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FALLING INTO COZY WINTER NIGHTS

Just like the leaves change with the season, so do the offerings available to you from the Oak Lawn Public Library this winter. This past October OLPL restarted its Sunday hours of 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and will continue to do so through May. To help everyone enjoy the colder months more and come together as a community, the Library is excited to present a variety of fun programming suitable for all ages. If you are a fan of the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra, read about our ticket raffle on page 4. If you feel like getting crafty, turn to page 10 for information on our Origami Contest. Patron submissions for the contest will be showcased and there will be additional programming celebrating Japanese culture throughout January. We will also host a 3D Printing class where you can design your own Dungeons and Dragons tabletop figure. All of these, as well as many more of the programs that we have planned, offer something special to brighten your holiday season.

With the winter festivities getting into gear, OLPL is excited to present Santa's Christmas Cafe! Before visiting Santa on the Green, OLPL invites you to come in and warm up with hot cocoa while enjoying a holiday atmosphere. See our back cover for more information on what will be available at Santa's Christmas Cafe. As we take in the holiday cheer, we cannot forget about the less fortunate in our community. The Library will continue to do its part to bring joy and help to those in need this holiday season. We will host a toy drive benefiting Toys for Tots starting Monday, Nov. 25 through Friday, Dec. 20. Additionally, our year-round food drive is always a good way to give back.

We wish everyone a joyous and wonderful holiday season as well as an upcoming 2025 full of cheer!

PROGRAM CALENDARS

Since adopting our new calendar, we have received overwhelmingly positive feedback. We're happy this change has made it easier to take full advantage of the programming and events OLPL has to offer. Please check back periodically, as we continue to update the calendar when new programming is scheduled.

You can access the calendar on our website by clicking **Calendar** under the **Programs** tab, scan the QR code above or go to: oaklawnpl.librarycalendar.com.



AROUND THE LIBRARY

OLPL Fan Fest 2025

We're on a quest to find local artists, writers, vendors, creators, performers and exhibitors who put the fan in fantasy for our all ages celebration of pop culture on **Saturday, May 10, 2025**.

Complete your OLPL Fan Fest exhibitor application at tinyurl.com/OLPLFF25 by **Friday, Jan. 3, 2025**. We will notify selected applicants no later than **Friday, Jan. 31, 2025**.

Want to participate in another way? Donate and become a sponsor by contacting Zac Frazier at zfrazier@olpl.org or 708-422-4990 ext. 505.



BRING HOLIDAY JOY TO THOSE LESS FORTUNATE!

Drop off gifts for children up to age 12 in the Library's lobby starting Monday, Nov. 25 through Friday, Dec. 20.

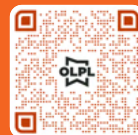
Donations benefit Toys for Tots. Items should be unwrapped so that they may be sorted according to age and gender.

No stuffed animals, please.



OLPL FOOD DONATION DRIVE

The Library collects food donations all year long for those in need. We have partnered with St. Paul Lutheran Church and Pilgrim Faith United Church. In 2023, OLPL collected **8,145** food items for these local food pantries. Please continue to donate and help your community.



WHEN LIFE GIVES YOU BINGO

by *Samantha Prado, Customer Services Associate*

Our program has generated significant interest from our seniors, and bingo is popular! Did you know that 60 million Americans play bingo regularly? Bingo is currently one of the most popular social games worldwide. Playing bingo allows people to form social connections, improve hand-eye coordination, maintain cognitive focus and keep their minds sharp.

Recently, there has been a surge in the popularity of bingo at Oak Lawn Public Library. As a result, we are relocating the bingo games to a larger space downstairs in Meeting Room B this winter to accommodate even more players! You can bring a friend or family member or come by yourself. Be sure to register to reserve a seat and get ready to play for fabulous prizes!

ILLINOIS PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA TICKET RAFFLE

Do you like classical music? The Oak Lawn Public Library is giving away free passes to the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra! Stop by the Customer Services Desk and enter our raffle for the chance to win a free pass (admits two people) for an upcoming show! Winners will be contacted the second week of each month. You must be 18 or older to enter.

Concerts take place at Ozinga Chapel in Trinity Christian College, 6601 W. College Drive, Palos Heights, IL 60463. Upcoming Concert Dates: **Saturdays, Nov. 16, 2024; Dec. 14, 2024; Feb. 22, 2025; March 22, 2025 & May 17, 2025.**

Understand the Inflation Reduction Act Impact on Medicare

Monday, Dec. 2, 6-7 p.m., Café

The Inflation Reduction Act has a significant impact on Medicare, especially Medicare Advantage and Part D. We will review three big changes starting in 2025 and how to prepare for these changes. Presented by Eddie Ruffin, ENG Consultants.

