

spring 2022 NEWSLETTER

THE LEMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

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AN EVENING WITH SONALI DEV

Mimosas and Samosas

Tuesday, May 24 • 7pm

Sponsored by The Friends of the Library

Join us for a live author visit as we hear about Sonali's newest addition to The Rajes series: *The Emma Project*. Stop by the library to borrow the first three books in the series. Please register for this program; space is limited.



LIBRARY ON THE ROAD Hippy Hoppity Bunny Trail

Saturday, April 9
10am - 12pm

Hop on down to Centennial Park as the library joins other community groups to spring into the warmer weather with a special appearance from the Easter Bunny. Register today at www.lmontparkdistrict.org.



Free Comic Book Day

Saturday, May 7 • all day

Stop by the library to pick up your free comic book and stay for a craft. Adult Services will have a comic themed button craft and Youth Services will have a lightsaber bookmark craft. (Crafts while supplies last.)

Junk in the Trunk - Take Two

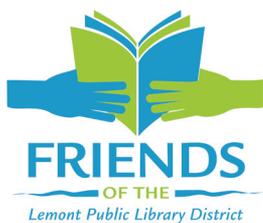
Sunday, May 22 • 8am - 12pm

Shop multiple garage sales all in one location. Come to the library parking lot for this free event (unless you find a treasure). Parking available on the surrounding streets (please respect our neighbors).

Friends of the Library BOOK SALE

Saturday and Sunday, April 23 & 24
9am - 4pm; 1pm - 4pm

Join The Friends for their semi-annual sale. Two full rooms plus more of books, cds and dvds. All proceeds go to special library programs sponsored by The Friends.



Interested in joining The Friends?

Contact Shannon Kazmierczak for more information skazmierczak@lmontlibrary.org

Summer Learning Kick-off Party

Save the date!

Saturday, June 4 • 1pm - 4pm

Join us in the library parking lot for a fun time celebrating the start of summer and the library's Summer Learning Program!

LITTLE FREE PANTRY & DONATION STATION DRIVES

Drop off these requested items during the month.



APRIL

Cleaning Supplies



MAY

Summer Snacks

(please make sure cleaning supplies are in plastic bags)

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

LEMONT
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Soon our cabin fever (and any other fever hopefully!) will come to an end and we will be back outside. The library has many great things planned for the Spring and Summer Learning is looming.

I'd like to take this opportunity to remind you of our Little Free Pantry located just outside the library's main entrance. I have witnessed a few people using the pantry – so we can't get so comfortable as to think that folks don't need assistance all year long. Take what you can, give what you need, that is what community is all about...Lemont Strong!

I also wanted to announce that we have lost (although I am happy to promote the progress of our staff), a few of our most cherished staff members who have moved on to other opportunities. You will miss Rachel Snyder, former Assistant Director, we wish her the best of luck in her new position as Director at Worth Public Library District! Also, Christopher Schoeher – our IT Resource Manager, accepted a position at Abbott Laboratories as a digital Research Librarian. Amanda Zambito, although only with us for a short time, left for a shorter commute only 10 minutes from home. Don Betley, our maintenance/facilities manager, also retired. Many of you will know Don from the community, and those that know anything about him, will join me in saying that he is going to be hard to replace and greatly missed.

We have gained a new staff member despite our losses. We welcome Gil Nicoll, our new Adult Services Librarian to the Lemont Public Library District family. He is a tech wizard and a super nice guy.

Best news of all, our new website should be up and running very shortly, thank you to all who filled out the survey.

See you soon at the library!

Heather Shlah, Library Director • hshlah@lemontlibrary.org



Heather Shlah
LIBRARY DIRECTOR

LIBRARY HOURS

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Vytenis Kirvelaitis, Board President
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Catherine Sanders, Secretary
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Tom Culcasi, Trustee

***We will be closed on Friday, April 29 for Staff Training Day**

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 Learning Center, 50 E. Wend St., Lemont.



Puzzle Swap

Have a gently used puzzle you already solved? Looking for a fresh one to put together? Stop by our puzzle swap bin to sign one out or drop one off. No library card required!

