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NEWSLETTER

THE LEMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

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A HOLIDAY TO REMEMBER TOGETHER

Celebrate the Holidays at the library with these all ages programs and giving opportunities.



A Holiday for Giving



Stop by the Lemont Public Library for a variety of opportunities to give back to those in need.

Veteran's Drive

In honor of Veteran's Day, donate to assist veterans with new paper goods, linens, toiletries, and office supplies. A full list is linked here: <https://bit.ly/LemontLibraryVeterans>

Little Free Pantry



NOVEMBER
Thanksgiving
Side Dishes*



DECEMBER
Holiday
Favorites*

**Non-perishable items only, please*

The Giving Tree

Take an ornament off the tree to purchase a book for that specific age group and return it wrapped. In partnership with Hope & Friendship of Lemont.

Toys for Tots

Chicagoland Motorcycle Parade's annual toy drive has a spot in our lobby. Drop off your unwrapped, brand new toy.



Links of Thanks

This holiday season we are creating our own holiday decor with gratitude. Stop by the library during November, grab a link from the Book Bar, and write down what you are thankful for. We will then chain together all of our links to create a community spirited decoration to don one of our library holiday trees in December.

3D Tree Ornament Sponsor

Donate and decorate in December! Beginning November 5, we will be selling ornaments made from our 3D printer. For a suggested \$5 donation, you can sponsor an ornament that will hang on one of the library Christmas trees. Your, your family, or your business's name will go onto the ornament, which will decorate the library throughout this December and many Decembers to come. Stop by the Info desk in the Adult Services Department beginning November 5 to choose your 3D ornament design.

An Afternoon With Abe

Sunday, November 13 • 3:30 pm

Join Abraham Lincoln portrayer, Kevin Wood, as he shares the tale of how Thanksgiving came to be a national holiday in the midst of the Civil War. This family friendly program will be a 'first hand' account of how Mr. Lincoln advocated for Thanksgiving -- including Mr. Lincoln's first presidential proclamation -- and a bit of his personal history. Q & A will follow the program.



Game On!

Saturday, November 19 • 11 - 4 pm

Sunday, November 20 • 2 - 4 pm

Celebrate International Games Month by spending the weekend at the library trying out games before you take them home to entertain your family all holiday week. The Event Space will be set up with fun games for beginners through the adult crowd.

Holiday Movie Bingo Sundays • 2 pm

November 27: *The Nightmare Before Christmas* (PG)

December 4: *Arthur Christmas* (PG)

Come for the movie, stay for the prizes! Every attendee will get a bingo card to play along as we watch the feature presentation.

Hometown Holidays with the Library and Pawlak Properties

Saturday, December 3 • 3 pm

Jingle downtown to Lemont's Hometown Holidays for a festive afternoon of Santa, treats, games, and shopping. While you are there, trek over to our booth to write letters to Santa and create a festive craft!

Holiday Movies at Home

Week of December 11: *Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer* (G)

Week of December 18: *The Santa Clause* (PG)

Be a part of the movie! Use our prop bags and scripts as you watch at home. No need to register, one per person each week while supplies last.



Holiday Movies at The Library

Watch a holiday movie every week leading up to Christmas.

Friday, December 2 • 1:30 pm

Christmas in Connecticut (1945 NR 1h 42m)

Thursday, December 8 • 6:30 pm

Krampus (Horror 2015 PG-13 1h 38m)

Friday, December 16 • 1:30 pm

Double Feature: *Scrooged* (1988 PG-13 1h 41m) & *A Christmas Carol* (1938 1h 9m)

'Tis the Season: Holiday Traditions from Radio's Golden Age

Sunday, December 18 • 2 pm

For many people, the holidays are a time of traditions-and there were plenty of entertaining traditions during the "Golden Age" of radio, from Jack Benny's annual shopping trips to Lionel Barrymore's portrayal of Ebenezer Scrooge. This presentation offers a box full of classic seasonal sounds from radio's past, designed to spur the imagination and share a bit of Yuletide spirit.

