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Oak Lawn
Public Library
Newsletter





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PROGRAM CALENDARS

In the previous newsletter, we mentioned that the Library was switching over to a new calendar system. We're happy to say it's up and running! We hope you find the new calendar easier to navigate and informative. You can access the new calendar on our website by clicking **Calendar** under the Programs tab, scan the QR code below or go to:

oaklawnpl.librarycalendar.com.

If you prefer your programs in print, we have returned to our previous newsletter format. So whether you like our programming info digitally or printed, we have you covered!



UPDATES FROM THE LAST EDITION

By Carol Williams, Director of the Oak Lawn Public Library



Per the Village, parking lot and street resurfacing along parking lot and street resurfacing along Cook Ave./Dumke Dr. has been postponed to 2025. Also, demolition of the 5210 Building is still planned but with no definitive date that we are aware of at this time. When that project does begin, parking in the Cook Ave. lot will be diminished until the area is safe to use.

Our drive-thru window project is experiencing supply-chain delays and is taking longer than anticipated to complete. We do not have a completion date to share at this time, but know that we are still working on the project and will soon have a drive-up window that will allow patrons to pick-up their hold items from the convenience of their vehicles.

DURING THE SUMMER

The Library experienced a severe internet outage in July that left the building without internet service for three weeks. During that time, public computer access, Wi-Fi, faxing, our website, staff mail and phones were impacted. We were able to get emergency connectivity for our checkout processes to continue to allow patrons to check items out while the problem was being worked on. Staff used hotspots and their personal devices to gather information, stay connected and help visitors when needed. But through it all, our doors remained open, study rooms were still in use, the majority of programs went on as planned, and patrons were still able to put items on hold and check out their materials. With any difficult situation, you can see where your strengths and weaknesses are and you have the opportunity to improve upon them. I would like to thank all the staff at the Oak Lawn Public Library for showing up each day and continuing to serve the community in every way they could during the outage. I would like to thank the Library Board of Trustees for their patience and faith in us to get back on track. And I would most especially like to thank you, our community and users, for continuing to visit us and support us. You are the reason we are here.

COMING THIS FALL

I am excited to share that for the third consecutive year, we will host the OLPL Trick-or-Treat event on Sunday, Oct. 27 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. We all had such a great time with the kids and families that visited that we are thrilled to do it again! Get your costumes and your candy bags ready. We'll be waiting for you.

New this fall, OLPL is partnering with the Cook County Clerk's Office to host early voting for the 2024 presidential election. Dates and times are listed on the following page as well as displayed in our online calendar of events. Save yourself the struggle to get to your polling place on election day; stop in the Library and cast your early vote between Oct. 21 and Nov. 4. Voting will be available to Suburban Cook County residents (excluding Chicago).

AROUND THE LIBRARY

OLPL HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREAT

All ages

Sunday, Oct. 27, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Get ready for a fang-tastic time at our annual OLPL Halloween Trick-or-Treat event! Join us for a spooky, fun-filled day of Halloween activities and yummy treats. This event is open to all ages, so bring the whole family to enjoy the fun and frights. Don't forget to bring your trick-or-treat bag, your favorite costume and your Halloween spirit. It's going to be a boo-tiful time for everyone at the Library!

OLPL IS YOUR NEWEST LOCATION FOR EARLY VOTING IN SUBURBAN COOK COUNTY!

For the Nov. 5, 2024 presidential election, traditional early voting will take place Oct. 21-Nov. 4 in the Library's lower level—Meeting Room C.

For more information about early voting in Suburban Cook County, visit:
www.cookcountyclerkil.gov/elections/ways-to-vote/early-voting

MONDAYS—FRIDAYS

Oct. 21-Oct. 25

9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Oct. 28-Nov. 1

9 a.m.-7 p.m.

Nov. 4

9 a.m.-7 p.m.

SATURDAYS

Oct. 26

9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Nov. 2

9 a.m.-5 p.m.

SUNDAYS

Oct. 27

10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Nov. 3

10 a.m.-4 p.m.



SENIOR PROGRAMMING



Register online at
oaklawnpl.librarycalendar.com



Fall in Love with Bingo (R)

Tuesdays, Sept. 3, Oct. 1 & Nov. 5

10-11 a.m., Café

Calling all Bingo lovers! Winners will receive a special surprise sponsored by JenCare Senior Medical Center at 6101 W. 95th St Oak Lawn, IL 60453. 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.

