

fall 2022 NEWSLETTER

THE LEMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

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WELCOME (BACK) TO THE LIBRARY

Fall is here and we want to celebrate our patrons by honoring you all month long. If you haven't been here in a while and need to renew your library card, or if you are new to town and haven't had a chance to make it in and register for a card, you will be eligible for a raffle (in addition to receiving a welcome bag full of goodies)! We also want to make sure you are ready for the Fall, so check out all of our activities listed below, starting with a voter registration, vaccine clinic, and our newest service: Illinois license plate renewal stickers!

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National Voter Registration Day - Registration Drive

Tuesday, September 20 • 2-5 / 6:30-8:30 pm

Stop by the library as the area chapter of League of Women Voters help register new residents and those turning 18 by election day, November 8. See more details for voting eligibility on our calendar.

Illinois License Plate Renewal Stickers

Available daily Open -
½ hour before closing

You can now renew your license plate stickers at the library. Stickers will cost the state-established rate. There will be an additional \$9 service charge for each sticker purchased. Make less stops and use the library for even more of your errands!



Veterans Drive

September - November

Stop by the Lemont Public Library for Helping Vets on the Homefront. In honor of Veterans Day, donate to assist veterans at the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans with new paper goods, linens, toiletries, and office supplies. A full list is linked here: <https://bit.ly/LemontLibraryVeteransDrive>

Osco Vaccine Clinic

Wednesday, October 19 • 3:30-5:30 pm

Jewel-Osco Pharmacy will be on-site providing Flu and Covid vaccinations. Flu shots are eligible for children 3 and older, adults, and seniors. Covid vaccines (Moderna and Pfizer) will be offered as well. Insurance cards and Covid vaccine records (paper or digital) will be required for vaccines. Advance appointments are required. Walk-ins are welcome for seniors, but availability is limited. Sign up on our Events Page. For questions, please call Osco Pharmacy at 630-243-1803 and ask for Maggie Ludwig.



Friends of the Library Semi-Annual

BOOK SALE

October 21-23

Friday October 21 • 6-8 pm

(Preview Night - \$5 admission)

Saturday • 9-4 pm; Sunday • 1-4 pm

Join us for the semi-annual book sale.

New this sale – preview night!



Celebrating 80 years of the Lemont Public Library

The library became a permanent fixture in Lemont in 1943. Help us celebrate the next year with educational and festive events leading up to 2023's landmark date.

The Lost Town of Sag Bridge ®

Thursday, October 13 • 7 pm

Although it no longer exists, Sag Bridge was once a thriving 19th century canal town, its land now a part of present-day Lemont. Author and amateur historian Pat Camalliere will describe the town as it once was. The talk will include photos, turn of the century transportation and ghost stories.



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80th Anniversary Costume and Cocktails Party ®

Friday, October 14 • 6:30 pm

Revisit the 1940s by dressing with the times and helping us kick off the celebration. Hors d'oeuvres and cocktails will be served in the library-turned-USO honoring the decade our library became a permanent part of our community. See previews of our upcoming local history display and enjoy live music provided by the Lemont High School jazz band.

80th Anniversary Kids' Scavenger Hunt & Birthday Party

Saturday, October 15 • 1-4 pm

Drop in anytime between 1 and 4 pm to complete our super fun local history scavenger hunt. The first 150 participants who complete the scavenger hunt will get to decorate a Lia P cupcake in honor of the Library's 80th!

LEFT: Interior of library Circa 1959 original location at Village Hall (photo credit: Lemont Area Historical Society)

LIBRARY HOURS

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

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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 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.

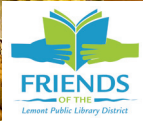


Sponsored by The Friends of
Lemont Public Library:

Cuisine Quest: Central & South America with Brian Michalski [®]

Thursday, September 29 • 7 pm

Take a bite out of The Americas as we accompany Brian Michalski on his search for the most delectable dishes that Peru, Argentina, Brazil, Nicaragua, and other countries have to offer. Michalski will share recipes and endorsements of top-notch restaurants, so that you can take your appetite on many satiating adventures to come.



ADULT PROGRAMS

Sip n' Strum [®]

2nd and 4th Mondays • 7 pm
September 12 & 26
October 10 & 24

Relax with a beverage and learn how to play the ukulele with an instructor from Edge Music Academy. Build your knowledge and skill as you attend more classes.