Senior Craft: Decorate Your Own Christmas Ornament (R)

Tuesday, Dec. 3, 1-2 p.m., Café

'Tis the season for joy and creativity! Please join us this holiday season as we decorate our own Christmas ornaments. Christmas attire is encouraged! Music and refreshments will be provided.

Snow Much Bingo! (R)

Tuesdays, Dec. 3, Jan. 7 & Feb. 4, 10-11 a.m., Meeting Room B

Calling all Bingo players! Winners in this winter series will receive fabulous prizes. Light refreshments will be served.

For any questions, please contact Samantha Prado, Customer Services Associate, at 708-422-4990 ext. 508 or sprado@olpl.org.



AARP Smart Driver Course (R)

Wednesday, Dec. 4 & Thursday, Dec. 5, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Meeting Room B

The AARP Smart Driver Course is the nation's first and largest refresher course designed specifically for older drivers. The course will provide 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."

The course will be held for two days for four hours each day. Attendance at both 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 to the instructor at the start of the course. Please bring your driver's license and AARP card with you (if applicable).



La Ley de Reducción de la Inflación y el impacto que tendrá en Medicare

Thursday, Dec. 5, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Café

La Ley de Reducción de la Inflación tiene un impacto significativo en Medicare, especialmente en Medicare Advantage y la Parte D. Repasaremos tres grandes cambios a partir de 2025 y como prepararse para estos cambios. Presentado por Gigi Ruffin, ENG Consultants.

SENIOR PROGRAMMING

Sugar Rush (R)

Thursday, Dec. 5, 10-11 a.m., Café

Are you a coffee lover? Do you enjoy a sugar rush? Open your taste buds for a coffee and pastry tasting with certified coffee master Maggie McNamara. She will talk about coffee origination, coffee crafting, the different coffee types and roasting fundamentals! Join us for this sensory experience! Sponsored by Starbucks at 8021 S. Harlem Ave., Burbank, IL 60459.

For any questions, please contact Samantha Prado, Customer Services Associate, at sprado@olpl.org or call 708-422-4990 ext. 508.



Alzheimer's & Dementia Support Group

Thursday, Dec. 12, Meeting Room A

Thursdays, Jan. 9 & Feb. 13, Café

6:30-8:30 p.m.

An opportunity for family members, friends and caregivers to meet regularly and share their feelings, thoughts and experiences in a safe environment with others 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. No registration is necessary. Please drop in.



Who's Got Game? (R)

Tuesday, Dec. 10 — Holiday Trivia

Tuesday, Dec. 17 — Winter Wonderland Painting

Tuesday, Jan. 14 — The Price is Right

Tuesday, Jan. 21 — Sock Snowman Craft

Tuesday, Feb. 11 — Wooden Heart Box

Tuesday, Feb. 18 — Jeopardy

10-11 a.m., Café

Get ready for games and crafts at this fun senior social hour! Light refreshments will be served. Supplies for this program are partially funded via the AgeOptions Library CARES ARPA grant. Those who attend will be entered in a raffle drawing for a small goodie bag.

For any questions, please contact Samantha Prado, Customer Services Associate, at 708-422-4990 ext. 508 or sprado@olpl.org.



Yoga for Adults Ages 60 and Over (R)

Wednesdays, Dec. 11, Jan. 15 & Feb. 12, 1-2 p.m.

Thursdays, Dec. 19, 2-3 p.m., Jan. 30 & Feb. 20, 1-2 p.m.

Meeting Room B

Get out of the cold winter air and warm up your muscles in this beginner's yoga class! Gail Morales of Blissful Light Yoga will lead two engaging and relaxing sessions per month this winter. The class is designed for participants to 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.



PROGRAMS WITH ADVOCATE HEALTH CARE

Stroke Prevention, Recognition and Treatment

Thursday, Dec. 12, 6:30-7:30 p.m.,

OLPL Café and online via YouTube

Please join Dr. Michael Young and Kate Murczek, RN and Stroke Program Manager, as they speak about stroke prevention, the importance of recognition, BEFAST and appropriate treatment. The program will also be streamed live via YouTube: <https://youtube.com/live/w1RpubkAF9M>



YOUTH SERVICES



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



MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES (R)

Ages 11-14

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

DECEMBER

Preschool Winter Bingo (R)

Friday, Dec. 27, 9:45-11:15 a.m.

Winter Bingo (R)

Friday, Dec. 27, 1:45-3:15 p.m.



JANUARY

Game Club (R)

Friday, Jan. 3, 1:45-3:15 p.m.