Alzheimer's & Dementia Support Group

Mondays, Sept. 9, Oct. 14 & Nov. 11

6:30-8:30 p.m., Café

An opportunity for family members, friends and caregivers to meet regularly and share their feelings, thoughts and experiences 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.



Wits Workout (R)

Tuesday, Sept. 24

10-11 a.m., Café

Did you know that social connectedness and intellectual engagement are two factors that contribute to your brain's health? Join us at Wits Workout where you'll engage in interactive puzzles and games and learn what you can do in your daily life to keep your brain healthy!



The program, developed by the University of Illinois Extension, is funded in part by the AgeOptions Library CARES ARPA grant. Light refreshments will be provided.

Who's Got Game? (R)

Tuesday, Sept. 10 – Wooden Bookmark Craft

Tuesday, Sept. 17 – All Game Day: Senior's Choice

Tuesday, Oct. 8 – Mini Canvas Fall Painting

Tuesday, Oct. 15 – Pumpkin Ornament

Tuesday, Nov. 12 – Blast from the Past Trivia

Tuesday, Nov. 19 – Mini Canvas Tote Bags (Meeting Room A)

10-11 a.m., Café

Get ready for games and crafts at this fun senior social hour. Light refreshments will be served. Those who attend will be entered to win a coupon for a sweet treat sponsored by Nothing Bundt Cakes at 10912 S. Cicero Ave, Oak Lawn, IL 60453. For any questions, please contact Samantha Prado, Customer Services Associate, at 708-422-4990 ext. 508 or sprado@olpl.org.

Supplies for this program are partially funded via the AgeOptions Library CARES ARPA grant.

Yoga for Adults Ages 60 and Over (R)

Wednesdays, Sept. 25, Oct. 9 & Nov. 13

1-2 p.m., Meeting Room B

Please join Gail Morales of Blissful Light for a fun and engaging beginner's yoga class. The class is designed for participants to sit on mats on the floor. Please bring your own mat, if possible. Limited to 25 participants. This program is funded by the AgeOptions Library CARES ARPA grant. Attendees participate at their own risk.



SENIOR PROGRAMMING

PROGRAMS WITH ADVOCATE HEALTH CARE

Obesity and Overweight: The Basics of Treatment (R)

Wednesday, Sept. 18

6:30-7:30 p.m., Café and online via YouTube

Please join us to hear from Dr. Theresa Schwab about treatments related to obesity. Please register if you plan to attend in person. The program will also be streamed online via YouTube: youtube.com/live/PgaciC-KUfc



PROGRAMS WITH THE SOCIETY OF FINANCIAL AWARENESS (SOFA)

Social Security & Medicare Basics (R)

Wednesday, Oct. 9 or Wednesday, Oct. 23

6:30-7:30 p.m., Meeting Room B

Ray Kozicki, financial advisor, will cover several prevalent topics related to Social Security and Medicare. These include:

- Filing strategies
- Factors to consider when producing income
- Determining how to create the proper income plan with social security and retirement assets
- Understanding the different parts and costs of Medicare
- Discovering how Medicare works and how it will be affected during retirement

Due to the popularity of these programs, we are hosting the same program on two separate dates.

The Society of Financial Awareness (SOFA) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit public benefit corporation whose mission is to provide financial education across America, one community at a time.



PROGRAMS WITH OASIS SENIOR ADVISORS

Senior Care and Financial Strategies (R)

Wednesday, Oct. 16

2-3 p.m., Café

Please join Claire Nawrocki and Nora Hernandez from Equitable Financial and Julianne Rizzo, RN from Oasis Senior Advisors, experts in the areas of finance and senior living, for a discussion on senior care costs and strategies on how to plan for it.





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.

Registration starts 10 days before the date of the program.

SEPTEMBER

Pirate Science (R)

Monday, Sept. 16
4:15-5:30 p.m.

Group Volunteering: Youth Services Cleanup

Wednesday, Sept. 18
4:30-5:30 p.m.

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

Stuffed Animal Campout (R)

Tuesday, Sept. 24
4:15-5:30 p.m.

OCTOBER

Group Volunteering: Cards for Hospitalized Kids

Monday, Oct. 14
2-3 p.m.

Earn community service time by making cards for Cards for Hospitalized Kids, a non-profit that sends cards to children in hospitals throughout the year.

Edible Haunted House (R)

Friday, Oct. 25
4:15-5:30 p.m.

OLPL Halloween (R)

Sunday, Oct. 27
10:45 a.m.-2:15 p.m.

