





AROUND THE LIBRARY

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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 by going to our website and under the Programs tab click Calendar, or go to oaklawnpl.librarycalendar.com or scan the QR code below.

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!



NEW AND UPCOMING

By Carol Williams, Director of the Oak Lawn Public Library



We've been working on some upgrades to your library! New lobby carpeting has been laid. The space already feels larger and more vibrant. We are in the process of installing a drive-thru pick-up window that will allow card holders to pick up holds from the convenience of their vehicles! Details on the process will follow as we get closer to the launch of

this service in the early fall. The Audio-Visual area on the north side of the lobby will receive new shelving. We are also planning a new centralized location for the Friends of the Library's bookstore. The new space will be easy for Library visitors to see and provide more shelving for the Friends' sale items.

In addition to what is happening indoors, Village improvement projects will impact your visits to the Library this summer. During June, we anticipate a partial closure of the municipal parking lot at 95th and Cook Avenue during the demolition of the 5210 Building. In early to mid-July, the Village plans a resurfacing project that will fully close the parking lot in addition to Cook Avenue alongside the Library and Dumke Drive leading up to the Village Green. During this phase of Village improvements, Library visitors are encouraged to park along the Raymond Avenue side of the building and in the Village Hall parking lots (entrance off Raymond).



AROUND THE LIBRARY: SUMMER READING

READ, RENEW,
REPEAT



ADULT AND TEEN READING CHALLENGE

Saturday, June 1-Thursday, Aug. 1

Ozzy the Otter will lead us on a relaxing summer reading challenge! Log 30 days of reading any books of interest. Along the way, you'll get a free book, Ozzy button and virtual raffle tickets to win cool prizes from local businesses and the Friends of the Library. Readers who complete the challenge will win a DIY butterfly house (while supplies last). Sign up at olpl.beanstack.org, visit the Adult Services desk or call 708 422-4990.

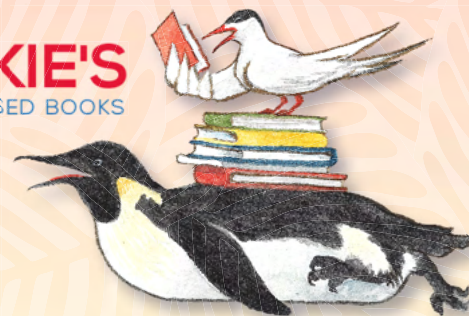
ADULT AND TEEN SUMMER READING KICKOFF: LOCAL AUTHOR SHOWCASE

Wednesday, June 12, 6-8 p.m.

Check out amazing authors from Oak Lawn! We'll have raffle prizes, readings, signed books for sale and great conversation with local writers. If you bring a book to donate, you'll get a raffle ticket for fun prizes!



BOOKIE'S
NEW AND USED BOOKS



YOUTH SERVICES SUMMER READING KICKOFF: TIE-DYE SPECTACULAR!

For families with kids of all ages

Saturday, June 8, 10 a.m.-noon

Celebrate the start of summer by creating a tie-dyed T-shirt! We'll provide design ideas and inspiration; please provide your own items to dye. Dyeing materials available while supplies last. Pending weather: outdoor/indoor.

YOUTH SERVICES SUMMER READING PROGRAM: READ, RENEW, REPEAT

Saturday, June 1-Thursday, Aug. 1

Join at olpl.beanstack.org and pick up a reading log at the Youth Services desk starting June 1.

Koala Club: Birth-Age 3

Read, Write, Sing, Talk and Play! Have a blast with your child while engaging in the five practices of early literacy!

Ages 4-14

Reading is a wonderful way to practice self-improvement and self-preservation. Check out a book, find a cozy spot and read! Read, Renew, Repeat!

Thank you to the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library for their generous support.

MULTI-LIBRARY GEOCACHE

Monday, June 3-Saturday, Aug. 3

Search for a hidden geocache using GPS coordinates and other clues. Each library has a \$25 gift card up for grabs, and every find will get you a drawing entry. Find the official clues at: <https://multilibrarygeocache.weebly.com/>



KOALA CLUB





LEARNING FROM OUR PARTNERS

by Meghan Moran, Assistant Department Head of Customer Services

In the Customer Services department, one of our goals is to bring timely, important and helpful programs to adults ages 60 and over and their families. In part, we do this through our strong partnerships with community groups. We are fortunate enough to work with them to share their expertise with the community.

