

# spring 2023 NEWSLETTER

THE LEMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

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**& NOW**



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# TRIVIA AND TACOS

LIBRARY FUNDRAISER

FRIDAY, MAY 5 • 6:30PM

Join us at the Lemont Township Center, 16300 S. Alba, for a night of trivia, including a round of local Lemont trivia. **Admission includes tacos, 2 drink tickets, and a night of fun with your friends. Raffles and auctions available!**

\$30 per ticket – Tables of 8 are available.  
Visit our events calendar to sign up.

## LIBRARY HOURS

Monday–Thursday: 9am–9pm

Friday and Saturday: 9am–5pm

Sunday: 1pm–5pm

## LIBRARY CLOSED DATES

Sunday, April 9

Easter (Holiday)

Friday, April 28

Staff Institute Day

Sunday, May 28

Closed Day for

Memorial Day Holiday

Monday, May 29

Memorial Day (Holiday)



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

# LIBRARY *on the* TOWN



## Earth Day Festival at The Forge *(All Ages)*

Saturday, April 22 • 10 am to 4 pm

Join us at The Forge to celebrate Earth Day. We will be joining other groups at vendor village to showcase what we can do for the environment. Spend the day doing projects, enjoying live entertainment, learning at workshops, performing activities, and shopping vendors. Register at [www.theforge.gives/earthday](http://www.theforge.gives/earthday)



## Bunny Hop Trail

*(Family Friendly)*

Saturday, April 1

Location: Centennial Park

Lemont Park District brings back the popular Bunny Trail and we are hopping out to join them! Stop by the Lemont Library table for something to add to your Easter basket. Registration is through the Lemont Park District.



# KIDS

## Registered Programs



The programs below require registration and are marked with a **R**. If you are unable to attend a registered program, please call 630-257-6541 x 3 to cancel as space is limited.

### Music Makers

*(Ages 0-5 with caregiver)* **R**

Wednesdays • 10 am  
April 5, 19 & May 3, 17

Join local music school Edge Music Academy for this hands-on early childhood music class. Let's make beautiful noise together! Sponsored by the Friends of the Lemont Public Library.



### Family Bingo Night *(Family Friendly!)* **R**

Mondays • 6 pm / April 17 & May 22

Play our themed bingo games for your chance to win prizes.

### Calm & Quiet Storytime

*(All ages with caregiver)* **R**

Saturdays • 10 am / April 15 - May 13

We'll share soothing stories and songs while keeping a calm atmosphere with lower lights and volume for children who may be overwhelmed by too much stimulation.

### Lego Mystery Afternoons

*(Ages 5+)* **R**

Tuesdays • 4 pm / April 4 & May 23

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

# PARENTS & CAREGIVERS

## Wellness Wednesdays: Focus on Mental Health®

Presented by the Lemont  
Junior Woman's Club  
Wednesdays • 7 pm

Free childcare provided  
by the Lemont  
Juniorettes and dinner  
by Timberline Knolls.



**April 26:** Domestic & Teen Dating  
Violence with The Crisis Center for  
South Suburbia

**May 24:** Hands-on art therapy  
workshop with Counseling Works

## Art with Ms. Carolyn (Grades K - 5)®

Wednesdays • 6 pm / April 5 & May 3  
Unleash your creative genius as we produce  
awesome art with fan favorite Carolyn  
Zolecki. Wear your artist clothes that you  
don't mind a little extra color on, art can  
be messy! Participants must have at least  
kindergarten level scissor experience.

## Dog-gone Good Reads

(Ages 5+)®

Mondays • Sign up for one  
time slot between 6 - 7 pm  
April 24 & May 15

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



## Grow A Little Love (Ages 5+)®

Thursday, May 4 • 4 pm

Make a nature-inspired gift for your loved  
one! Teen volunteers will be on hand to help  
you create.

## Tinker Tots (0-3 with caregiver)®

Mondays • 10 am / April 10 & May 15  
Dress to get messed for super fun STEAM  
activities for your little ones!

