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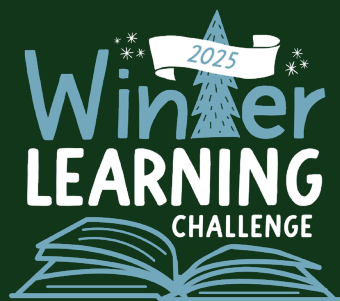
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Meet our Friends of the Lemont Library

Programs Sponsored by the Friends



All Ages Winter Learning Challenge

Time to settle in, get cozy, and read your favorites or discover something new. Participate in our all ages Winter Learning Challenge from January 1 - February 28. Read or learn something new every day. For every **5 days** logged, you earn a virtual ticket to your choice of our grand prize raffles. You can also earn a virtual raffle ticket for every **activity** you complete. Stop by the library to pick up a log beginning December 15 or follow along on lemontlibrary.beanstack.org/reader365 or with the Beanstack app.

This is Really War: The Heroic True Story of Twelve Navy Nurse POWs in WWII (Adults) ®

Wednesday, Dec 11 • 1 pm

Emilie Le Beau Lucchesi, PhD, author, journalist, and educator, will present the true story of twelve U.S. Navy nurses that were taken as prisoners of war in the Philippines by the Empire of Japan in 1941 during World War II. The nurses were soon transferred to a civilian concentration camp in Manila. Under the direction of Chief Nurse Laura Cobb, the nurses maintained rank and provided tireless care to thousands of inmates. In 1943, the nurses bravely agreed to transfer to a countryside prison camp where they would be the only medical care providers. The heroism of these twelve nurses saved thousands of lives.



Wanted: A volunteer that is familiar with WordPress to create The Friends of the Lemont Library website. If interested, please email noteablepam@hotmail.com.

The Friends of the Lemont Library is a volunteer organization and 501(c)(3) supporting our Library as a vital, valued, and welcoming community resource. Proceeds from our semi-annual book sales provide sponsorship and funding for educational, fun, and interesting programs and enjoyable activities for all age groups in our community. The Friends are always looking for new members, too. Their monthly meetings take place the first Tuesday of every month at 7 PM.

ILLINOIS LIBRARIES PRESENT

Premier virtual discussions with well known authors to discuss their lives, past achievements, and work. Registrants have the option to watch live with a group at the library, or attend from the comfort of your own home.

The Magic of Raina Telgemeier (Ages 10+) ®

Tuesday, December 10 • 7 pm

Experience Little Women: The Musical (2022 Recording)

December 20 - 22

At home screening only

Chicago Pizza - Past, Present, & Future with Steve Dolinsky (Adults) ®

Thursday, January 9 • 7 pm

Love and Laughs with Michelle Buteau (Adults) ®

Thursday, January 23 • 7 pm

James McBride (Adults) ®

Tuesday, February 4 • 7 pm

Amy Tan (Adults) ®

Wednesday, February 19 • 7 pm

Firefly Family Theatre Presents Spark's Snow Day!

(Ages 2 - 10 with caregiver) ®

Saturday, February 15 • 2 pm

Snow came early in Firefly Grove this year so Spark the Firefly gets to experience her first snow day! Join Spark as she learns all about snow, hibernation, and exciting winter activities like sledding and ice skating.



LIBRARY HOURS

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

LIBRARY CLOSED DATES

Tuesday, December 24: Christmas Eve
Wednesday, December 25: Christmas Day
Tuesday, December 31: New Year's Eve
Wednesday, January 1: New Year's 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.

LIBRARY *around* TOWN

Trivia at Pollyanna Brewing Company

Wednesdays • 7 - 9 pm
December 11
January 8

Trivia teams... Assemble! Round up your favorite group of trivia junkies and join us at Pollyanna for trivia nights sponsored by the Lemont Public Library District. There is no cost to participate, and teams can have up to 8 players. The library will receive a portion of the drink sales during the event, so come thirsty!



Hometown Holidays

(Family Friendly)

Saturday, December 7 • 2 - 5 pm

Jingle downtown to Lemont's Hometown Holidays 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.

