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PROGRAM CALENDAR

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oaklawnpl.librarycalendar.com



YOUR FAST LANE TO HOLDS PICK-UP!

By Carol L. Williams, Director of the Oak Lawn Public Library



Things are coming together! If you have visited the Library during the past year, you know that we have been making changes in the main floor lobby. New carpeting and paint were done in 2024 as well as the beginning of the addition of a small

workroom in the northeast corner of the lobby. This past January, new AV shelving was erected, and we relocated the Friends Bookstore (more on that change in the next newsletter). On Tuesday, April 1, 2025, we will be launching our new drive-up service!

When selecting your items for holds, you will now have two options to pick from:

Oak Lawn Public Library — The first option remains unchanged, when your item arrives it is placed on the holds shelf in the lobby waiting for you.

OR

Oak Lawn Public Library Drive-up Window — If you select the new Drive-up Window option, upon your item's arrival, it will be placed in the Drive-up workroom. When you receive the ready-for-pick-up notice, pull your vehicle to the new Drive-up window during scheduled hours and present your library card to staff. You can check out your hold item without ever having to leave your vehicle!

The only service performed at the Drive-up window will be holds pick-up. Please, if you have any other library needs, call or come into the building and speak to staff at the service desks.



The Drive-up hours on days the Library is open will be:

Monday-Thursday: 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Friday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sunday: CLOSED



AROUND THE LIBRARY

OLPL Fan Fest 2025

Saturday, May 10, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Join us for an all ages celebration
of pop culture and fantasy!

Featuring:

- ◇ Free comic books
- ◇ Local creators
- ◇ Panels
- ◇ Crafts and activities
- ◇ All day photobooth
- ◇ Cosplay competition
- ◇ Dungeons & Dragons
- ◇ Prizes

Sponsors:

- ◇ Friends of the Oak Lawn Library
- ◇ Midwest Tape
- ◇ Mendez Family McDonald's
- ◇ Galloping Ghost Arcade
- ◇ Paisans Pizzeria
- ◇ Dream Clean Car Wash

#OLPLFanFest



LOCAL HISTORY

FIRST RESPONDERS OF OAK LAWN

**Celebrating 100 Years of
Firefighters & Police History**

Wednesday, April 23, 7-8 p.m.

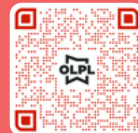
Join us for a reception launching the "First Responders of Oak Lawn" Local History exhibit. Light refreshments will be served. Local History Librarian Tom Javorcic will present a slide show. He will also discuss the exhibit, its origins and answer questions about the celebration of 100 years of Firefighters & Police history in the Village of Oak Lawn.

See page 8 for the tie-in Youth program **What Do First Responders Do?**



SENIOR PROGRAMMING

(R) Register online at
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BEYOND THE MAT

By: **Tippi Price, Customer Services Department Head**

The Customer Services Department strives to bring community partners like Blissful Light Yoga into OLPL's Senior programming. In *Yoga for Adults Ages 60 and Over*, our goal is for patrons to leave more relaxed, restored and energized than when they arrived. Gail Morales creates a zen space, integrating body and mind through breathwork and comfortable stretching tailored to their abilities. The incorporated visualizations and sounds engage their senses, concluding sessions with a smile!



Illinois Senior Medicare Patrol and Medicare Bingo (R)

Monday, March 10, 10-11 a.m., Café

The Illinois Senior Medicare Patrol program at AgeOptions empowers consumers to prevent healthcare fraud. With volunteers and program staff, they help people with Medicare **Prevent, Detect, and Report** Medicare fraud and abuse. This program dives into the most common Medicare fraud scams and how to prevent, detect and report them!

Who's Got Game (R)

Tuesday, March 11: Shamrocks & Shenanigans

Tuesday, March 18: Classic Disney Trivia

Tuesday, April 8: Mini Scrapbooking

Tuesday, April 15: BE-hoptimistic

Tuesday, May 13: Spring Painting

Tuesday, May 20: Game Day

10-11 a.m., Café

Get ready for games and crafts at this fun senior social hour! Light refreshments will be served. Funds for this program were provided by AgeOptions. Attendees will be entered to win a raffle basket sponsored by JenCare Senior Medical Center at 6101 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn, IL 60453. For any questions, please contact Samantha Prado, customer services associate, at sprado@olpl.org or 708-422-4990 ext. 508.



Alzheimer's & Dementia Support Group

Thursdays, March 13, April 10 & May 8

6:30-7:30 p.m., Café

An opportunity for family members, friends and caregivers to meet regularly and share feelings, thoughts and experiences in a safe environment with people who are going through similar things. Participants learn ways to better cope with and manage the challenges of Alzheimer's or other dementias.

Facilitated by Mary Murphy, RN, BSN, CDP (Certified Dementia Practitioner) of Hibernian Home Care. Drop-ins welcome.

