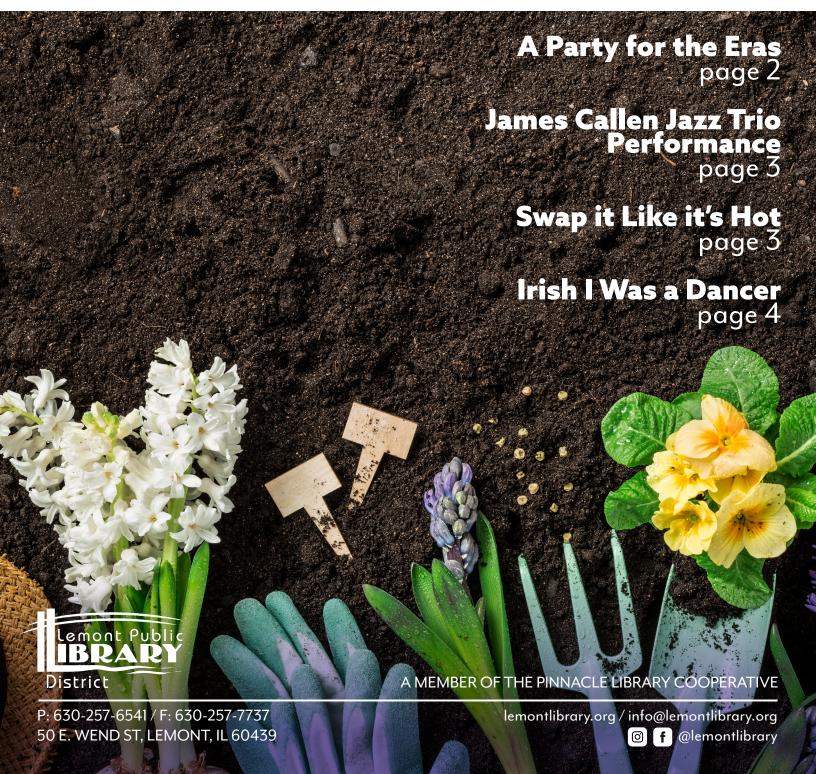
spring 2025 NEWSLETTER

THE LEMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

MARCH/APRIL/MAY





Meet our Friends of FRIENDS the Lemont Library Temport Public Library District Lemont Public Library District Temport Public Library District Tempor

ograms Sponsored by the Friends

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 unique 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.

Star Wars Day Saturday, May 3 12:30 - 2:30 pm

Enjoy activities inspired by our favorite movies from a galaxy far, far away. You'll also have the chance to meet and receive an autograph from Princess Leia!



Strolling entertainment provided by Parties with Character.

THE FRIENDS SEMI-**ANNUAL BOOK SALE**

April 11 - 13

Friday: Presale \$5 admission 6 - 8 pm Saturday: 9 am - 4 pm Sunday Bag Sale: 1 - 4 pm

A Party for the Eras

(Grades 3-12) **(B)**

Saturday, March 22 · 2:30 pm Shake It Off in Style with a Taylor Swift tribute artist! Sing along to some of

Taylor's top hits and make some Eras-

inspired crafts. Parents and younger siblings are welcome to make crafts in the Youth Services department, but due to space constraints, will not be able to stay in the concert with their tween.





LIBRARY CLOSED DATES

Sunday, April 20: Easter

LIBRARY HOURS

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



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Vytenis Kirvelaitis, Board President Laura Burt-Nicholas, Trustee Melanie Grzesik-Duffy, Trustee Renee Miller, Trustee

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.

ILLINOIS LIBRARIES PRESENT

This program provides 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.

Exploring Space with Coralie Adam (Adults) (3) Tuesday, March 4 • 7 pm

9to5: The Story of a **Movement** (Adults)

March 21 - 23

The Art of Foraging with Alexis Nikole Nelson (Adults) @

Thursday, April 10 · 7 pm

Art and Adventures with Author/Illustrator Dan Santat (Youth) ®

Saturday, May 3 · 2 pm

Poverty: A Discussion with Matthew Desmond (Adults) **@** Tuesday, May 13 · 7 pm





Cooking with Chez Madelaine: Gardening and Cooking with Fresh Herbs ®

Wednesday, April 23 · 6:30 pm

Join Madelaine as she shares practical tips on growing and using fresh herbs in the kitchen. She will prepare a pasta with an herb sauce, a salad with an herbal vinaigrette, and an herbal tea. Master recipes will be provided for the herb vinegar, syrup, and butter.