Halloween Storytime (R)

Tuesday, Oct. 29
4:15-5:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER

Sew a Stuffie (R)

Saturday, Nov. 9
9:45-11:15 a.m.

Live Clue (R)

Wednesday, Nov. 13
4:15-5:45 p.m.

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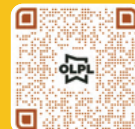




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Doors to our programs close 10 minutes after the start of the program.

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



STORYTIMES

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

Baby Storytime (T)

Ages 6-24 months with an adult

Tuesdays, Sept. 17 & 24, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, Nov. 12 & 19
9:30-9:50 a.m.

Toddler Storytime (T)

Ages 2-3 with an adult

Wednesdays, Sept. 18 & 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, Nov. 13 & 20
9:30-10 a.m.

OR

Thursdays, Sept. 19 & 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31, Nov. 14 & 21
9:30-10 a.m.

Preschool Storytime (T)

Ages 3-5

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

Wednesdays, Sept. 18 & 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, Nov. 13 & 20
1-1:30 p.m.

OR

Thursdays, Sept. 19 & 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Nov. 14 & 21
10:15-10:45 a.m.

PROGRAMS

Pirate Science (T)

Ages 8-10

Monday, Sept. 16, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Set sail for science as we challenge pirate myths, work with one eye and create coded treasure maps!



Chess Club

Ages 6 & up

Thursdays, Sept. 19 & 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31, Nov. 7 & 21
4:30-5:30 p.m.

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

Storybook Yoga (T)

Ages 3-5 with an adult

Fridays, Sept. 20, Oct. 18 & Nov. 8, 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.



Live Clue (T)

Ages 11-14

Friday, Sept. 20, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Ages 8-10

Wednesday, Nov. 13, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

You are a detective racing against time and other players to solve a crime: whodunnit, where and how?



Kids in the Kitchen (T)

Ages 6-10

Quesadillas & Salsa (T)

Saturday, Sept. 21

10-11 a.m. OR 2-3 p.m.

Tortilla Pizzas (T)

Wednesday, Oct. 16

4:30-5:30 p.m. OR 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Puppy Chow (T)

Saturday, Nov. 23

10-11 a.m. OR 2-3 p.m.

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



Pokémon Kids Club



Ages 7 & up

Mondays, Sept. 23, Oct. 21 & Nov. 25, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

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

Stuffed Animal Campout (T)

Ages 5-7

Tuesday, Sept. 24, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Bring your favorite stuffed animal for an indoor camping adventure where we'll hear stories, make s'mores and create bandanas for our stuffies!



Nintendo Switch Gaming (T)

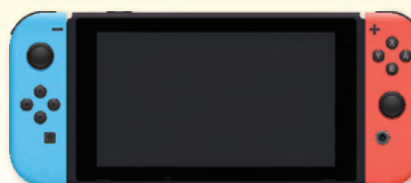
Ages 8-10

Friday, Sept. 27, Wednesday, Oct. 30 & Monday, Nov. 18
4:30-5:30 p.m.

Ages 11-14

Monday, Sept. 30, Fridays, Oct. 18 & Nov. 8
4:30-5:30 p.m.

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



YOUTH SERVICES



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



Touch a Truck

For families

Saturday, Sept. 28, 10 a.m.-noon

Explore a fire truck, ambulance, police cruiser and many other specialized vehicles from local businesses and organizations thanks to the combined efforts of the Library and the Village of Oak Lawn.



Messy Art: Shapes (T)

Ages 2-3 with an adult

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

Use paint to experiment with shapes! Dress for a mess!

Spoon Man

For families

Wednesday, Oct. 2, 6:30-7:15 p.m.

Jim Cruise is the Spoon Man, and you'll be amazed at what he can do with two ordinary household tablespoons! His interactive show will feature music, jokes and an opportunity for everyone to get "spooned!"



Scissors Skills (T)

Ages 3-5 with an adult

Friday, Oct. 4, 10-10:30 a.m.

Learn the most comfortable and efficient way to hold scissors while you make a fun craft!



Old MacDonald Had No Pigs? (T)

Ages 8-10

Friday, Oct. 4, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Listen to a fractured fairy tale version of an old favorite and make your own Grinch the Witch!

WindyCityLUG (Lego Users Group): Level Up Your Lego-Building!

For families with children ages 5 & up

Sunday, Oct. 6, 1-2 p.m.