Abuse in Later Life With the Crisis Center for South Suburbia

Wednesday, March 19, 10-11 a.m., Café

This presentation will discuss the difference between elder abuse and abuse in later life. Highlighted are persons that may be victimized and those that can be charged with domestic abuse in Illinois. We will also cover why victimized individuals do not seek help, the impact of ageism on the way abuse in later life is addressed, as well as how to both prevent and respond to abuse in later life.

Tech Wise: Technology for Older Adults (R)

Wednesdays, March 19-April 23

10:30 a.m.-noon, Computer Center Classroom

Join Pathlights for this free six-class series for adults ages 60 and over. The series will present basic tools to help improve your computer skills. Classes cover Computer Basics, Email, Technology Troubleshooting and Online Security, Social Media and Socialization Tools, Better Aging Through Technology, and Online Library Offerings. To register, call Zac Frazier, customer services associate, at 708-422-4990 ext. 505.

Yoga for Adults Ages 60 and Over (R)

Wednesdays, March 19, April 16 & May 14

Thursdays, March 27, April 24 & May 29

1-2 p.m., Meeting Rooms A & B

Gail Morales of Blissful Light Yoga will lead two engaging and relaxing sessions per month this Spring. This class intends participants sit on mats on the floor. Please bring your own mat, if possible. This program is funded by the AgeOptions Library CARES ARPA grant. Attendees participate at their own risk.



Sage Stories Culture Club

10-11 a.m., Café

Thursday, March 20: "Women Rowing North" by Mary Pipher

Thursday, April 17: "Sandwich" by Catherine Newman

Thursday, May 15: "Roctogenarians" by Mo Rocca and Jonathan Greenberg

Discuss books and media with characters and information relevant to the fastest growing age group in the United States. Enjoy light refreshments and share perspectives and insights with others.

A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls (R)

Mondays, March 24-May 12, 10 a.m.-noon, Café

Does the fear of falling limit your social or physical activity and would you like to overcome it? Reduce your fall risk and improve your balance with this free eight-session workshop and learn to: view falls as controllable, set goals for increasing activity, make changes to reduce fall risks at home, exercise to increase strength and balance, and return to higher social and activity levels.



SENIOR PROGRAMMING

Wits Workout and More (R)

Tuesdays, March 25, April 22 & May 27, 10-11 a.m., Café
Developed by the University of Illinois Extension for adults ages 60 and over, this program, back by popular demand, includes interactive puzzles and games. After the workout, there will be time to enjoy additional puzzles and socialize. Light refreshments will be provided. Funded in part by the AgeOptions Library CARES ARPA grant.

B-4 It's Too Late: BINGO! (R)

**Tuesdays, April 1 & May 6, 10-11 a.m.
Meeting Room B**

Calling all Bingo players! Winners in this Spring series will receive a raffle basket sponsored by JenCare Senior Medical Center at 6101 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn, IL 60453. Light refreshments will be served. Funds for this program were provided by AgeOptions. For questions, please contact Samantha Prado, customer services associate, at sprado@olpl.org or 708-422-4990 ext. 508.



AARP Smart Driver Course (R)

**Wednesday, April 9 & Thursday, April 10
9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Meeting Room B**

The nation's first and largest refresher course designed specifically for older drivers provides a review of driving skills and techniques, as well as strategies and tips to help you adjust to normal age-related changes that may affect your driving ability. All participants will receive AARP's revised 2022 edition of the "Smart Driver Guidebook."

Attendance at both four-hour classes across two days is required to receive a certificate of completion. The fee for the course is \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members. Fees must be paid via cash or check payable to AARP given to the instructor at the start of the course. Please bring your driver's license and AARP card with you (if applicable).



Drop-in Event: Connecting Older Adults to Community Resources With AgeOptions

Wednesday, April 16, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Café

Identify and address social factors impacting your well-being in this free and confidential 15-20 minute survey facilitated by a trained Community Health Worker from AgeOptions. Take the opportunity to share your needs in housing, food security, healthcare and other community services. We will use your responses to connect you to local resources and support services tailored to your unique needs. Let us help you access the resources that can improve your quality of life!



Estate Planning 101 (R)

Thursday, April 17, 6:30 p.m., Meeting Rooms B & C
Attorney Michael J. Maslanka, Brother Rice and St. Xavier graduate and attorney of over 40 years, discusses power of attorney, living wills, last wills, different types of trusts, different types of deeds and a lot more. Bring your questions!

Planificación Patrimonial 101 (R)

Thursday, April 24, 6:30 p.m., Meeting Room B

El abogado Michael J. Maslanka, graduado de Brother Rice High School y St. Xavier University y abogado durante más de 40 años, habla sobre poderes notariales (cartas legales), testamentos en vida, testamentos finales, diferentes tipos de fideicomisos, diferentes tipos de escrituras y mucho más. ¡Traiga sus preguntas!