LIBRARY HOURS

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

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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 are 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.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Programs that require registration are marked with a **®**. If you are unable to attend a registered program, please call 630-257-6541 x 2 to cancel as space is limited.

NaNoWriMo at Lemont Library

Calling all emerging authors! The library is celebrating National Novel Writing Month in November! Come use the quiet spaces in the library to harness your creative writing talents. Find inspiration when you visit our local author book display. Learn more about the Soon to Be Famous Illinois Author Project. Participate in our workshops and author led seminars!



A Novel Approach: Beginning to End Basics for Aspiring Novelists **®**

Thursdays • 6:30 pm
November 10 & 17

Chicago-area author Pat Camalliere guides you through the process of writing fiction, preparing you to write your own novel. This fast-paced program gives a thorough but condensed view of the novel-writing process, including basic information on setting, characters, organization, helpful tips, tools, and resources, editing, publishing, and book promotion. The author brings her personal working notebooks and files for participants to view.

CHAPTER 1

NaNoWriMo Write-in

Tuesdays • 6:30 pm
November 1 & 29

Need a quiet space to write? Start the month with us to brainstorm your ideas and end the month with us to show off your progress. We might be in the midst of our next great local author, you!

Weaving Fact & Fiction **®**

Sunday, November 6 • 2 pm

Four local authors (Luisa Buehler, Pat Camalliere, Mim Eichmann, and Lee Williams) will put their individual spins on the benefits and challenges of inserting fact into fiction. You are bound to enjoy the discussion, as well as the opportunity to meet local authors. Signed books will be available for purchase.

Flash Fiction Club

Mondays • 7 pm
November 7 & 21

Want to write but can't find the time? Start stories but struggle to finish them? Drop-in and write a flash fiction story! You will write a 250-1000 word Flash Fiction story each session, and then pair up to read each other's pieces. This is a great exercise for writers to collaborate, critique, and evolve. All writing levels are welcome.

Veterans Sharing Stories

Saturday, November 12 • 9:30 am

The League of Women Voters hosts an informational session on how to participate in the Illinois Veterans History Project curated by the Illinois State Library. Veterans and families of vets are encouraged to attend to learn about how stories are collected and fill out the paperwork if they are interested in sharing their stories as well.

BOOK CLUBS

Materials will be available at the Patron Services Desk or the Book Club Display one month prior to the meeting date. Don't forget many of our titles are available on our eReading platforms.

Brewed Alternatives

Hosted at Pollyanna Brewing Company
1st Thursday of the Month • 7pm
No December Meeting



JANUARY 5
Sandman Vol. 1,
Issues 1-8
by Neil Gaiman

Mid-Morning Mysteries

Meets at the Library
1st Friday of the month • 10:30am
No December Meeting



JANUARY 6
Gingerdead Man
by Maya Corrigan

True Crime Book Club

Meets at the Library
3rd Tuesday of the Month • 7pm
No December Meeting



NOVEMBER 15
The Thin Blue Line
Errol Morris (film)

LET'S
PARTY!

DECEMBER BOOK CLUB PARTY

Thursday, December 15 • 6:30 pm

Share snacks, libations, and the **favorite title you read during 2022**. Bring a white elephant book or consider participating in our Giving Tree. Festive attire encouraged!



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 Customer 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.

Mozart, Haydn & Prokofiev

November 12 • 7:30 pm

Handel's Messiah

December 17 • 3 pm

TECH TUESDAYS

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

Senior Sessions

November 8 • 2 pm

December 13 • 2 pm

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

Top Tech Topics

Microsoft Excel Basics

November 22 • 7 pm

Learn the basics of using Microsoft Excel.

Google Suite

December 27 • 7 pm

Learn the basics of using Google Docs, Sheets, and Drive.



Puzzle Swap

Sign one out or drop one off!

WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS

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

GoodLife Physical Therapy Workshops

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

November 16 • 10am: *Dizziness and Balance*

December 7 • 10am: *Back Pain (shoveling techniques)*

Ageless Grace Led by Colette Gallian
2nd and 4th Wednesdays • 10:30 am

November 9 & 23 (no in person, recorded Zoom session only on 11/ 23)

December 14 & 28 (no in person, recorded Zoom session on 12/ 28)

Please register for the new session starting October 21.

Yoga Led by Sandy Bianco, CYT

Hatha Yoga

1st Wednesday of the month • 7 pm

November 2 & December 7

Restorative Yoga

3rd Wednesday of the month • 7 pm

November 16 & December 21

VERSITI Blood Drive

Wednesday, December 14 • 12 - 6 pm

Give the gift of life to your community.

Sign up for the Versiti Blood Drive Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/libraryblooddrivedecember> (Held in Event Space).



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.

November/December: Putting your Health ahead of the Holidays

Stress-Free Meal Prep [®]

November 9 • 7 pm

Learn how to plan a balanced menu with ease. We will walk through the 5 Steps to Meal Prep, from scheduling to spices.

Healthy Holiday Eats [®]

December 14 • 7 pm

Let’s jump into habituated behaviors and customs around food from our past and discover how easy and fun it is to put a healthy spin on traditional favorites. Learn how to adapt recipes that will watch the waistline and curb overindulgence.

CRAFTS & HOBBIES

Crafternight with Holly - Afterhours [®]

Fridays • 6:30 pm

November 18 - Signs of the Season

December 9 - Winter Wreath

Puzzle Swap

Have a gently used puzzle you already solved? Looking for a fresh one to put together? Stop by our puzzle swap to sign one out or drop one off.

Brain and Cognitive Health and Wellness

November 2 • 10 am

Experiencing memory and/or word finding difficulty? Dealing with “brain fog”? Join us to learn more from Christine Wancket, certified medical Speech-Language Pathologist and owner of Neuro Speech Connections. This is a great session for anyone experiencing symptoms listed above, especially for those with Long-Haul Covid, Autoimmune Diseases, Parkinson’s Disease, and Dementia, in addition to those who have experienced Brain Injury or Stroke.



**NEURO
SPEECH**
CONNECTIONS

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)!

An Insider Look at the White House

Lemont resident, Sister Jeanne Marie Toriskie, shares artifacts from her brother and brother-in-law’s time in the Uniformed and Counter Sniper Team of the Secret Service, serving under eight presidents. During November the display will focus on Secret Service Artifacts. In December the display will feature several White House ornaments.



Calling All Artists!

The Library will be hosting a monthly Artist in Residence beginning in 2023. Please contact Shannon Kazmierczak skazmierczak@lemontlibrary.org if you would like your work to be featured. Paper applications available at the library, or on our website.

Women’s Small Business Monday Monthly Meet-up [®]

Mondays • 6:30-8 pm

November 21 & December 19

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.

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 the Event Signup on our website!

PHOTO POLICY: Attendance at library programs and events constitutes consent to be photographed for Lemont Public Library District policy purposes. Photos/Videos may be used on our website, Facebook/Instagram, publications and for promotional purposes. Such photos and videos will remain property of the Lemont Public Library District.

TWEEN & TEEN PROGRAMS

GRADES 6-12

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 VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We need volunteers for the Game On! and Hometown Holiday events (see page 2) in November and December! For details and to sign up for service, please contact Teen Volunteer Coordinator Jazmin Wilson at jwilson@lemontlibrary.org.

Teen Volunteer Squad

Fridays • 3:45 pm

November 4, 18 & December 2, 16

Earn service hours by sharing what you're reading and watching, giving your opinions on programs, and working on special projects.

At Your Service **®**

Tuesdays • 4 pm

November 1: Make props and decorations for the Harry Potter escape room.

December 6: Create holiday cards for the Hope & Friendship Foundation.

Character Pen Pals Letter Writing Party

Thursdays • 4 pm

November 17 & December 15

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.

Teen Take n' Make

November: *Bottle Cap Magnets*

December: *Slap Bracelets*

Pick up a different craft kit each month in our teen room until we run out.