Crafternight with Holly (Adults) (B Thursdays • 6:30 pm March 6: Wreath-o-Rama

May 22: Painted Mandala Stones

LIBRARY around TOWN

Trivia at Pollyanna **Brewing Company** Wednesday, March 5 • 7 - 9 pm

Trivia teams...Assemble! Round up your favorite group of trivia junkies and join us at Pollyanna for trivia nights benefitting 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!

Bunny Hop Trail (Family Friendly) Friday, April 11 • 4:30 - 6:30 pm

Located at The CORE

Lemont Park District is bringing back the popular Bunny Trail and we are hopping out to join them! Stop by the Lemont Library table for something

to add to your Easter basket on your way to meet some-bunny special. Registration is through the Lemont Park District.



Shred Event Saturday, May 31 • 9 am - 12 pm

Located at Lemont Bank & Trust Stop by Lemont Bank & Trust | A Wintrust Bank to shred your private documents. Please enter on Archer Avenue at the KinderCare entrance to line up. No early shredding is accepted.

James Callen Jazz Trio Performance ®

Sunday, March 9 • 2:30 pm

Located at Lemont Township Community Center Join jazz pianist James Callen and his trio for an afternoon of live music. The trio will play arrangements of pop and rock tunes from the '60s, '70s, and '80s, including songs by The Eagles, The Beatles, Al Kooper, Bob Dylan,

The Lovin' Spoonful, John Denver, Queen, Gilbert O'Sullivan, Eric Clapton, and Cyndi Lauper. This concert was made possible by a grant from the Music Performance Trust Fund in cooperation with the Chicago Federation of Musicians.





ALL AGF

High Time for Pie Time Friday, March 14 · 4 pm

We hit our Winter Learning Challenge community goal of 300 participants, we picked the raffle winners, now it's time for us to meet our baker. Come watch as Beth, Jazmin, Leslie, Maureen, and Elyse get their just desserts!

Bored? Game Night! ® Wednesdays • 6 pm March 26, April 23, & May 21

Grab your family or friends and come to the library for an evening of boredombusting board games. Choose from our selection or bring your own to share.



Sing-Alongs are Wicked ® Wednesday, April 2 · 5:30 pm

You know the movie and you love the tunes. Come sing along to the movie and feel like a star!

Movie on the Lawn Friday, May 9 · 6:30 pm

We are rolling out the big screen and relaxing on the lawn! Bring out your blankets and your lawn chairs and join us for a showing of The Princess Bride (1987, PG).

SOWING SEEDS OF COMMUNI

March 1 - May 31

This Spring we are working as a community to focus on books and programs that encourage

us to grow together. Many of our kid and adult programs this season were designed around the theme. Come grow with us!





Anniversary Edition of

Signing with Madelaine

Sunday, March 23 · 2 pm

Bullwinkel (Adults) **(**

Celebrate the 20th





Artisanal Preserves: A Book

Enjoy an afternoon at the library where Chez Madelaine will present a brief history of her book, followed by a Q&A session. Tastings of jams will be served with breads, scones, and herbal tea.

Swap it Like it's Hot (All Ages) (Wednesday, April 9 · 6 pm

Join the Lemont Garden Club in a plant and seed swap extravaganza. Bring your own house plants, seedlings, or seeds to trade with others.

Under the Canopy: A Homeowner's Guide to Trees (Adults) (B) Tuesday, April 22 • 1 pm

Celebrate Earth Day with all things trees! Bartlett Tree Experts will teach about caring for your trees, understanding the root system, planting the right species for your area, and managing common pests and diseases.

Composting: Break It Down! (All Ages) (B Tuesday, May 6 · 6:30 pm

Composting is easier than you may think. Join local Interpretive Naturalist Brittany Schaller from the Forest Preserve District of Will County to learn all about composting.

Plant a Pollinator (All Ages) (3) Saturday, May 24 · 12 pm

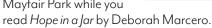
Come get your hands dirty with the library and the Lemont Garden Club while we beautify our grounds with a new, pollinator-friendly garden.



Spring StoryWalk®

Continues March - May Location: Mayfair Park

Hope really does Spring eternal! Usher in Spring with a walk around lovely Mayfair Park while you



*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.