Retirement University With the Society of Financial Awareness (R)

Thursdays, May 1, 15 & 22

6:30-7:30 p.m., Meeting Rooms A & B

Join the Society of Financial Awareness (SOFA) and Ray Kozicki, financial advisor for Retirement University. This three-part series will cover various considerations for retirement. To register please contact Julie Duran, Illinois Outreach Coordinator for SOFA at jduran@sofausa.org or 708-221-7012. SOFA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit public benefit corporation.

Thursday, May 1: Part 1: Social Security & Medicare will cover filing strategies and factors to consider related to producing income. Discover how Medicare works and will be affected during retirement, as well as how to navigate the differences between Social Security and Medicare.

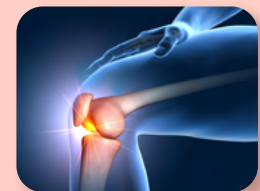
Thursday, May 15: Part 2: Investments & Taxes will go over topics such as creating a tax plan, understanding different types of investments and determining when to utilize different investments in retirement. Learn how taxes affect any current investments, income and other areas of retirement.

Thursday, May 22: Part 3: Estate Planning, Long Term Care & Legacy Planning will discuss estate planning misconceptions, estate planning phases, factors to consider while estate planning and estate and LTC eroding factors. We will also recap all of Retirement University.

Understanding Knee and Shoulder Pain: Causes and Solutions With the Joint Relief Institute (R)

Wednesday, May 7, 2-3 p.m., Café

Join experts from the Joint Relief Institute for an informative presentation on knee and shoulder pain caused by osteoarthritis. Learn what leads to this common condition and explore various treatment options that can help you get back to living pain free. Perfect for anyone seeking relief and better mobility!



YOUTH SERVICES



Register at oaklawnpl.librarycalendar.com
10 days before the date of the program.



STORYTIMES (T)

Stories, songs and movement supporting literacy development and learning in young children.



Baby Storytime (T)

Ages 6-24 months with an adult

Fridays, March 7, 14 & 21, April 4, 11, 18 & 25, May 2

9:30-9:50 a.m.

OR

Tuesdays, March 11 & 18, April 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

9:30-9:50 a.m.

Toddler Storytime (T)

Ages 2-3 with an adult

Wednesdays, March 5, 12 & 19, April 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

9:30-10 a.m.

OR

Thursdays, March 6, 13 & 20, April 3, 10, 17 & 24, May 1

9:30-10 a.m.

Preschool Storytime (T)

Ages 3-5

To promote independence, we encourage children to attend without adults.

Wednesdays, March 5, 12 & 19, April 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

1-1:30 p.m.

OR

Thursdays, March 6, 13 & 20, April 3, 10, 17 & 24, May 1

10:15-10:45 a.m.



Messy Art (T)

Ages 2-3 with an adult

Monday, March 3, 9:30-10 a.m.

Dress for a mess and explore your artistic side!



Shrinky Dinks! (T)

Ages 5-7

Wednesday, March 5, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Draw and color your own design, shrink it, then turn it into a backpack charm or gift it to someone special!

Chess Club

Ages 6 and up

Thursdays, March 6 & 20, April 3 & 17, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

All skill levels are welcome to come and learn the game or get some practice!



Nintendo Switch Gaming (T)

Ages 8-10

4:30-5:30pm

Friday, March 7: Boomerang Fu!

Friday, April 25: Super Smash Bros.

Wednesday, May 7: Mario Kart



Make a Paper Squishy! (T)

Ages 5-7

Tuesday, March 11, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Do you love squishies? Make a paper squishy to take home with you!



Tween Yoga (T)

Ages 11-14

Wednesdays, March 12 & April 9, 6:30-7:15 p.m.

The stress of the day will melt away during this calming and centering session with Brain to Belly Kids Yoga. Please bring your own towel or yoga mat.

Family Taste-Off: Breads of the World (T)

For families with children of all ages

Thursday, March 13, 6:30-7:15 p.m.

Come taste breads that originate from various cultures.

Storybook Yoga (T)

Ages 3-5 with an adult

Fridays, March 14, April 4 & May 16, 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Have you ever done yoga to a favorite children's book? Brain to Belly Kids Yoga will teach us how! Please bring towels or mats for yourself and your child.



Kids in the Kitchen (T)

Children will learn basic culinary skills and kitchen etiquette as they measure, mix, cut, cook and eat each month's recipes. Children must be able to attend independently. Allergen information available upon request.

Ages 6-10

French Toast and Turkey Bacon

Saturday, March 15, 10-11 a.m. OR 2-3 p.m.

Knife Skills with Veggies and Veggie Dip

Wednesday, April 16, 4:30-5:30 p.m. OR 6:30-7:30 p.m.



Interactive Movie Kits

The kit will include props, snacks and other fun family-friendly activities to keep everyone engaged with the movie. Activities are designed for ages 4 and up. One kit per family, while supplies last.

