrate the release of *Trolls Band Together* by watching the first film and doing some troll-tally awesome crafts and activities.

### Trust the Process Art Nights (Ages 5-11) **R**

Wednesdays • 6 pm  
November 8 and December 27

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.

### Monday Morning Mommy Meet-Up (Moms with children ages 0-4) **R**

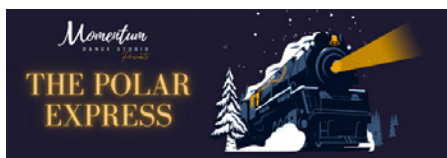
2nd and 4th Mondays • 11:15 am  
November 13 and 27; December 11

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 out prior to the dates.

### Pajama-rama (Ages 5+) **R**

Friday, November 24 • 2 pm

It will be easy to stay awake for the fun and games at this pajama party. Come join us for sleepover themed games that will be fun for all.



### Momentum Dance Studio Presents The Polar Express (All Ages) **R**

Sunday, December 3 • 2 pm  
Come see the popular book brought to life by Momentum Dance Studio.



## Merry Grinchmas (Ages 5+) <sup>®</sup>

Saturday, December 16 • 2 pm

Dress in your Grinchy best and join us for a showing of the original *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* along with crafts and themed activities.



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### **Volunteer Opportunity: Global Goals (Ages 8-11) <sup>®</sup>**

Wednesday, December 6 • 4 pm

Come be inspired and learn about the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals.

Participants will engage in guided activities to develop design thinking, while also learning how they can take planet-friendly action at home, in their schools, and in their communities. Presented by Accenture.

### **Nifty Gifties (Ages 6-11) <sup>®</sup>**

Friday, December 22 • 2 pm

Come create the perfect present to show someone you care.

### **Noon Year's Eve (All Ages) <sup>®</sup>**

Saturday, December 30 • 11:30 am

Don't wait, celebrate! Come join us for fun games, party poppers, music, and more while ringing in the New Year early.

## WEEKLY STORYTIMES

November 1 - December 23

(No storytimes November 20-25)

### **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.

# Drop in Programs

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

## Evening Family Storytime

(Ages 3 - 8 with caregiver)

Wednesdays • 6 pm

November 1 and 29; December 6 and 20

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

## Move & Groove (Ages 0 - 5 with caregiver)

Fridays • 10 am

November 3 - December 22

(No session November 10 and 24)

Kick off Fridays with music, movement, & more!

## Duplo Builders

(Ages 3+ with caregiver)

Wednesdays • 10 am

November 15 and December 13

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.

## Bookmark Bonanza (K - 5th grade)

Thursday, November 16 • 4 - 6 pm

Swing by the Children's Activity Center to design a bookmark to be voted on. The winning design will be printed and available for library patrons.

## Homeschool Hangout (All Ages)

Fridays • 1 pm

November 17 and December 15

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

## Stuffie Sleepover! (All Ages)

Drop-off: Monday, November 20 • 4 - 6 pm

Pick-up: Tuesday, November 21 • 4:30 - 5 pm

Let your stuffie spend a fun-filled night in the Youth Services department. What kinds of hi-jinks will they get into? Find out when you pick them up!

## Baby Play Time (Ages 0 - 3 with caregiver)

Tuesdays • 10:45 am

November 21 and December 26

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

## This Party's Poppin! (All Ages)

Wednesday, November 22 • 2 pm

You'll feel better when you're dancing, so come in for this all ages bubble bash and groove yourself into a good mood.

## Not Quite Ready for Storytime (Ages 0 - 5 with caregiver)

Fridays • 10 am

November 24 and December 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.

## Cocoa & Coloring (All Ages)

Thursday, December 28 • 2 pm

Cozy up with a cup of cocoa and color your holiday stress away.



New  
Day &  
Time!

# Passive Programs

## Craftnoon Kits

Wednesdays

November 1 - December 27

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

## Favorite Book Photo-Op

Stop by during the month of December to snap a photo with the best book you read in 2023.

# TWEEN & TEEN

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

## Drop in Programs

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

### TEEN VOLUNTEER SQUAD

Thursdays • 4 pm

November 2 and December 14

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

### Open Art Studio

Saturdays • 3 pm

November 11 and December 9

Drop in and mingle with other creative types while you use our materials to make something totally original and totally you. You're also welcome to bring in projects from home to work on.