Interested in becoming a better Lego builder? WindyCityLUG is dedicated to growing creativity and community among Chicago-area Lego builders. They'll be sharing techniques and tips to help you design your own unique creations and take your building to the next level. Come ready to ask questions, learn and be inspired! We'll have plenty of Legos for hands-on practice!



Baby Romp (T)

Ages 6-24 months with an adult

Friday, Oct. 11 & Monday, Nov. 11, 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!

DIY Early Learning Activities (T)

For parents of children ages 18-36 months.

Grownups only, please!

Tuesday, Oct. 15, 6-7 p.m.

Looking for new learning activities for your child? Discover how to make easy DIY early learning tools that your children can play with at home.

Meet a Firefighter (T)

For families

Saturday, Oct. 19, 11-11:45 a.m.

Celebrate National Fire Prevention Month by sharing a story with a firefighter and learning about their job, their gear and their advice on staying safe!



Tech Time: Using Block Coding to Program Ozobots (T)

Ages 11-14

Tuesday, Oct. 22, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Learn the coding program Ozoblockly while programming our Ozobot robots to do a variety of tasks.



Creepy Carrots! (T)

Ages 5-7

Wednesday, Oct. 23, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Can you keep the creepy carrots contained? We'll read "Creepy Carrots" by Jason Reynolds, then create our own fences to keep the creepy carrots from escaping!



Interactive Movie Kits

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

"Coco" (2017, PG, 105 minutes)

Available starting Thursday, Oct. 24

"Lilo and Stitch" (2002, PG, 85 minutes)

Available starting Thursday, Nov. 21



Parachute Play (T)

Ages 1-3 with an adult

Friday, Oct. 25, 9:30-10 a.m.

Join us for toddler music and movement time!

Edible Haunted House (T)

Ages 8-10

Friday, Oct. 25, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Practice your culinary construction skills and make an edible haunted house! All edible supplies will be provided.

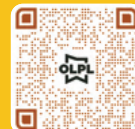




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Taste-Off: Halloween Favorites (T)

Ages 11-14

Monday, Oct. 28, 6:30-7:15 p.m.

Calling all candy detectives! Identify different mystery Halloween candies and rank your favorites.



Halloween Storytime (T)

Ages 5-7

Tuesday, Oct. 29, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Wear your Halloween costume! We'll read our favorite Halloween stories and create a spooky Halloween craft.



Lego Drop-In

For families

Monday, Nov. 4, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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

Family Storytime

For families

Wednesday, Nov. 6, 6:30-7 p.m.

Join us for bath time stories, songs and fun!

Sew a Stuffed Owl (T)

Ages 8-10

Saturday, Nov. 9, 10-11 a.m.

Learn sewing safety, how to sew on a button and how to do a basic running stitch as you make your own stuffed owl!



Let's Play Charades! (T)

Ages 5-7

Tuesday, Nov. 12, 4:30-5 p.m.

Act out some of your favorite characters, people and things!

Family Reading Night: Firefly Family Theatre – The Harvest Moon

For families with children ages 2-7

Thursday, Nov. 14, 6-7 p.m.

Celebrate early literacy with us at Firefly Theatre's interactive performance! We'll sing, dance and play under the Harvest Moon with Spark the Firefly and all her friends.



Wreck This Journal (T)

Ages 11-14

Friday, Nov. 15, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

You don't need to be an artist to create a wreck journal! Participants will receive a notebook to keep and create their very own wreck journal, along with silly prompts and decorations.

Gingerbread House Contest

For families with children of all ages

Submissions should have a footprint no larger than 18 by 18 inches.

- **Monday, Nov. 18-Monday, Dec. 2:** Drop off your gingerbread house at the Youth Services Desk, and fill out a permission slip to display your entry.
- **Tuesday, Dec. 3-Tuesday, Dec. 10:** Vote for your favorite gingerbread house!
- **Wednesday, Dec. 11:** We'll announce the top three entries! The three winning families will each receive a 12-inch Squishmallow.
- **Thursday, Dec. 19-Monday, Dec. 23:** Pickup period.



Bluey Play Centers

Ages 3-5 with an adult

Monday, Nov. 18, 10-11 a.m.

Just like Bluey and Bingo, we'll be playing Keepy Uppy, Bus, Grannies, Shops and more! *Please note: Bluey will not be making an appearance.*



Taste-Off: Chips! (T)

Ages 8-10

Tuesday, Nov. 19, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Bring your taste buds and a bottle of water: you'll need both as we sample a variety of chip flavors and vote on our favorites!

