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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. —

The Three B's: A Jazz Tribute with The James Callen Trio ®

Sunday, September 27 • 2 pm
Located at the Lemont Township Community Center

Enjoy an afternoon of smooth jazz with The James Callen Trio as they perform timeless pop hits from Burt Bacharach, Billy Joel, and The Beatles.



Morbid History: Murder Mystery Edition (Adults) ®

Wednesday, October 21 • 7 pm

Performer and filmmaker Lorrissa Julianus is back with tales of royal murders buried for centuries, deadly scandals from Old Hollywood, and how a killer that lived in her own house was caught, all told with energetic wit and flair!

Wicked FX with GlamBat Studios (Ages 10+) ®

Thursday, October 22 • 6 pm

Bring your Halloween dreams to life in this FX makeup program with GlamBat Studios. Following a demonstration, there will be guided hands-on practice, and time to get creative with your terrifying transformation.



Swordplay with the Duelling Dames (Ages 9+) ®

Tuesday, September 29 • 4 & 5:30 pm

The pen may be mightier, but the sword is more fun! Seriously, who doesn't want to wield a sword? Learn the techniques of stage combat from a master Fight Director, plus a choreographed fight sequence where everyone wins. Please only sign up for one session.

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.

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



lemontlibraryfriends.org



facebook.com/lemontlibraryfriends



instagram.com/lemontlibraryfriends

LIBRARY HOURS

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

LIBRARY CLOSED DATES

Sunday, September 6: Labor Day (Observed)
Monday, September 7: Labor Day
Wednesday, November 25: Closing at 5 pm
Thursday, November 26: Thanksgiving Day

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.

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

Create Your Own Wood Slice Holiday Ornament (Adults) ®

Thursday, November 5 • 6:30 pm

Celebrate the season with creativity! Create 2 beautiful wood slice ornaments, a festive snowman and a personalized keepsake, perfect for gifting or decorating. Local calligraphy artist and graphic designer Carol O'Rourke will teach hand-lettering basics to add names or greetings to the ornaments. Each student will paint their wood slices, then add ribbon, beads, and twine for hanging. Supplies are included, and ornaments will be ready to take home.



Friends of the Library Semi-Annual Book Sale November 6 - 8

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

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 every item they receive. And it's not just books - they also accept DVDs, CDs, vinyl records, games, and more. **DONATIONS ARE COLLECTED YEAR-ROUND AT THE LIBRARY.**

LIBRARY *around* TOWN



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Trivia at Pollyanna Brewing Company

Wednesday, September 9 • 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!



Fire Department Open House (All Ages)

Saturday, October 3 • 10 am - 1 pm

Located at Station One

Bring the whole family for a fun and educational day at the fire station. Enjoy live demonstrations, safety activities, meeting your local firefighters, and so much more. It's a great way to learn about fire safety and connect with your community.



Harvest Fest Trunk-or-Treat (All Ages)

Saturday, October 10 • 3 - 6 pm

Located at the Lemont Park District

Join your favorite librarians and other community members for a fun Trunk-or-Treat event. There will be a sensory friendly portion from 3 - 3:30 PM. After you are done trunk-or-treating, enjoy games, attractions, pumpkins, and more on the lovely Lemont Park District campus.



Lemont High School STEM Night (All Ages)

Thursday, November 12 • 6 - 8 pm

The library will be at this free, all-ages event held at Lemont High School, which will feature numerous STEM stations and food vendors.



Fall StoryWalk® (All Ages)

**Continues September - November
Located at Mayfair Park**

Journey over to the beautiful Mayfair Park to read our Fall StoryWalk® selection *Biindigen!* Amik Says Welcome by Nancy Cooper.



*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.

Fall into a Reading Challenge

Count your reading all year long! Track what you're reading for fun or for school in one place with Beanstack and earn prizes along the way.



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, kids add a new petal to their flower to 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

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.

100 Books Before Graduation

Reading books for school or fun? Log your books with Beanstack and earn prizes on your way to 100 reads.



KIDS

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Not Quite Ready for Storytime

(Ages 0 - 5 with caregiver)
Thursdays • 10 am
September 10 & 24
October 8 & 22
November 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.

Move & Groove

(Ages 0 - 5 with caregiver)
Fridays • 10 am
September 4 & 18
October 2, 16, & 30
November 13 & 27

Kick off Fridays with music, movement, and noise.