As a board member and nominating committee chair for Pathlights (formerly known as PLOWS), I learn insights related to all aspects of aging including financial, legal, health, caregiving and about the needed supports for daily living. Through partnership with Advocate Health, I hear from medical professionals about specific aspects related to the aging life cycle as well as their recommendations for prevention as we age. As an AgeOptions grant recipient, I hear from other libraries, as well as aging specialists, about specific issues that older adults encounter. All of these groups bring important and relevant information to the overall aging landscape. Through this knowledge, we bring appropriate programs and services to the community.

We are always looking for reputable partners that will help the older adults in our community. Please feel free to get in touch if you would like to have a conversation about how you can contribute to our overall goal. We would be delighted and look forward to speaking with you!



Alzheimer's & Dementia Support Group

Mondays, June 10, July 8 & Aug. 12, 6:30 p.m., Café

The Alzheimer's & Dementia Support Group allows family members, friends, caregivers and others to share feelings, thoughts and experiences to better cope with the challenges of dementia. **No registration required.**

Wits Workout (R)

Tuesdays, June 25, July 30 & Aug. 27, 10 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)

Tuesdays, June 11 & 18, July 9 & 16,

Aug. 13 & 20, 10-11 a.m., Café

Get ready for games and crafts during this senior social hour. Light refreshments will be served. Supplies for this program are partially funded via the AgeOptions Library CARES ARPA grant.

Yoga for Adults ages 60 and over (R)

Wednesdays, June 19, July 17 &

Aug. 21, 1 p.m., Meeting Room B

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.



Free Kidney & Diabetes Screening (R)

Saturday, June 22, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Meetings Rooms A, B, C

The National Kidney Foundation of Illinois hosts a series of free kidney health screening events. Please pre-register and complete your questionnaire prior to screening.

AARP Smart Driver Course (R)

Wednesday, July 24 & Thursday, July 25,

9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Meeting Room B

The course will provide a review of driving skills and techniques to help you adjust to your driving ability. All participants will receive AARP's revised 2022 edition of the Smart Driver Guidebook.

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. Bring your driver's license and AARP card with you.

Bee Safe in the Garden (R)

Thursday, June 6, 10-11 a.m., Café

Let's learn safety issues and gardening tips and come to grips with our physical challenges. You'll also plant flowers that you can take home.



Senior Craft: DIY Vinyl Clock (R)

Tuesday, July 23, 10-11 a.m., Café

Want to turn something old into something new? Recycle old vinyl records by revamping them into personalized clocks. Supplies provided. Light refreshments will be served.



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP

Our 2024 Membership Drive was a roaring success! Friends of OLPL can boast 184 household memberships, making it one of the most successful Friends organizations in the southwest suburbs.

If you're not yet a member, join the Friends of the Library today! By becoming a member, you'll play a vital role in supporting OLPL's ongoing programming while also receiving perks like discounted Friends' Trips and convenient renewal reminders for next year. Membership is just \$5 for individuals and \$8 for families.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to enrich your library experience and support your community. Pick up a Friends Membership Application at the Library or download the application online at olpl.org/friends.

Questions? Contact Judi Huff at judithhuff5@gmail.com or Margie Michichic at margiemichic@outlook.com.

FREE MOVIE SCREENINGS

"The Color Purple"

(2023, PG-13, 140 minutes)

Tuesday, June 11, 2 p.m.

Musical adaptation of Alice Walker's novel about the lifelong struggles of an African-American woman living in the south during the early 1900s.



"Killers of the Flower Moon"

(2023, R, 206 minutes)

Tuesday, July 9, 2 p.m.

In the 1920s, innocent members of the Osage Indigenous American tribe suffer from a series of unusual, inexplicable murders that capture the attention of the FBI.



"The Boys in the Boat"

(2023, PG-13, 116 minutes)

Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2 p.m.

Based on the bestselling nonfiction book, this inspirational true story follows an underdog rowing team competing for gold at the Summer Olympics in Berlin.



FRIENDS BOOK DISCUSSION

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

"The Age of Miracles"

by Karen Thompson Walker

Wednesday, June 26, 1 p.m.

Meeting Room C

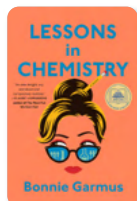


"Lessons in Chemistry"

by Bonnie Garmus

Wednesday, July 24, 1 p.m.

Mary Nelson Room

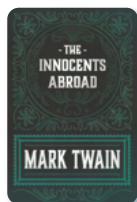


"The Innocents Abroad"

by Mark Twain

Wednesday, Aug. 28, 1 p.m.

Meeting Room C



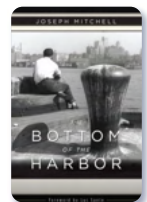
FRIENDS SHORT STORY DISCUSSION

"The Bottom of the Harbor"

by Joseph Mitchell

Wednesday, June 12, 1 p.m.

