

# spring 2026 NEWSLETTER

THE LEMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

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### **LIBRARY HOURS**

Monday - Thursday: 9 am - 9 pm

Friday and Saturday: 9 am - 5 pm

Sunday: 1 pm - 5 pm

### **LIBRARY CLOSED DATES**

Sunday, April 5: Easter

Friday, April 24: Staff In-Service

Sunday, May 10: Mother's Day

Sunday, May 24: Memorial Day (observed)

Monday, May 25: Memorial Day

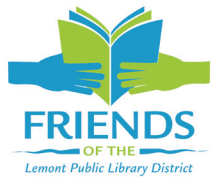


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# Meet our Friends of the Lemont Library

## Programs Sponsored by the Friends

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

### Chase the Storm (All Ages) ® Wednesday, May 13 • 6 pm

Calling all weather enthusiasts! Be part of this electrifying journey into the science behind severe weather phenomena led by experienced storm chasers from Storm Science. Prepare to be blown away with interactive demonstrations and awe-inspiring stories.



Get in touch with The Friends of the Lemont Public Library by clicking below.

 [lemontlibraryfriends.org](http://lemontlibraryfriends.org)

 [facebook.com/lemontlibraryfriends](https://facebook.com/lemontlibraryfriends)

 [instagram.com/lemontlibraryfriends](https://instagram.com/lemontlibraryfriends)

### Julia Child: Her Life in France (Adults) ®

Wednesday, March 18 • 6:30 pm

In this live portrayal, historical storyteller Lynn Rymarz will enlighten you about how Julia discovered her passion for cooking French food in her late 30s after marrying Paul Child and moving to Paris. Hear Julia's own words as she describes her love of French food and her determination in learning how to cook it. Learn about Julia's struggles, successes, and the relationship with the love of her life, Paul.



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. We assist the Library by financially supporting programs, volunteering, and supporting the staff.

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY SEMI-ANNUAL BOOK SALE

**April 10 - 12**

Friday Presale: 6 - 8 pm (\$5 admission)

Saturday: 9 am - 4 pm

Sunday Bag Sale: 1 - 4 pm

The semi-annual book sales are The Friends' biggest fundraisers throughout the year, and all of the proceeds go back into the library. The raised funds are used to sponsor patron programs, build library collections, and provide staff appreciation.

### Book Donations

The book sales could not be possible without the donations we collect throughout the year. The Friends are responsible for collecting, sorting, and selling the items they receive. And it's not just books - they also accept DVDs, CDs, vinyl records, games, and more. Please keep the library and Friends of the Library in mind as you consider donation options. **DONATIONS ARE COLLECTED YEAR-ROUND AT THE LIBRARY.**

## LIBRARY around TOWN

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### Spring StoryWalk® (All Ages)

March - May • Located at Mayfair Park

Breathe deep, stay calm, and enjoy the present while reading *The Marvelous Now* by Angela DiTerlizzi at beautiful Mayfair Park.

\*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.



### Trivia at Pollyanna Brewing Company Wednesday, March 11 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!



### Bunny Hop Trail (All Ages)

Friday, March 20

4:30 - 6:30 pm

Located at The CORE

Join us as we hop over to the Lemont Park District's popular Bunny Hop Trail! Stop by the library's table for something to add to your Easter basket on the way to meet some-bunny special. Registration is through the Lemont Park District.



## Interested in becoming a Friend of the Library?

Dues are only \$10/year and meetings are the 1st Tuesday of every month. Learn more or sign up today at:  
**[www.lemontlibraryfriends.org](http://www.lemontlibraryfriends.org)**



In December, the Friends sponsored Little Sprinkles Creative Cupcakes, a program hosted by library volunteer and Wilton Master Baker Mary Gavenda. Mary led a room full of kids through the cupcake decorating process, which they then designed and took home to enjoy!



# KIDS

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

## Kids vs. Librarians

### Kids vs. Librarians Reading Challenge



Can you read more than the librarians? In honor of National Library Week, we are challenging you to go page for page with the librarians in this reading contest from April 19 - 25. If the kids read the most pages, all of our librarians will wear silly outfits to work on April 27! Sign up and track your pages in [Beanstack](#).