"Despicable Me 2" (2013, PG, 98 minutes)

Available starting Monday, March 17

"Toy Story" (1995, G, 81 minutes)

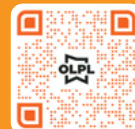
Available starting Monday, April 14





We will distribute admission tickets at the Youth Services Desk 15 minutes before the start of the program. Doors close 10 minutes after the start of the program.

Sign up for Youth Services emails at bit.ly/olpl-enevs



Family Tech Night: Make a Circuit (T)

Families with children ages 5 and up

Tuesday, March 18, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Learn about electrical circuits and work together as a family to build one to power a fan!



Nerf Battle Royale (R)

Ages 11-14

Friday, March 21, 6-8 p.m.

Teams equipped with Nerf gear will play Capture the Flag after-hours in the Youth Services area. Registration will only take place in-person at the Youth Services Desk, starting Tuesday, March 11 at 9 a.m. A caregiver permission slip must be filled out at the time of registration.

Spring Movies

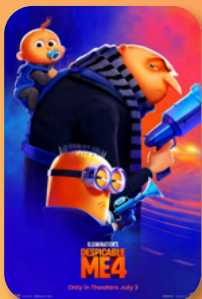
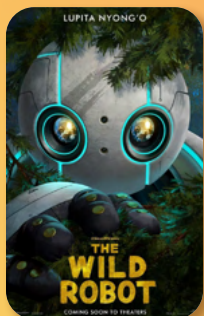
All ages, children under 5 must be with an adult.

"The Wild Robot" (2024, PG, 102 minutes)

Monday, March 24, 2-3:45 p.m.

"Despicable Me 4" (2024, PG, 95 minutes)

Friday, March 28, 2-3:30 p.m.



Drop-In Craft: Make a Suncatcher

All ages, children under 5 must be with an adult.

Wednesday, March 26, 3-6 p.m.

Make a colorful suncatcher to attach to a window!



Pokémon Kids Club

Ages 7 and up

Thursdays, March 27, April 24 & May 22, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

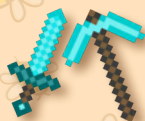
Meet other trainers, learn to play the Pokémon TCG, battle with your Pokémon cards and have fun!

Minecraft Mania (T)

Ages 8-10

Monday, March 31, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Join us for a Minecraft-themed STEM quest and craft to celebrate the release of the "Minecraft" movie out Friday, April 4.



Make a Diamond Art Keychain (T)

Ages 11-14

Tuesday, April 1, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Make a diamond art keychain for your backpack!



Dino Stomp (T)

Ages 3-5

Monday, April 7, 10-10:30 a.m.

How do dinosaur footprints create fossils? Dress for a mess to make some fossils of our own!



Peanuts Gang Spring Party (T)

Ages 8-10

Thursday, April 10, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Come party with the Peanuts gang as we celebrate the coming of Spring!



STEAM Stackers (T)

Saturday, April 12

Ages 3-5

10-11 a.m.

Ages 6-8

11 a.m.-noon

Use your imagination, creativity and problem solving to find out what you can do with a roomful of really big blocks!



Flying Peeps! (T)

Ages 5-7

Tuesday, April 15, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

What happens when you build a catapult and load up a marshmallow Peep? Could that Peep take wing?



Drop-In Craft: Spring Flowers

All ages, Children under 5 must be with an adult.

Friday, April 18, 2-4 p.m.

Make colorful paper flowers to decorate your home for Spring!

Close Up Magic With Chris Jones (T)

Monday, April 21

Ages 8-10

1:30-2:25 p.m.

Learn how science makes magic work!

Ages 11-14

2:30-3:25 p.m.

Learn how to fool your friends and amaze your family when Chris teaches the secrets of the magician's trade!



Slime Time! (T)

Ages 8-10

Tuesday, April 22, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Learn the fascinating history of slime and then make your very own to take home!

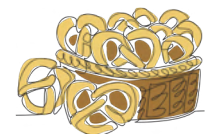


National Pretzel Day Bash (T)

For families

Wednesday, April 23, 7-8 p.m.

Enjoy pretzel-themed trivia and games and make delicious chocolate dipped pretzels to take home!



YOUTH SERVICES



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Minor Medics (T)

Ages 3-8 with an adult

Saturday, April 26, 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

This interactive program with Nurse Educator Ramona Jachymiak will teach kids about the medical field and safety skills, including hands-on experience with a stethoscope and what to do in a medical emergency.



Baby Romp (T)

Ages 6-24 months with an adult

Monday, April 28 & Tuesday, May 13, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

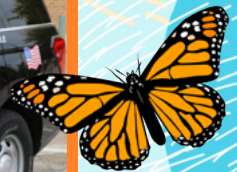
Drop by with your baby or toddler for movement activities and free play with other young children and their grownups!