Mary Nelson Room



"The Summer of the Beautiful White Horse"

by William Saroyan

Wednesday, July 10, 1 p.m.

Mary Nelson Room



"The Blue Geranium"

by Agatha Christie

Wednesday, Aug. 14, 1 p.m.

Mary Nelson Room





MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES (R)

Ages 11-14

Need community service hours for the coming school year? Volunteer to help with the following programs if you enjoy spending time with young children and working independently. For safety, please wear gym shoes.

Registration starts 10 days before the date of the program.



JUNE

Summer Reading Kickoff: Tie-Dye Spectacular! (R)

Saturday, June 8, 9:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Pending weather: outdoor/indoor.

Outdoor Games (R)

Tuesday, June 11, 9:45-11:15 a.m.

Pending weather: outdoor/indoor.

Drop-In Craft: Pet Rocks (R)

Wednesday, June 12, 9:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Bubble Day (R)

Friday, June 14, 9:45-11:15 a.m.

Pending weather: outdoor/canceled.

Drop-In Craft: Grasshead Guys (R)

Tuesday, June 18, 1:45-4:15 p.m.

Chalk It Up! (R)

Wednesday, June 19, 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Pending weather: outdoor/canceled.

Outdoor Water Play (R)

Monday, June 24, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Come prepared to be splashed a bit & bring a towel for drying off! Pending weather: outdoor/canceled.

Drop-In Craft: Patriotic Wreath (R)

Thursday, June 27, 9:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Game Club (R)

Friday, June 28, 1:45-3:15 p.m.



JULY

Preschool Beach Bingo (R)

Tuesday, July 2, 9:45-11:15 a.m.

Beach Bingo (R)

Tuesday, July 2, 1:45-3:15 p.m.

Drop-In Craft: Suncatcher (R)

Monday, July 8, 1:45-4:15 p.m.

Outdoor Games (R)

Thursday, July 11, 9:45-11:15 a.m.

Pending weather: outdoor/indoor.

Chalk It Up! (R)

Wednesday, July 17, 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Pending weather: outdoor/canceled.

Outdoor Water Play (R)

Monday, July 22, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Come prepared to be splashed a bit & bring a towel for drying off! Pending weather: outdoor/canceled.

Drop-In Craft: Toucan (R)

Thursday, July 25, 9:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Drop-In Craft: Swiftie Bracelet (R)

Wednesday, July 31, 1:45-4:15 p.m.





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JUNE

Family Storytime

For families with children of all ages

Tuesday, June 4, 10-10:30 a.m.

Bring a blanket & enjoy stories & songs on the Green. Pending weather: outdoor/indoor.



Nintendo Switch Gaming (T)

Ages 8-10, 1-2 p.m.

Ages 11-14, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 6

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

Summer Movie: "Baby Shark's Big Movie!" (2023, TV-Y, 83 minutes)

Ages 2 & up with an adult

Monday, June 10, 10-11:30 a.m.

In this animated musical, Baby Shark & his family move to Chomp City after Mommy Shark gets a new job.



Summer Movie: "Elemental" (2023, PG, 103 minutes)

Ages 5 & up

Monday, June 10, 2-3:45 p.m.

Follow the story of Ember and Wade in this animated fable about the immigrant experience.



Outdoor Games

For families with children of all ages

Tuesday, June 11, 10-11 a.m.

Nothing says summer like fresh air & lawn games!

Pending weather: outdoor/indoor.

Drop-In Craft: Pet Rocks

Ages 3 & up

Wednesday, June 12, 10 a.m.-noon

Design & decorate your own pet rock! While supplies last.



Chess Club

Ages 6 & up

Thursday, June 13, 2-3 p.m.

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



Bubble Day

For families with children of all ages

Friday, June 14, 10-10:45 a.m.

We'll supply a variety of wands & bubble soap while supplies last. Pending weather: outdoor/canceled.

Parachute Play

Ages 1-3 with an adult

Monday, June 17, 10-10:30 a.m.

Join us for toddler music & movement time!

Pending weather: outdoor/indoor.

Drop-In Craft: Grass Head Guys

Ages 3 & up

Tuesday, June 18, 2-4 p.m.

Make a friendly "head in a pot" with grass hair that grows! While supplies last.

Chalk It Up!

For families with children of all ages

Wednesday, June 19, 10-10:30 a.m.

Unleash your creative side & chalk the walk!

Pending weather: outdoor/canceled.

Summer Movie: "Ratatouille" (2007, G, 110 minutes)

Ages 2 & up with an adult

Thursday, June 20, 10 a.m.-noon

Remy pursues his dreams of becoming a great chef in Paris, despite being a rat.