Group Volunteering Day of Service

Monday, Jan. 20, 2-3 p.m.

Show your spirit of service by helping us keep our department clean.

Dog Man Party (R)

Sunday, Jan. 26, 12:45-2:15 p.m.



FEBRUARY

Friendship Gift (R)

Friday, Feb. 7, 4:15-5:30 p.m.

Group Volunteering: Youth Services Cleanup

Tuesday, Feb. 25, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Help us keep Youth Services beautiful and earn community service time cleaning up the department.





We will distribute admission tickets at the Youth Services desk 15 minutes before the start of the program.

Doors to our programs close 10 minutes after the start of the program.

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



STORYTIMES (T)

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



Baby Storytime (T)

Ages 6-24 months with an adult

Tuesdays, Jan. 14, 21 & 28, Feb. 4, 11 & 25, 9:30-9:50 a.m.

Toddler Storytime (T)

Ages 2-3 with an adult

Wednesday, Jan. 15, 22 & 29, Feb. 5, 12 & 26, 9:30-10 a.m.

OR

Thursday, Jan. 16, 23 & 30, Feb. 6, 13 & 27, 9:30-10 a.m.

Preschool Storytime (T)

Ages 3-5

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

Wednesday, Jan. 15, 22 & 29, Feb. 5, 12 & 26, 1-1:30 p.m.

OR

Thursday, Jan. 16, 23 & 30, Feb. 6, 13 & 27, 10:15-10:45 a.m.

Gingerbread House Contest

For families with children of all ages

Submissions must fit within an 18 by 18 inch footprint.

Monday, Nov. 18-Monday, Dec. 2: Drop off your gingerbread house at the Youth Services Desk and fill out your entry permission slip.

Tuesday, Dec. 3-Tuesday, Dec. 10: Vote for your favorite entry!

Wednesday, Dec. 11: Top three entries will be announced! Three winning families will each receive a 12-inch Squishmallow.

Thursday, Dec. 19 – Monday, Dec. 23: Pickup period.



Parachute Play (T)

Ages 1-3 with an adult

Monday, Dec. 2, 9:30-10 a.m.

Join us for toddler music and movement time!



Nintendo Switch Gaming (T)

Ages 8-10

Wednesday, Dec. 4 & Tuesday, Jan. 21, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Ages 11-14

Wednesday, Dec. 11 & Monday, Jan. 13, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Meet up with fellow gamers to play a variety of new and classic Switch games!



Tech Time: Create a 3D-Printed Snowman (T)

Ages 9 & up

Tuesday, Dec. 10, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Learn how to use the program TinkerCAD and design a 3D printed snowman you can use as a holiday ornament or decoration.



Storybook Yoga (T)

Ages 3-5 with an adult

Fridays, Dec. 13, Jan. 17 & Feb. 14, 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Have you ever done yoga moves 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.



Preschool Winter Bingo (T)

Ages 3-5 with an adult

Friday, Dec. 27, 10-11 a.m.

A simplified version of bingo for preschoolers!

Winter Bingo (T)

Ages 5 & up

Friday, Dec. 27, 2-3 p.m.

Give bingo a try with a wintry twist!



YOUTH SERVICES



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



Interactive Movie Kits

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

"Trolls" (2016, PG, 92 minutes)

Available starting Monday, Dec. 30

"The Lion King" (1994, G, 89 minutes)

Available starting Monday, Feb. 17



Chess Club

Ages 6 & up

Thursday, Jan. 2, 2-3 p.m.

Thursdays, Jan. 23, Feb. 6 & 20, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

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



Game Club

Ages 5 & up

Friday, Jan. 3, 2-3 p.m.

Enjoy classic board games and discover unusual games you may have never played before!



Make a Vision Board (T)

Ages 11-14

Tuesday, Jan. 7, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Make a vision board for the upcoming year to inspire you and keep your mind focused on your dreams and goals.

My First Board Game (T)

Ages 3-5 with an adult

Thursday, Jan. 9, 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Children will have the opportunity to play board games designed for the younger set, practicing following rules and taking turns while having fun!

Tech Time: Ozobot Challenge (T)

Ages 5-7

Tuesday, Jan. 14, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Ages 8-10

Tuesday, Feb. 4, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Learn how to use colors to make our Ozobot robots move, turn, spin and even dance!



Ben's Bubble Show

For families with children ages 4 & up

Thursday, Jan. 16, 6:30-7:15 p.m.

Join us for an interactive show featuring magic, illusions and sculptures based on the wonderful world of bubbles!



