

summer 2025 NEWSLETTER

THE LEMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

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Meet our Friends of the Lemont Library

Programs Sponsored by the Friends

— For All Ages programs, any child under 5 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. —



Forest View Farms Petting Zoo (All Ages)

Saturday, June 7 • 11 am - 1 pm

Which animals could you meet: goats, sheep, chickens, ducks, llamas, alpacas? Find out at our Summer Learning Challenge Kickoff Celebration!

Smokin' Taco Tuesday (Adults) ®

Tuesday, July 15 • 6:30 pm

Experience the unique flavors of Mexico and the southwest with Lemont's Big Ed's Q Shed. Learn the essentials of BBQ and the use of smoked meats for mouthwatering tacos. Designed for those just beginning to stoke a fire or more experienced BBQers ready to step up their Taco-Q. This will be a hands-on, interactive, and fun class!



Crafternight with Holly Shell Yeah: Crafting with Shells (Adults) ®

Thursday, July 17 • 6:30 pm

Shell-ebrate the summer with an evening of crafting at the library led by expert crafter Holly.



Community Art Jam (All Ages)

Saturday, August 2 • 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Join us during the Summer Learning Wrap-Up Party to create a collaborative mural for the library with professional graphic novel artist Justin Castaneda. No special skills required, just bring your imagination!

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. Come join us - we meet the first Tuesday of every month at 7 PM. Yearly dues are only \$10!

Hidden Cemeteries

(Ages 16+) ®

Monday, August 25 • 7 pm

During the 18th and 19th centuries, officials in growing cities in the Great Lakes region had to move the dead to make way for the living. Dr. Emilie Le Beau Lucchesi presents the engaging story about these lost graves, how they were discovered, and what they mean in Great Lakes history. A great mix of mystery and history!



LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9 am - 9 pm

Friday and Saturday: 9 am - 5 pm

Sunday: 1 pm - 5 pm

LIBRARY CLOSED DATES

Sunday, June 15: Father's Day

Thursday, July 3: Independence Day (Observed)

Friday, July 4: Independence Day

Sunday, August 31: Labor Day (Observed)

Monday, September 1: Labor Day

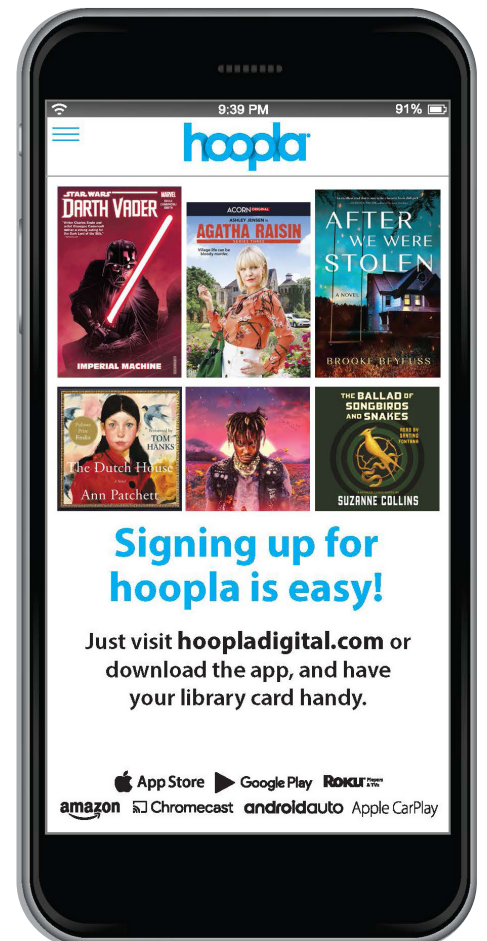


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Meeting agendas are posted 48 hours in advance of the meeting date on the library website and the library notices board. The public is welcome to attend Library Board meetings.