Summer Movie: "Lego Batman" (2017, PG, 104 minutes)

Ages 5 & up

Thursday, June 20, 2-3:45 p.m.

After the Joker pulls off a prison breakout, the Caped Crusader has his work cut out for him.



Family Storytime

For families with children of all ages

Friday, June 21, 10-10:30 a.m.

Bring a blanket & enjoy stories & songs on the Green. Pending weather: outdoor/indoor.

Outdoor Water Play

Ages 2-5 with an adult

Monday, June 24, 10-11 a.m.

Practice fine-motor skills using simple, everyday objects & water. Prepare to get wet & bring a towel for drying off! Pending weather: outdoor/canceled.

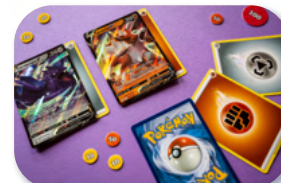


Pokémon Kids Club

Ages 7 & up

Monday, June 24, 2-3 p.m.

Meet other trainers, learn to play the Pokémon Trading Card Game, battle with your Pokémon cards & have fun!



Nintendo Switch Gaming (T)

Ages 8-10, 1-2 p.m.

Ages 11-14, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 25

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





JUNE

Summer Movie: "Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie"

(2023, PG, 88 minutes)

Ages 2-5 with an adult

Wednesday, June 26, 10-11:30 a.m.

The pups must stop Mayor Humdinger from stealing their new superpowers.



Summer Movie: "Sing"

(2016, PG, 148 minutes)

Ages 5 & up

Wednesday, June 26, 2-4:30 p.m.

Animals compete in a singing competition to save a failing theater.



Drop-In Craft: Patriotic Wreath

Ages 3 & up

Thursday, June 27, 10 a.m.-noon

Celebrate the Fourth of July with a patriotic paper plate wreath! Project will take about 10 minutes to complete. While supplies last.

Game Club

Ages 5 & up

Friday, June 28, 2-3 p.m.

Enjoy classic board games & unusual games you've never played before!



JULY

Family Storytime

For families with children of all ages

Monday, July 1, 10-10:30 a.m.

Bring a blanket & enjoy stories & songs on the Green.
Pending weather: outdoor/indoor.

Preschool Beach Bingo

Ages 3-5 with an adult

Tuesday, July 2, 10-11 a.m.

A simplified version of bingo for preschoolers!

Beach Bingo

Ages 5 & up

Tuesday, July 2, 2-3 p.m.

Try your luck at an exciting game of bingo with a summer twist!

Drop-In Craft: Suncatcher

Ages 3 & up

Monday, July 8, 2-4 p.m.

Make a colorful suncatcher to attach to a window!
While supplies last.

Nintendo Switch Gaming (T)

Ages 8-10, 1-2 p.m.

Ages 11-14, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 9

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

Summer Movie: "Snow White"

(1937, G, 83 minutes)

Ages 2 & up with an adult

Wednesday, July 10, 10-11:30 a.m.

Snow White wins the hearts of the Seven Dwarfs & triumphs over the wicked queen.



Summer Movie: "Trolls Band Together"

(2023, PG, 91 minutes)

Ages 5 & up

Wednesday, July 10, 2-3:30 p.m.

Branch & Poppy embark on an action-packed journey to rescue Branch's kidnapped brother Floyd.



Outdoor Games

For families with children of all ages

Thursday, July 11, 10-11 a.m.

Nothing says summer like fresh air & lawn games!
Pending weather: outdoor/indoor.

Parachute Play

Ages 1-3 with an adult

Friday, July 12, 10-10:30 a.m.

Join us for toddler music & movement time!
Pending weather: outdoor/indoor.

Chess Club

Ages 6 & up

Monday, July 15, 2-3 p.m.

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

Summer Movie: "Cars"

(2006, G, 117 minutes)

Ages 2 & up with an adult

Tuesday, July 16, 10 a.m.-noon

Hotshot race car Lightning McQueen meets a group of hilarious characters who help him discover there's more to life than trophies.



Summer Movie: "Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory"

(1971, G, 100 minutes)

Ages 5 & up

Tuesday, July 16, 2-3:45 p.m.

When Willy Wonka promises a lifetime supply of sweets to five lucky kids, poor Charlie Bucket seeks the golden ticket that will make him a winner.





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For families with children of all ages

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Unleash your creative side & chalk the walk!
Pending weather: outdoor/canceled.

Pokémon Kids Club

Ages 7 & up

Thursday, July 18, 2-3 p.m.

Meet other trainers, learn to play the Pokémon Trading Card Game, battle with your Pokémon cards & have fun!