Messy Art: Beautiful Oops! (T)

Ages 3-5

Friday, Nov. 22, 10-10:30 a.m.

Great art can come out of messy materials! Dress for a mess!

Thanksgiving Gratitude Tree Craft Drop-In

For families with children ages 5 & up

Sunday, Nov. 24, noon-2 p.m.

Make a centerpiece tree that will be a conversation starter at your Thanksgiving dinner, when family members will write the things they are grateful for on its autumn leaves. While supplies last.

Fall Movie: "Toy Story 4" (2019, G, 100 minutes)

Recommended for ages 5 & up.

Children under age 5 must be accompanied by an adult.

Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2-3:45 p.m.



ADULT SERVICES



Register at oaklawnpl.librarycalendar.com

ADULT AND TEEN TINY ART SHOW

Using a 4 by 4 inch canvas provided by the Library, adult and teen patrons are invited to create an original work of art on the theme of "Home" using paint, markers, pencils or mixed media. Our judges will assess submissions on originality, technique and expression of the theme. The best art works will receive prizes.

Register for the Take Home Tiny Canvas program, pick up your canvas starting Tuesday, Sept. 9 and get creative! Turn in your complete and dry canvas to the second floor Adult Services Desk by Tuesday, Oct. 1. Tiny Art canvases will be displayed on the second floor starting at our opening reception on Wednesday, Oct. 9 at 6:30 p.m. until Friday, Oct. 25.

Acorn to Oak Studios is partnering with the Library for this event.



ADULT PROGRAMS

Take-Home Program: Tiny Canvas (R)

*Tuesday, Sept. 9 – Monday, Sept. 16,
while supplies last*

Teens and adults can pick up a free 4-inch canvas that can be decorated in any media for our Tiny Art Show exhibit and contest. Return your canvas to the Adult Services Desk before 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 1

How to Prepare Your Home to Sell Quickly

Wednesday, Sept. 18, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Rob Medinger with Keller Williams Realty explains what it takes to prepare your home for sale and how to get top dollar.

Classical Guitar Concert

Friday, Sept. 20, 4-5 p.m.

Oak Lawn favorite Francisco Romero performs again at the Library. Come hear his special blend of classical and Latin American masterpieces.



Tiny Art Pastel Class (R)

Saturday, Sept. 21, 11 a.m.-noon

Artist Patrick Kerrigan walks you through techniques for pastels and helps you create a small piece on the theme of "Home" to enter into our Tiny Art Show.

Healthy Houseplants

Wednesday, Sept. 25, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Join Greg Stack from the Cook County Farm Bureau to learn about selection and care of houseplants. Have a houseplant that's struggling? Bring it in to show our houseplant doctor.



eBooks and Library Apps

Monday, Sept. 30, 7-8 p.m. & Friday, Oct. 18, 4-5 p.m.

Did you know the Library has thousands of eBooks and eAudiobooks on our free apps? Librarian Emily Bettcher assists you in creating your account and shows you how to enjoy our digital resources. Bring your Oak Lawn Library card and your phone or tablet.

Negotiating that Works

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

Gerry Parran has spent 27 years in the corporate world mastering the art of negotiation. He'll give you insights into basic business negotiation tactics and some sure-fire tricks for success.



Tiny Art Show Opening Reception

Wednesday, Oct. 9, 6:30 p.m.

We invite all artists and the public to celebrate the Tiny Art Show! We'll have live music, "tiny" refreshments, prizes and remarks by the judges.

Tiny Art Show Exhibit, "Home"

Thursday, Oct. 10 – Friday, Oct. 25

Visit our Tiny Art Show to see dozens of tiny canvases showcasing the theme of "Home." Participate in the talk-back to leave comments for your favorite artists.

Craft: Mini Book Shelves (R)

Wednesday, Oct. 16, 6-8 p.m.

Express your love of books by making your own itty-bitty bookshelf with miniature world artist Catherine Suchy.



Healthy, Wealthy and Wise

Tuesday, Oct. 22, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

This unique presentation comes from duo Juanita Santillan, a naturopath, and James Kraiss, a certified financial planner. Together they will discuss strategies to optimize your health and financial security.

Inexplicable Creatures of the Heartland

Wednesday, Oct. 30, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Investigative researcher Sam Maranto describes local cryptids including Sasquatch, Dogman, Shimmer Man and the Chicago Mothman.