Storytime at Three Stories Bookstore & More

(Family Friendly)

Wednesday, February 26 • 4 pm

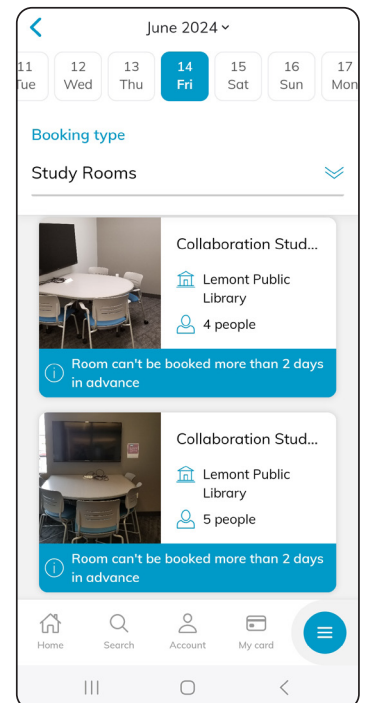
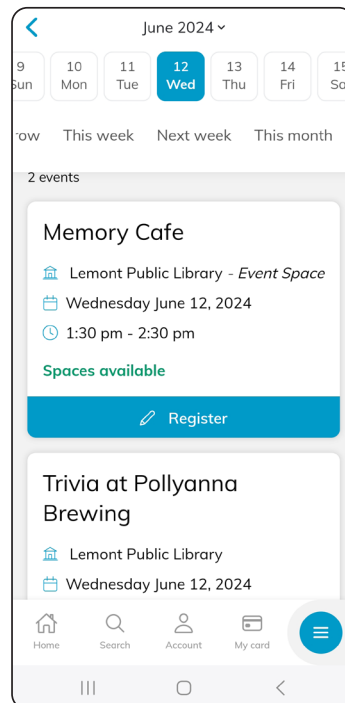
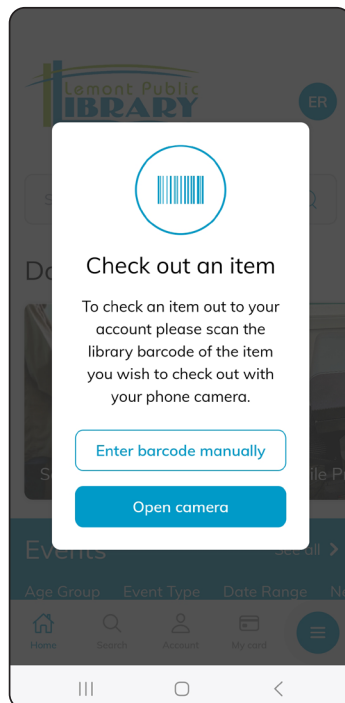
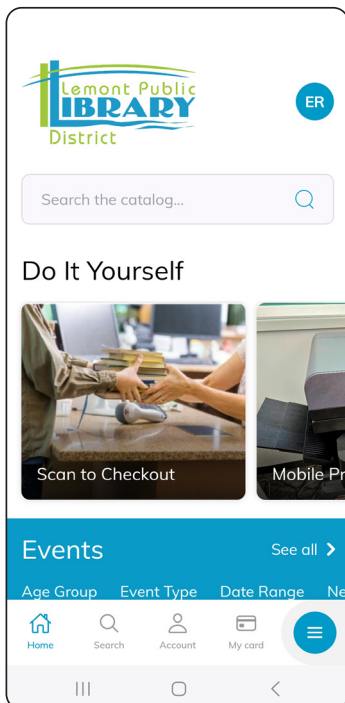
Join Ms. Elyse at Three Stories Bookstore & More for a storytime on the town.



DOWNLOAD THE LIBRARY APP TODAY!

Have you gotten the library app yet? With it, you can check out materials, register for programs, book study rooms, book a librarian, find recommended reads, and much more, all from your phone! You can even add multiple library cards so you can manage all of your household accounts in one place.

