

# winter 2023 NEWSLETTER

THE LEMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

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# Winter READING CHALLENGE

2023

January 1 to  
February 28

TIME TO SETTLE IN, GET COZY, AND READ YOUR FAVORITES OR TRY SOMETHING NEW. Participate in our All Ages Winter Reading challenge from January 1 - February 28. Read every day to earn a virtual ticket to your choice of our grand prize raffles for every 5 days of **reading** logged. You can also earn a virtual raffle ticket for every **activity** you complete.



## Chez Madelaine's Library Kitchen sponsored by The Friends of the Lemont Public Library District Thursdays <sup>®</sup>

*Because of their popularity, you will only be eligible to attend one of Madelaine's programs per newsletter. If there are more registrants than spots, we will have to consider a lottery.*

### Soup, There It Is January 12 • 11 am

Sharpen your knife skills while chopping and dicing your way to a delicious Minestrone Soup and create Moroccan skillet bread without the oven!

### Cocoa Curiosity February 9 • 6:30 pm

A real-life chocolatier educates us on cocoa from bean to treat while Madelaine showcases Mexican hot chocolate and truffles, perfect for your Valentine.

### C ad Mile Mmmms March 9 • 6:30 pm

**St. Patrick's Day**  
Everyone is Irish as we enjoy a kettle cooked Irish soda bread, green eggs: hold the ham, and a salmon spread.



## Cooking with The Friends of the Library COOKBOOK SALE

Saturday, February 5 • 1-4 pm  
Stop by to gather recipe books for cooking during the Winter months ahead! Nothing over \$1!

### Cookbook PotLuck <sup>®</sup> Saturday, February 18 • 12-2 pm

Now that you have all of these new cookbooks purchased from the sale, find a recipe you'd like to try and come share it with new friends on a cozy afternoon. Flatware and utensils will be provided, you bring the dish. When registering please add the name of the dish you'll be bringing!



# ADULT PROGRAMS

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



## Cuisine Quest Southeast Asia and India Sponsored by The Friends of the Lemont Public Library®

Thursday February 23 • 7 pm

Tantalize your taste buds as Brian Michalski whisks you off to Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, India, and more on this whirlwind tour of iconic regional cuisine and little-known delights. Satisfy your cravings with take-home recipes and restaurant recommendations.



## 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.

### Iyer & Sibelius

February 25 • 7:30 pm

Stilian Kirov, Conductor  
Inbal Segev, Cello



### Debussy, Ravel & Thomas

March 11 • 3 pm

Stilian Kirov, Conductor, Lisa Tannebaum, Harp  
Anima-Glen Ellyn Children's Chorus

**DIRECTOR:** Heather Shlah  
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## LIBRARY HOURS

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



## 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.**

## **Spira Farms: Grow Your Own Microgreens <sup>®</sup>**

**Thursday January 26 • 7 pm**

Caitlyn and Chris Borek of Lemont's very own microgreen farm will walk us through how to grow microgreens. Each participant will get their own kit. Included is a live microgreen tasting and discussion about the benefits of microgreens!



## **How Not to Kill Houseplants with Aster Gardens <sup>®</sup>**

**Tuesday February 28 • 7 pm**

Learn how to find a houseplant that works for you and see where you may have gone wrong in the past. This will be a fun, fast-paced presentation with time for questions at the end.



## **Hidden Gems Roadtrip <sup>®</sup>**

**Sunday, March 5 • 2 pm**

Journey with Patricia Camalliere on a local travelogue composed of photographs taken when visiting the sites of her novels. She will discuss the history of each location, and compare the modern day appearances and how they have changed since the time of each destination's historical significance. The first stop is at the Chicago Portage and the path ends in Lockport.

## **To the Moon and Back Again Anniversary Edition <sup>®</sup>**

**Friday, January 13 • 6:30 pm**

Come to this after-hours program to hear how two astronauts and an engineer from the Chicago area made it possible to get humans to the moon and return back to Earth safely. One of those astronauts was the last man on the moon. The other launched on Friday the 13th for a very unlucky mission. For one hour, we will explore the Chicago connection to get To the Moon and Back.

## **Strictly Self Defense with Lindsey Daehnke <sup>®</sup>**

**Saturday, January 14 • 10 am**

We are excited to team up with Lindsey of **Strictly self defense** to learning simple self defense techniques, the training will also include discussion of age appropriate topics that encourage attendees to make good decisions, to speak up when something does not seem right, and to use physical techniques only if there is a real threat.