Kids in the Kitchen (T)

Ages 6-10

Children will learn basic culinary skills as they measure, mix, cut, cook and eat. Children must be able to attend independently.

Allergen information available upon request.

Microwavable Mac & Cheese

Saturday, Jan. 18, 10-11 a.m. OR 2-3 p.m.

Rice Krispie Squares

Wednesday, Feb. 12, 4:30-5:30 p.m. OR 6:30-7:30 p.m.

World Snow Day (T)

Ages 5-7

Sunday, Jan. 19, 1-1:30 p.m.

Celebrate World Snow Day with wintry stories and indoor snowball fun!



Sesame Street Celebration

Ages 3-5 with an adult

Friday, Jan. 24, 9:30-11 a.m.

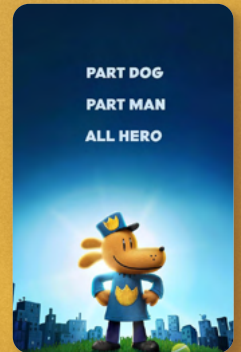
Can you tell me how to get to Sesame Street? Drop by our craft and activity stations and find out! Activities will take about twenty minutes to complete, while supplies last.

Dog Man Party

Recommended for ages 6 & up

Sunday, Jan. 26, 1-2 p.m.

Celebrate the upcoming launch of the new Dog Man movie by joining us for games and activities featuring everyone's favorite dog-human. Children younger than 6 must be accompanied by an adult. Activities will take about twenty minutes to complete, while supplies last.



Pop Culture Trivia (T)

Ages 11-14

Monday, Jan. 27, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Test your knowledge of all things pop culture for a chance to earn cool prizes!



Pokemon Kids Club

Ages 7 & up



Thursday, Jan. 30 & Friday, Feb. 28, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Meet other trainers, learn to play the Pokemon TCG and have fun!



We will distribute admission tickets at the Youth Services desk 15 minutes before the start of the program.

Doors to our programs close 10 minutes after the start of the program.

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



Baby Romp (T)

Ages 6-24 months with an adult

Friday, Jan. 31 & Feb. 28, 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!

Escape Room Jr. (T)

Ages 5-7

Friday, Jan. 31, 4:15-4:45 p.m. OR 5-5:30 p.m.

Solve puzzles, crack codes and unlock the mystery box in this escape room for younger sleuths!



Taste-Off: MMM, Chocolate! (T)

For families with children ages 5 & up

Monday, Feb. 3, 6:30-7:15 p.m.

Taste chocolate samples together and rank your favorites.

Friendship Gift (T)

Ages 5-7

Friday, Feb. 7, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Make your best friend a decorated bag, card and either a yarn heart or star!



Sensory Saturday

Ages 2-5 with an adult

Saturday, Feb. 8, 9:30-10:15 a.m. (Sensory-friendly) (R)

OR 11-11:45 a.m. (T)

Join us for sensory play at a variety of exploratory stations. If a calmer, less-crowded environment is a better fit for your child, register for our sensory-friendly session at the Youth Services Desk or by calling 708-422-4990 ext. 400, starting **Wednesday, Jan. 29.** Space is limited.

Baby and Toddler Time: Valentines! (T)

Ages 1-3 with an adult

Monday, Feb. 10, 9:30-10 a.m.

Bring your baby or toddler for songs and finger-painted Valentine's hearts! Dress for a mess.



Valentine Sip & Paint (T)

Ages 11-14

Tuesday, Feb. 11, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Come dressed to paint as we sip a beverage and create Valentine's Day paintings!



Lego Drop-In

For families

Thursday, Feb. 13, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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



Planet Circus

For families

Monday, Feb. 17, 11-11:45 a.m.

Join us for this interactive show featuring acrobatics, juggling, magic and comedy.



Stuffed Animal Clinic (T)

Ages 3-5 with an adult

Thursday, Feb. 20, 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Bring a stuffy or doll and meet a real nurse from Advocate Children's Hospital! Learn about tools doctors use, then use medical toys to give your stuffed patient a checkup. You will receive a doctor's or nurse's hat to take home! Grownups will learn how to find reliable online health information and community resources from Advocate's Children's Health Resource Center.



Afternoon Movie: Trolls Band Together

(2023, PG, 92 minutes)

Recommended for ages 6 & up

Friday, Feb. 21, 2-3:30 p.m.

Branch & Poppy embark on an action-packed journey to rescue Branch's kidnapped brother Floyd. Children younger than 6 must be accompanied by an adult.

Puppy Dog Tales (T)

Ages 5-7

Monday, Feb. 24, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

We'll share fun stories about dogs and make a dog puppet to take home.