Summer StoryWalk (R)

For families with children of all ages

Friday, July 19, 10-11 a.m.

Join us at Lake Shore Park, 9610 E. Shore Drive, for "The Watermelon Seed" by Greg Pizzoli. We'll read it together & enjoy activities provided by the Oak Lawn Park District. Additional copies of the book will be available to check out in the Youth Services Department.

Outdoor Water Play

Ages 2-5 with an adult

Monday, July 22, 10-11 a.m.

Practice fine-motor skills using simple, everyday objects & water. Prepare to get wet & bring a towel for drying off! Pending weather: outdoor/canceled.

Family Storytime

For families with children of all ages

Tuesday, July 23, 10-10:30 a.m.

Bring a blanket & enjoy stories & songs on the Green. Pending weather: outdoor/indoor.

Nintendo Switch Gaming (T)

Ages 8-10, 1-2 p.m.

Ages 11-14, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 24

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

Drop-In Craft: Toucan

Ages 3 & up

Thursday, July 25, 10 a.m.-noon

Flap your creative wings & make a colorful toucan!
While supplies last.

Summer Movie: "WALL-E"

(2008, G, 98 minutes)

Ages 2 & up with an adult

Friday, July 26, 10-11:45 a.m.

After hundreds of lonely years, WALL-E discovers a new purpose in life when he meets a sleek robot named EVE.



Summer Movie:

"DC League of Super Pets" (T)

(2022, PG, 105 minutes)

Ages 5 & up

Friday, July 26, 2-3:45 p.m.

When Superman & the rest of the Justice League are kidnapped, his dog Krypto must convince a shelter pack to help him rescue the superheroes.



Chess Club

Ages 6 & up

Monday, July 29, 2-3 p.m.

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



Drop-In Craft: Swiftie Bracelet

Ages 3 & up

Wednesday, July 31, 2-4 p.m.

Make a beaded bracelet with a name or special message for yourself & a friend!
While supplies last.



AUGUST

Nintendo Switch Gaming (T)

Ages 8-10, 1-2 p.m.

Ages 11-14, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 7

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

Family Storytime

For families with children of all ages

Monday, Aug. 12, 10-10:30 a.m.

We're back indoors for our August storytime.

Parachute Play

Ages 1-3 with an adult

Tuesday, Aug. 27, 9:30-10 a.m.

Join us for toddler music & movement time!
Parachute Play is indoors.

Chess Club

Ages 6 & up

Thursday, Aug. 29, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

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



ADULT SERVICES

(R) Register at oaklawnpl.librarycalendar.com.

ONE BOOK, ONE OAK LAWN



This summer, we're hosting an adult and teen community reading project connected to backyard conservation. "Nature's Best Hope" by Douglas Tallamy explores the many ways we can enrich Oak Lawn's green spaces and sustain the environment, one backyard at a time.

"Nature's Best Hope" is available as an easy-breezy paperback and an in-depth hardcover. Pick the style of reading that's best for you. Stop by OLPL for a book discussion or host your own with our flyer of reading questions. Let's grow closer together as we discuss nature in our community, page by page.

Along with the book, pick up a One Book, One Oak Lawn punch card and attend our programs about lawns, bugs, native plants, birds, state parks and nature crafts. Cards with five punches will be entered in a special drawing.

We're grateful to several partner organizations for their support of One Book, One Oak Lawn.



ADULT PROGRAMS

"Nature's Best Hope" Bookmark



Saturday, June 1-Thursday, Aug. 1

Design your own bookmark for "Nature's Best Hope."

One Book, One Oak Lawn Nature Craft (R)



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

Receive your own copy of "Nature's Best Hope" (while supplies last) and get talking about the book with master gardener Robin Fullarton. We'll also make a Midwest wildflower seed bomb! One registration per household.

Native Plants Starter Garden (R)



Saturday, June 15, 1 p.m.

In this special program, registered participants will receive one native plant plus native wildflower seeds. Master Gardener Robin Fullarton of the University of Illinois Extension will teach us planting strategies for success in yards or container gardens. One registration per household.

Beyond Starved Rock— Our Amazing Illinois State Parks



Saturday, June 15, 2:30 p.m.

Join Celeste Brown in her journey to explore every corner of Illinois and the State Park system, with tips, hints and unscripted moments on the way. Teens welcome.

Learn to Use eBooks

Monday, June 17, 6 p.m.

Thursday, July 18, 11 a.m.

With a library card, there's no reason to pay for eBooks—plus you can increase the print size to make reading easier on your eyes. Learn the basics of using eBooks on OLPL's library apps. Bring your phone or other e-reading device.

Native American Gardens—Keynote Talk



Thursday, June 20, 6:30 p.m.