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





LIBRARY *around* TOWN

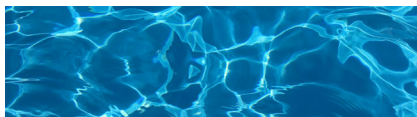


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Trivia at Pollyanna Brewing Company

Wednesday, June 4 • 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. Teams can have up to 8 players and there is no cost to participate. The library receives a portion of the drink sales during the event, so come thirsty!



Stories by the Pool (All Ages)

Thursdays • 1 - 3 pm

June 5, July 10, & August 7

Get cool at the pool with the Youth Services librarians and the Reading Rover!



Summer Reads at the Park

(All Ages)

Mondays • 6:30 pm

June 9: Lions Park

June 23: Mayfair Park

July 14: Abbey Oaks Park

July 28: Brown Park

August 4: Virginia Reed Park

Join your favorite librarians and the Lemont Park District Fun Squad for special outdoor storytimes at local parks.



LEMONT CRUISE NIGHTS KIDS' NIGHTS

Presented in partnership with the Village of Lemont and the Lemont Park District.

PaintTimeFun & Incredible Bats

Wednesday, June 18 • 6 - 8 pm

Drop by to get an amazing airbrush or painted ink tattoo provided by PaintTimeFun. Stay for an animal meet and greet with Rico the Sloth and more friends from Incredible Bats!



The Great Boodini presents Scary Objects! A Wizardly Magic & Illusion Show

Wednesday, July 23 • 6:30 - 8 pm

Boodini has travelled the world and collected an amazing array of movie props and authentic items for the show. This non-stop circus features magic, illusion, juggling, card spinning, theatrical effects, spells, and lots of audience participation. After the show, guests can take a closer look at some of the amazing props. Grab a selfie with The Great Boodini too, especially if you come dressed in a wizardly costume.

Crosstown Exotics & the Griffin Museum of Science and Industry

Wednesday, August 13 • 6 - 8 pm

Get up close and personal with creepy crawlies and slithery somethings with a bug and reptile display from Crosstown Exotics. Then explore fun science activities with Energy Exploration and Optical Illusions Curiosity Stations presented by the Griffin Museum of Science and Industry.

SUMMER LEARNING CHALLENGE

Our ALL AGES Summer Learning Challenge runs June 1 - July 31.

Challenge yourself to read or learn every day! Earn prizes at 5, 10, 15, and 20 days logged. Every 5 days logged also earns you a ticket to enter your choice of our grand prize raffles. Sign up [HERE](#), with the Beanstack app, or in-person at the library. Be sure to enter your tickets into the drawings by July 31. And remember, this program is for everyone, so we have all-ages prizes, too!



Summer Learning Kickoff Celebration (All Ages)

Saturday, June 7 • 11 am - 1 pm

We are kicking off our Summer Learning Challenge in style with a Friends of the Library-sponsored petting zoo from Forest View Farms, a mascot visit from the Joliet Slammers from 11 am - 12 pm, and free Culver's custard (while supplies last)!



Summer Learning Wrap-Up and Donor Celebration

(All Ages)

Saturday, August 2 • 6 - 9 pm

You've spent time all summer reading and learning something new, and there are a lot of people that want to celebrate you! Join us for an after-hours party with food, a Community Art Jam sponsored by The Friends of the Library, and the School of Rock house band. You'll also have a chance

to thank all of the amazing library donors that make learning fun during the summer and all year long!



KIDS

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Spring StoryWalk®

(All Ages)

Continues June - August

Located at Mayfair Park

Hungry for a book? Fly out to Mayfair Park to read *Pizza for Birds* by Bob Shea.



*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.

LEGO Free Build

(Ages 5+) ®

Tuesdays • 4:30 pm

June 3, July 1, & August 19

Get creative during this program where you choose and use the library's LEGOs to build a project that's uniquely you.

DUPLO Builders

(Ages 3+ with caregiver)

Thursdays • 11 am

June 5 & August 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)

Wednesdays • 10 am

June 11 & 25

July 9 & 23

August 6 & 20

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.