Download it today in the App Store or Google Play.



KIDS

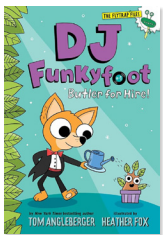
Elementary, My Dear Reader (Grades K - 5) **R**
Thursdays • 4:30 pm

NEW DAY!



December 12: *Galaxy Zack: A Green Christmas!* by Ray O'Ryan

January 23: *DJ Funkyfoot: Butler for Hire!* by Tom Angleberger



Welcome to our kids' book club where we read great books, have discussions about awesome topics, and make fun crafts. Reserve a physical copy or read the ebooks anytime through hoopla!

Trust the Process Art Nights (Ages 5+) **R**

Thursdays • 6 pm
January 2
February 20

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.



Cocoa & Coloring (All Ages) **R**

Wednesdays • 6 pm
December 18
January 15
February 19

Cozy up with a cup of hot chocolate and color your winter chills away. Pajamas and comfy clothes are encouraged but not required.

LEGO at the LIBRARY

Teens & Tots LEGO Adventures

(Ages 3 - 5 with caregiver) **R**

Mondays • 4 pm

December 9

January 13

February 10

We'll pair your little one with a teen volunteer to build an amazing LEGO creation.

LEGO Mystery Afternoons (Ages 5+) **R**

Tuesdays • 4:30 pm

December 10

January 14

February 11

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

DUPLO Builders

(Ages 3+ with caregiver)

Thursdays • 11 am

January 2

February 6

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.

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

Move & Groove

(Ages 0 - 5 with caregiver)

Fridays • 10 am

December 6 - February 28

No sessions December 27, January 3, & February 7

Kick off Fridays with music, movement, and noise.



Not Quite Ready for Storytime

(Ages 0 - 5 with caregiver)

Wednesdays • 10 am

December 11

January 8 & 22

February 5 & 19

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.

WEEKLY STORYTIMES

December 3 - February 27

No storytimes weeks of December 22, December 29, & February 2

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!

HOMESCHOOL HANGOUT

Fridays • 1 pm
December 13
January 17
February 21

(All Ages)
 Meet other homeschoolers and enjoy games, crafts, and activities in a relaxed social atmosphere.

Love a Groundhog

(Ages 5+ with caregiver) **R**

Monday, February 3 • 6 pm

Create a groundhog face using different sized heart shapes.



Baby Play Time

(Ages 0 - 3 with caregiver)

Tuesday, February 4 • 11 am

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

Borrow now on hoopla!



SCHOLASTIC

Family Bingo Nights

(Ages 5+ with caregiver) **R**

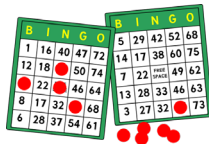
Mondays • 6 pm

December 30

January 20

February 24

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



Family Free Play (Family Friendly)

Saturdays • 11 am

December 21

January 18

February 1

Come hang out at the library and play with toys, games, and more. It will be fun for the whole family!

Artful Messes

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

Mondays • 10 am & 11 am

Please only sign up for one time slot each month.

December 9

January 6

February 3

This class is for our littlest artists to explore the wonderful world of color creativity. Please dress to get messy.



Winter Learning Challenge

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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 completed, 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

500 Books Before Middle School

(Grades K - 5)

Are you up to the challenge? Sign up through Beanstack or at the Youth Services desk and keep track of how many books you read before middle school. Participants will receive a special prize for every 100 books on their way to 500.

500 Books Before Middle School

Holiday Movies @ Home

Week of December 2: The Muppet Christmas Carol (G)

Week of December 16: Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas (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.

Kids' Department Display Wall

Did you know our display wall always has something special for you to take part in? Check back each month for a new game or activity. Find it by the entrance to the kids' department.

December: Merry & bright, decorate a lightbulb and add it to our strand.

January: Color a mitten and add it to our Smitten with Winter display.

February: It's National Library Lovers Month! Write what you love about the library and add it to our display.