Artful Messes

(Ages 0 - 5 with caregiver) **B** Mondays • 10 am & 11 am Please only sign up for one time slot. March 3: Pot of Gold **April 14:** Froot Loop Rainbow

May 12: Paper Flower Collage

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

Baby Play Time (Ages 0 - 3 with caregiver) Tuesdays • 11 am March 4, April 1, & May 6

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

Move & Groove

(Ages 0 - 5 with caregiver) Fridays • 10 am March 14 - May 25 No sessions April 18, April 25, & May 9 Kick off Fridays with music, movement, and noise.

Not Quite Ready for Storytime

(Ages 0 - 5 with caregiver) Wednesdays • 10 am March 5 & 19, April 2, 16, & 30 May 14 & 28

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.

LEGO at the LIBRARY



Irish I was a Dancer ®

Wednesday, March 5 · 6 pm

Ar mhaith leat damhsa? Come see dancers from Bailey Murray Academy of Irish Dancing perform, talk about the art of Irish dancing, and learn a few steps just in time for St. Patrick's Day.

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.

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

March 6: The Vanderbeekers and the Hidden Garden by Karina Yan Glaser

April 17: Marya Khan and the Fabulous Jasmine Garden by Saadia Farugi

May 15: Green Jolene and the Neighborhood Swap by Wendy Mass

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 hooolo read the ebooks anytime through hoopla!

HOMESCHOOL HANGE

Fridays • 1 pm March 14. April 4. & May 16 Meet other homeschoolers and enjoy games, crafts, and activities in a relaxed social atmosphere.

WEEKLY

March 11 - May 29 No storytimes weeks of March 3, March 31, & May 5

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!



Trust the Process Art Nights

(Ages 5+) **R**

Thursdays • 6 pm March 20: 8-Bit Artwork **April 17:** Yarn Painting May 15: Dragon Eye

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. This program is intended to build confidence and independence; as such. parents are encouraged to wait outside the program room.

Family Bingo Nights

(Ages 5+ with caregiver) (Ages 5+ with caregiver) Mondays • 6 pm March 24, April 21, & May 19 Join Ms. Joan for fun themed bingo games and prizes.

Get Graphic! (Grades 2 - 5) **@** Mondays • 4 pm







March 24: Warriors: The Prophecies Begin by Natalie Riess

April 28: The Secret Garden on 81st Street by Ivy Noelle Weir

May 19: Dog Man: Big Jim Begins by Day Pilkey

Graphic novels are the talk of the town, and now you can talk about them at the library! Come share your opinions on the art, characters, and storylines in your old favorites and read some new material along the way.

Dollars & Cents Storytime

(Ages 2 - 5 with caregiver) **B** Wednesday, April 9 • 10 am

loin us for stories and activities designed to inspire our littlest savers. Presented by the Illinois State Treasurer's Office.

Stuffie Storytime

(Family Friendly) Friday, April 18 • 10 am Cuddle up with your favorite stuffie and listen to some great books during this special storytime. Pajamas are encouraged but not required.



The Wild Robot R (Family Friendly) Friday, April 18 • 11:30 am Come enjoy a showing of *The* Wild Robot (2024, PG) at the library. Pajamas and pillows are encouraged but not required. Light

Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie Presents: Bison or Buffalo? (PreK - Grade 5) ®

refreshments will be provided.

Thursday, April 24 · 4 pm

Did you know that the bison is our national animal? Learn what name to call these wild, strong, wooly creatures. See and touch a real bison pelt, skull, and horn cap. Hear them bellow and more!

Garden of Beadin' (Family Friendly) Monday, May 5 • 4:30 - 6:30 pm

Drop in any time between 4:30 and 6:30 to create a beautiful Perler bead flower for your mom, sibling, or someone special in your life.

Bess the Book Bus: Pop-Up Book Fair



Monday, May 12 · 3:45 pm

Bess the Book Bus is coming to town! Kids can line up on the library's lawn to take their turn picking out a free book to grow their own home libraries

Dog-Gone Good Reads

(Independent Readers Ages 5+) (B Tuesdays • Sign up for one time slot between 6 - 7 pm March 25, April 29, & May 27

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! Please only sign up for one 15-minute time slot per date. Registration for April 29 opens on April 1; registration for May 27 opens May 1.

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 add a new petal to their flower and help us grow a garden of readers. They also receive a few other special prizes on their way to 1000.