Drop In & Dance

(Ages 0 - 5 with caregiver)

Fridays • 10 am

June 13 - August 29

No sessions July 4 & August 8

Bring your best dance moves to our Friday morning party!

Teens & Tots Slime Adventures

(Ages 3 - 5 with caregiver) ®

Mondays • 4 pm

June 16 & August 18

Little ones work together with teen volunteers to mix and create their very own slime. It'll be ready-to-use during the program, so stick around to see everyone's creations and get to squishing.

Family Free Play (All Ages)

Saturdays • 11 am

June 21, July 19, & August 16

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

Tales with Tails (All Ages)

Fridays • 1 pm

June 27 & August 8

Join us on the East Lawn with some four-legged friends for a storytime that will have you wagging your tail.



Any program marked with an **R** requires advanced registration. Register through our online event calendar (on our website or in our app), click on the program below, or call 630-257-6541 and press 3.

KIDS' BOOK CLUBS

Welcome to our kids' book clubs where we read fun titles, discuss fantastic topics, and do awesome activities. Reserve a physical copy or read the ebooks anytime through hoopla!



Story Squad (Grades K-2) ®

Tuesdays • 1 pm



JUNE 17

Game Over, Super Rabbit Boy!
by Thomas Flintham



JULY 29

Miss Banks Pulls Lots of Pranks!
by Dan Gutman

Novel Ideas (Grades 3-6) ®

Wednesdays • 4:30 pm



JUNE 11

The Magic Misfits
by Neil Patrick Harris



JULY 16

No Place for Monsters
by Kory Merritt



AUGUST 27

They Call Me No Sam!
by Drew Daywalt

Stories with Sign ®

Fridays • 1 pm

June 13 & July 25

Join Kara Anderson from District 113a's Deaf & Hard of Hearing Program for an ASL storytime.



Outdoor Bubble Bash

(Ages 3+ with caregiver) [®]

Friday, July 18 • 2 pm

This party will be poppin' so grab a wand and make some bubbles!



Insect Petting Zoo

(Ages 5+ with caregiver) [®]

Tuesday, July 22 • 11 am

Experience the wonders of the insect world. Learn how insects and insect-relatives function and play an important role in the environment around you. This is a touch-and-feel experience in which visitors can observe and have the opportunity to hold unusual bugs.



Sleepy Stegosaurus with Megan DeLiberto (All Ages) [®]

Saturday, July 26 • 11 am

Join local author Megan DeLiberto for a reading of her book, *Sleepy Stegosaurus: A Naptime Story*.



READ LOCAL!

(All Ages) [®]

Saturday, August 9 • 1 pm

Join Renee Galvin and other local authors for a collaborative storytime.



Homeschool Field Day (All Ages)

Friday, August 22 • 1 pm

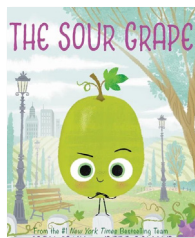
Kick off the homeschool year in sporty style on the East Lawn of the library. The competition will be fierce but everyone's a winner when they are having fun! Are you up for the challenge?

Don't Be A Sour Grape

(Ages 5+ with caregiver) [®]

Monday, August 25 • 6 pm

Come along on a sweet journey of gratitude and compassion from beloved author Jory John as we read *The Sour Grape* and create a grape work of art.



DCM WONDER CLUBS [®]

These amazing STEAM sessions (courtesy of the DuPage Children's Museum) are designed to encourage your child's curiosity in the world around them. As part of our detective theme, we will be investigating the wonderful world of STEAM.