Crafternoon Kits

December 4 - February 26

No crafts December 25 & January 1

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

TWEEN & TEEN

Passive Programs

Character Pen Pals Letter Writing (Volunteer Opportunity) Ongoing

Earn up to 5 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 our website before picking up a kit at the Youth Services desk.


100 Books Before Graduation Ongoing

Reading books for school or fun? Sign up and log all of your books with Beanstack. And earn special prizes along the way to 100 reads!

Teen Take N Make

 **December**
Pipe cleaner Christmas tree

 **January**
Snowflake ornament

 **February**
Heart decoration

Pick up a craft kit on the 1st of each month in our teen room while supplies last.

Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities

ARC & Other Book Reviews
See the teen page of the library's website for more details.



Adventurers Unite®
Thursdays • 6:30 - 8:30 pm
December 12 & 19
January 9 & 23
February 13 & 27

Sundays • 2 - 4 pm
December 15
January 19
February 16

Travel through the multiverse of Dungeons & Dragons on an amazing journey to stop a famous D&D villain. Participants can choose a pre-made character at their first session or contribute their own character to join the fun.



Teens & Tots LEGO Adventures

(Volunteer Opportunity)®
Mondays • 4 pm
December 9
January 13
February 10

Volunteers will be paired with a younger builder to create an amazing LEGO creation.

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 (on our website or in our app), by clicking on the program below, or calling 630-257-6541 x 3.

Fantastic Face Painting (Ages 10+)®

Saturday, January 25 • 2 pm

Have you tried your hand at painting? Is regular canvas just too boring? Then it's time to join Carla Cardona-Tapia from Three Stories Bookstore & More for an exciting face painting class where you can express your artistic flair on a new canvas -- your friends' faces!



Valentine's Day Cookie Decorating (Ages 10+)®

Wednesday, February 12 • 4 pm

What better way to celebrate love than with sweet treats? We'll be decorating and enjoying our own at this delectable program.

Teen Volunteer Squad (Volunteer Opportunity)

Thursdays • 4 pm
December 5 & 19
January 16 & 30
February 6 & 20

**TEEN
VOLUNTEER
SQUAD**

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 (Volunteer Opportunity)®

Tuesdays • 4 pm

December 17

Wrapping books for the Giving Tree

January 21

Writing cards for children in the hospital

February 18

Lemont food pantry partnership

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

ADULT PROGRAMS



Lemont Library and Lemont Township have partnered together for events to support older adults.

Wits Workout! ®

Tuesdays • 1 pm

December 3

January 7

February 4

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



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HEALTHY HAPPENINGS



Lemont Walking Club hosts The Library Monday Morning Mosey ®

Mondays • 9:30 - 11 am

Located at The CORE (walk), discussion at the library.



December 16

Managing Stress Through the Holidays

January 20

How to Set SMART Goals and Create Sustainable Change for 2025

February 17

How to Improve and Reset Your Gut Health

Join Danyelle Andrews from Bee Well Collective and leader of the weekly Lemont Walking Club for a group walk. During the winter months, the group will walk at the Lemont Park District Core and meet back at the library for a brief discussion about wellness and staying active.

Begin the New Year with the Healing Power of Meditation (Adults) ®

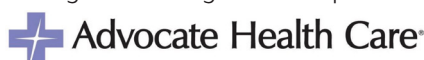
Monday, January 13 • 6:30 pm

Join Umesh Bhatia, a long-time meditation practitioner, as he discusses the extraordinary effect of meditation to reduce stress, improve concentration, and enhance mental equilibrium.

Managing Your Menopause Journey ®

Tuesday, January 14 • 7 pm

Join Dr. Kathleen Slugocki from Advocate Health for an informative session on staying healthy and living your best life through all the stages of menopause.