### At Your Service (Volunteer Opportunity)

Tuesdays • 4 pm

Nov. 14: *Make paper ornaments for the Giving Tree*

Dec. 12: *Wrap donated Giving Tree books*

Come socialize with other teens while you complete service projects for community organizations.

### Taster's Choice: Oreos & Jelly Beans

Monday, Nov. 20 • 4 pm

Join us for a civilized afternoon of Oreo tasting followed by a very uncivilized game of Beanboozled. Are your taste buds up to the challenge?

### Cocoa & Coloring After Dark

Thursday, December 28 • 6 pm

Sip hot cocoa and color nighttime scenes while listening to soothing music. PJs encouraged, but not required.

## 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 Bag ®

November 15 and December 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.

### 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.

take  
AND  
make

### Teen Take n' Make

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

NOVEMBER 1:

Butterfly Bookmark

DECEMBER 1:

Star Ornament

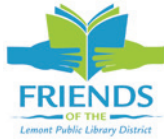


# ADULT PROGRAMS

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## Friends Corner

**FRIENDS OF  
THE LIBRARY  
SEMI-ANNUAL  
BOOK SALE**



**November 10 - 12**

**Friday Presale 6 - 8 pm  
(\$5 entrance fee)**

**Saturday 9 am - 4 pm**

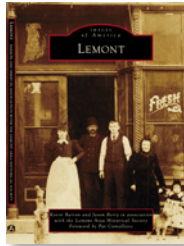
**Sunday 1 - 4 pm (Bag Sale)**

**WANTED:** A volunteer that is familiar with WordPress to create The Friends of the Lemont Library website. Please email: [noteablepam@hotmail.com](mailto:noteablepam@hotmail.com).

## Images of America: Lemont Launch Party **R**

Friday, November 17  
6:30 - 8:30 pm

Join authors Kevin Barron, Jason Berry, and Pat Camalierre as the Village of Lemont hosts the release of their book at the library to wrap up Lemont's 150th Anniversary Celebration. The open house will feature a book signing, a reading from the book, and refreshments.



## Holiday Cookie Swap and Hallmark Movie **R**

Sunday, December 10 • 2 pm

Come with your favorite cookies or bars and a copy of the recipe to exchange while we watch a Hallmark movie and share a warm cup of goodness.

## Passport Prep 101 **R**

Monday, November 6 • 10 am  
Tuesday, November 28 • 7 pm

Join one of our passport agents as they guide you through correctly filling out your passport application and making sure you have the necessary information to get you where you want to go! This will not be an official appointment, however you will be able to schedule a future appointment at the end of the program.



## Lemont Walking Club hosts The Library Monday Morning Mosey **R**

Mondays • 9:30 - 11 am

November 20 • Stress  
Management Tools

December 18 • Tiny Habits  
That Can Make Big Changes

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!



## Birds of a Feather **R** **NEW!**

Second Monday of the Month • 6:30 pm  
November 13 and December 11

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.

Calling all  
Empty Nesters!





## Utility Bill Clinic with CUB®

Tuesday, November 7 • 10 am - 12 pm

Register to work one-on-one with a Citizens Utility Board (CUB) counselor to review your bills. This is a free event to advise residents on reducing electric, gas, and landline and cell phone bills.



## Scam Safe®

Tuesday, November 28 • 1 pm

A representative from the Illinois Attorney General's office wants to keep you protected by outlining the scams that specifically target older citizens and present recommendations and remedies.

## Medicare Fraud Bingo®

Thursday, Nov. 30 • 1 pm

Play bingo, learn how the Senior Medicare Patrol Program works, and how you can prevent Medicare fraud.



## 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. Patrons are limited to 1 pass per concert, 2x per season.

November 18 • 7:30 pm

*Piazzolla & Mozart* (tix available Nov. 4)

December 9 • 3 pm

*IPO Holiday Festival: A Celebration of Voice and Music* (tix available Nov. 25)

## Women's Small Business Monday Monthly Meet-Up®

Mondays • 6:30 - 8 pm

November 20 and December 18

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.