What Do First Responders Do? (T)

For families

Tuesday, April 29, 6:30-7:15 p.m.

We'll talk with an Oak Lawn officer about their job; afterwards, families can tour OLPL's Local History exhibit, "First Responders of Oak Lawn: Celebrating 100 Years of Firefighters and Police History."



Play-Doh Play Time

Ages 3-5 with an adult

Thursday, May 8, 10-11 a.m.

A morning of squishing, shaping and creating with Play-Doh. While supplies last.

Lego Drop-In

For families

Monday, May 19, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

We'll supply the Legos, and you'll supply the imagination!

Game Club

Ages 5 and up

Wednesday, May 28, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

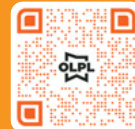
Stop in to enjoy classic board games and discover unusual games you may have never played before!





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MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES (R)

Ages 11-14

Need community service hours? Volunteer to help with the following programs if you are good at working independently and enjoy spending time with young children. We will meet at the Youth Services Desk.

Registration starts 10 days before the date of the program.

MARCH

Shrinky Dinks! (R)

Ages 11-14

Wednesday, March 5, 4:15-5:30 p.m.

Make a Paper Squishy (R)

Ages 11-14

Tuesday, March 11, 4:15-5:30 p.m.

Group Volunteering: Youth Services Cleanup

Ages 11-14

Tuesday, March 25, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

& Monday, April 28, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Earn community service time by helping us keep our department clean.

Drop-In Craft: Suncatchers (R)

Ages 11-14

Wednesday, March 26, 2:45-6:15 p.m.

APRIL

Flying Peeps! (R)

Ages 11-14

Tuesday, April 15, 4:15-5:30 p.m.

Drop-In Craft: Spring Flowers (R)

Ages 11-14

Friday, April 18, 1:45-4:15 p.m.

National Pretzel Day Bash (R)

Ages 11-14

Wednesday, April 23, 6:45-8:15 p.m.



ADULT SERVICES

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Young Singers Vocal Concert

Thursday, March 6, 6:30-7:45 p.m.

Oak Lawn Community High School teen choristers, directed by teachers Cole Seaton and Ian Murrell with facilitation by Samantha Elliott, perform their Spring repertoire. Cheer on young local musicians as they prepare for their upcoming competition.

Free Streaming Media with Kanopy

Monday, March 10, 7-8 p.m.

Librarian Emily Bettcher will show you how to use the Kanopy app to stream over 30,000 movies available for free and assist you in creating your account. Bring your Oak Lawn Public Library card and a device.

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Share in the Delights of Ramadan (R)

Wednesday, March 12, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

In this tasty and educational program, Gain Peace volunteers share Ramadan's customs, its religious significance and delightful treats such as dates and baklava. Space is limited. Registration requires a \$5 cash deposit.



Blood Drive (R)

Thursday, March 13, 2:45-7 p.m.

Help the community by donating blood. The Versiti team has plenty of appointments available at OLPL. Please sign up by calling 1-800-7TO-GIVE.



Pick Up Your Raffle Punch Card

Available starting Monday, March 17

We're celebrating National Library Week with a fabulous raffle. Pick up your entry punch card at the Adult Services Desk and complete five easy activities to enter. Prizes will be displayed on the second floor.

Trivia Nites

Wednesdays, March 19 & May 21

7-8 p.m. at Cork and Bean

Challenge yourself with random facts and unknown figures solo or in teams. Prizes will go to the top three contenders.

TRIVIA

A GREAT FIRST IMPRESSION

Programs to help you get your voice out there and make a positive impact.

Better Speaking Through Monologues (R)

Thursdays, March 20, April 3 & 17, May 8, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Actor George Tafelski uses monologue to teach communication skills such as diction, vocal projection, stage presence and expressive body language. Registration for this series requires a \$5 cash deposit.

Speaking to Lead (R)

Thursdays, March 27, April 10 & 24, 7-8 p.m.

Public speaking educator Kristel Flynn's three-class series incorporates storytelling and speaking activities to build the skills of an effective leader. Registration for this series requires a \$5 cash deposit.



Say "Yes, and..." to Your Writing (R)

Saturday, April 19, 10 a.m.-noon

Writer Kelly Farmer leads improv games writers can apply to get their creative juices flowing in this upbeat and active presentation. A \$5 cash deposit is required to confirm registration.

Open Mic Night

Thursday, May 29, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Share your original compositions, speeches or musical performances or join our audience to support local creatives. Participants of the above workshops welcome to participate! Sponsored by the Oak Lawn Writers Group.



Investment Group

Tuesdays, March 25, April 22 & May 20, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Financial Advisor Max Dunne of Edward Jones leads a group discussion on investment tips and tricks.



Irish in America

Wednesday, March 26, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Though Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated nationwide, it wasn't always. In this entertaining talk, Dr. John F. Lyons-born in London, England to Irish parents-will explain how the Irish overcame derision to make major contributions to every facet of American life.