### Move & Groove

(Ages 0 - 5 with caregiver)

Fridays • 10 am

March 6 & 20, April 3 & 17

May 1, 15, & 29

Kick off Fridays with music, movement, and noise.



### Artful Messes

(Ages 0 - 5 with caregiver) **NEW DAY**

Tuesdays • 10 am & 11 am

March 10, April 7, May 5

*Please only sign up for one time slot.*

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



### Women Who Shoot for the Stars

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

Monday, March 23 • 6 pm

In honor of Women's History month, celebrate the women who made major impacts in astronomy and space travel. Then make a star viewer craft to take home.

### Tiny Tales (Ages 0 - 3 with caregiver)

Wednesdays • 11 am

March 11 - May 27

No sessions April 1 and May 6

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



### Not Quite Ready for Storytime

(Ages 0 - 5 with caregiver)

Thursdays • 10 am

March 12 & 26, April 9 & 23

May 7 & 21

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.



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.

## HOMESCHOOL HANGOUT

### Homeschool Hangout (All Ages) **R**

**NOW A REGISTERED PROGRAM!**

Friday, April 17 • 1 pm

Meet other homeschoolers and enjoy games, crafts, and activities in a relaxed social atmosphere. *Please register everyone in your group that will attend.*

### Puzzle Me This

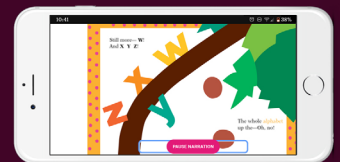
(Ages 5+ with caregiver) **R**

Monday, April 27 • 6 pm

Ever want to design your own puzzle? Here's your shot! Come enjoy a creative evening making your own piece of art that you can continue to take apart and recreate.



Read and listen with Read-Along ebooks.



Highlighted text appears while the narrator reads!

**Libby.**

The library reading app

## SPRING BREAK FUN!

Take some time this Spring to visit a museum or two and learn something new. Museum Adventure Pass and Explore More Illinois grant access to free, discounted, and/or BOGO tickets to several area museums, all with your library card.



## Can you Break Out?

### Can You Break Out? (Ages 6+) <sup>R</sup>

Thursdays • 4 pm

Breakout boxes encourage collaboration and critical thinking in people of all ages. In these programs, participants will try to decipher clues to break the codes and get into the box before time runs out. Up to 5 participants are allowed to sign up for each 45-minute time slot.

#### Benny Bee's First Job

March 5

Benny Bee has been hired to work at a local museum, but he has a lot to learn. Can you help Benny before the first tour group comes in?



#### Counting on Carrots

April 16

Rodney Rabbit is super excited to harvest all his carrots. Unfortunately, his carrots got scattered while he was collecting them. Can you help Rodney get all his carrots?

#### Superhero Recertification

Showdown

May 14

Every few years, all superheroes need to level up their skills, retrain, and apply to keep the Certificate of Superhero Proficiency. The deadline is looming; can you help heroes Kharma and Defender submit their applications before the time is up?



## Celebrate NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

April 19-25, 2026



### Preschool Prom (Ages 0 - 5 with caregiver) <sup>R</sup>

Friday, May 8 • 1 pm

Come dressed in your finest party attire for this prom where everyone is a king or queen! There will be dancing, snacks, a photo opportunity, and more! Parents are also encouraged to dress up. **Lemont Public Library District cannot guarantee that food served at this program does not contain or has not come into contact with tree nuts, soy, or other allergens.**

### Go Fly a Kite

(Ages 5+ with caregiver) <sup>R</sup>

Monday, May 11 • 6 pm

Explore the basic principles of aerodynamics by building your own kite and seeing if it flies.