500 Books Before Middle School

(Grades K - 5)

Are you up to the Middle School challenge? Sign up

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

Crafternoon Kits

March 5 - May 28

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

Be On the Lookout: DCM **Wonder Clubs Return this** Summer

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. Become a detective this summer and solve some STEAM-themed mysteries.

TWEEN &TEN



TEEN VOLINTEER SQUAD

Teen Volunteer Squad

(Volunteer Opportunity)
Thursdays • 4 pm
March 13 & 27
April 10 & 24
May 8 & 22

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) **3**Tuesdays • 4 pm
March 18, April 22, & May 20

Come socialize with other teens while you complete service projects for community organizations. Project details will be announced on the Teen page of our website



Popcorn & Pajamas (Ages 10+) (R

Friday, March 28 • 6 pm
Put on your comfy pajamas and
hang out at the library for an after-

hang out at the library for an afterhours movie. Vote for your choice of what we'll watch **HERE** or by visiting the Teen Lounge. Voting closes March 21.

Bad Art Afternoon

Monday, April 28 · 2 pm

Art so bad, it's good! Come use our supplies and create a beautifully bad masterpiece.



Spring Wreath (Ages 10+) @ Wednesday, May 7 · 4 pm

Put your craft skills to the test and join us to create a beautiful seasonal wreath to give a loved one.

Fizzy Paint Party ® Thursday May 29 + 6 pp

Thursday, May 29 · 6 pm

Enjoy an evening of all things fizzy. From painting to sipping, you'll bubble over with joy.

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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? Log your books with <u>Beanstack</u> and earn prizes on your way to 100 reads!

Teen Take N Make



MARCH Leprechaun Gnome



Disco Ball Mirrored Egg



MAY
Fairy Lanterns

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 our website
for more details.

PROGRAMS

WEALTHY & WISE

Great Decisions 2025 Discussion Series ®

Mondays • 6:30 pm March 3 - April 21



Meet each week to discuss the most global issues in a nonpartisan, open environment. Participants are encouraged to attend all 8 meetings and read the materials in advance. An email will be sent with instructions on how to purchase the materials. Cost is approximately \$35/person.

Resumé Workshop with Goodwill Workforce Connections ®

Tuesday, March 18 · 10 am

Creating a quality resumé and cover letter is the first step in the job search process. Goodwill Workforce Connections offers assistance in the writing process and helps you understand the features of the applicant tracking system when applying for jobs.



Social Security: Get What's Yours ®

Thursday, March 20 • 7 pm Financial Advisor Mark J. Hughes will talk through topics like what exactly is social security, what your personal benefit may look like, how salary and taxation affect your benefits, spousal benefits, and much more.

Jump Start Your Career with Skill Up DuPage @

Wednesday, March 26 • 10 am loin us for an information session on DuPage County's Job Seeker Support Network. Discover resources for career quidance, job search planning, resumé writing assistance, training, and much more.



ICash: Find Your Unclaimed Property

Tuesday, April 15 · 10 am

A representative from the Illinois State Treasurer's office will be at the library to assist you in checking if the State is holding any money owed to you through its ICash program. Assistance will be given on a firstcome, first-served basis.



Illinois Tollway's I-PASS On Demand ®

Tuesday, May 20 · 6 - 8 pm

The Illinois Tollway I-PASS On Demand team will be here providing full services from opening accounts and adding new license plates, to handing out and activating new sticker tag transponders. Information about the I-PASS Assist program will also be available.

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Wills, Trusts, Powers of **Attorney, and Other Estate** Planning Tools ®

Wednesday, April 16 · 6:30 pm Learn from Lemont attorney, Sarah Forzley Pocic, about the importance of estate planning and using wills, trusts, powers of attorney, and other legal documents to portray your wishes.



Retirement Tax Planning @

Wednesday, May 7 · 6:30 pm Understanding how taxes impact vour retirement income may mean paying less in taxes on your hardearned dollars. Greg Kurinec with The Society for Financial Awareness will help you navigate the retirement tax maze with up-to-date and comprehensive information.

Navigating Benefits for Veterans (Drop In)

Wednesday, May 14 • 10 am - 1 pm Meet with a local Veteran Service Officer who will guide you through the process of obtaining earned benefits and answer questions about the range of benefits and services available to veterans.



GETTING SOCIAL

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 also available on our eReading platforms.

Clubs meet at the library, unless otherwise noted.

Classics & Coffee ®

Thursdays • 10 am

Transport yourself back in time with these classic movies.