FRIDAY MATINEES

"It Ends With Us"

(2024, PG-13, 130 minutes)

Friday, March 28, 2 p.m.



"The Persian Version"

(2024, R, 107 minutes)

Friday, May 30, 2 p.m.





Essential Strategies for a Successful Home Sale

Friday, April 4, 4-5 p.m.

Rob Medinger of Keller Williams Realty helps you prepare for quick home sale at top dollar.



National Library Week Raffle

Wednesday, April 9, All day

Turn in your punch card at the Adult Services Desk for the final drawing on Friday, April 11.



Mini Bookshelves (R)

Wednesday, April 9, 6-8 p.m.

Celebrate National Library Week by assembling a mini bookshelf to take home. All parts of the craft and instruction from artist Catherine Suchy, miniature world specialist, provided. A \$5 cash deposit is required to confirm your registration.

eAudiobook Know-How

Monday, April 14, 7-8 p.m.

Don't spend money on audiobooks you could check out for free! Librarian Emily Bettcher demonstrates the free apps Hoopla and Libby to access thousands of eAudiobooks. Bring your Oak Lawn Public Library card and a device.



Warm Glow Concert: CoryaYo

Wednesday, April 16, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Enjoy a night at the Library with a relaxing atmosphere and beautiful music. Musician CoryaYo spins meditative and jazzy ambient soundscapes lit by fairy lights and candles.



MAY FLOWERS WEEK

Registration and a \$5 cash deposit required for each class.

Crepe Paper Tulips Craft Class (R)

Thursday, April 30, 6:30-8 p.m.

Crepe paper is once again a hot new craft! Create an artisan tulip along with Kate.



Dahlia Workshop (R)

Friday, May 2, 4-5 p.m.

Sue Fitzgerald and Robin Hill of the Southtown Dahlia Club demonstrate care and discuss varieties of this summer's trendiest flower: the dahlia. Participants will take home a potted dahlia tuber.



Spring Shadowbox Craft Class (R)

Wednesday, May 7, 6:30-8 p.m.

Assemble a miniature scene with tiny eggs, mushrooms and birds to adorn your table.



Explore More...Southern Illinois's Undeniable Beauty

Friday, May 23, 4-5 p.m.

Adventurous traveler Celeste Brown explores the Southern Illinois state parks, national forests and other finds in the lower third of our state. You may be amazed!

ADULT CLUBS

Saturday Afternoon Games

Saturdays, March 1, April 5 & May 3

noon-4 p.m.

Adults and teens invited to drop in for family-friendly tabletop games with the Moraine Valley Gamers.



Knit & Stitch

Mondays, March 3, 17 & 31, April 7 & 21, May 5 & 19

6:30-7:30 p.m.

BYO needlework projects to the to enjoy conversation and crafting with Jennifer Rodriguez and friends. Crocheters, knitters, cross-stitchers and embroiderers welcome.



Oak Lawn Writers' Group

Saturdays, March 8 & 22, April 12 & 26, May 3 & 24

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Calling all writers! Come read your written works in any genre and get feedback from the group.



Magic: The Gathering Casual Commander Club

Mondays, March 10, April 14 & May 12

6-8:30 p.m.

OLCHS teacher Eric Kallenborn leads all levels, adults and teens, in casual play of Commander. Feel free to bring a competitive deck or use ours.



Debt Club

Tuesdays, March 11, April 8 & May 13

7-8 p.m.

It's time for your struggle to end! Learn how you can pay off debt, save more money and build wealth. Leader Raymond Schwarzkopf is certified by the Dave Ramsey Financial Coaching team.



The Yarnery Club

Tuesdays, March 11 & 25, April 8 & 22, May, 13 & 27

2-3 p.m.

Bring your handicraft projects of any kind and spend an hour enjoying conversation with crafty crocheter Brittany and friends.



Southside FilmMakers

Wednesdays, March 19, April 16 & May 21

6-7:30 p.m.

Make films and learn what goes on behind the camera! All levels welcome.



English Together (ESL)

Mondays, April 7-May 12

10-11 a.m.

Let's learn English together at this free ESL conversation class for any level. Begin anytime. Contact kdonley@olpl.org to learn more.



TEEN SERVICES

Programs take place in the Teen Room, open Mon.-Thurs. (3-9 p.m.), Fri. (3-6 p.m.), Sat. (1-5 p.m.) & Sun. (10-3 p.m., Oct.-May only).

(R) Register at oaklawnpl.librarycalendar.com

RECURRING PROGRAMS

Cozy Reading Hour

Mondays, 4-6 p.m.



Anime Club

Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m.



Movie Night Wednesday

Wednesdays, 6-8 p.m.



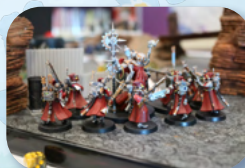
Dungeons & Dragons Club

First and third Thursdays of the month, 5-8 p.m.