# Drop in Programs

The programs below do not require  
advance sign up. Just come on down to the  
library & join us!

## Baby Play Time

(Ages 0-3 with caregiver)

Mondays • 10:45 am / April 3 & May 22  
Toys, music, and bubbles, what could be  
better? Meeting other babies and parents,  
that's what!

## Duplo Builders (3+ with caregiver)

Tuesdays • 11 am / April 4 & May 23

Not ready to build with the big kids? No  
worryes! This Duplo day is geared towards  
your littlest architects so that they can build  
(and destroy) their own creations of big  
building blocks.

## Family Bored? Game Day! (Family Friendly!)

Friday, April 7 • 2 - 4 pm

Need a break from Spring Break?  
Come to the library, grab a game or  
puzzle, and beat that boredom!



## Imagine Outside the Box (ages 3+)

Wednesdays • 11 am / April 5 & May 24

It's not a box, it's whatever you dream it is!  
We provide the box, you provide the imag-  
ination in this program designed to excite  
your child's creativity. Little imagineers will  
need a helping adult to join them.

## Throwback Crafternoon

(Ages 6 - 11)

Monday, April 24 • 2 pm

Come in for an afternoon of Perler beading, friendship bracelet making, and air dry clay pot crafting. Little crafters will need a helping adult to join them.

## Not Quite Ready for Storytime

(Ages 0-5 with caregiver)

Fridays • 10 am / April 7 & May 19

Does your child crave stimulation? Do they struggle to sit still? Then this is the program for them! We'll have a lively mix of rhymes, fingerplays, songs, and movement activities.

# WEEKLY STORYTIMES

April 11 - May 11

## Lapsit Baby Storytime

(Ages 0-3 with caregiver)

Tuesdays • 11 am

Tuesday's lapsit program is geared for younger babies, with bounces, rhymes, and tickles.

## Family Storytime

(Ages 3-8 with caregiver)

Tuesdays • 1 pm

Join us for stories, songs, rhymes, and more with your Youth Services staff.

## Toddler Storytime

(Ages 0-3 with caregiver)

Thursdays • 11 am

Thursday's program is aimed at babies who are walking, with lots of movement for young ones on the go!

## Total Eclipse of the Program

(Ages 5+)

Thursday, April 6 • 11 am

Join us for a storytime and craft to celebrate the solar eclipse on April 8. This program will be stellar! Little astronomers will need a helping adult to join them.

## Bite-size Crafts with Kids Plus

Dental (Ages 0-5 with caregiver)

Wednesdays • 10 am / April 12 & May 10

Brush up on your crafting skills with the friendly team from Kids Plus Dental!



## Move & Groove (Ages 0-5 with caregiver)

Fridays • 10 am / April 14 - May 12

\*no class April 28

Kick off Fridays with music, movement, & more!

## Homeschool Hangout

(Family Friendly!)

Fridays • 1 pm / April 21 & May 12

Meet other homeschoolers and enjoy crafts and other activities.

## Storytime at Home

Month of April: *Unicorns*

Month of May: *Dragons*

Storytime when you want, where you want! Pick up a program guide full of themed book suggestions and songs for a storytime on your schedule. Simple craft is included.

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AND  
make



APRIL  
UNICORNS

MAY  
DRAGONS





### **Baths are Da Bomb!** (ages 6+)

Friday, May 12 • 3:30 pm

Drop in between 3:30 and 4:30 for a scent-sational class in making bath bombs. Use our essential oils and forms or bring your own. Little crafters will need a helping adult to join them.

### **Crafternoon Kits**

Wednesdays

April 5 - May 10

Stop by the Youth Services desk every Wednesday for our weekly craft kit while supplies last. No crafts May 17, 24, 31.



### **Sensory Story & Craft** (Family Friendly!)

Wednesday, April 26 • 10 am

Spread autism awareness and acceptance with our special guest storytellers from a.c.e. Therapies.

**a.c.e.therapies**  
developing futures ✕ ✕ ✕

# TWEEN & TEEN

Teen programs are intended for grades 6-12 unless otherwise noted.