Dressed in native regalia, author Kim Sigafus will discuss Native planting. Each participant will go home with native seeds to start their own garden. A Q&A will be held after the presentation. Signed books will be available for sale. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.





Cicadas and Backyard Bugs

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

Learn about the amazing insects in our area with a naturalist from the Sagawau Environmental Learning Center and take home some seed bombs to enhance your local habitat. Teens welcome.



World Beatles Day Trivia

Thursday, June 27, 6:30-8 p.m.

Do you know Beatles history? Can you name that tune? Test your knowledge of all things Beatles and win prizes.

Easy Care Tips for Your Home Lawn

Wednesday, July 10, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Help your lawn thrive with advice from Greg Stack from the Cook County Farm Bureau.



Book Discussion and Nature Craft (R)

Saturday, July 20, 11 a.m.-noon

Discuss topics from "Nature's Best Hope" with Master Gardener Robin Fullarton and make a macramé bookmark. Teens welcome.



Urban Birdwatching

Wednesday, July 31, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Learn about birds, binoculars, hummingbirds and more with a naturalist from the Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, plus take home some seed bombs to enhance your local habitat. Teens welcome.



Salsa & Bachata Dance Night

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

Dancer Victor Monroy from Latin Rhythms dance studio will teach a beginner salsa class with a touch of bachata. Latin dance can be energetic, and attendees participate at their own risk.



Versiti Blood Drive (R)

Saturday, Aug. 10, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Giving blood is a quick, simple way to contribute to the community.



Southside FilmMakers Showcase

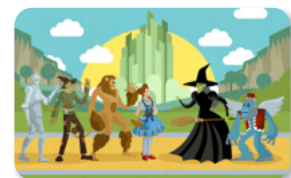
Thursday, Aug. 22, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Attend a screening of Oak Lawn's local filmmaking club's most recent work. Light refreshments will be served.

Wizard of Oz Party and Screening

Thursday, Aug. 29, 6:15-8:30 p.m.

Celebrate the 85th anniversary of the Wizard of Oz with a raffle, screening and birthday cake!



FRIDAY SUMMER FUN MATINEE MOVIES

Friday, June 14, 2 p.m., "Wonka" (2023, PG, 112 minutes)

Friday, June 28, 2 p.m., "Past Lives" (2023, PG-13, 106 minutes)

Friday, July 12, 2 p.m., "The Marvels" (2023, PG-13, 105 minutes)

Friday, July 19, 2 p.m., "Mean Girls" (2024, PG-13, 112 minutes)

Friday, July 26, 2 p.m., "Arthur the King" (2024, PG-13, 107 minutes)

Friday, Aug. 23, 2 p.m., "Dune" (2021, PG-13, 155 minutes)

Friday, Aug 30, 2 p.m., "Dune: Part 2" (2024, PG-13, 195 minutes)

GENEALOGY AT OLPL

The Genealogy Club hosts one program a month for the public with Kathy O'Leary, Genealogy Librarian.

State Archives and Other Resources

Thursday, June 27, 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Genealogist Pam Taylor will present an overview of various state archives and other resources available at the state level.

Brick Wall Workshop

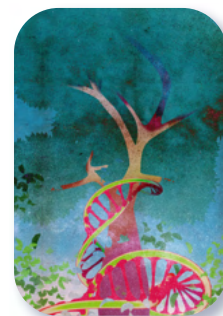
Thursday, July 25, 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Bring your research problems and together, we may be able to overcome those obstacles!

FamilySearch Database

Thursday, Aug. 29, 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Take a deep dive into the FamilySearch database.



Irish Genealogy Club

Tuesdays, June 25, July 30 & Aug. 27, 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Unravel your Irish roots through shared heritage and familiar exploration with a supportive community of genealogy enthusiasts.

ADULT SERVICES

ALL SUMMER LONG!

English Together (ESL)

Thursdays, July 11–Aug. 15, 9:30 a.m.–11 p.m.

Let's learn English together at this free ESL class for beginning and advanced speakers.

Magic: The Gathering Casual Commander Club

Mondays, June 10, July 8 & Aug. 12, 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 two or use ours. All levels, adults and teens welcome.

Knit & Stitch

Mondays, June 3 & 17, July 1 & 15,

Aug. 5 & 19, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

BYO needlework projects to Knit N' Stitch with Jennifer Rodriguez and friends. Crocheters, knitters, cross-stitchers and embroiderers welcome.



Debt Club

Tuesdays, June 11, July 9 & Aug. 13, 7–8 p.m.

If you've ever felt like you just can't get in control of your money, you're not alone! Meet with retired financial coach Raymond Schwarzkopf and learn how you can pay off debt, save more money and build wealth.