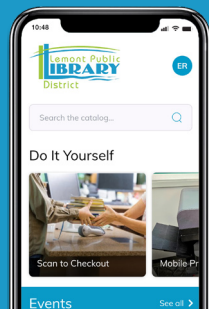


Now part of **ADVOCATE HEALTH**

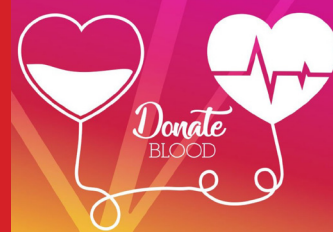
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Versiti

Versiti Blood Drive ®

Wednesday, January 15 • 12 - 5:30 pm

Give the gift of life to your community. Appointments and walk-ins accepted.

GIVE BACK THIS WINTER

Little Free Pantry

With the colder months and holidays ahead, our pantry heads into one of its most visited times of the year. Please keep it in mind with your giving this season. The Little Free Pantry accepts non-perishable food donations only.

The Giving Tree

The Lemont Library and Hope & Friendship of Lemont partner to bring back the Giving Tree. Take an ornament off the tree December 1 - 15 to purchase a book for a specific age group. Then return it (unwrapped) by December 17. Stop by Three Stories Bookstore & More for help picking out the perfect book.

Tractors for Toys

Join the Lemont Tractor Club as they gather gifts for local families in need. Please drop off your new, unwrapped toys in the vestibule now through December 6 to spread holiday cheer.

Toys for Tots

The Chicagoland Motorcycle Toys for Tots are collecting new, unwrapped toys to distribute throughout the Chicagoland area to children in need. Toys will be collected from December 9 through December 20 in the library vestibule.

GETTING SOCIAL

Patron Picks®

Wednesday, January 29 • 7 pm

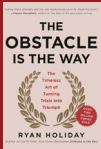
A new club where YOU pick the book we read. Voting is open now through November 30. Copies of the chosen title will be available starting December 16 at the Patron Services Desk. Vote now by clicking [HERE](#).



The Rose Arbor
by Rhys Bowen



Shanghai
by Joseph Kanon



The Obstacle is the Way
by Ryan Holiday



A Sorceress Comes to Call
by T. Kingfisher



Friends, Lovers, and the Big Terrible Thing
by Matthew Perry

The Romance Revolution: Why is the Genre So Popular?®

Monday, February 10 • 7 pm

Last year, the popularity of romance novels was at an all-time high. Join Sam, our Spicy Selection expert, for an in-depth look at the romance genre just in time for Valentine's Day.

TECH CORNER®

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

Senior Sessions

Tuesdays • 2 pm

December 10, January 14, & February 11

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

Take the Panic Out of Passwords

Tuesday, January 28 • 2 pm

Learn to create memorable and secure passwords for your apps and devices. Discover tips on storing your passwords in a safe and accessible way, and identify the pros and cons of various password managers.

Artificial Intelligence: Perils and Promise

Tuesday, February 25 • 7 pm

Join us for an introduction to Artificial Intelligence and AI-based text generation tools like ChatGPT. Two College of DuPage English professors will provide an overview of large language models, how they populate with data, and how generative AI tools can be used.

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, Libby and hoopla.

Clubs meet at the library, unless otherwise noted.

Classics & Coffee®

Thursdays • 10 am

Transport yourself back in time with these classic movies.



DECEMBER 5
The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie (1969, PG)



JANUARY 23
North by Northwest (1959, Not Rated)



FEBRUARY 27
Singin' in the Rain (1952, G)

Mid-Morning Mysteries®

Fridays • 10:30 am

Murder, mystery, mayhem, and motive: Reads that are guaranteed to have you on the edge of your seat until the end.



JANUARY 3
The Last Party by Clare Mackintosh



FEBRUARY 7
Secluded Cabin Sleeps Six by Lisa Unger



MARCH 7
Hidden in Snow by Viveca Sten

Brewed Alternatives®

Thursdays • 7 pm

BYOB for this club, that focuses on a variety of media you don't find in standard book clubs.



JANUARY 2
The Once and Future King by T.H. White



FEBRUARY 6
The Birds (movie) by Alfred Hitchcock



MARCH 6
On the Road by Jack Kerouac

Happy Bookers on the Town®

Located at Pollyanna Social

Thursdays • 7 pm

Our fiction and collection development librarian, Maureen, loves to share her passion for books at her Happy Booker events.