## KIDS 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



### Crafternoon Kits

Wednesdays

March 4 - May 27

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

# TWEEN & TEEN

## TinkerCAD for Young Creators (Ages 9+) <sup>®</sup>

Wednesday, March 4 • 6:30 pm

Learn to make your own 3D print models using TinkerCAD, a free, browser-based software you can use at home. This class will focus on learning and using the software to create your own designs. Library laptops will be available, but quantities are limited. Participants may also bring their own devices. Any designs created during the session can be submitted to the library for 3D printing at a future date. *Please do not sign up if you attended a previous session.*

## At Your Service

(Volunteer Opportunity) <sup>®</sup>

Tuesdays • 4 pm

March 17 & April 21

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

## Bookmarks and Business Sense (Ages 10+) <sup>®</sup>

Tuesday, March 31 • 5 pm

Join Carla from Three Stories Bookstore & More for an art program where you make your own bookmarks. Then learn how to market your creations and make some pocket money.



## Dungeons & Demogorgons (Ages 11+) <sup>®</sup>

Thursdays • 6:30 pm

April 9 & 23

Get the party together and go on some mini campaigns in the Upside Down. Are you ready to defeat Demogorgons and the Mind Flayer? Get your spells and weapons ready! Players of all levels are welcome. Beginners are encouraged to attend.



## Sippin' on Shakes (Ages 10+) <sup>®</sup>

Wednesday, March 25 • 5 pm

Join Holistic Nutrition Coach Deepali Aul for a fun and interactive cooking demonstration where teens will learn how to make healthy, natural protein shakes using real and simple ingredients. Discover how protein supports growth, energy, and focus - great for school, sports, and busy schedules.



## Teen Volunteer Squad

(Volunteer Opportunity) <sup>®</sup>

Thursdays • 4 pm

March 12 & 26

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.

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PROGRAM!**

## Passive Programs

### Teen Take 'n Make

March: Taco Felt Pouch

April: Spring Suncatchers

May: Dragon Eggs

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

### 100 Books Before Graduation

Log your books with [Beanstack](#) and earn prizes on your way to 100 reads!

### Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities

Character Pen Pals Letter Writing,  
ARC & Other Book Reviews

See the Teen page of our website for more details.

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### March 19: Votes for Women

You've found a box that was locked on August 18, 1920 and hasn't been opened since. Can you figure out the puzzles and unlock the secret to the success of the suffragettes?

### April 30: The Flower Shop

The watering system in the greenhouse of your flower shop is broken, and you need to fix it so your plants don't die. Unfortunately, the diagram of the system is locked in a box. Use your plant knowledge to find the combinations, unlock the box, and save your flowers.

### May 28: Superhero Probability Powers!

The comic book store has been sent an early release of the new superhero game and is offering customers a chance to play it. The shop closes in an hour - will you make it in time?



# ADULT PROGRAMS

## WEALTHY & WISE



### Social Security: Get What's Yours®

Thursday, March 26 • 7 pm

Financial Advisor Mark J. Hughes will discuss 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.

### Ask the Assessor!

Tuesdays • 10 am

March 24, April 28, May 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.



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### ICash: Find Your Unclaimed Property

Tuesday, April 14 • 10 am - 1 pm

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

### Planning for Health Care Costs in Retirement: Understanding Your Options®

Tuesday, April 28 • 7 pm

The increasing cost of healthcare is a growing concern for current and future retirees. Join Tonya Almond, Financial Advisor from Edward Jones, to learn about Medicare coverage and traditional medical expenses, long-term medical care, and strategies to address uncovered expenses as part of your retirement plan.

**Edward Jones**

### From Dream to Doorstep: A Financial Roadmap for Home Buyers®

Tuesday, March 31 • 6:30 pm

This informative session will walk you through the key financial steps to prepare for homeownership, from saving for a down payment to understanding mortgage options and credit requirements. Whether you're a first-time buyer or re-entering the market, you'll gain practical insights to make confident, informed decisions on your path to owning a home.