The Yarnery Club

Tuesdays, June 11 & 25, July 9 & 23,

Aug. 13 & 27, 2–3 p.m.

Bring your handicraft projects of any kind and spend an hour enjoying the company of friends.



Southside Filmmakers

Wednesdays, June 19, July 17 &

Aug. 21, 6–7:30 p.m.

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



Oak Lawn Writers' Group

Saturdays, June 8 & 22, July 13 & 27,

Aug. 10 & 24, 10 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Gather with fellow writers to read your written works in any genre and get feedback from the group.



Saturday Afternoon Games

Saturdays, June 1, July 13 & Aug. 3, noon–4 p.m.

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

LOCAL HISTORY

Celebrate Juneteenth with Jazz

Friday, June 21, 4–5 p.m.

Join the Liane Williams Trio for a jazzy celebration of Juneteenth! This local jazz band has a deep love for traditional and contemporary jazz. Cake and coffee will be served.

Jazz Concert: Los Tamales

Friday, Aug. 16, 4–5 p.m.

Liven up the dog days of summer with a jazz concert! Los Tamales is an Oak Lawn Latin-owned band specializing in jazz fusion and Latin jazz music.

Guided Exhibit Tours: "Jazz Music Legends of Oak Lawn"

Wednesdays, June 19, July 17 &

Aug. 21, 2–3 p.m.

Let Local History Librarian Tom Javorcic guide you through the latest exhibit installation. Learn the background of the Oak Lawn Jazz Festival and the impact this musical era had on our community.

TEEN SERVICES

Programs take place in the Teen Room, open Monday-Thursday (3-9 p.m.), Friday (3-6 p.m.) and Saturday (1-5 p.m.).

 Register at oaklawnpl.librarycalendar.com

ALL SUMMER LONG!

OLPL Teen Minecraft Server

Let's build together! Visit the Teen Room to gain access to the Minecraft server.

Anime/Manga Club

Tuesdays, 6-8 p.m.

Relish in the anime and manga fandom!



Movie Night Wednesday

Wednesdays, 6-8 p.m.

Relax with pals and catch the movie of the week!

Teen Crafternoon

First and third Fridays, 4-5 p.m.

Join us in the Teen Room Makerspace and get crafty!

Dungeons & Dragons Club

Thursdays, June 6 & 20, July 18,

Aug. 1, 15 & 29, 5-8 p.m.

Dive into a world of fantasy and test your luck as an adventurer in a game of D&D. No experience required.



Fandom Spotlight

Starcraft

*Monday, June 10
4-5 p.m.*

Halo

*Monday, July 15
4-5 p.m.*

Farscape

*Monday, Aug. 5
4-5 p.m.*

If you would like to share your fandoms, email Teen Librarian Nicholas at nvidmar@olpl.org.

Teen Game Night

Classics: Life, Chess and Monopoly

Monday, June 24, 5-8 p.m.

Racing Games: Grand Prix

Monday, July 29, 5-8 p.m.

Smash Bros: Casual Brawl Tournament

Monday, Aug. 19, 5-8 p.m.



JUNE

Fandom Guess Who?

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

Identify fan-favorite characters by their looks.

Sustainable Clothing

Thursday, June 27, 5-6 p.m.

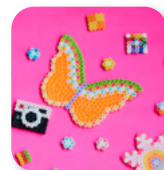
Learn trendy upcycling for old clothes.



Perler Bead Butterflies

Friday, June 28, 4-5 p.m.

Make a butterfly keychain from Perler beads to celebrate One Book, One Oak Lawn.



JULY

Resin Pours

Thursday, July 11, 6-7 p.m.

Create resin necklaces/keychains.



Library Lock-In (R)

Friday, July 19, 6-11 p.m.

When the Library closes, the fun begins. Free pizza!

AUGUST

Papercraft flowers

Thursday, Aug. 8, 6-7 p.m.

Craft a flower that will last all year!



Crochet with Kate

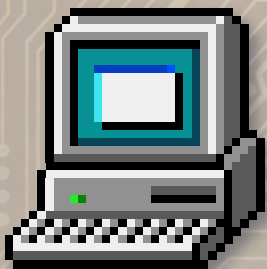
Friday, Aug. 9, 1-3 p.m.

Learn crochet basics: Granny Squares.



COMPUTER CENTER

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



LEARN, RENEW AND REPEAT

by Elaina Dague, Technical Services Assistant Department Head

Patrons have said the ability to attend a class more than once helps them learn, so we're offering Computer Center classes on a monthly basis. If you miss a class, need a refresher or have more questions, drop in for the same class next month!