Wargaming Club

Second and fourth Thursdays of the month, 4-6 p.m.



Friday Game Day

Fridays, 4-6 p.m.



MARCH

Teen Basics of Painting

Tuesdays, March 11, 18 & 25, 5-6:30 p.m.

Join art professor Rong Liang to learn the basics of composition with acrylic paints in this three-part course. Attendance at all three parts is recommended.



Hot Ones Challenge (R)

Thursday, March 13, 6-7 p.m.

Test your taste buds against an array of hot wings from the "Hot Ones" series while answering interview questions. Can you take the heat?

WARNING: Several of the hot sauces being used can be painfully hot. Participate at your own risk.

Teen Mock Interviews

Thursday, March 27, 6-7 p.m.

Getting ready to look for a job, but nervous about the interview? Join us for a no consequences test run and critique.

APRIL

Make a Prom Corsage/Boutonniere

Tuesday, April 15, 5-6 p.m.

Join librarian Kate to make a flowery accent for your prom fit.



Promicon (R)

Friday, April 18, 6-10 p.m.

Join us for an after-hours lock-in celebrating nerdy prom! Dress in your prom best or your favorite cosplay! We will have food, music and more!

Teen Cooking Club

Thursday, April 24, 6-8 p.m.

Start learning your way around the kitchen with some basic recipes and cooking tips.

MAY

Futures Club

Wednesday, May 7, 6-7 p.m.

New or upcoming high school graduate? Feel like you don't know what to do and your friends are leaving town? Join us for a social night with your peers to meet new people, pick up new hobbies and talk about what to do next. This program is open to 17-20-year-olds.

Craft a Cloak (R)

Thursday, May 8, 6-8 p.m.

Learn how to make your own fantasy cloak in preparation for Fan Fest!



Teen Trivia

Thursday, May 22, 6-7 p.m.

Test your niche knowledge, from fandoms to factoids!

The Teen Room will open early on school days off or half days. The room can also be opened early by request.

COMPUTER CENTER

All programs take place in the Computer Center Classroom on the Library's second floor.



TECH HELP

Mondays, 2-4 p.m., excluding May 26
Drop in for assistance with your computer, smartphone or other device at this weekly help session.



MICROSOFT PROGRAMS

Word Basics

Tuesdays, March 11, April 8 & May 13, 2-3 p.m.
Learn to create, save, open, print and make changes to documents in Microsoft Word.

Word Advanced

Thursdays, March 13, April 10 & May 15, 6-7 p.m.
Get creative with advanced design features in Microsoft Word. Requires basic computer skills.

Excel Basics

Tuesdays, March 25, April 22 & May 27, 2-3 p.m.
Track and analyze data using spreadsheets in Microsoft Excel.

Excel Advanced

Thursdays, March 27, April 24 & May 29, 6-7 p.m.
Learn formatting techniques, workbook printing options, and tools for formulas and equations. Requires basic computer skills.

PowerPoint Basics

Wednesday, May 21, 2-3 p.m.
Learn to create slides, use templates, insert images and more in Microsoft's slideshow presentation software.



Internet Safety

Thursday, March 6, Tuesday, April 29 & Wednesday, May 28, 2-3 p.m.
Identify common scams and learn best practices for staying safe online.



Cricut Design Space

Mondays, March 10, April 14 & May 12 6-7 p.m.
Take DIY to the next level with the free software Cricut Design Space.



Cut the Cable Cord

Wednesdays, March 12 & April 30, 2-3 p.m.
Discover how you can "cut the cable cord" as we compare streaming subscriptions like Netflix and Hulu.



Genealogy Databases

Fridays, March 14, April 18 & May 2, 1-2 p.m.
Join us as we explore OLPL's free genealogy resources!



Smartphone Basics

Tuesdays, March 18, April 15 & May 20, 2-3 p.m.
Bring in your device and learn how to call, text, download apps, and take and share pictures.



Create with Canva

Thursdays, March 20 & May 1, 6-7 p.m.
Create quick and professional-looking designs using Canva. Requires basic computer skills.

Computer Basics

Tuesdays, April 1 & May 6, 2-3 p.m.
Get a basic introduction to computers, including how to use a mouse and keyboard.

3D Printing Basics

Thursdays, April 3 & May 22, 6-7 p.m.
Try out Tinkercad, a free 3D modeling web program used to create or find 3D print designs. Requires basic computer skills.



Artificial Intelligence

Thursday, April 17 & Wednesday, May 14 6-7 p.m.
Get introduced to artificial intelligence and learn how you can use it.



BOOK CLUBS

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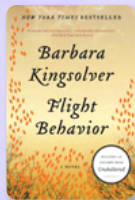
Join us for in-person book discussions

REFRESHING READS

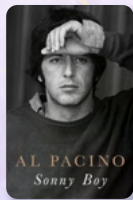
With Emily Bettcher
Avenue Wine Bar, 10632
S. Cicero Ave., 7:30 p.m.