ADULT SERVICES

(R) Register at oaklawnpl.librarycalendar.com

(T) Tickets required

ADULT CLUBS

Knit & Stitch

**Mondays, Dec. 2 & 16, Jan. 6 & 20,
Feb. 3 & 17, 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

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



Saturday Afternoon Games

**Saturdays, Dec. 7, Jan. 4, Feb. 1,
Drop in from noon-4 p.m.**

Adults and teens, enjoy family-friendly tabletop games with the Moraine Valley Gamers.

Magic: The Gathering Casual Commander Club

**Mondays, Dec. 9, Jan. 13, Feb. 10,
6-8:30 p.m.**

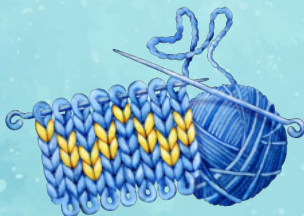
OLCHS teacher Eric Kallenborn leads all levels, adults and teens, in casual play of Commander. Feel free to bring a competitive deck or use ours.



The Yarnery Club

**Tuesdays, Dec. 10, Jan. 14 & 28,
Feb. 11 & 25, 2-3 p.m.**

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



Debt Club

Tuesdays, Dec. 10, Jan. 14, Feb. 11, 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.

Southside Filmmakers

**Tuesdays, Dec. 10, Jan. 14, Feb. 11,
6-7:30 p.m.**

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



Oak Lawn Writers' Group

**Saturdays, Dec. 14 & 28, Jan. 11 & 25, Feb. 8 & 22,
10 a.m.-1 p.m.**

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

English Together (ESL)

Mondays, Jan. 13-Feb. 24, 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.



Movie Matinees

"Ordinary Angels" (2024, PG, 116 minutes)

Friday, Dec. 6, 2 p.m.

"A Very English Christmas" (2023, PG, 90 minutes)

Friday, Dec. 20, 2 p.m.

"Longing" (2024, R, 111 minutes)

Friday, Jan. 10, 2 p.m.

"Horizon: An American Saga—Chapter 1" (2024, R, 180 minutes)

Friday, Jan. 31, 2 p.m.

"Float" (2024, PG-13, 100 minutes)

Friday, Feb. 14, 2 p.m.

"Big George Foreman" (2023, PG-13, 129 minutes)

Friday, Feb. 28, 2 p.m.

ADULT PROGRAMS

3D Snowflakes

Thursday, Dec. 5, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 13, 4-5 p.m.

Make easy cut and paste 3D snowflakes that you can hang for seasonal decoration or give as gifts. We'll do different snowflakes each session.



Holiday Cheeseboard (R)

Monday, Dec. 9, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Join Certified Cheese Professional Meredith Meder to learn how to buy, cut, plate and design a holiday cheese board! A \$5 deposit is required to complete registration.



There's Hope—Getting Out of Debt

Tuesday, Dec. 10, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Learn the basics of paying off debt, saving money and building wealth. Leader Raymond Schwarzkopf is certified by the Dave Ramsey Financial Coaching team.

Make Your Own Bows

Thursday, Dec. 19, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

'Tis the season of giving presents, and everything is prettier tied with a bow. Practice two simple bows and take some home to adorn your own holiday packages.

Origami Contest (R)

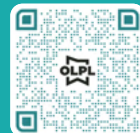
**Take-home kits & activity table
available starting Thursday, Jan. 2**

TUTTLE

Develop skills in the Japanese art of paper folding! Adults and teens can register for a take-home kit or pick up their instructions and paper from our origami activity tables. Enter two folded creations: a crane and a design of your choice. Entries will be displayed on the second floor. Prizes will go to the top three patron favorites.

Submissions are due at the Adult Services Desk on the second floor by **Friday, Jan. 17 at 5:30 p.m.**

This contest is co-sponsored by Tuttle Publishing. Join us for other origami and Japanese cultural programs in January.



Origami Workshop

Thursday, Jan. 9, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Enjoy origami with teacher Ty Yamamoto from the Japanese Culture Center. He'll give you an introduction to origami and assist in creating your entry for OLPL's Origami Contest.



Martial Arts Demonstration

Wednesday, Jan. 15, 6:30-8 p.m.

Discover the historical and cultural background of Japanese swordsmanship in this demo of Katori Shinto Ryu by Rob Dillon and Flowering Dogwood Martial Arts Way. Any participation in the demonstration is at the patron's own risk.



Origami Foldathon

Friday, Jan. 17, 4-5:30 p.m.

Enjoy companionship as we fold together and drink green tea. Origami paper and directions will be provided, but there will be no active instruction. Submissions for the Origami Contest close after this program.