DECEMBER 12
Just the Nicest Couple by Mary Kubica



JANUARY 9
One Plus One by Jojo Moyes



FEBRUARY 20
The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon

Sam's Spicy Selections®

Located at Pollyanna Brewing

Tuesdays • 7 pm

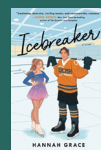
Looking for something to make you blush? Sam picks stories based on spice, and follows them with a fun and sassy discussion.



DECEMBER 10
The Holiday Trap by Roan Parrish



JANUARY 14
Iron Flame by Rebecca Yarros



FEBRUARY 11
Icebreaker by Hannah Grace

HOBBIES AND HOW-TOS

Crafternight with Holly - After Hours ®

Friday, January 17 • 6:30 pm
Tree of Life Wall Hanging

The Great Puzzle Race - After Hours (Adults) ®

Friday, December 13 • 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.

Dazzle your Dining with Boards ®

Monday, December 16 • 6:30 pm

Take your holiday party to the next level! Learn how to create beautiful, delicious, and inviting appetizer and charcuterie boards with local caterer Aneta from Only Blissful Moments.



Family History 101: Beginning Your Investigation ®

Monday, January 20 • 6:30 pm

Join professional genealogist, author, and local historian Ray Johnson for a fun look at beginning the investigation into your family history. Topics include: Where to start, census records, naturalization and immigration records, vital records, newspapers, and cemetery research. Ray will also cover some tips / tricks and guidance on how to stay on track.

DROP & SWAP!

Holiday Decor and Craft Swap

Would you like to change out some of your holiday decorations, add to your collection, or give away what you can't use anymore? Have an abundance of seasonal craft supplies and not sure what to do with them? This is the event for you!

Drop Your Stuff

Wednesday, January 29 & Thursday, January 30 • 9 am - 8 pm

Donate your extra holiday decorations and seasonal craft supplies. No trees or large wreaths please. All items must be in good, ready-to-use condition and no larger than two square feet. Only holiday items and seasonal craft supplies will be accepted.

Swap Your Stuff

Saturday, February 1 • 11 am - 1 pm
Early Bird Browsing • 10 am - 11 am

Come shop all the swaps that have been donated. All items are free. Donors will receive a ticket for admission to Early Bird Browsing during the Swap Event.

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.

Nailed It! Family Craft Night - After Hours (Family Friendly) ®

Friday, February 21 • 5:30 pm

Grab your family and make a stunning (or stunningly awful) project.

Container Gardening with Master Gardeners ®

Tuesday, February 18 • 10:30 am

Learn how to create a successful container garden from start to finish, including container selection, plant selection, simple design considerations, and the proper planting and maintenance to help ensure success. This program is hosted by the University of Illinois Extension Program (Cook South) Master Gardeners.



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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 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 patron limit.

December 14 • 3 pm

(tickets available 11/30)

Holiday Concert - Handel's Messiah

February 22 • 7:30 pm

(tickets available 2/8)

Star Wars and More - A Celebration of John Williams

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.

PLANNING AHEAD

Secure Banking in a Technical World ®

Thursday, January 16 • 10:30 am

Gain essential knowledge and learn practical strategies to safeguard your financial information and navigate the digital banking landscape securely. Topics will include online banking, digital payment services, identity protection, identifying scams, and what to do if you are a victim.

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Smart Strategies for Downsizing: Simplify, Sell, and Start Fresh ®

Tuesday, January 28 • 12 pm

Is your home feeling too big for your current lifestyle? Join Pawlak Properties for an informative seminar designed to help you navigate the process of downsizing. Lunch will be provided.



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Navigating Real Estate Tax & Estate Planning ®

Thursday, February 13 • 7 pm

Join Pawlak Properties for an essential seminar on real estate tax

and estate planning designed to help you safeguard your assets and ensure your legacy. Light snacks will be provided.