## **Great Decisions 2022 Discussion Series <sup>®</sup>**

**Mondays • 6:30 pm**

**March 6 - April 24**

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. Participants are encouraged to attend all 8 meetings and read the materials in advance.



## **Social Security: Get What's Yours <sup>®</sup>**

**Thursday, March 23 • 7 pm**

Financial Advisor Mark J. Hughes will be talking through 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.



## Conscious Living Series®

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. The series will occur monthly through the Spring with various topics.

### Intuitive Eating January 11 • 7 pm

Create a lasting relationship with food. Learn to trust your body to make healthy food choices that feel good for you, without judging yourself or the influence of society.

### Eating Healthy on a Budget February 8 • 7 pm

From menu planning to food journaling, we will break down our meals and look at ways to save while boosting our nutrition intake.

### Breathe into the Moment: Tools to Combat Stress and Regain Presence March 8 • 7 pm

Use the power of the breath whenever you need it as a multi-faceted medium to minimize stress, foster more joy, and boost creativity and innovative thinking.

## Women’s Small Business Monday Monthly Meet-Up®

Mondays • 6:30-8 pm  
January 16, February 20,  
March 20



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.

## TECH TUESDAYS®

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

### Senior Sessions • 2 pm January 10, February 14, March 14

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



**Top Tech Topics • 7pm**  
January 24: Consumer Reports  
February 28: Texting Basics  
March 28: Getting the most out of your email

### Sip n’ Strum®

Mondays • 7 pm  
January 9 & 23  
February 6 & 20



Relax with a beverage and learn how to play the ukulele with an instructor from Edge Music Academy. Returning students from the previous session are welcome back to build their knowledge and skills. New students attend to start the journey.



### Crafternight with Holly - Afterhours®

Fridays • 6:30 pm  
January 20: Shadowbox  
February 17: Sparkling Crystal Sun Catcher  
March 24: Reed Diffuser

# READ, SEEN, HEARD

Discussions of books, films, and other media in various settings.

## Date Night with Books



Monday, February 13 • 6:30 pm **R**

So many books, so little time. If your ideal date is a great book, then join us to make your next book connection. Come for the ambiance...stay for the books and conversation. Watch for future book pairings in the coming months.

## NEW Movie Club **R**

3rd Thursday of the month • 1 pm

Watch the movies as a group on our 10 foot screen and stay for a lively discussion.



**JAN. 19**  
Knives Out



**FEB. 16**  
Sully



**MARCH 16**  
Belfast

Pick up materials at the Patron Services Desk for clubs above.

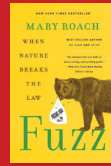
## Brewed Alternatives **R**

hosted at Pollyanna Brewing Company

1st Thursday of the month • 7 pm



**FEB. 2**  
*Vertigo* (film)  
by Alfred Hitchcock



**MARCH 2**  
*Fuzz: When Nature Breaks the Law*  
by Mary Roach



**APRIL 6**  
*Last House on Needless Street*  
by Catriona Ward

## Mid-Morning Mysteries

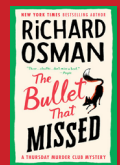
1st Friday of the month • 10:30 am



**FEB. 3**  
*Snow*  
by John Banville



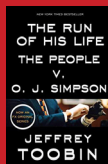
**MARCH 3**  
*Back to the Garden*  
by Laurie R. King



**APRIL 7**  
*The Bullet That Missed*  
by Richard Osman

## True Crime Club **R**

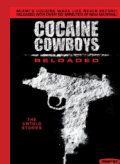
3rd Tuesday of the month • 7 pm



**JAN. 17**  
*The Run of His Life*  
by Jeffrey Toobin



**FEB. 21**  
*The Stranger Beside Me*  
by Ann Rule



**MARCH 21**  
*Cocaine Cowboys Reloaded*  
(documentary)  
by Billy Corben

# WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS®

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



## Healthy without Leaving Your Home with Vodicka Family Health

January 18 • 9:30 am

Join Jessica Vodicka, FNP-C, APRN, and owner of a new local Integrative Medicine practice and see how you could benefit from receiving personalized healthcare from the comfort of your own home through both home visits and telemedicine. Jessica will be providing free blood pressure screenings to participants of the program.



## GoodLife Physical Therapy Workshops: Healthy Aging

February 15 • 10 am

An overview of what happens to our bodies mentally and physically as we age. Learn ways to stay healthy and strong so you can feel your absolute best!

## Ageless Grace (z) Led by Colette Gallian

2nd and 4th Wednesdays • 10:30 am

January 11 & 25, February 8 & 22

March 8 & 22

NEW: please register for the new session starting December 18 if you are interested in receiving the Zoom link; otherwise registration is not required. Class will still be in person and over Zoom.