ADULT PROGRAMS

At time of print, all programs are being offered in person. Events with the option to join on Zoom will have a (z) next to the description. Please make sure you register for programs as space is limited.



The 55th Anniversary of The Beatles' Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band (z)

Sunday, April 10 • 2pm

Join music historian Gary Wenstrup to discuss the most well-known album turning 55 years old in 2022. With the use of interview and performance clips he'll discuss the album's music, concept, packaging, and the overwhelming world-wide reaction to its release.

Protecting your Identity and Other Assets

Thursday, April 14 • 10am

A representative from Lemont Bank & Trust will discuss what to do in the case of identity theft or fraud, how to protect yourself from financial loss, and the importance of keeping good records.

LEMONT

BANK & TRUST

A branch of Hinsdale Bank & Trust Company, N.A.

AWINTRUST COMMUNITY BANK

Shred Event

Saturday, May 21 • 10am - 1pm

Stop by Lemont Bank & Trust | A Win Trust Bank, 12400 Archer Avenue, to shred your private documents. While you're there stop by the desk to sign up for Summer Learning and find about our fun, summer opportunities!

Leveraging LinkedIn to Work for You

Wednesday, April 13 • 6:30pm

Are you leveraging the world's largest professional network to work for you? Join Certified Professional Career Coach and Founder of Upward Calling Christina Mazura Morris to maximize the platform to stay competitive in today's job market. A **FREE headshot** to update your LinkedIn profile will be offered by appointment on **April 16th** to anyone who attends the workshop.



Aging and Healthcare Options

Monday, May 2 • 10 am; 7 pm

Evergreen Senior Living will explore different senior living options available in our local area and cover the spectrum of independent living and assisted living, memory care, skilled nursing, and hospice care. They will also cover the signs of dementia which will aid individuals or family members in their choices.

EVERGREEN
SENIOR LIVING
ORLAND PARK

From Uptown Girls to Downton Abbey: How American Gilded-Age Heiresses Invaded the British Aristocracy

Sunday, May 1 • 2 pm (z)

Join Anglophile and former U.K. resident Claire Evans as she recounts the tales of some of the famously loaded young Americans who infused bank accounts of many stately homes, including close relatives of Winston Churchill and Princess Diana. She'll also give travel tips if you'd like to create a Gilded Age tour for yourself. A tea will be served during the program.

Silent Film Series

The Chicago Modern Orchestra Movement, founded by local Renée Baker, pairs jazz, classical music, and modern orchestra scores to silent films. Participants of the Roger Ebert Film Festival, the CMOP provides education to the community with these unique compilations.

April 28 • 1 pm • *Blue Bird*

May 26 • 7 pm • *Body and Soul*

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 our 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.

All Brahms

Saturday, April 30 • 7:30pm

Scheherazade

Saturday, May 14 • 7:30pm



Virtual Trivia Night (z)

Friday, April 8 • 7pm - *Music Trivia*

Friday, May 6 • 7pm - *Food Trivia*

Gather your friends or favorite trivia buffs and join us from the comfort of your own home for a night of virtual trivia! Prizes for the top 3 teams.

Register to receive a Zoom link. A second mobile device is recommended in addition to the one used for Zoom to participate.

Great Decisions 2022 Discussion Series

Mondays • 7 pm

April 4 - April 25

The Foreign Policy

Association's Great Decisions

series. Read the materials provided and meet to discuss the most global issues in a non-partisan, open environment. Discussions began in March, but, participants are not required to attend all 8 meetings.



CRAFTS & HOBBIES

Crafternight with Holly

Join Holly Dean for an in-person craft program at 7 pm. (No take home crafts offered). Please sign up space is limited.

April 7 - Spring Garland

May 3 - We are Family Keychain

Yak n' Yarn

2nd & 4th Mondays • 7pm

Join other patrons as you needle your way through conversations and your own needle craft. Drop-in program, no registration required.

MahJong

Mondays • 1 pm

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

TECH TUESDAYS

Join our staff as they provide in-person classes about our most requested help topics!