Incredible Investigators (Ages 3 - 5 with caregiver)

Mondays • 4 pm

June 2: The Case of the Missing Cookie

July 21: Figure out the Fossil

August 11: Incredible Investigation Team

Determined Detectives (Grades 1 - 3)

Wednesdays • 4 pm

June 25: Splatter Secrets

July 30: Cracking the Code

August 20: Find the Undercover Detective

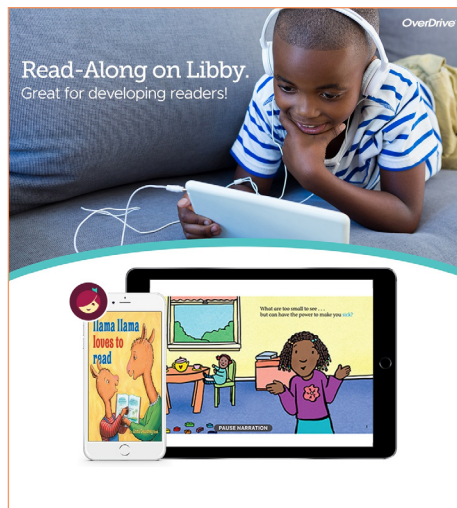
Sensational Sleuths (Grades 4 - 6)

Thursdays • 4 pm

June 19: Extra! Extra! Read All About It!

July 10: The Mystery Marker/Decipher the Message

August 21: Sensational Sleuths Solve a Mystery



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.



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 receive a special prize for every 100 books on their way to 500.

500
Books Before
Middle School

Tiny Tales (Ages 0 - 3 with caregiver)

Tuesdays • 11 am

June 10 - August 26

No sessions July 1 and August 5

Come enjoy books, rhymes, lifts, and bounces perfect for babies and toddlers. Older siblings are welcome.



Crafternoon Kits

June 4 - August 27 (No kits week of July 2)

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

TWEEN & TEEN

Teen programs are intended for grades 6 - 12 unless otherwise noted. Any program marked with an **R** requires advanced registration. Register through our online event calendar (on our website or in our app), click on the program below, or call 630-257-6541 and press 3.

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.



Teen Take'n Make

June: Paper Lantern

July: Patriotic Pin

August: Fruit Tea Boba

Pick up a craft kit on the 1st of each month in the Teen Lounge while supplies last.

100 Books Before Graduation Ongoing

Reading books for school or 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 our website for more details.



Mini Bookcases (Ages 10+) **R**

Wednesday, August 6 • 4 pm

Create a mini bookcase to showcase your favorite titles for all to see.



Diamond Paint Party **R**

Thursday, July 24 • 6 pm

Enjoy a calm evening of diamond painting an image of your choice. Kit provided.



Teens & Tots Slime Adventures

(Volunteer Opportunity) **R**

Mondays • 4 pm

June 16 & August 18

Help a little one create a new slime with the ingredients provided.

Dungeons & Dragon Eggs **R**

Thursday, June 26 • 4 pm

Craft your own dragon egg while we watch *Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves* (PG-13, 2h 14m).



At Your Service

(Volunteer Opportunity) **R**

Tuesdays • 4 pm

June 10 & July 15

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

STEAM Art (Ages 10+) **R**

Monday, July 28 • 2 pm

Join Carla Cardona-Tapia from Three Stories Bookstore & More in this unique program that blends the worlds of art and science. The experience will be unforgettable as you learn the fascinating technique of mixing acrylic paint with isopropyl alcohol.

PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS **R**

We need teen volunteers to help with prepping and hosting programs for kids this summer. Please register for each date you plan to volunteer.

Summer Learning Kickoff Celebration

Saturday, June 7

Volunteers should arrive at 10:45 am.



DCM Wonder Clubs

Wednesdays • June 25, July 30, & August 20

Volunteers should arrive at 3:45 pm.

Outdoor Bubble Bash

Friday, July 18

Volunteers should arrive at 1:30 pm.

Summer Learning Wrap-Up Party

Saturday, August 2

Volunteers should arrive at 5:45 pm.

ADULT PROGRAMS

WEALTHY & WISE

Any program marked with an **R** requires advanced registration. Register through our online event calendar (on our website or in our app), click on the program below, or call 630-257-6541 and press 2.

Ask the Assessor!

Tuesdays • 10 am

June 24, July 22, & August 26

Join the Lemont Township Assessor's team for assistance navigating the Assessor's website, which contains the links you need to claim exemptions, obtain comparable properties, and review your property tax bill. The library will provide laptops, but quantities are limited and will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis. This is a drop-in program.