Origami Exhibit

Wednesday, Jan. 22-Friday, Jan. 31, All day

Visit the Origami Exhibit on the second floor and vote for your favorites.



Winter Blues

Wednesday, Jan. 22, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Enjoy good cheer with cookies, cider and NAMI South Suburbs. They'll discuss signs and symptoms of mental health disorders, and resources to get help if you're feeling low.

Reptile Roadshow (T)

Wednesday, Jan. 29, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Adults and teens are invited to Ali's Reptile Roadshow! Featuring reptiles and bugs from crocodiles to man-eating pythons, tarantulas to cockroaches, this presentation breaks down the boundaries of the world's most misunderstood creatures.

Tickets are required. Pick up your free tickets at the Adult Services Desk (limit two per person) starting **Monday, Jan. 27**. Standbys may fill empty seats prior to start time.



Crunchyroll Club: Anime Club for Adults

Thursday, Jan. 30, 7-8:30 p.m.

Enjoy Japanese anime and snacks with other fans and newbies.



Investment Pro Tips

Saturday, Feb. 1, 11 a.m.-noon

Max Dunne of Edward Jones gives pro tips about Morningstar and Value Line, two great investment resources available at the Library.



eBooks, eAudioBooks and Library Apps

Monday, Feb. 3, 7-8 p.m.

Librarian Emily Bettcher will show you how to enjoy the thousands of eBooks and eAudiobooks available on the Library's free apps and assist you in creating your account. Bring your Oak Lawn Library card and a device.

Great Dates and Romance

Wednesday, Feb. 5, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Join matchmaker and dating coach Sheila Maloney as she shares best practices for singles and couples alike to make and strengthen authentic connections.

Victorian Valentines (R)

Friday, Feb. 7, 4-5 p.m.

Cut and paste some lovely handmade Valentines to give to your loved ones. A \$5 deposit is required to complete registration.



Essential Legal Documents

Thursday, Feb. 13, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Lawyer Caroline Smith will go over the essential legal documents every adult should have in place. Topics include wills, powers of health and attorney, and using online forms versus meeting with a lawyer.

Trivia

Wednesday, Feb. 19, 7-8:30 p.m.

Challenge yourself with random facts and unknown figures solo or in teams of up to four. There will be prizes for the top three teams.

Body and Soul: A Library Spa Day (R)

Saturday, Feb. 22

Escape from stress through a symphony of the senses featuring sound, color, aroma and taste. Come for one or all three sessions. Only the 2 p.m. program requires registration.

1 p.m. Flowers for the Soul: Local floral designer Sue Fitzgerald will demonstrate bouquet arrangement. Three lucky winners will take home a display arrangement!

2 p.m. Aguas Frescas Mexicanas (R): Chef Violeta Trujeque will demonstrate and send you home with recipes for refreshing drinks. We'll also have coffee and cookies. A \$5 deposit is required to complete registration.

3 p.m. Self-Care with Beautiful Sounds: Join us for guided meditation with gongs, amethyst, lavender oil, and singing bowls. Led by certified yoga instructor and sound healing practitioner Gail Morales.

Free Streaming Media with Kanopy

Monday, Feb. 24, 7-8 p.m.

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



TEEN SERVICES

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

 Register at oaklawnpl.librarycalendar.com

RECURRING PROGRAMS



Monday Night Gaming

Mondays
5-8 p.m.



Anime Club

Tuesdays
6-8 p.m.



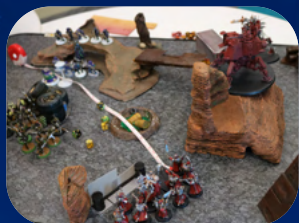
Movie Night Wednesday

Wednesdays
6-8 p.m.



Dungeons & Dragons Club

First & third Thursdays
5-8 p.m.



Wargaming Club

Second & fourth Thursday
4-6 p.m.



Friday Crafternoon

Fridays
4-5 p.m.

DECEMBER

Egg Drop

Thursday, Dec. 12, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Can you save your egg as it plummets to the ground? Find out!



Teen Trivia

Thursday, Dec. 26, 6-7 p.m.

Test your niche knowledge!



JANUARY

Harry Potter Marathon

Friday, Jan. 3, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Cozy up and revel in the Wizarding World of Harry Potter as we show the first 3 films.



Cuppa & a Chapter

Monday, Jan. 13, 4-6 p.m.

Come blend your own tea and enjoy a quiet reading hour.

Fandom Guess Who

Thursday, Jan. 23, 6-7 p.m.

Can you figure out your fandom favorites first?