Excel Basics

April 5 • 2pm

April 19 • 7pm

iPhone/iPad Basics

May 3 • 2pm

May 17 • 7pm

WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS



GoodLife Physical Therapy Workshop - Pelvic Health

April 20 • 10 am

Licensed Physical Therapists come to the library to provide information on important physical health issues.

Ageless Grace (z)

Led by Colette Gallian

2nd and 4th Wednesdays • 10:30 am

April 13 & 27

May 11 & 25

Yoga Led by Sandy Bianco, CYT

1st Wednesday of the month • 7 pm

April 6 & May 4

Qi Gong Led by Sandy Bianco, CYT

3rd Wednesday of the month • 7 pm

April 20 & May 18



Get Spicy

Each month we will feature a new spice accompanied with various recipes. Stop by the Adult Services Desk the second week of each month. We encourage you to try out the recipes and come back to us with videos or photos! We also love mentions on social media (@lemontlibrary)!

Grown Up Show & Tell

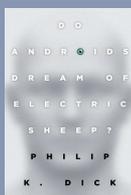
Do you have a curious collection you want to show off? Something quirky you curate? Bring items to show off in our display and we will interview you to find out more. You will have a feature on our social media in our lobby for all to see. Contact Outreach@lemontlibrary.org to sign up!



BOOK CLUBS

Brewed Alternatives

hosted at Pollyanna Brewing Company
1st Thursday of the month • 7pm



APRIL 7

Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep
by Philip K. Dick



MAY 5

Where the Deer and the Antelope Play
by Nick Offerman

Genre Jumpers

3rd Monday of the month • 7pm



APRIL 18

The Golem and the Jinni
by Helene Wecker



MAY 16

Underground: The Tokyo Gas Attack and the Japanese Psyche
by Haruki Murakami

Mid-Morning Mysteries

1st Friday of the month • 10:30am



APRIL 1

The Thin Man
by Dashiell Hammett



MAY 6

The Guest List
by Lucy Foley

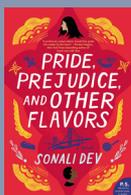
Novels at Night

4th Tuesday of the month • 7pm



APRIL 26

Such a Fun Age
by Kiley Reid



LIVE AUTHOR EVENT

MAY 24

Pride, Prejudice, and Other Flavors
by Sonali Dev



Exploring Marbleized Paper
Saturday, April 9 • 3:30pm

TWEEN & TEEN PROGRAMS

GRADES 6-12

Anime & Manga Club

Tuesdays • 4pm

April 5, 12, 19, 26: Your Lie in April
May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31: So I'm a Spider,
So What?

Join us to watch anime, discuss your favorite manga, participate in an anime or Japanese themed activity and socialize!

Artful Afternoons

Saturdays • 3:30pm

April 9: Exploring marbled paper
May 14: Mobile/Stabile with crystals

Join Holly Dean to learn new techniques and create something beautiful.

At time of print, all programs are being offered in person. Please note that we will not be able to accommodate younger children in these programs.



DIY Spa

Wednesday, April 13 • 4pm

Say yes to self-care! We'll make body scrubs and lip scrubs to use at home.

Adventurers Unite

Thursdays • 6-8pm / April 14 & May 12

Sundays • 2-4 pm / May 15

Join us as we play through the Dungeons and Dragons Dragon of Icespire Peak campaign. Participants will be able to choose a premade character at the first session or contribute their own character to join in the fun.

Teen Volunteer Squad Meetings

Fridays • 4pm
April 15 & May 13

Earn service hours while sharing your opinions about books, programs, and more.

Grow a Little Love (Volunteer Opportunity)

Thursday, May 5 • 4pm

Help a child make a nature-inspired gift for their loved ones.

KIDS PROGRAMS

Crafternoon

Wednesdays
April 6 - May 11

Pick up a different craft pack each week, starting on Wednesday morning until we run out. No need to register.

Nature Tales

Ages 3 & up with caregiver
Wednesdays • 10am
April 13 & May 18

Meet us in the Children's Outdoor Activity Center for stories and a craft! In case of inclement weather, the program will be moved indoors.