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

Mondays • 6:30-8 pm
September 19 & October 17

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.

Programs that require registration will be 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.

Fast Fiction - Writing Workshop [®]

Mondays • 7 pm
August 29 & October 3

Join us for our new monthly writing workshop. New writing prompts will be provided at the beginning of each session, followed by a short time to get writing and pairing up to read each other's pieces. This is a great exercise for writers to collaborate, critique, and evolve. All writing levels welcome.

Paranormal Investigation with Ghostly Voices [®]

Thursday, October 27 • 6:30 pm

Join Nicole Tito as she shares results from investigating the paranormal for the past twenty years visiting numerous haunted locations both locally and across the country. She enjoys sharing her results on her website:

<http://www.ghostly-voices.com>.

Coffee 101 With Sandhill Coffee ®

Sunday, October 2 • 2 pm

Are you curious as to what happens to your coffee before it arrives to you? Join us for the journey that a coffee bean makes from starting at the farm to your cup of morning coffee. This will surely keep you buzzing.

Getting the Most from Medicare Benefits! ®

Thursday, September 22 • 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 these confusing questions and more will be answered by Financial Advisor, Mark Hughes.

Retirement Tax Planning ®

Tuesday, October 4 • 7 pm

Join Greg Kurinec of Bentron Financial as he helps you understand how taxes (including the new changes) impact your retirement income, as it may be possible for you to pay less in taxes on your hard-earned dollars.



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.

Opening Night Porgy and Bess

October 15 • 5:30 pm

BOOK CLUBS

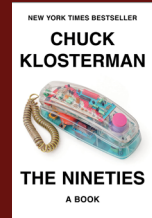
Materials will be available at the Patron Services Desk one month prior to the meeting date. Don't forget many of our titles are available on our eReading platforms.

Brewed Alternatives

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



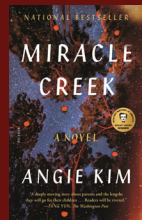
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Book of Accidents
by Chuck Wendig



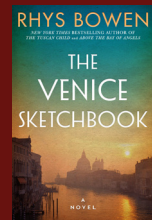
NOVEMBER 3
The Nineties
by Chuck Klosterman

Mid-Morning Mysteries

1st Friday of the month • 10:30am



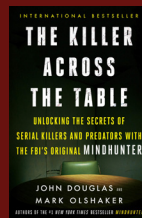
OCTOBER 7
Miracle Creek
by Angie Kim



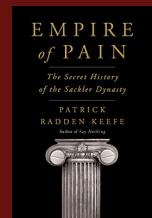
NOVEMBER 4
The Venice Sketchbook
by Rhys Bowen

True Crime Book Club

3rd Tuesday of the Month • 7pm



SEPTEMBER 20
The Killer Across the Table: Unlocking the Secrets of Serial Killers and Predators with the FBI's Original Mindhunter
by Joe Douglas



OCTOBER 18
Empire of Pain: The Secret History of the Sackler Dynasty
by Patrick Radden Keefe



Dungeons and Dragons

September 18 & October 9 • 2 pm

WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS

Osco Vaccine Clinic

October 19 • 3:30-5:30 pm

See page 2 for more details.

Cooking for Hypertension

by Advocate Health / October 5th • 10 am

Join physicians from Advocate hospitals as they inform us on the latest research regarding important health topics.


Good Life Physical Therapy Workshops

September 21 • 10 am - *Sciatica Pain*

October 19 • 10 am - *TMJ*

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

Ageless Grace

 Led by Colette Gallian 

2nd and 4th Wednesdays • 10:30 am

September 14, 28 & October 12, 26

This program is offered in person and via zoom. Please register for the new session starting August 20.

Yoga

 Led by Sandy Bianco, CYT

Hatha Yoga

1st Wednesday of the month • 7 pm

September 7 & October 5

Restorative Yoga

3rd Wednesday of the month • 7 pm

September 21 & October 19

Join us outdoors (weather permitting) for a sundown yoga session. Please bring your own mat, towel or blanket.