FEBRUARY

Stop Motion Tutorial

Thursday, Feb. 13, 6-8:45 p.m.

Discover the fundamentals of crafting a stop motion film, and make a cooperative short.



Teen Trivia

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

Test your niche knowledge!

COMPUTER CENTER

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



TECH HELP HOUR

Mondays 2-3 p.m., excluding Dec. 23 & 30, Jan. 20

Drop in for assistance with your computer, smartphone or other device at this weekly help session.

Artificial Intelligence

Tuesdays, Dec. 10, Jan. 14 & Feb. 11, 2-3 p.m.

Get introduced to artificial intelligence and learn how you can use it.



Cricut Coaster Craft

Thursdays, Dec. 12, Jan. 9 & Feb. 13, 6-7:30 p.m.

Decorate a coaster with infusible ink designs created using Cricut.

Publisher Basics

Friday, Dec. 13, 1-2 p.m.

Learn to create, save, open, print and make changes to documents in Microsoft Publisher.



Online Shopping

Tuesday, Dec. 17, 6-7 p.m.

Discover tips for shopping safely online.

Smartphone Basics

Wednesdays, Dec. 18, Jan. 15 & Feb. 19, 2-3 p.m.

Bring in your device and learn how to call, text, download apps, and take and share pictures.

Cellphone Social Hour

Thursdays, Dec. 19, Jan. 16 & Feb. 20, 2-3 p.m.

Ask your questions and learn with others at this smartphone tech help hour.

Language Learning Online

Fridays, Dec. 20, Jan. 31 & Feb. 28, 1-2 p.m.

Prepare for your worldly travels this year with OLPL's language learning resources and databases that offer more than just English text.

Cricut Club

Saturday, Jan. 4, 1-3 p.m.

Bring your Cricut and share your creativity at this hands-on crafting hour.

Internet Safety

Thursday, Jan. 23, 2-3 p.m.

Identify common scams and learn best practices for staying safe online.

Create with Canva

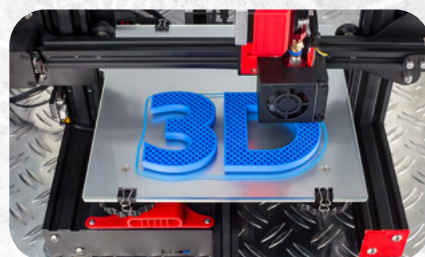
Tuesday, Feb. 4, 6-7 p.m.

Discover how you can create quick and professional-looking designs using Canva.

3D Printing Basics

Tuesday, Feb. 25, 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.



Word Basics

Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2-3 p.m.

Learn to create, save, open, print and make changes to documents in Microsoft Word.

Word Advanced

Sunday, Dec. 15, 1-2 p.m.

Get creative with advanced design features in Microsoft Word.



Excel Basics

Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2-3 p.m.

Track and analyze data using spreadsheets in Microsoft Excel.

Excel Advanced

Tuesday, Jan. 21, 6-7 p.m.

Learn formatting techniques, workbook printing options, and tools for formulas and equations. Requires basic computer skills.



PowerPoint Basics

Thursday, Feb. 6, 2-3 p.m.

Learn to create slides, use templates, insert images and more in Microsoft's slideshow presentation software.

PowerPoint Advanced

Sunday, Feb. 9, 1-2 p.m.

Add something special to your next presentation! Learn advanced features of PowerPoint to make your slideshow stand out. Requires basic computer skills.



D&D 3D Printing

Sunday, Jan. 26, 1-2 p.m.

Use Hero Forge to create a custom miniature tabletop character figure for Dungeons and Dragons.

D&D Online Resources

Thursday, Jan. 30, 6-7 p.m.

Level up your Dungeons and Dragons gameplay with online tools like Roll20 and D&D Beyond.



BOOK CLUBS

WITH THE OAK LAWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

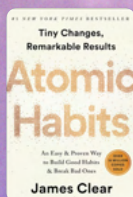
Join us for in-person book discussions

REFRESHING READS

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



"The Christmas Town"
by Donna VanLiere
Tuesday, Dec. 17



"Atomic Habits"
by James Clear
Tuesday, Jan. 28



"Romantic Comedy"
by Curtis Sittenfeld
Tuesday, Feb. 25

20'S/30'S AT HEART

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



"A Winter in
New York"
by Josie Silver
Thursday, Dec. 12



"The Measure"
by Nikki Erlick
Thursday, Jan. 9



"The Rom-Commers"
by Katherine Center
Thursday, Feb. 13

EXPLORING THE OUTER LIMITS (SCI-FI SHORT STORIES)

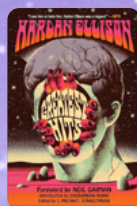
With Roger Burns
and Tom Javorcic
Book Nook, 7 p.m.