Artful Afternoons **®**

Saturdays • 3:15 - 4:45 pm

November 12: *Felt & Feather Fall Garland*

December 10: *Seasonal Wreath*

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

Teen Treat Your Shelf **®**

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!

Adventurer's Unite **®**

Thursdays • 6-8 pm, Nov. 3, 17 & Dec. 8, 15

Sundays • 2-4 pm, Nov. 20 & Dec. 18

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.

Harry Potter Escape Room **®**

Friday, December 30

Sign up online for a time slot

Can you escape from Azkaban?



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!

KIDS PROGRAMS

Programs that require registration 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.

Crafternoon Kits

Every Wednesday in November & December *
Pick up a different craft kit each week, starting on Wednesday morning until we run out. *No craft week of 11/23

Music Makers **R**

(Ages 0-5 with caregiver)
Wednesdays • 10 am
November 2, 16, 30
December 14

Join local music 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

November 4 - December 16*

*no class November 11 & November 25

Kick off Fridays with music, movement, & more!

DINOVEMBER

Ages 5 & up **R**

Tuesday, November 8 • 2 pm

Join us for dino-mite activities as we celebrate our favorite ancient animals!



FAMILY HOLIDAY MOVIES



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Nifty Gifties (Family Friendly!) ®

Thursday, December 22 • 2 pm

Make a photo frame perfect for holiday gifting using Lego bricks. Suggested for ages 5 & up.

Strike a (Yoga) Pose (Ages 5 & up)

Wednesday, Dec. 28 • 4 pm

Enjoy a fun yoga story designed to introduce your kiddos to this calming art. All ability levels welcome.



DIAL A STORY

LEMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

Available 24/7

CALL
630-919-8008

Call to hear stories, jokes, chapters of longer books, and more told by your Lemont library staff!

In November, we'll feature tales about harvest time, giving thanks, and indigenous cultures. In December, call in to hear stories about your favorite winter holidays, including Hanukkah, Christmas, and Kwanzaa.

PARENTS & CAREGIVERS

Wellness Wednesdays: Focus on Mental Health ®

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

LJWC
LEMONT JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB

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 Juniorettes and dinner by Timberline Knolls.



November 30:

What to do when you don't know what to do: anxiety and depression in adults and children. Presentation by Birch Forest Therapy.



Beyond Words with Dana Hall

Ages 5 & up with caregiver

Saturday, November 5 • 2 pm

Join local author Dana Hall for an interactive reading of her book *Beyond Words*, a story about apraxia that teaches kindness, acceptance, and inclusivity. There will be family friendly activities and a Q & A will follow the program.



Monsters Love Pickles with Dana Hall

(Ages 5 & up with caregiver)

Saturday, December 17 • 2 pm

Join local author Dana Hall for a fun pajama story time with her book *Monsters Love Pickles*, a story about conquering your fear of the dark.



Homeschool Hangout (Family Friendly!)

Fridays • 1 pm

November 18 & December 9

Meet other homeschoolers and enjoy stories, crafts, and activities.

Tinker Tots (Ages 0-3 with caregiver)

Wednesdays • 10 am

November 23 & December 21

Join us for super fun STEAM activities for your little one!

'Tis The Season Crafts

(Family Friendly!)

Saturday, November 26 • 2 pm

Visit the library to make a winter suncatcher ornament and a reindeer puppet.



New Year's Bingo (Family Friendly!) ®

Thursday, December 29 • 10 am

Win fun prizes as you play and say goodbye to 2022!



Lego Mystery Afternoons ®

Ages 5 & up

Tuesdays • 4 pm

November 22 & December 27

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



WEEKLY STORYTIMES

October 31 - December 17*

*no storytimes the week of Thanksgiving

Family Storytime

Ages 3-8 with caregiver

Mondays • 1 pm

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

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.

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!

Sensory Storytime

All ages with caregiver

Saturdays • 10 am

Designed especially for children who have sensory processing difficulties, but open to all, this program features a more consistent structure with many elements repeated week to week as well as lower lights and volume.



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