## Registered Programs



The programs below require registration and are marked with a **R**. If you are unable to attend a registered program, please call 630-257-6541 x 3 to cancel as space is limited.

### **Adventurer's Unite** <sup>R</sup>

Thursdays • 6:00 - 8:00 pm  
April 13 & 27, May 11 & 25

Sundays • 2:00 - 4:00 pm / April 16 & May 21  
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 their first session or contribute their own character to join in the fun.



### **Crafterhours: Give Me a Hand** <sup>R</sup>

Friday, April 21 • 6:00 pm

Inspired by the Netflix show *Wednesday*, come in to get creepy and kooky while making your own Thing-inspired paper mache hand.

### **Earth Day Park Cleanup**

(Service Hour Opportunity) <sup>R</sup>

Saturday, April 22 • 12 - 2 pm

*\*Waivers will be required before participating*  
Celebrate Earth Day with cleanup at Centennial Park. Volunteers will be helping out the Lemont Park District to clear debris from a new trail being built. Please bring waterproof boots, garden gloves, jacket, sunscreen, water, and sunglasses.

## Artful Afternoons®

Saturdays • 3:15 - 4:45 pm

April 8: *Squeegee Silhouettes*

May 6: *Windchime*

Bring your friends or make some new ones while getting creative with crafter extraordinaire Holly Dean.

## Leah Johnson Hybrid Author Visit (Grades 9-12)®

Tuesday, April 25 • 6:00 pm

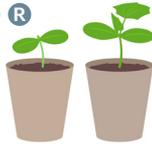
Young Adult author Leah Johnson will be joining us through Zoom to discuss her books *You Should See Me in a Crown* and *Rise to the Sun*. There will be a Q&A and snacks will be provided.

## Grow A Little Love

(Service Hour Opportunity)®

Thursday, May 4 • 4 pm

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



## At Your Service

(Service Hour Opportunity)®

Tuesday, May 16 • 4 pm

Our special project this month will be writing letters for Operation Gratitude.

## Teen Building Challenge®

Thursday, May 18 • 3:45 pm

Using crackers, Cheez Whiz, and pretzels, try your hand at constructing famous structures and completing different challenges.

## Teen Treat Your Shelf Book Box®

If you are in grades 6-12, you can sign up each month to get one book selected especially for you based on your input. Those who sign up will receive one of our amazing Teen Book Boxes, filled with a selection of snacks and surprises and, of course, a new book to try.

# Drop in Programs

The programs below do not require advance sign up. Just come on down to the library & join us!

# TEEN VOLUNTEER SQUAD

(Service Hour Opportunity)

Fridays • 3:45 pm / April 21, May 5, 19

Make your voice heard by sharing what you're reading and watching and giving your opinions on current and future teen programs. You'll also work on a service project at each meeting.

## Character Pen Pals Letter

Writing (Service Hour Opportunity)

Thursdays • 4 pm / April 20, May 25

Earn up to five service hours by using our supplies to write letters to children as their favorite character. You can choose to drop in and write at the library or pick up a kit to take home.

## Ongoing Service Hour Opportunities

ARC & Other Book Reviews

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

take  
AND  
make



### Teen Take n' Make

April: Bubble Tea Kits

May: Washi Tape

Light Switch

Pick up a different craft kit each month in our teen room while supplies last.

# ADULT PROGRAMS

If you are unable to attend a program you registered for, please cancel to make room for another patron.

## Friends of the Library Semi-Annual Book Sale

April 14 - April 16

### Preview Night

\$5 admission

Friday, April 14 • 6-8 pm



Saturday 9 am - 4 pm; Sunday 1 - 4 pm

Join us for the semi-annual book sale. Back by demand -- preview night!

## Shred Event

Saturday, May 6

9 am - 12 pm



Stop by Lemont Bank & Trust | A Wintrust Bank, 12400 Archer Avenue, to shred your private documents. Please enter on Archer Avenue at the KinderCare Entrance to begin lining up. No early shredding accepted.