Mini Music Makers

(Ages 0 - 5 with caregiver) ^R
Fridays • 10 am
September 11 & 25
October 9 & 23
November 6 & 20

Make beautiful noise with local music school Edge Music Academy for this hands-on, early childhood music class.



LEGO Mystery Afternoons

(Ages 5+) ^R
Mondays • 4:30 pm
September 28, October 26,
November 30

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

Homeschool Hangout

(All Ages)
Fridays • 1 pm
September 25 & October 30

Meet other homeschoolers and enjoy games, crafts, and activities in a relaxed social atmosphere.

Artful Messes

(Ages 0 - 5 with caregiver) ^R
Mondays • 10 am Tuesdays • 10 am
September 14 September 15
October 12 October 13
November 9 November 10

This class is for our littlest artists to explore the wonderful world of color creativity. Please dress to get messy! Monday and Tuesday sessions will have the same craft; please only sign up for one day each month.

Pages with Pooches (Ages 5+) ^R
Wednesdays • Sign up for one time slot between 6 - 7 pm
September 16, October 21, November 18

Sign up to read with a therapy dog from Alliance of Therapy Dogs. You'll have fun reading to these furry friends, no bones about it!



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Coding Club with Scratch

(Ages 8 - 14) ^R

Mondays • 6 pm

September 14, October 12, November 9

From animations to 3D games, Scratch is an easy to use but powerful tool for beginning programmers to learn, create, and play. Whether you are programming for the first time, or have already tried making your own games, this program series will teach you valuable skills and tools for coding your ideas into being!



Family Bingo

(Ages 5+ with caregiver) ^R

Tuesdays • 6 pm

October 27

November 24

Join Ms. Joan for fun, themed bingo games.



Unbe-leaf-able Colors

(Ages 5+ with caregiver) ^R

Monday, October 5 • 6 pm

The leaves are changing but you won't have to go far to see them in all the beautiful hues! Make your own fabulous fall features using craft supplies and creativity.





T-Rex in Residence

Wednesday, November 4 -

Tuesday, November 17

Stomp in to see Norm, a reproduction T-rex skull on loan from the Field Museum's Harris Learning Collection, during his weeks in residence at the library. Feel free to take some rawr-some pictures and feel totally Cretaceous around our dino-size display.



Give Bees a Chance!

(Ages 5+ with caregiver) ®

Thursday, September 10 • 6 pm

Join Apis enthusiasts from Honey Bee Gardens Farm for a storytime and activity all about bees. Make your own pollinator friendly seed packet, look at photos of bees and other animals, and hear about what goes on down at the farm! *Honey Bee Gardens*

Dinosaur Dimensions

(Ages 5+ with caregiver) ®

Monday, November 16 • 6 pm

Come on an Argentino-saurus sized adventure at the library with Dinosaur Dimensions. Listen to a fun and interactive Jurassic journey, complete with Mesozoic emcees. Stay after the story for a meet and greet with the adora-saurable dinos from the show!



Tiny Tales (Ages 0 - 3 with caregiver)

Wednesdays • 10 am

September 9 - November 25

No sessions October 7 and November 4

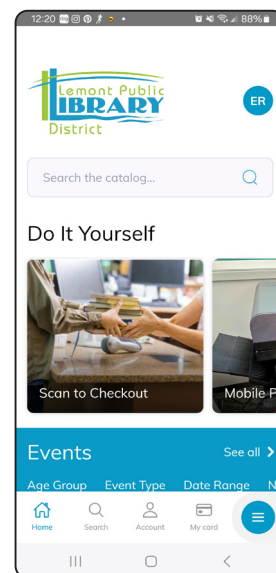
Come enjoy books, rhymes, lifts, and bounces perfect for babies and toddlers. Older siblings are welcome.

Crafternoon Kits

Wednesdays

September 2 - November 18

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



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.

Terrific Tambourines

(Ages 5+ with caregiver) ®

Monday, September 21 • 6 pm

Use your creativity to bring the joy of music to life in this hands-on, noise making art program. Using paper plates, coloring utensils, and craft items, participants will create their own unique musical instrument.