Navigate the Journey of Aging Well: A Discussion with Senior Living Professionals **R**



Thursday, June 19 • 10 am

Get access to all the resources you need to guide you through the process of aging. A panel of senior living professionals will discuss a full range of topics from aging in place to hospice to estate settlement and much more. If you're evaluating senior living options for yourself or a loved one, don't miss this opportunity to learn about all your options in one place.

Senior Cybersafety **R**

Wednesday, July 2 • 1 pm

Seniors will learn cybersafety tips from a Cook County Sheriff's Office internet security specialist. You will go home with several solutions to protect your livelihood from digital incursions.



LET'S TALK COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

Should I Send My Scores? ACT/SAT Updates for the College Application Process **R**

Monday, June 23 • 6:30 pm

Are you and your student feeling overwhelmed with the college application process? Get your questions answered with Maria Koeppen of The Next Steps, MK College and Career Consulting. Maria will discuss the latest updates to the ACT and SAT, including what 'test-optional' really means for the Class of 2026 and how students can strategically navigate the evolving college admissions landscape.



Paying for College 101 **R**

Tuesday, August 26 • 6:30 pm

Maria Koeppen returns to help unravel the mysteries of scholarships, grants, and student loans. From uncovering hidden financial aid gems to smart budgeting strategies, she has you covered. She will share practical tips and resources that will not only make the college journey more affordable, but also set you up for financial success beyond graduation.



Let's Talk Business: Starting a Side Hustle in Lemont **R**

Monday, August 4 • 7 pm

From passion to progress, starting a side business can be both exciting and confusing. Bring your questions to this informative session with Jason Berry, Economic & Community Development Director with the Village of Lemont, and learn what it takes to establish your side business in Lemont.



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.



JUNE 26

The Adventures of Robin Hood (1938, PG)



JULY 24

The Thief of Bagdad (1940, Not Rated)



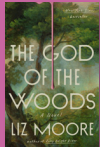
AUGUST 28

The Treasure of the Sierra Madre (1948, Not Rated)

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.



AUGUST 1

The God of the Woods by Liz Moore



SEPTEMBER 5

Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers by Jesse Q. Sutanto

Happy Bookers on the Town ®

Thursdays • 7 pm

Our fiction and collection development librarian, Maureen, loves to share her passion for stories with her Happy Bookers.

Located at BTB Wines



JUNE 12

The Block Party by Jamie Day



JULY 10

The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife by Anna Johnston



AUGUST 14

Be Ready When the Luck Happens: A Memoir by Ina Garten

TECH CORNER ®

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



Lemont Public Library District is providing new technology programs made possible through a generous donation of class laptops from the Lemont Township.

Microsoft Basics ®

Explore the basics of Microsoft applications. Access Microsoft Excel or Word on a provided laptop or bring your own device. When registering, please indicate if you will need a library laptop.



Tuesday, June 17 • 2 pm

Formatting and Simple Formulas in Microsoft Excel



Monday, July 28 • 10 am

Formatting and Styles in Microsoft Word

Simple 3D Designs in Tinkercad ®

Tuesday, August 19 • 7 pm

Learn how to create simple models to 3D print in Tinkercad. Tinkercad is a free, web-based design software available on any laptop or tablet. Provided laptops will be available for use in class, but quantities are limited. Participants may also bring their own device.