Solve it Like Sherlock Holmes

On display Monday, Nov. 4 – Monday, Nov. 18

The Sherlock Holmes story "The Adventure of the Illustrious Client" is 100 years old this year. Solve Sherlock Holmes's case on display on the second floor and enter for a raffle drawing.

Human Resources Check-In

Wednesday, Nov. 6, 6:30-7:15 p.m. & 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Human Resources consultant Shantee Hunter offers two sessions: "Discover a career path in Human Resources" at 6:30 p.m., and "The HR check-up for small business employers" at 7:30 p.m., which covers recruiting, onboarding, compliance and employee relations.

An Artist's View of War

Wednesday, Nov. 13, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Artist and Marine Corps veteran Patrick Kerrigan showcases his art including a premier of his short film "Endur" with remarks and a discussion afterward. Light refreshments will be served.



Sherlock's Saturday Afternoon in the Library

Saturday, Nov. 16, 12:30-4 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon of programs or just pop in for one talk. Light refreshments from 2-2:30 p.m.

How to Write a Sherlock Holmes Story

12:30 p.m.

Oak Lawn author and Sherlock Holmes fan George Tackes discusses his and other writers' advice for writing your own Sherlock Holmes story.

The Collector's Guide to Sherlock Holmes

1:30 p.m.

August "Augie" Aleksy, owner of the beloved mystery bookstore Centuries and Sleuths, describes some of the wonders of his extensive Sherlock Holmes collection.

The Enduring Sherlock Holmes and Book Signing

3 p.m.

Sherlock Holmes is one of the most enduring characters in all literature. Award-winning crime fiction author Lori Rader-Day discusses some of the writing craft choices Arthur Conan Doyle made to create stories that continue to engage and excite readers. Lori will sign books after her talk.



Open Mic Night

Wednesday, Nov. 20, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

The Oak Lawn Writers' Group invites performers to share personal works of writing in any genre or works of musical performance. Share your talent or come enjoy the show!



ADULT CLUBS

Magic: The Gathering, Casual Commander Club

**Mondays, Sept. 9, Oct. 14 & Nov. 11
6-8:30 p.m.**

Join Eric Kallenborn and friends to play Commander at a casual level of play. Feel free to bring a competitive deck or use ours. All levels, adults and teens welcome.



The Yarnery Club

**Tuesdays, Sept. 10 & 24, Oct. 8 & 22, Nov. 12 & 26
2-3 p.m.**

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



Southside Filmmakers

**Tuesdays, Sept. 10, Oct. 8 & Nov. 12
6-7:30 p.m.**

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



English Together (ESL)

**Thursdays, Sept. 12 – Nov. 14
10-11 a.m.**

Let's learn English together at this free ESL class for beginning and advanced speakers. Begin anytime! Contact kdonley@olpl.org to learn more.

Oak Lawn Writers' Group

**Saturdays, Sept. 14 & 28,
Oct. 12 & 26, Nov. 9 & 23**

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

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



Saturday Afternoon Games

Saturdays, Sept. 14, Oct. 5 & Nov. 2

Drop in from noon-4 p.m.

Adults and teens are welcome to enjoy family-friendly tabletop games with the Moraine Valley Gamers.

Knit & Stitch

Mondays, Sept. 16, Oct. 7 & 21, Nov. 4 & 18

6:30-7:30 p.m.

BYO needlework projects to the Knit N' Stitch with Jennifer Rodriguez and friends to enjoy conversation and crafting: crocheters, knitters, plus cross-stitchers and embroiderers welcome.



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

WEEKLY 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

Every other Thursday, 5-8 p.m.



Teen Crafternoon

Fridays, 4-5 p.m.



SEPTEMBER

Teen Bridge Challenge

Thursday, Sept. 5, 6-8 p.m.

In this STEM challenge, your team will build a bridge in a time crunch while others do their best to tear down your work.

SAT Practice

Saturday, Sept. 14, 2-4:30 p.m.

Take this opportunity to prepare and run through a timed practice SAT test.

Teen Taste & Rate: Salsa

Thursday, Sept. 19, 5-6 p.m.

Put your taste buds to the test as we try to find the best salsa!



Teen Lord of the Rings Marathon

Saturday, Sept. 21, all day

We're taking the Hobbits to Isengard. Join us as we show "Lord of the Rings: Fellowship of the Ring" (2001, PG-13, 178 minutes) and "Two Towers" (2002, PG-13, 179 minutes) from open to close. Second breakfast included. Join us the following Wednesday, Sept. 25 to conclude the trilogy at Movie Night Wednesday.