Cards of Thankfulness

(Ages 5+ with caregiver) ®

Tuesday, November 17 • 6 pm

Celebrate the season of gratitude at the library. Bring your creativity, use our supplies, and make a card for someone special telling them what you are thankful for this year.



Pajama Storytime with Paddy Boops

(Ages 5+ with caregiver) ®

Wednesday, November 11 • 6:30 pm

Come for an uplifting storytime and craft with local author Patrick Healy for a reading of his book *Paddy Boops*. Pajamas and stuffies are encouraged, but not required.

DCM Wonder Clubs: Tinker • Play • Invent! ®

These amazing STEAM sessions (courtesy of the DuPage Children's Museum) are designed to encourage your child's curiosity in the world around them. See the Library Events page for more details on each session.

Play Pros (Ages 3 - 6 with caregiver)

Tuesdays • 4 pm

September 1: Building for the Birds

October 13: Walking Galleries

November 10: Inspired by Animals

Tinker Team (Grades 1 - 3)

Wednesdays • 4 pm

September 2: Rainwater Rescue

October 14: Weaving Wonders

November 11: Flying for the Birds

Ingenious Inventors (Grades 4 - 8)

Thursdays • 4 pm

September 3: What's in our Water

October 15: Wacky Wear

November 12: Nature's Creation



TWEEN & TEEN

At Your Service (Volunteer Opportunity) ®

Tuesdays • 4 pm
September 15, October 20,
November 17

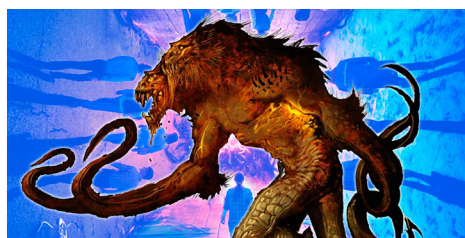
Come socialize with other teens while you complete service projects for community organizations. Project details will be posted on the Teen page of our website.

TEEN VOLUNTEER SQUAD

Teen Volunteer Squad (Volunteer Opportunity)

Thursdays • 4 pm
September 10, October 8, November 19

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.



Dungeons & Demogorgons (Ages 11+) ®

Thursdays • 6:30 pm
September 17, October 1, November 12

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.*

Create Your Own Conspiracy ® Tuesday, October 6 • 4 pm

From birds not being real to hollow Earth, conspiracy theories run the gamut. Now it's your turn to create a wild theory and try to convince others that it is real.

What do Owls Eat? ® Thursday, October 29 • 6 pm

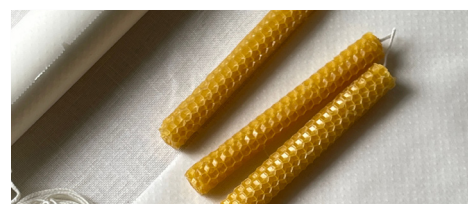
Participants will dissect a real owl pellet and practice hands-on science skills to discover what these impressive birds of prey dine on and how they digest their food.



Teen programs are intended for grades 6 - 12 unless otherwise noted. Any program marked with an ® 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.

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Mind Your Own Beeswax ® Monday, November 23 • 4 pm

Join us for this fun, easy, and eco-friendly candle making program sure to light up your life. Using sheets of beeswax, participants will create custom candles to take home and enjoy.

TEEN PASSIVE PROGRAMS

Teen Take'n Make

September: Yarn Pumpkins

October: Macrame Ghosts

November: DIY Chai Latte

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

Character Pen Pals Letter Writing (Volunteer Opportunity)

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.

Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities ARC & Other Book Reviews

See the Teen page of our website for more details.

PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS ®

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

DCM Wonder Club

Wednesdays • 3:45 pm
September 2, October 14,
November 11

Volunteers will assist groups of children in completing a STEAM challenge.

Harvest Fest Trunk-or-Treat

Saturday, October 10 • 2:30 - 6 pm
Located at the Lemont Park
District

Volunteers will assist with set-up of the Trunk-or-Treat, handing out candy, and directing participants where to go during the event.



ADULT PROGRAMS

WEALTHY & WISE



Getting the Most of Medicare Benefits ®

Thursday, September 17 • 7 pm

What is Medicare? Who is eligible? What is my enrollment period? What is the difference in Medicare Parts A, B, C, D? All of these questions and more will be answered by Financial Advisor, Mark Hughes.