## Yoga Led by Sandy Bianco, CYT

### Hatha Yoga

1st Wednesday of the month • 7 pm

January 4, February 1, March 1

### Restorative Yoga

3rd Wednesday of the month • 7 pm

January 18, February 15, March 15

## VERSITI Blood Drive

Wednesday, March 1 • 12 - 6 pm

Give the gift of life to your community. Sign up for the Versiti Blood Drive at:

<https://bit.ly/libraryblooddrivemarch>

(Held in Event Space).



# TWEEN & TEEN PROGRAMS

GRADES 6-12

## Artful Afternoons®


Saturdays • 3:15 - 4:45 pm

January 14: *Snowy Banner*

February 11: *Upcycled Organizer*

March 11: *Butterfly Print*

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

Programs that require registration are marked with a .

If you are unable to attend a registered program, please call 630-257-6541 x 3 to cancel as space is limited.

Please note that we will not be able to accommodate younger children in these programs.

## Teen Take n' Make

January: *Scratch Art Bookmark*

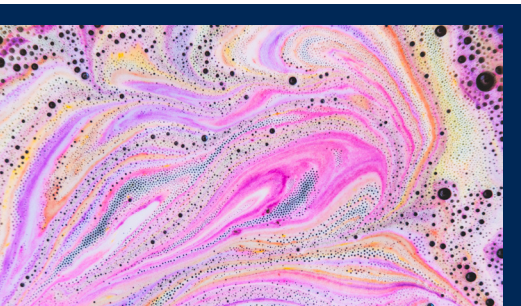
February: *Rock Painting*

March: *Book Blackout*

*Poetry*

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





## Winter Break FIZZY PAINT PARTY

Tuesday, January 3 • 1 - 3 pm **R**

We'll use fizzy paints to create art while we sample a variety of fizzy sodas and waters. Inspiration and instruction provided by Holly Dean.



### Adventurer's Unite **R**

Thursdays • 6-8 pm

Jan. 5 & 19, Feb. 9 & 23, March 9 & 23

Sundays • 2-4 pm

January 15, February 19, March 19

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.

### Teen Treat Your Shelf **R**

Sign up through our website to receive one of our amazing teen book boxes, filled with a selection of snacks, surprises and, of course, books chosen especially for you!

### 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!



## TEEN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Snack & socialize while you earn service hours at the library. For more details, please contact Teen Volunteer Coordinator Jazmin Wilson at [jjwilson@lemonlibrary.org](mailto:jjwilson@lemonlibrary.org).

### Teen Volunteer Squad

Fridays • 3:45 pm

January 13 & 27, February 3 & 17,

March 3 & 17

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.

### At Your Service **R**

Tuesdays • 4 pm

January 17: Make tie blankets for the Winter Reading Challenge

February 7: Make valentines for seniors

March 7: Create blackout poetry for future library displays

Give back to the library and the Lemont community through these special service opportunities.

### Character Pen Pals Letter Writing Party

Thursdays • 4 pm

January 12, February 16,

March 16

Earn service hours by dropping in and using our supplies to write letters to children as their favorite characters.



### Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities

ARC & other book reviews

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

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



# KIDS PROGRAMS



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If you are unable to attend a registered program, please call 630-257-6541 x 3 to cancel as space is limited.

## Baby Playtime (Ages 0-3 with caregiver)

Tuesdays • 10:45 am  
Jan. 3, Feb. 21, March 28  
Toys, music, and bubbles, what could be better? Meeting other babies and parents, that's what!



## Crafternoon Kits

Wednesdays  
January 4 - March 29  
Pick up a different craft kit each week, starting on Wednesday morning while supplies last.



## Art with Ms. Carolyn (Ages 5-12) ®

Wednesdays • 6 pm  
January 4, February 1, March 1  
Unleash your creative genius as we create awesome art with fan favorite Carolyn Zolecki.

## Music Makers

(Ages 0-5 with caregiver) ®  
Wednesdays • 10 am  
January 11 & 25,  
February 1 & 15, March 8 & 22  
Join local school Edge Music Academy for this hands-on early childhood music class. Let's make beautiful noise together!



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

Fridays • 10 am  
January 13 - March 24  
\*no class February 24  
Kick off Fridays with music, movement, & more!

## Family Bingo Night (Family Friendly!) ®

Mondays • 6pm, January 16, March 20  
Play our themed bingo games for your chance to win prizes.