Character Pen Pals

Sign up by April 8

Sign up to receive a special letter from Elmo, The Bad Seed, or Princess Belle. Letters are written by our teen volunteers and will begin mailing the week of April 25.

100 Books Before Graduation (Grades 6-12)

Ongoing

Read books for school or for fun. Log with Beanstack to earn prizes on your way to 100!



Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities

Character Pen Pals • ARC & other book reviews

See the Teen page of the library's website for more details.

At time of print, all programs are being offered in person unless otherwise noted. Please make sure you register for the programs unless otherwise specified as space is limited.



Preschool Fair

For parents & caregivers
Thursday, March 24 • 6:30-8pm

Meet with representatives from area preschools to discover the perfect option for your little ones.

Board Games & Stories

Ages 4-6 with caregiver
Sundays • 1:30pm

April 10 & 24

May 22

Join Lemont locals Stefan & Julian Schmagar as you listen to a story, then learn to play themed board games. Game play will be cooperative, non-confrontational, or dexterous.

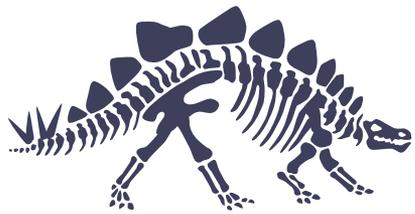


Tea Rex Party

Family Friendly!

Sunday, May 1 • 2:30pm

Please RSVP for a civilized afternoon of dino-themed stories and activities. Tea will be served.



Dino-mite Skeletons (Ages 7-10)

Saturday, April 16 • 2pm

Create your own dinosaur skeleton using our craft materials. Let your imagination go wild!



Lego Mystery Afternoons

Ages 5 & up

Thursdays • 4pm

April 21 & May 26

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

Relaxation Station (Ages 7-10)

Saturday, April 23 • 2pm

Say yes to self-care! We'll make body scrubs and lip scrubs to use at home.

Art with Ms. Carolyn (Ages 5-12)

Wednesday • 6pm

April 27 & May 25

Ms. Carolyn will teach us new techniques to create a masterpiece!

Tinker Tots

Ages 0-3 with caregiver

Thursday, May 19 • 11am

Join us for a story and STEAM activity for the littlest minds!

Baby Playtime

Ages 0-3 with caregiver

Tuesday, May 24 • 10:45am

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



Grow a Little Love (Ages 5 & up)

Thursday, May 5 • 4pm

Volunteer big buddies will help their little buddies create a nature-inspired gift for their loved ones.

WEEKLY STORYTIMES

April 4 – May 14



Family Storytime

Ages 3-8 with caregiver
Mondays • 1pm

Pajama Storytime

Ages 3-8 with caregiver
Mondays • 6pm



Baby & Toddler Storytime

Ages 0-3 with caregiver
Tuesdays (lapsit) • 11am
Thursdays (walkers) • 11am

Move n' Groove

Ages 0-5 with caregiver
Fridays • 10am *No session April 29th

Sensory Storytime

Sensory friendly, open to all
Saturdays • 10am

Scent Detectives

Ages 7-10
Saturday, May 28
2pm

Use only your sniffer to identify all the mystery scents. The nose knows!



Museum Adventure Pass

Did you know you can get passes for discounted or free admission to area attractions? All you need is your Lemont library card! Reserve a pass by visiting the Adult or Youth Services desks.



1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Birth-K • Ongoing

Reading aloud is the best (and most fun) way to prepare your child to be a reader. Sign up and log for this year-round reading program through Beanstack or by visiting the Youth Services desk.

StoryWalk®

March-June

Visit our Spring Storywalk at Mayfair Park! Stroll by each stand while reading *Marsha is Magnetic* by Beth Ferry. Make sure to scan the QR code on the last one to enter to win a STEAM-themed book pack!



*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.

Inclusive Program Statement

Patrons of all abilities are welcome at our programs. Please contact the library regarding accommodations.

For more details and explanations please visit our Event Signup on our website!

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