## TECH CORNER

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

### Getting Started with ChatGPT®

Tuesday, April 21 • 7 pm

Learn the perks and pitfalls of using ChatGPT for tasks like writing, brainstorming, answering questions, and more. Library laptops will be available for use, but quantities are limited. Participants may also bring their own devices. Topics covered in this session will include:

- An overview of ChatGPT: its core functions and capabilities
- A clarification of what ChatGPT is not
- Recommended applications and effective uses for ChatGPT
- Situations when ChatGPT may be inappropriate or inadvisable

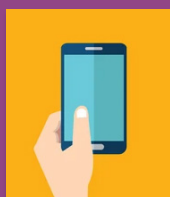


### Managing Photos on Your iPhone or iPad®

Tuesday, May 19 • 2 pm

Are photos taking up all your digital storage? Do you struggle to find photos when you need them? In this session, you will discover organizational tips such as:

- How to manage photos and videos on your device and in the cloud
- How to store photos and videos offline
- Basic photo and video editing on your device



### Senior Sessions®

Tuesdays • 2 pm

March 10, April 14, May 12

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 16:** NeuroFit: Brain Training

**April 20:** Preventative Wellness: The Illness / Wellness Continuum

**May 18:** Lifestyle Medicine: Myths & Truths Based on the Evidence

Join Danyelle Andrews from Bee Well Collective and the weekly Lemont Walking Club for a group walk around the neighborhood, followed by a brief discussion about wellness and staying active.

## Recipes for Wellness: Increasing Proteins in Your Diet®

**Tuesday, March 31 • 1 pm**

Join us for a hands-on cooking demonstration led by Deepali Aul, MPH, Holistic Nutrition Coach and Associate Director of Dining Services at Franciscan Village. Learn how increasing protein in your diet can support strength, energy, and overall wellness. This interactive session will feature simple, nutritious recipes, practical cooking tips, and affordable protein options you can easily prepare at home.



## Aging Well: Tools, Services, and Support for Older Adults and Caregivers®

**Wednesday, May 6 • 6:30 pm**

Access 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.

## Versiti Blood Drive®

**Wednesday, June 3 • 12 - 5:30 pm**

Every day, more than 10,000 people rely on blood donations to survive. And a single donation can save up to 3 lives. Give the gift of life to your community. Appointments and walk-ins accepted.



# READ, SEEN, HEARD

Discussions of books and films in various settings. Pick up materials at the Patron Services desk. 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 26**  
*The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance* (1962, Not Rated)



**APRIL 23**  
*Bringing Up Baby* (1938, Not Rated)



**MAY 28**  
*Notorious* (1946, 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.



**APRIL 3**  
*Beautiful Ugly* by Alice Feeney



**MAY 1**  
*What Have You Done?* by Shari Lapena



**JUNE 5**  
*Parents Weekend* by Alex Finlay

## 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.

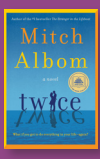
Located at Pollyanna Social



**MARCH 12**  
*The Lost Bookshop* by Evie Woods



**APRIL 9**  
*The Poppy Fields* by Nikki Erlick



**MAY 7**  
*Twice* by Mitch Albom

# ARTS & CULTURE

## The Secret Lives of Stars®

**Tuesday, March 10 • 6:30 pm**

Stars live for billions of years, but each star is unique in brightness, size, and temperature. Kristie Nault, PhD, Assistant Professor of Earth Science at the College of DuPage, will explore how astronomers piece together a star's life story from brief snapshots and introduce you to the women whose discoveries reshaped our understanding of the cosmos.



## John Wayne, John Ford, and the American Western®

**Tuesday, March 24 • 6:30 pm**

Join Jeff Cappel, journalist and film historian, for this fascinating presentation on the collaboration of John Wayne and director John Ford, which resulted in some of the most notable Western movies ever made. Biographies of both men will be presented, followed by a discussion of individual movies.

## Catch the Twain: The Musical (Adults)®

**Wednesday, April 22 • 6:30 pm**

Take part in this theatrical, educational, and highly entertaining storytelling adventure into the world of Mark Twain with Warren Brown and Mark Dvorak. Warren Brown has spent more than thirty years researching the life and work of Mark Twain and portraying him in spoken-word performances across the country. Folk musician and songwriter Mark Dvorak provides the soundtrack to Brown's performance with old-time banjo tunes, period songs, and audience participation.