"The Repairer
of Reputations"
by Robert W.
Chambers
Wednesday, Dec. 4



"A Very Old Man with
Enormous Wings"
by Gabriel
Garcia Marquez
Wednesday, Jan. 8



"Paladin of the
Lost Hour"
by Harlan Ellison
Wednesday, Feb. 5

MANGA +

With Monika Fudali
Second Floor Book
Club Nook, 7 p.m.



"Chainsaw Man Vol. 1"
by Tatsuki Fujimoto
Wednesday, Dec. 18



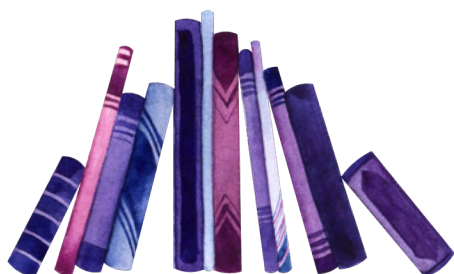
"Sakamoto Days Vol. 1"
by Yuto Suzuki
Wednesday, Jan. 22



"JoJo's Bizarre
Adventure,
Part 1, Volume 1:
Phantom Blood"
by Hirohiko Araki
Wednesday, Feb. 19

BOOK NERDS BOOK BOX

The first 20 Oak Lawn cardholders who register by **Thursday, Dec. 19** will get a personalized book box with two to three library books and other goodies at the beginning of January.



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: Bridgerton Soiree!

Saturday, Jan. 25, 11 a.m.

Join members of the Hundreds Club for a decadent soiree including light refreshments and Bridgerton trivia. Wear costume jewelry, a fancy hairdo, gloves or something else inspired by the show to be entered in our raffle.



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

FREE MOVIE SCREENINGS
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MOVIE SCREENINGS

"The Holdovers"

(2023, R, 133 minutes)

Monday, Dec. 16, 2 p.m.

This best picture nominee tells the story of a disagreeable schoolteacher, Paul, who ends up staying at school during Christmas break to supervise holdover students who can't travel home for the holidays. Full of hijinks, Paul and new friends celebrate Christmas in their own unique way.

"Killers of the Flower Moon"

(2023, R, 206 minutes)

Monday, Jan. 20, 1 p.m.

In the 1920s, innocent members of the Osage Indigenous American tribe suffer from a series of unusual, inexplicable murders. This film is an Academy Award best picture nominee and based on a critically acclaimed book. This is a long movie: please note the earlier start time!

"The Fall Guy"

(2024, PG-13, 125 minutes)

Monday, Feb. 17, 2 p.m.

Ryan Gosling plays a stuntman, and fresh off an almost career-ending accident, this working-class hero must track down a missing movie star, solve a conspiracy and try to win back the love of his life while still doing his day job. What could possibly go right?



FREE CONCERTS

Acapella Fellas Holiday Singalong

Sunday, Dec. 8, 1 p.m.



Saddle Shoe Sisters

Sunday, Jan. 12, 1 p.m.



Black History Month Jazz Concert

Sunday, Feb. 9, 1 p.m.

BOOK/SHORT STORY DISCUSSION GROUP

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

Book Discussion: Meeting Room C, 1 p.m.

Short Story Discussion: Mary Nelson Room, 1 p.m.

Books

"Small Things Like These"

by Claire Keegan

Wednesday, Dec. 18

"Huckleberry Finn"

by Mark Twain

Wednesday, Jan. 22

"In the Houses of Their Dead"

by Terry Alford

Wednesday, Feb. 26

Short Stories

"Christmas Day in the Morning"

by Pearl S. Buck

Wednesday, Dec. 4

"The Snow of '67"

from "The Drunkard's Son"

by Dennis Foley

Wednesday, Jan. 8

"Houston Incident"

from "Fourteen for Tonight"

by Steve Allen

Wednesday, Feb. 12

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Attn: Membership
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Oak Lawn, IL 60453

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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)**

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Tuesday, Dec. 24 & Wednesday, Dec. 25
Christmas Holiday

Tuesday, Dec. 31 & Wednesday, Jan. 1
New Year's Holiday

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SANTA'S CHRISTMAS CAFE!

The Oak Lawn Public Library is excited to present
Santa's Christmas Cafe!

Before visiting with Santa on the Green, guests are invited to warm up with cocoa and enjoy a holiday atmosphere. Children can also take home a fun Christmas craft to decorate.

Join us on Saturday, Dec. 7, from noon-3 p.m.

Craft supplies are available while they last!