Senior Sessions ®

Tuesdays • 2 pm

June 10, July 8, & August 12

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

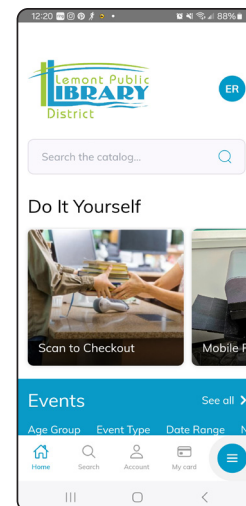


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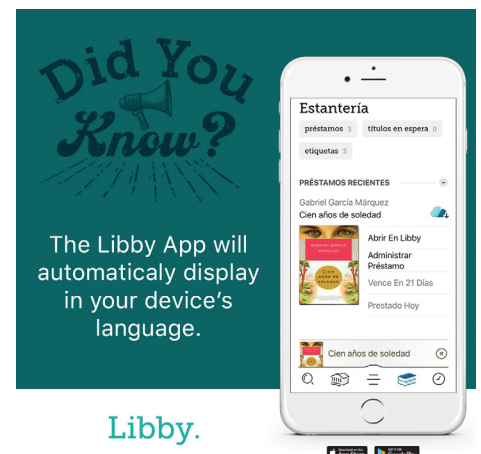


Download the library app today!

Download on the App Store

GET IT ON Google Play

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



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HEALTHY HAPPENINGS

Lemont Walking Club hosts The Library Monday Morning Mosey ®

Mondays • 9:30 - 11 am

June 16: Move More, Hurt Less: Daily Movement to Support Pain Relief and Longevity

July 21: Lifestyle Changes to Prevent & Reverse Metabolic Syndrome (diabetes, high cholesterol, and hypertension)

August 18: Evidence-Based Stress Management Techniques

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.



Forest Therapy: A Mindfulness Practice ®

Saturday, June 14 • 9 - 11 am

Located at the Woodland Sanctuary

Join local FTS Forest Therapy Guide, Sarah Alvestad, for an intentionally slow, guided walk to connect with nature as part of a mindfulness practice that may improve your mental and physical well being.

Self Defense for Seniors ®

Wednesday, June 18 • 5:30 pm

The Sheriff's Senior Self Defense Class teaches basic safety awareness.

After a safety presentation, seniors will learn several basic defensive tactic moves from Cook County Training Academy staff.



Balance & Fall Risk Prevention ®

Wednesday, August 13 • 1 pm

Join Kyle Dodge, PT, DPT, OCS, from Fyzical Therapy and Balance Centers of Lockport, for a presentation on the importance of balance and fall prevention. Learn the basics of balance, identify your personal level of fall risk, and discover practical and manageable ways to reduce overall risk and prevalence of falls in the home.



Staying Mentally Fit ®

Tuesdays • 1 pm

June 3, July 1, & August 5

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.

HOBBIES & HOW-TOS

Adult Dungeons and Dragons ®

Thursdays • 7 pm

June 5 & August 7

Whether you are new to D&D or a seasoned player, bring your sense of adventure to the table for an epic session of Dungeons and Dragons. Pre-generated characters and dice will be available.



The Great Puzzle Race: Team Competition ®

Saturday, July 19 • 1 pm

Piece together a team of up to 4 puzzle enthusiasts and 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. *Please make sure to register everyone on your team.*



Imaginary Journey to the White City: Chicago's World Columbian Exposition ®

Tuesday, June 24 • 6:30 pm

Time travel to 1893 Chicago to the site of the World Columbian Exposition in this sight and sound experience. Through vivid imagery and scholarly research, Denise Laurin, M.A. Art History, describes what it was like to be there. She will focus on the architecture, art, and overall aesthetic of the event and the artists it inspired, like Walt Disney and Frank Lloyd Wright.

Blood Drive

#SaveLivesDonateBlood



Versiti Blood Drive ®

Wednesday, June 4 • 12 - 5:30 pm

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



Mah Jongg Instruction for Beginners ®

Thursdays • 1 pm

July 10 - July 31

This 4-week session is designed for beginners to learn the basics of the trending game. Participation will require the purchase of a playing card through the National Mah Jongg League, available at nationalmahjonggleague.org. Playing cards are not supplied by the library.

Mah Jongg Playing Group

Mondays • 1 pm

Did you know a local Mah Jongg group meets weekly at the library? The more, the merrier! Played with the National Mah Jongg League card. We provide the tiles. Prior experience is required.

Puzzle Swap

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

Community Puzzle

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