Ask the Assessor

Tuesdays • 10 am

September 22, October 27, November 17

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.



Tax Efficiency for Retirees: A Practical Guide to Income Planning and Investments ®

Wednesday, September 30 • 6 pm

Make your retirement savings work harder for you! Join Jake Burke, Wealth Advisor with CMD Wealth Partners, for an informative and easy-to-understand discussion on tax-efficient investing and the latest retirement and tax law changes. Learn practical strategies that may help you keep more of your retirement income and make confident decisions about your financial future.



Understanding Cable Options and Reducing Robocalls with CUB ®

Thursday, October 1 • 1 pm

Learn how to save money and stay protected at home in this informative program presented by a Citizens Utility Board representative. Discover your TV options, explore streaming services, and get practical tips for cutting cable costs. You'll also learn how to spot and avoid robocall scams, understand call-blocking tools, and hear about new laws designed to reduce unwanted calls.



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Medicare Fraud Prevention with Senior Medicare Patrol ®

Friday, October 9 • 10:30 am

Join the Senior Medicare Patrol for an interactive presentation on preventing, detecting, and reporting Medicare fraud. After the presentation, stay for a fun Bingo activity to test your knowledge.



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.

Classics & Coffee Movie Club ® Thursdays • 10 am

Transport yourself back in time with these classic movies. Watch the movies as a group on our 10-foot screen and stay for a lively discussion.



SEPT 24
The Philadelphia Story (1940, Not Rated)



OCT 22
The Birds (1963, PG-13)



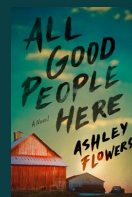
NOV 19
A Matter of Life and Death (1946, PG)

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.



OCT 2
I Have Some Questions for You by Rebecca Makkai



NOV 13
All Good People Here by Ashley Flowers



DEC 4
The Other Mrs. by Mary Kubica

TECH CORNER

Senior Sessions ®

Tuesdays • 2 pm

September 8, October 13, November 10

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

September 21: NeuroFit Brain Games

October 19: Preventing and Managing Insulin Resistance and Diabetes with Lifestyle Medicine

November 16: Utilizing Positive Psychology and Mindset to Thrive During the Holidays

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.



Free Hearing and Retinal Screenings with the Lemont Lions Club

Tuesday, October 6 • 10 am - 1 pm

Drop in to receive a free vision and hearing screening conducted by the Lions of Illinois Foundation and the Lemont Lions Club. *Adults and children are welcome.*



ARTS & CULTURE

Sip & Explore: Small Group Travel for the 55+ Adventurer ®

Wednesday, September 9 • 10:30 am

Discover the ease and excitement of guided group travel with Inclusive Escapes! Join us for a cup of coffee from Folklore while we explore upcoming adventures to Tuscany, Scotland, and Canada (departing right from Lemont!). Learn how guided travel can take the stress out of planning while connecting you with new places, experiences, and fellow travelers.



Hammer: House of Horror ®

Thursday, October 29 • 7 pm

Join Jeff Cappel, journalist and film historian, for an intriguing presentation that examines Britain's Hammer Studios and their versions of the classic Universal monster movies made from the 1950s - 1970s. Jeff traces Hammer's beginnings and celebrates the movies, the talent, and the creative forces that forged this classic era in cinema.

FOOD & FUN

Paint and Plant Wellness Class ®

Thursday, October 15 • 6:30 pm

Join us for a relaxing evening creating a beautiful, fall-themed planter while discussing the importance of mental health awareness this October and how plants, nature, painting and creative outlets benefit our mental health.



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.



Mah Jongg Instruction for Beginners ®

Thursdays • 10 am

October 1, 8, 15, 22

This 4-week program is for beginners to learn the basics of the trending strategy tile game. Participation will require the advance purchase of a playing card through the National Mah Jongg League, available at nationalmahjonggleague.org. Playing cards are not supplied by the library. *Please only register if you can attend all 4 sessions.*

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.*



Versiti Blood Drive ®

Wednesday, September 2 • 12 - 5:30 pm

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



HeartSaver CPR Class (Adults 21+) ®

Wednesday, September 23 • 5 - 7 pm

Learn lifesaving skills from the experts at the Lemont Fire Protection District. Come to the library for a hands-on CPR class where you'll learn how to respond in an emergency and help save a life.