OCTOBER

Teen Hollow Books (R)

Thursday, Oct. 3, 6-7 p.m.

Hollow out a book and keep your secrets in a book safe! This craft will involve cutting.



Mock Interview

Friday, Oct. 11, 4-6 p.m.

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

Tarot Reading

Thursday, Oct. 17, 6-7 p.m.

Embrace the season and see what the cards have to say about your fortunes.



Teen Ghost Hunt Lock In (R)

Friday, Oct. 25, 6-10 p.m.

There's something strange in the Library, and we need you to root it out at this after-hours event that is not for the faint of heart.



NOVEMBER

Adulting 101

Thursday, Nov. 14, 5-6:30 p.m.

Life coming at you fast and not sure where to start? Come talk to those who have already done it and can give you some tips to jump-start your upcoming adult life!

Moustache Match Up

Thursday, Nov. 14, 7-8 p.m.

Place your... moustaches?! In this game you will compete to match a moustache up to characters in a variety of famous scenes.



COMPUTER CENTER

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

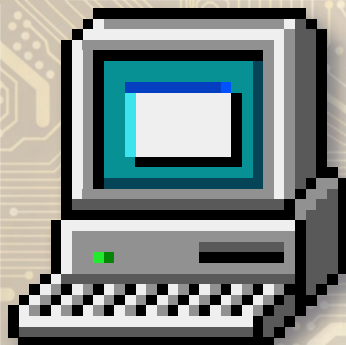


COMPUTER CENTER SURVEY

by *Elaina Dague, Technical Services
Assistant Department Head*

We want you to attend our classes! Please fill out our online survey to help us schedule our programs at times that work with your schedule, as well as tailor our offerings to your needs and interests. Thank you!

Go to: tinyurl.com/olplcc



Tech Help Hour

Mondays, 2-3 p.m.

Excluding Mondays, Oct. 14 & Nov. 11

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

Google Apps and the Cloud

Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2-3 p.m.

Discover what Google has to offer you and learn all about the cloud.

PowerPoint Basics

Wednesdays, Sept. 11, 2-3 p.m.

Learn to create slides, use templates, insert images and more.



Computer Basics

Thursdays, Sept. 12, Oct. 10 & Nov. 7, 2-3 p.m.

Get a basic introduction to computers, including how to use a mouse and keyboard.

Library Catalog

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

Wednesdays, Oct. 9 & Nov. 13, 2-3 p.m.

Discover how to search the SWAN library catalog and place holds.



Smartphone Basics

Wednesdays, Sept. 18, Oct. 16 & Nov. 20, 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, Sept. 19, Oct. 17 & Nov. 21, 2-3 p.m.

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

3D Printing Basics

Tuesdays, Sept. 24, Oct. 15 & Nov. 12, 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, Sept. 25 & Thursday, Oct. 31, 2-3 p.m.

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



Internet Basics

Thursdays, Sept. 26, Oct. 24 & Nov. 14, 2-3 p.m.

Learn how to navigate web pages and find things on the World Wide Web.

Cricut Club

Saturday, Sept. 28, 1-3 p.m., Meeting Room B

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



Create a LinkedIn Profile

Tuesday, Oct. 1, 6-7 p.m.

Discover LinkedIn and create a professional online profile. Requires an email address.

Publisher Basics

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

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

Cricut Design Space

Tuesdays, Oct. 8 & Nov. 5, 6-7 p.m.

Take DIY to the next level with free software Cricut Design Space.



Genealogy Databases

Sunday, Oct. 20, 1-2 p.m.

Join us as we explore OLPL's free genealogy resources!

Excel Basics

Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2-3 p.m.

Track and analyze data using spreadsheets in Microsoft Excel.



Intro to AI

Tuesday, Nov. 19, 6-7 p.m.

Learn what artificial intelligence can do and how you can use it.

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.



"Being Henry"
by Henry Winkler
Tuesday, Sept. 24



"The Southern
Book Club's Guide
to Slaying Vampires"
by Grady Hendrix
Tuesday, Oct. 22



"A Study in
Scarlet Women"
by Sherry Thomas
Tuesday, Nov. 26

MYSTERIES IN THE AFTERNOON

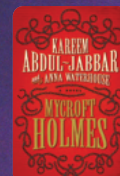
With Kate Donley
Second Floor Book
Club Nook, 4 p.m.