## How Writing Groups Build Better Writers®

Wednesday, April 29 • 7 pm

Discover how a supportive writing community can elevate your craft. The Lemont Writers Guild invites writers of all experience levels to an engaging session exploring the power of writing groups. Learn how encouragement, accountability, constructive feedback, and shared learning help writers grow. Participants will also experience a hands-on demonstration of how writing groups operate, offering a real-world look at collaboration in action.



## Lemont Writers Guild

Mondays • 6:30 pm

March 2, April 6, May 4

Calling all writers! Join the Lemont Writers Guild on the 1st Monday of each month at the library (or via Zoom). Writers will have the opportunity to read their work aloud and receive feedback from other writers. Submit your work in advance for group feedback. If you have questions or would like to request a link for the Zoom meeting, please email [lemontwriters@gmail.com](mailto:lemontwriters@gmail.com). Membership is free for adult writers in and around Lemont.

## Check out IPO

March 14 • 7:30 pm (tix available 2/28)

Vivaldi: The Four Seasons

April 18 • 7:30 pm (tix available 4/4)

Legendary Music of the Movies

May 16 • 7:30 pm (tix available 5/2)

America Turns 250: A Celebration of the 250th Anniversary of America in Music

The Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra at the Ozinga Chapel of Trinity Christian College provides free passes to library patrons on a first come, first served basis. Stop by the Patron Services desk to reserve tickets for the upcoming concerts, beginning two weeks prior to the day of the concert. 1 pass per concert, 2x per season, per patron limit.

# FOOD & FUN

## Sip, Snack, and See What's New

Thursdays • 10 am & 6 pm

March 5, April 2, May 14

A warm, welcoming drop-in program where patrons can enjoy light refreshments while exploring upcoming events, new services, and fresh additions to the collection. Library staff will be on hand to chat, answer questions, and highlight resources that many visitors don't realize the library offers. It's an ideal introduction for new members looking to get oriented, and a fun refresher for longtime patrons who want to stay in the loop.

## Create and Connect for Adults®

Tuesdays • 1 pm

March 3, April 7, May 5

Join us for a relaxing hour to stimulate your mind, connect with others, and create something fun and functional. Come to create, stay for the conversation.

## Mah Jongg Playing Group

Mondays • 1 pm

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

## Madelaine's Kitchen: Inspired by Julia Child®

Wednesday, April 8 • 6:30 pm

Join Chez Madelaine as she shares how her culinary journey was shaped by her professional interactions with Julia Child and the foundational lessons she learned from *Mastering the Art of French Cooking* as a young bride in the 1960s. Over fifty years of teaching, the evolution of Madelaine's cooking style has been influenced by Julia. The program highlights this evolution through a comparison of two vinaigrette salads and two pastas with white sauce.



## Level Up Your Mind: Using RPGs to Boost Creativity and Critical Thinking®

Wednesday, May 27 • 7 pm

Martin Buinicki, local author of *Designing TTRPGs for Dummies*, and Richard P. Baepler Distinguished Professor in the Humanities at Valparaiso University, discusses what tabletop roleplaying games are and how to use them to develop skills essential for everything from the classroom to the boardroom.

## LEMONT LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Patricia Camalliere, Vice President  
Michael Skibinski, Treasurer  
Renee Miller, Secretary  
Laura Burt-Nicholas, Trustee  
Melanie Grzesik-Duffy, 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.

## Sew a Memory Apron®

Thursday, May 21 • 6:30 pm

Transform a cherished cotton or linen button-down shirt into a beautiful, functional memory apron in this hands-on sewing program. Participants bring a shirt that holds sentimental value, perhaps from a loved one or a meaningful moment, and learn how to repurpose it into a keepsake they can wear and enjoy.



## ILLINOIS LIBRARIES PRESENT

Join us for virtual events as famous authors, actors, and chefs speak about their lives, past achievements, and work. Watch with a group at the library, or Zoom in from home.



### Beyond the Page with Percival Everett

(Adults)®

Thursday, March 19 • 7 pm



### Cristina Henríquez: Voice, Culture, and Human Connection

(Adults)®

Thursday, April 16 • 7 pm



### Babel-On with R.F. Kuang (Adults)®

Tuesday, May 19 • 7 pm