## TECH TUESDAYS®

Join Gil, our tech wiz librarian, for help on your most pressing topics.

### Senior Sessions

November 14 and December 12 • 2 pm

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

### Excel 101

November 28 • 2 pm

Featuring basic formulas and formatting.



## Versiti Blood Drive®

Wednesday, December 20 • 12 - 6 pm

Give the gift of life to your community. Sign up for the Versiti Blood Drive <https://bit.ly/libraryblooddrivedecember23> (Held in Event Space).



# WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS

## Brain Health: It's a No Brainer! A University of Illinois Extension Program <sup>®</sup>



This is a research-informed, three-part series presented by Family Life educator Molly Hofer. She will educate adults about normal memory change and aging, highlighting healthy brain contributors, and offer tips and strategies to lessen everyday forgetfulness. (Third class will be held on January 10)

### HeadStrong

November 8 • 1 pm

Did you know that a healthy diet and exercise benefit both the body and the brain? In this session many lifestyle factors that contribute to brain health will be discussed.



### Hold That Thought

December 13 • 1 pm

Have you ever gone into a room and forgotten why you went in? Memory does change as we age, but forgetfulness is common for people at all stages of life. In this session you will learn about the memory process, including types of memory, and strategies for helping with everyday forgetfulness.

### Ageless Grace (z) Led by Colette Gallian <sup>®</sup>

2nd Wednesdays • 10:30 am

November 8 and December 13

Join us in the Event Space to workout to previously recorded sessions of Ageless Grace. Ageless Grace will be back live after the first of the year. Registered participants will receive a link to the program recording.



### Yoga <sup>®</sup>

Led by Sandy Bianco, CYT  
1st Wed. of the month • 7 pm  
November 1 and December 6

# CRAFTS and HOBBIES

## Chez Madelaine's Library Kitchen <sup>®</sup>

*Versatile Holiday Side Dishes*

Thursday, November 30 • 6:30 pm

Recipes include wild rice with toasted pumpkin seeds and dried cranberries, fried potato and cheese pancakes, and cranberry apple chutney.

## Crafternight with Holly - Afterhours <sup>®</sup>

Friday, December 8 • 6:30 pm

Holiday Family Portrait



### 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!

Each month we feature a new spice accompanied with various recipes. Stop by the Adult Services Desk the second week of each month. We encourage you to try out the recipes and come back to us with videos or photos! We also love mentions on social media (@lemontlibrary)!

# 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.*

## Book Club Holiday Potluck Party <sup>®</sup>

Friday, December 8 • 11:30 am

Join us for our annual book club Holiday Party. This potluck is not only for food, but also a potluck of books you loved this year! Please consider bringing a book for the Giving Tree. Festive attire encouraged.

LET'S <sup>★</sup>  
**PARTY!**

## Movie Club <sup>®</sup>

Third Thursday of the month • 1 pm

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



**NOV. 16**

*The King's Speech*  
(2010) Drama,  
1 hr 58 min



**DEC. 21**

*Elf* (2003)  
Comedy,  
1 hr 37 min

## Brewed Alternatives <sup>®</sup>

First Thursday of the month • 7 pm

hosted at Pollyanna  
Brewing Company



**DEC. 7**

*Krampus*  
by Brom

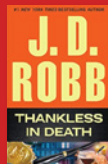


**JAN. 4**

*Rogues: True  
Stories of Grifters,  
Killers, Rebels, and  
Crooks* by Patrick  
Radden Keefe

## Mid-Morning Mysteries

First Friday of the month • 10:30 am



**DEC. 1**

*Thankless in  
Death* by J.D.  
Robb



**JAN. 5**

*Hercule Poirot's  
Christmas* by  
Agatha Christie

## 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!



## Happy Bookers on the Town <sup>®</sup>

Wednesday, December 13 • 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. This month's selection: *The Three Deaths of Willa Stannard* by Kate Robards.

**Meet the author in person, as she joins us for this discussion!**



## Sagawau Education Center Book Club

Saturday, November 11  
10 am

Meet at the Sagawau Education Center (12545 111th St) for an offsite book club. A Cook County Forest Preserves naturalist will discuss the collection of nature essays: *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Kimmerer.





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