## Homeschool Hangout (Family Friendly!)

Fridays • 1 pm  
January 20, February 17, & March 17  
Meet other homeschoolers and enjoy stories, crafts, and activities.

## Tinker Tots (Ages 0-3 with caregiver)

Wednesdays • 10 am, February 8 & March 1  
Join us for super fun STEAM activities for your little one!

# PARENTS & CAREGIVERS

## Wellness Wednesdays: Focus on Mental Health ®

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



Come listen to local experts present on a variety of mental health topics and get advice about accessing services each month. Free childcare provided by the Lemont Juniores and dinner by Timberline Knolls.



**January 25:** Timberline Knolls will speak about disordered eating and treatment options.

**March 22:** Rainbows will speak about grief & how to talk to children about loss.

## Preschool Fair

Tuesday, February 7 • Drop in  
between 6:30 - 8 pm

Browse options and get your burning questions answered by representatives from local preschools while your little ones enjoy activities with our volunteers.

## Get Your Garden Started Party

(Ages 5 & up) <sup>®</sup>

Thursday, March 30 • 2 pm

Kids will learn when and how to start their seeds indoors as well as how to transplant them outside.



## Spring StoryWalk<sup>®</sup>

Begins March 15

Location: Mayfair Park

Ready to come out of hibernation? Enjoy a stroll around lovely Mayfair Park while you read *When Spring Comes* by Kevin Henkes.



*\*The StoryWalk<sup>®</sup> Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Storywalk<sup>®</sup> is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.*



## Firefly Family Theatre Presents

**Grow!** (Ages 2-6 with caregiver) <sup>®</sup>

Saturday, March 25 • 10:30 am

Join Firefly Family Theatre for a super fun puppet show featuring Spark the Firefly and her friends as they learn about plants, what they need to grow, and the importance of patience.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Lemont Public Library.



# Winter Break Special Events

## Nocturnal Storytime & Craft

(Ages 3-6 with caregiver) <sup>®</sup>

Monday, January 2 • 6 pm

Listen to stories about nocturnal animals and then create your own nighttime scene.



## No-Bake Chocolate Chip Cookies (Family Friendly!) <sup>®</sup>

Thursday, January 5 • 2 pm

Have you ever been tempted to eat cookies before they're baked? We'll make an egg free dough that is safe to eat raw.

## Last Day Lounge (Ages 5 & up) <sup>®</sup>

Monday, January 9 • 2 pm - 4:30 pm

Come to the library on your last day of winter break to enjoy a movie, crafts, snacks, and games.



## Some Programs Are Worth Melting For (Family Friendly!) <sup>®</sup>

Saturday, January 7 • Drop in

between 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

It's been 10 years since *Frozen* was released, and we're still not ready to let it go! Join us for snowy (indoor) activities, a craft, a showing of the *Frozen Sing-Along* movie, and a meet n' greet with special guests from Parties with Character.

# SPECIAL STORYTIMES

## Not Quite Ready for Storytime

(Ages 0-5 with caregiver)

Mondays • 10 am

January 2, February 20, March 27

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.

## Special Guest Storytime with Kids Plus Dental

(Ages 0-5 with caregiver)

Wednesdays • 10 am

January 18, February 22, March 15

Sink your teeth into stories, songs, and rhymes with Kids Plus staff and your favorite youth librarians!



## Calm & Quiet Storytime

(All ages with caregiver) <sup>®</sup>

Saturdays • 10 am

January 21 - March 18

\*No class February 25

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.

## Hoppin' Storytime with The Natural Naturalist

(Ages 3-6 with caregiver) <sup>®</sup>

Wednesday, March 29 • 10 am & 10:45 am

Kim White, The Natural Naturalist, will read themed stories before introducing the guest of honor: a real live rabbit! Please only sign up for one session.



## The Kissing Hand Storytime & Craft

(Ages 3-6 with caregiver) <sup>®</sup>

Sunday, February 12 • 2 pm

We'll read *The Kissing Hand* by Audrey Penn, then make a sweet card for our Valentine.

# WEEKLY STORYTIMES

January 10 - March 23

No classes February 21 & 23

## 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!

## Cocoa & Craft <sup>®</sup>

Ages 5-8: Monday, Feb. 20 • 2 pm

Ages 9 & up: Wednesday, Feb. 22 • 6 pm

Sip hot cocoa while you work on a simple crochet or sewing project. Please register for the appropriate session based on age.



## Lego Mystery Afternoons

(Ages 5 & up) <sup>®</sup> Tuesdays • 4 pm

January 24, February 28, March 28

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



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