MARCH 27 The Ladykille<u>rs</u> (1955, Not Rated)



APRIL 24 Black Narcissus (1947, Not Rated)



MAY 22 Dial M for Murder (1954, PG)

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.



The Turn of the Key by Ruth Ware



MAY 2 The God of the Woods by Liz Moore



JUNE 6 The Last House Guest by Megan Miranda

Happy Bookers on the Town ®

Thursdays • 7 pm at BTB Wines Our fiction and collection development librarian, Maureen, loves to share her passion for books at her Happy Booker events.



HELLO MARCH 13 Hello Beautiful by AUTIFUL Ann Napolitano



APRIL 10 The Twilight Garden by Sara Nisha Adams



8 YAM The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon

Sam's Spicy Selections ®

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.





MARCH 11 Morbidly Yours by Ivy Fairbanks



APRIL 8 Birding with Benefits by Sarah T. Dubb



A Touch of Darkness by Scarlett St. Clair

Patron Picks ® Wednesday, April 30

oin us this month to meet local author, Jesse Severson, and discuss his recent fiction title, ReSet. Limited copies of the book will be available for

Patron Services desk one month prior to the book club meeting.



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TECH CORNER ®

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

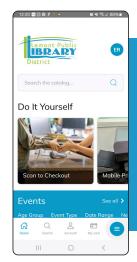
The Library of Things: A New Way to Library @

Monday, April 7 · 10 am Join Adult Services Librarian Justin as he highlights many of the new Library of Things items available for checkout. It's a new way to library!

Let's Get Appy: Exploring the Library Apps ®

Tuesday, April 8 · 7 pm

Explore all of the apps at your fingertips from the library. Learn how to selfcheckout, print remotely, and register for programs with the library's app. We'll also cover checking out eBooks and other electronic items from Libby and hoopla.



Download the library app today!





Check out materials, register for programs, book study rooms, find recommended reads, and much more.

Information Everywhere: Navigating the Library's Digital Databases @

Wednesday, April 9 · 7 pm

Databases are excellent sources with vast and reliable content for all your information needs. From business and DIY to health and local history, discover all the library has to offer and how to efficiently navigate the information superhighway.

Senior Sessions ®

Tuesdays • 2 pm March 11, April 8, & May 13

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

HEALTHY HAPPENINGS



Lemont Walking Club hosts The Library Monday Morning Mosey ®

Mondays • 9:30 - 11 am

March 17

Using Lifestyle Medicine to Control Blood Sugars

April 21

Making and Breaking Habits

May 19

Nutrition and Activity for Brain Health

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.

Staying Mentally Fit ®

Tuesdays • 1 pm

March 4, April 1, & May 6

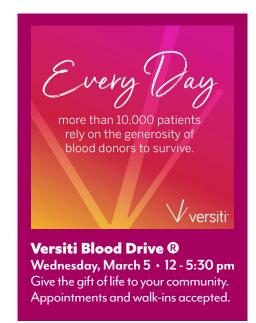
Be part of this monthly session that provides opportunities for older adults to engage intellectually through exercises involving language, word play, puzzles, and memory; and to increase connection through ongoing group participation and socialization. This program is an evolution of the former Wits Workout.



Spring Awakening Through Meditation ®

Wednesday, March 26 · 6:30 pm

Join Umesh Bhatia, a long-time meditation practitioner, as he discusses how meditation can help you to tap into the peace within. Begin the Spring by learning the many benefits and fulfillment of meditation.



Combating the Physical Effects of Menopause ②

Wednesday, May 14 · 6:30 pm
Danyelle Andrews, Physical Therapist,
Certified Lifestyle Medicine Professiona

Certified Lifestyle Medicine Professional, and Board Certified Health & Wellness Coach, discusses how hormonal changes during menopause affect both muscles and bones. Learn actionable steps to improve movement, increase strength, and reduce pain.

HOBBIES & HOW-TOS

Bee Well



Wines Around the World (Adults 21+) (3)

Thursday, May 8 · 6:30 pm

So many wines, so little time! Travel the world with wine expert, Ashley Long, from BTB Wines in Lemont. Learn about varietals from different regions and discover a new favorite to share with friends or pair with your next meal.

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. I pass per concert, 2x per season, per patron limit.

Saturday, March 22 · 7:30 pm (tickets available March 8) Ride the Winds

Saturday, May 17 · 7:30 pm (tickets available May 3) Organ Spectacular

MahJong

Mondays · 1 pm

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