## Where to Turn? How to Prepare for the Later Stages in Life®

Sunday, April 23 • 1:30 - 3 pm

Join representatives from Franciscan Village, Lemont Township Lending Closet, Pathlights, and Season's Hospice & Palliative Care for a presentation and Q&A session on assistance when you need it most. Inspired by a patron's personal experience while caring for her ailing husband who wanted to help others in her situation.

## Military Healthcare and Medicare 101®

Thursday, May 11 • 11 am

Did you know that you can combine military benefits (VA, CHAMPVA and TRICARE for life) with Medicare? Veterans and family members of Veterans, join Advocate for Veterans non-profit group and learn why it is important to apply for VA medical benefits and also how Medicare works with the benefits you earned.

## Strictly Self Defense with Lindsey Daehnke®

Saturday, May 13 • 1 - 3 pm

Discuss personal safety, train on physical techniques and focus on how to escape from various grabs. Sign up with a friend or come out and meet someone new. Note: This program will be different than the program held in January. First time and repeat attendees are both welcome. Everyone must sign the electronic waiver in order to participate when registering.

**Strictly**  
self defense

## Unclaimed Property Day

Tuesday, April 25 • 10 am - 2 pm

One in four Illinoisans discover property or cash when they search the Illinois Treasurer's Office ICASH database. Sit down with a representative to see if there is cash or valuables waiting to be claimed in your name. Contact Hannah Seaver with questions at [hseaver@sgop.ilga.gov](mailto:hseaver@sgop.ilga.gov) or 630-640-8402. Registration is not required.

## 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 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.

Saturday, April 15 • 7:30 pm

Soaring Strings An Orchestral Celebration of Matthew Mantell

Saturday, May 13 • 7:30 pm

Dvořák & Beach Stilian Kirov, Conductor; Cziner (Composer-in-Residence - World Premiere)

# Celebrate Lemont!

2023 is the **150th Anniversary of Lemont**. Join us for programs in April and May detailing our town and surrounding areas' rich history!



## From Murals to Mosaics: A history of public art and beyond in Lemont

Thursday, April 27 • 6:30 pm

The Lemont Arts & Culture Commission gives us an overview of the tribute to Lemont history through the murals and mosaic pots and pillars in town along with the Commission's history, work, and mission.

## 175 years with the I&M Canal

Sunday, May 7 • 2 pm

The Nation's first National Heritage Area is a living landscape and outdoor museum that flows through our own backyard! Ana Koval, president of the Canal Corridor Association, will show us how the canal (which is also celebrating its 175th Anniversary this year) was integral in populating our state and the importance of its preservation and conservation.



## Taming the Wilderness of Northern Illinois ®

Thursday, May 11 • 6:30 pm

Prior to settlement, Northern Illinois was occupied primarily by Potawatomi Indians. What was life like? How did surveyors prepare the land for sale, thereby changing it forever? Who were the first non-natives to arrive? Why did they come? You may think you know, but author Pat Camalliere takes a fresh look and reveals surprising details.

## History On the Rocks ®

Sunday, May 21 • 3 pm

The Forge: Lemont Quarries will be the perfect backdrop to learn about the rich history of the rocks that built the cities around us. Jason Berry, Lemont Community Development Director, will share information and images of the area with assistance of the Lemont Area Historical Society. Drinks "on the rocks" will be available for purchase at The Foundry, 1001 Main Street, Lemont.

## Chez Madelaine's Library Kitchen Thursdays ®

April Showers bring Spring Dressings

April 27 • 11 am

Two dressings will be prepared: a Salsa Verde to dress a salad of cannellini beans and feta and a Caesar dressing that we can serve with greens or crudites.

Pucker Up: The Amazing Lemon

May 18 • 6:30 pm

Madelaine will prepare a lemon curd to spread on shortbread or biscuits and preserved lemon on toast with mashed peas, chives and a touch of Aleppo pepper.

# READ, SEEN, HEARD

Discussions of books, films, and other media in various settings.  
Pick up materials at the Patron Services Desk for all clubs.