TECH TUESDAYS

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

Senior Sessions

September 13 • 2 pm

October 11 • 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

3D Printing Design Basics

September 27 • 7 pm

Want to design your own 3D prints for free? Come learn the basics of using Tinkercad!

Online courses/Online Newspapers

October 25 • 7 pm

Did you know you have free access to high-quality online classes and digital newspapers including the Chicago Sun Times through the library? Come learn about Udemy and Newsbank!

VERSITI Blood Drive

Wednesday,
September 14 • 1-6 pm

Give the gift of life to your community.

Sign up for the Versiti Blood Drive:

<https://bit.ly/libraryblooddriveseptember>
(Held in Event Space).



CRAFTS & HOBBIES

Crafternight with Holly - Afterhours [®]

Fridays • 6:30 pm

September 23 - *Exploring Alcohol Ink*

October 28 - *What a "Hoot"*

Dungeons and Dragons

Sundays • 2 pm

September 18 & October 9

Join resident Dungeon Master Marcus on a one-shot Dungeons and Dragons adventure. Delve into dark caves and wield mighty magic right at the library. Pre-made characters will be available and extra dice will be on hand, if needed.

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. On your honor.

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)!

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!



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.

September/October: Live Your Own Life & Stay in Your Lane

Letting Go of Judgements & Comparisons [®]

September 14 • 7 pm

Live your life without measuring your achievements by someone else's. We're not in a competition. Comparisons lead to friction, holding us captive. Let's review our mental dialogue.

Life is a set of Choices [®]

October 12 • 7 pm

Examine yourself and the culture around you. Do you feel supported in your growth and ambitions? Sift through your relationships, experiences, and places. Ask yourself if you are in the right place with the right people doing what you love?



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.

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 will be 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.

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

Adventurers Unite **R**

Thursdays • 6-8 pm

September 8, 22 & October 6, 20

Sundays • 2-4 pm; September 18 & October 16

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.

Anime & Manga Club

Tuesdays • 4 pm

Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27: *BNA: Brand New Animal*

October 4, 11, 18, 25: *Hi Score Girl*

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

Mario Kart Tournament **R**

Saturday, October 8th • 2-4 pm

Come race your friends and see who will be the reigning champion. The winner will receive a Target gift card!

Artful Afternoons **R**

Saturdays • 3:15 - 4:45 pm

September 17: *Stretch Bracelet Bonanza*

October 22: *Mini Cloche Seasonal Diorama*

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

Yum in a Mug! **R**

Wednesdays • 4 pm

September 14: *Pizza*

October 19: *Chocolate Cake*

Bring your favorite mug and learn how to make tasty mug treats using a few ingredients and a microwave.



Craft Night of the Living Dead **R**

Monday, October 24 • 4 pm

Zombify dolls to your heart's discontent.

We'll use acrylic paints to decorate dolls and doll clothing to resemble zombies or other monsters.

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

Teen Volunteer Squad Meetings

Fridays • 4 pm, Sept. 16 & Oct. 21

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

Character Pen Pals: Letter Writing Party

Thursday, September 29 • 4 pm

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.

KIDS PROGRAMS

Minions Party [®]

(Ages 5 & up)

Saturday, September 3 • 2 pm

Celebrate the new Minions movie with themed games, songs, decorations, and snacks.



Crafternoon Kits

Wednesdays

September 7 - October 26

Pick up a different craft kit each week, starting on Wednesday morning until we run out.

Music Makers [®]

(Ages 0-5 with caregiver)

Wednesdays • 10 am

September 7 & 21

October 5 & 19

Join local music school Edge Music Academy for this hands-on early childhood music class. Let's make beautiful noise together!



Autumn Bingo (Family Friendly!) [®]

Tuesday, September 13 • 6 pm

It's fall y'all! Celebrate the season with themed bingo games and prizes.

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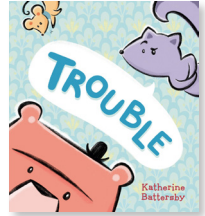
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StoryWalk[®]

Starts September 1

Visit our Fall Storywalk at Mayfair Park! Stroll or bike to each stand to read *Trouble* by Katherine Battersby, a charming tale about new neighbors that proves that first impressions aren't always right.

**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.*



Banned Books Read Out (All ages)

Wednesday, September 21 • 4 pm

Join us on the library lawn to celebrate your freedom to read! We'll have a selection of books that have been frequently challenged across the country.