"The Beekeeper's
Apprentice"
by Laurie R. King
Friday, Sept. 13



"Death at Greenway"
by Lori Rader-Day
Friday, Oct. 11



"Mycroft Holmes"
by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar
& Anna Waterhouse
Friday, Nov. 8

20'S/30'S AT HEART

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



"The September
House"
by Carissa Orlando
Thursday, Sept. 12



"The London
Séance Society"
by Sarah Penner
Thursday, Oct. 10



"In the Lives of
Puppets"
by TJ Klune
Thursday, Nov. 14

MANGA BOOK CLUB

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



"Spy x Family, Vol. 1"
by Tatsuya Endo
Wednesday, Sept. 18



"Komi Can't
Communicate, Vol. 1"
by Tomohito Oda
Wednesday, Oct. 16



"The Way of the
Househusband, Vol. 1"
by Kousuke Oono
Wednesday, Nov. 20

EXPLORING THE OUTER LIMITS (SCI-FI SHORT STORIES)

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



"The Women
Men Don't See"
by James Tiptree Jr.
Wednesday, Sept. 11



"Better Living
Through Algorithms"
by Naomi Kritzer
Wednesday, Oct. 9



"The Game of
Rat and Dragon"
by Cordwainer Smith
Wednesday, Nov. 13



BOOK NERDS BOOK BOX

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



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, call 708-422-4990 or visit olpl.beanstack.org

Pajama Night!

Friday, Oct. 4, 6-7:30 p.m., entry from 6-6:15 p.m. only

Teens and adults in the Hundreds Club, stop by in your pj's for some cookies and book discussion on the second floor after the Library closes. We'll have trivia, games and a pajama beauty contest.



FREE MOVIE SCREENINGS

"Bob Marley: One Love"

(2024, PG-13, 107 minutes)

Monday, Sept. 16, 2 p.m.

The film unveils Marley's true essence, presenting the man behind the image through his immortal music, inviting audiences to rediscover his impact in a revealing and captivating journey.



"Mission Impossible: Dead Reckoning Part One"

(2023, PG-13, 163 minutes)

Monday, Oct. 14, 2 p.m.

As enemies encroach from all sides and old alliances sour with betrayal, the skilled Impossible Missions Force agent Ethan Hunt faces the twilight hour of his storied career. Cautioned against pursuing his course of action, Hunt continues to fight for what he believes to be right.



"Sherlock Holmes"

(2009, PG-13, 128 minutes)

Monday, Nov. 4, 2 p.m.

In this exciting adventure directed by Guy Ritchie, Sherlock Holmes puts his strength and intellect to the test as he teams with Watson to battle Lord Blackwood, a formidable new adversary who is determined to destroy England.



FREE CONCERTS

Mariachi Estrellas de Chicago

Sunday, Oct. 20
1-2 p.m.



Eddie Korosa and the Boys and Girl from Illinois

Sunday, Nov. 10
1-2 p.m.



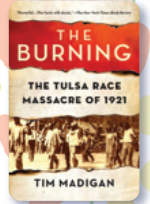
FRIENDS BOOK DISCUSSION

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

"The Burning"

by Tim Madigan

Wednesday, Sept. 25, 1 p.m.
Meeting Room C



"The Clinic"

by Cate Quinn

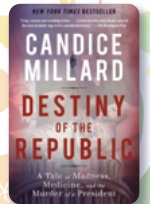
Wednesday, Oct. 23, 1 p.m.
Mary Nelson Room



"Destiny of the Republic: A Tale of Madness, Medicine, and Murders of a President"

by Candice Millard

Wednesday, Nov. 27, 1 p.m.
Meeting Room C



FRIENDS SHORT STORY DISCUSSION

"Down at the Dinghy"

by J.D. Salinger

From "Nine Stories"

Edited by J. Gerald Kennedy
Wednesday, Sept. 11, 1 p.m.
Mary Nelson Room



"The Scent of Cinnamon"

by Charles Lambert

From "The O. Henry Prize Stories of 2007"

Edited by Laura Furman
Wednesday, Oct. 9, 1 p.m.
Meeting Room C



"The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle"

by Arthur Conan Doyle

From "A Christmas Feast Book"

Edited by James Charlton & Barbara Gibson

Wednesday, Nov. 13, 1 p.m.
Mary Nelson Room



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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

Monday, Sept. 2
Labor Day

Friday, Sept. 6 & Saturday, Sept. 7
Village Fall Music Festival

Thursday, Nov. 28 & Friday, Nov. 29
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