## NEW Movie Club <sup>®</sup>

Third Thursday of the month • 1 pm  
Watch the movies as a group on our 10 foot screen and stay for a lively discussion.



**APRIL 20**  
Brooklyn



**MAY 18**  
Bridge of Spies

## Brewed Alternatives <sup>®</sup>

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



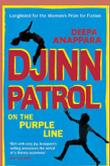
**MAY 4**  
The Twilight Man  
by Koren Shadmi  
(graphic novel)



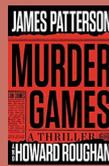
**JUNE 1**  
BYOB Club:  
Bring your own book  
recommendations

## Mid-Morning Mysteries

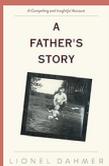
First Friday of the month • 10:30 am



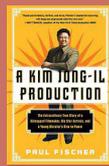
**MAY 5**  
Djinn Patrol on  
the Purple Line by  
Deepa Anappara



**JUNE 2**  
Murder Games  
(Instinct) by  
James Patterson



**APRIL 18**  
A Father's  
Story by Lionel  
Dahmer



**MAY 16**  
A Kim Jong-il Production  
by Paul Fischer

## TECH TUESDAYS <sup>®</sup>

Join Gil, our tech wiz librarian, as he provides in-person classes about our most requested help topics!

### Senior Sessions

April 11 & May 9 • 2pm

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

### Top Tech Topics

Tuesdays • 2 pm (note new time!)

April 25 • iPhone/iPad Basics

May 23 • Windows 10/11

## Women's Small Business Monday Monthly Meet-Up <sup>®</sup>

Mondays • 6:30-8 pm

April 17 & May 15

Join Liz Rose and other local women business owners on the third Monday of the month. This program is perfect for business owners just starting out and veteran business owners on the lookout for how to keep things progressing. The first half hour of each meeting will be for socializing. Liz will then lead the group focusing on that month's topic.

## WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS <sup>®</sup>

Check our website for the latest updates to programs during inclement weather months.

### Good Life Physical Therapy Workshop: Nutrition <sup>®</sup>

May 17 • 10 am

Join GoodLife Physical Therapy Dietitian Eileen to understand the impact that proper nutrition can have on your overall well-being and provide valuable tips on how to adopt a healthier lifestyle.

### Ageless Grace (z) Led by Colette Gallian

2nd and 4th Wednesdays • 10:30 am

April 12 & 26

May 10 & 24

NEW: please register for the new session starting March 20 if you are interested in receiving the Zoom link; otherwise registration is not required.

### Yoga <sup>®</sup> Led by Sandy Bianco, CYT

#### Hatha Yoga

1st Wednesday of the month • 7 pm

April 5 & May 3

#### Restorative Yoga

3rd Wednesday of the month • 7 pm

April 19 & May 17

## CRAFTS & HOBBIES

### Seed Library Kick-off

Starting April 1

Spring into gardening with an array of seeds from our Seed Library. With our take and make seedling pot craft, you can start your seeds indoors and be ready for planting season.

### Crafternight with Holly - Afterhours <sup>®</sup>

Fridays • 6:30 pm

April 21 • Basket of Flowers

May 19 • Painted Journal



## Conscious Living Series <sup>®</sup>

Join Emily Szajda, author, chef, yoga/meditation instructor, and sports nutritionist, who left “Corporate America” for an entrepreneurial life focused on finding work/life balance.

### Food & Mood: Mindful Nutrition For Emotional Balance

April 12 • 7 pm

Dig into the relationship between nutrition, stress, and mental wellness. You will learn practical tools and accessible self-care strategies to reduce stress and anxiety. Emily will introduce specific ingredients and simple recipes to support a healthy nervous system and balanced mood.

### Mindfulness & Working With Stress To Regain Peace

May 10 • 7 pm

Explore the attitudes of mindfulness and how they can help minimize the demands we put on ourselves consciously and unconsciously. Foster more grace and ease in your every day by embracing a new way of being that may be in conflict with old habits and conditioning.

Visit our website to view our  
**inclusive program statement**  
and **photo policy**.



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