"The Wife Between Us"
by Greer Hendricks
& Sarah Pekkanen
Tuesday, March 25



"Flight Behavior"
by Barbara Kingsolver
Tuesday, April 22



"Sonny Boy"
by Al Pacino
Tuesday, May 27

20'S/30'S AT HEART

With Alyssa Dohse
Cork & Bean, 4931
W. 95th St., 7:30 p.m.



"None of This is True"
by Lisa Jewell
Thursday, March 13



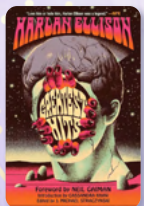
"Project Hail Mary"
by Andy Weir
Thursday, April 10



"Strange Sally Diamond"
by Liz Nugent
Thursday, May 8

EXPLORING THE OUTER LIMITS (SCI-FI SHORT STORIES)

With Roger Burns
and Tom Javoric
Book Nook, 7 p.m.



"Paladin of the Last Hour"
by Harlan Ellison
Wednesday, March 5



"Fondly Fahrenheit"
by Alfred Bester
Wednesday, April 2



"Dark They Were, and Golden-Eyed"
by Ray Bradbury
Wednesday, May 7

MANGA +

With Monika Fudali
Book Nook, 7 p.m.



"Mr. Villain's Day Off Vol. 1"
by Yuu Morikawa
Wednesday, March 19



"The Case Study of Vanitas Vol. 1"
by Jun Mochizuki
Wednesday, April 16



"Mashle: Magic and Muscles Vol. 1"
by Hajime Kōmoto
Wednesday, May 21

THE HUNDREDS CLUB

Teens and adults, join our club that celebrates reading year-round! Keep track of your books on the free Beanstack app. To sign up, stop by the Adult Services Desk, visit olpl.beanstack.org or call 708-422-4990.

Hundreds Club: National Library Week Raffle Kick-off Party

Saturday, March 15, 11 a.m.

Everyone in the Hundreds Club thinks libraries are special. We think you're special, too. Get first access to our National Library Week Raffle! We'll have trivia and games as usual, plus a spread of light refreshments.



BOOK NERDS BOOK BOX

The first 20 Oak Lawn cardholders who register by **Thursday, March 20** will get a personalized book box with two to three library books along with some other goodies at the beginning of April.

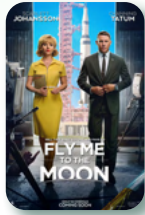


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FREE MOVIE SCREENINGS
AND CONCERTS SPONSORED
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MOVIE SCREENINGS

"Fly Me to the Moon"
(2024, PG-13, 132 minutes)
Tuesday, March 11, 2 p.m.



"Conclave"
(2024, PG, 120 minutes)
Tuesday, April 8, 2 p.m.



"Wicked"
(2024, PG, 142 minutes)
Tuesday, May 13, 2 p.m.



CONCERTS



**Celebrate Irish Classics
and Contemporary
Music With the
Gotham Duo**
Sunday, March 9, 1 p.m.



**Andrew Moreno and
Friends Jazz Concert**
Sunday, April 6, 1 p.m.



**Let's Samba-Solange
Brazil Trio Party-
Plus a Dancer!**
Sunday, May 4, 1 p.m.

BOOK/SHORT STORY DISCUSSION GROUP

Pick up books at the Adult Services Desk one month in advance.

Book Discussions at 1 p.m.

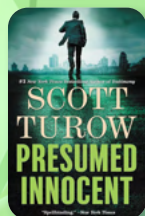
Short Story Discussions at 1 p.m.

BOOKS

"The Paris Apartment"
by Lucy Foley
Wednesday, March 26
Mary Nelson Room



"Presumed Innocent"
by Scott Turow
Wednesday, April 23
Meeting Room C



"The Lincoln Highway"
by Amor Towles
Wednesday, May 28
Meeting Room C

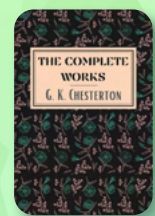


SHORT STORIES

"The Things They Carried"
by Tim O'Brien
Wednesday, March 12
Mary Nelson Room



"The Blast of the Book"
by G.K. Chesterton
Wednesday, April 9
Mary Nelson Room



"A White Heron"
by Sarah Orne Jewett
Wednesday, May 14
Mary Nelson Room



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The Board meets Tuesdays, March 18, April 15 and May 20 at 6:45 p.m. Board meetings will be held in the lower-level meeting rooms of the Library. The public is invited to attend.

Library Hours

Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Saturday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

**(Closed on Sundays
from June-September)**

Library Closings

Tuesday, March 4

Staff In-service Day

Sunday, April 20

Easter

Sunday, May 25

Start of Sunday Closures

Monday, May 26

Memorial Day

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