SENSORY SETS

Our Sensory Sets are kits designed to focus or stimulate your child's senses and keep them engaged with movement or calming activities. Each kit comes with a book and other items on one of six different themes: Relaxation-Quiet, Relaxation-Calming, Movement, Focus, Fidgets, and Emotions. This new collection was made possible with a donation from Kiddie Academy of Lemont. Check one out today!



KIDDIE ACADEMY
EDUCATIONAL CHILD CARE



October

It's No Trick: Reading is a Treat

Hallow-Read Challenge (All Ages)



Read and complete spooky activities all month long! You'll receive an invitation to our special Trick-or-Treat event on October 30 just for signing up through Beanstack or at any service desk.

Art with Ms. Carolyn (Ages 5-12) ®

Wednesdays • 6 pm

September 7 & October 5

Unleash your creative genius as we create awesome art with fan favorite Carolyn Zolecki.

80th Anniversary Kids' Scavenger Hunt & Birthday Party

Saturday, October 15 • 1 - 4pm

Just drop in anytime between 1 and 4pm to complete our super fun local history scavenger hunt. The first 150 participants who complete the scavenger hunt will get to decorate a Lia P cupcake in honor of the Library's 80th!



Adopt a Pet Rock (Family Friendly!)

Monday, October 3 • 4 pm

Paint your rock to look like your favorite animal, name it, and take your new pet home!

PARENTS & CAREGIVERS

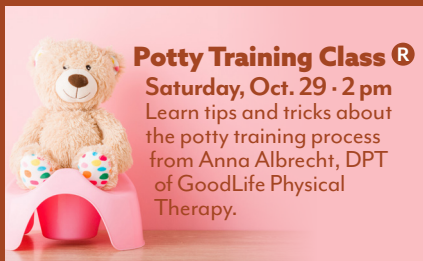
Wellness Wednesdays: Focus on Mental Health ®

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. Free childcare will be provided during these presentations.

September 28: Mental Health Wellness & Mindfulness (includes a yoga demonstration) with local therapy group Autism Behavior & Childhood Services.

October 26: Self-Care and Resiliency with clinical psychologist Dr. Kunal Sachdev.



Potty Training Class ®

Saturday, Oct. 29 • 2 pm

Learn tips and tricks about the potty training process from Anna Albrecht, DPT of GoodLife Physical Therapy.

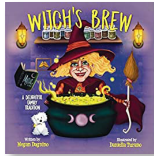
Trick-or-Treat

Sunday, October 30 • 1-5 pm
Visit the Youth Services, Adult Services, and Patron Services desks to get your candy fix! Costumes encouraged, but not required.



The Witch's Brew: Reading & Brew Making (Family Friendly!) [®]

Saturday, October 1 • 3 pm
Join local author Megan Dagnino as she reads her spooky and delicious tale, and then make this tasty treat for yourself.



Pumpkin Pals (Family Friendly!) [®]

Tuesday, October 11 • 6 pm
Decorate a styrofoam pumpkin to look like a favorite character.

Homeschool Hangout (Family Friendly!)

Fridays • 1 pm • September 9 & October 7
Meet other homeschoolers and enjoy stories, crafts, and activities.

Outdoor Animal Show (All Ages)

Saturday, September 24 • 2 pm
Bring your own chair and meet us on the library lawn for another informative and entertaining visit with the animals from Incredible Bats & The Natural Naturalist. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



Lego Mystery Afternoons [®]

(Ages 5 & up) Mondays • 4 pm
Sept. 26 & Oct. 17
Build your creation using only the bricks in your mystery bag. We'll set a new challenge each session.



Tinker Tots (Ages 0-3 with caregiver)

Wednesdays • 10 am
September 28 & October 26
Join us for a super fun STEAM activity for your little one!



WEEKLY STORYTIMES

September 6 - October 29th

Family Storytime

Ages 3-8 with caregiver
Mondays • 1 pm *No class September 5 for Labor Day holiday

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!

Move n' Groove

Ages 0-5 with caregiver
Fridays • 10 am
Join us to celebrate Fridays with music, movement, & more!

Sensory Storytime

All ages with caregiver
Saturdays • 10 am *No class October 15
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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