Don't miss our Dungeons and Dragons programs at the end of July! We're celebrating the game's 50th anniversary with some exciting advanced classes that won't be repeated.

Tech Help Hour

Mondays, 2-3 p.m.

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

QR Codes

Wednesday, June 5, Tuesdays, July 2 & Aug. 6, 2-3 p.m.

Learn the purpose of QR codes and how to scan them.

Internet Safety

Thursday, June 6, Wednesday, July 3 & Thursday, Aug. 1, 2-3 p.m.

Identify common scams and learn how to stay safe online.



Library Calendar

Fridays, June 7, July 12 & Aug. 9, 1-2 p.m.

Get to know OLPL's new online calendar in this demonstration.

Teen Tech Help

Saturday, June 8, 1-3 p.m.

Teen volunteers will help you with your technology questions as a way of earning service hours.

3D Printing Basics

Tuesdays, June 11 & Aug. 20, 6-7 p.m.

Find or create 3D print designs using Tinkercad, a free 3D modeling web program. Requires basic computer skills.

SWAN Catalog

Wednesday, June 12, Friday, July 5 &

Wednesday, Aug. 21, 2-3 p.m.

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



Google Docs

Thursday, June 13, Wednesdays, July 10 & Aug. 7, 2-3 p.m.

Get familiar with Google's online document editing application.

Intro to AI

Tuesday, June 18, 6-7 p.m., Wednesday, July 24, 2-3 p.m. &

Friday, Aug. 16, 1-2 p.m.

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

Google Slides

Wednesday, June 19, Tuesday, July 16 &

Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2-3 p.m.

Create slideshow presentations online and access them anywhere.

Smartphones Basics

Thursday, June 20, Wednesday, July 17 &

Thursday, Aug. 15, 2-3 p.m.

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



Craft Databases

Fridays, June 21, July 19 & Aug. 23, 1-2 p.m.

Explore OLPL's online craft databases for inspiration on your next craft project!

Computer Basics

Wednesday, June 26, Thursdays, July 11 & Aug. 8, 2-3 p.m.

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

Cricut Design Space

Thursdays, June 27 & July 25, 6 p.m.

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



Google Sheets

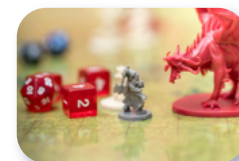
Friday, June 28, Tuesdays, July 30 & Aug. 27, 2-3 p.m.

Keep track of data using a web-based spreadsheet.

3D Print D&D Miniatures

Tuesday, July 23, 6-7:30 p.m.

Use Hero Forge to design a custom Dungeons & Dragons tabletop miniature to be printed with our 3D printer. Requires basic computer skills.



D&D Online Resources

Thursday, July 25, 2-3 p.m.

Celebrate the 50th anniversary of Dungeons & Dragons by incorporating tools like Roll20 and D&D Beyond.

Word Basics

Wednesday, July 31 & Thursday, Aug. 22, 2-3 p.m.

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

Cricut Tote Bags

Tuesday, Aug. 13, 6-7:30 p.m.

Decorate a tote bag using vinyl cut with our Cricut machine.

BOOK CLUBS

REFRESHING READS

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



"Finlay Donovan Is Killing It"
by Elle Cosimano
Tuesday, June 25



"Saturday Night at the Lakeside Supper Club"
by J. Ryan Stradal
Tuesday, July 23



"Finding Dorothy"
by Elizabeth Letts
Tuesday, Aug. 27

BOOKWYRMS (TEEN)

With Nicholas Vidmar
4 p.m., OLPL Teen Room



"The Marrow Thieves"
by Cherie Dimaline
Wednesday, June 26



"Darius the Great Is Not Okay"
by Adib Khorram
Wednesday, July 24



"Sky's End"
by Marc J. Gregson
Wednesday, Aug. 28

20S/30S BOOK CLUB

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



"The Last Mrs. Parrish"
by Liv Constantine
Thursday, June 13



"People We Meet on Vacation"
by Emily Henry
Thursday, July 11



"The Librarian of Burned Books"
by Brianna Labuskes
Thursday, Aug. 8

PANELS PER PAGE (TEEN GRAPHIC NOVELS)

With Nicholas Vidmar
4 p.m., OLPL Teen Room



"Persepolis"
by Marjane Satrapi
Tuesday, June 18



"Cursed Princess Club"
by LambCat
Tuesday, July 16



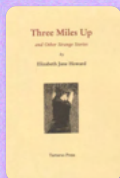
"The Infinity Particle"
by Wendy Xu
Tuesday, Aug. 20

EXPLORING THE OUTER LIMITS (SCI-FI SHORT STORIES)

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



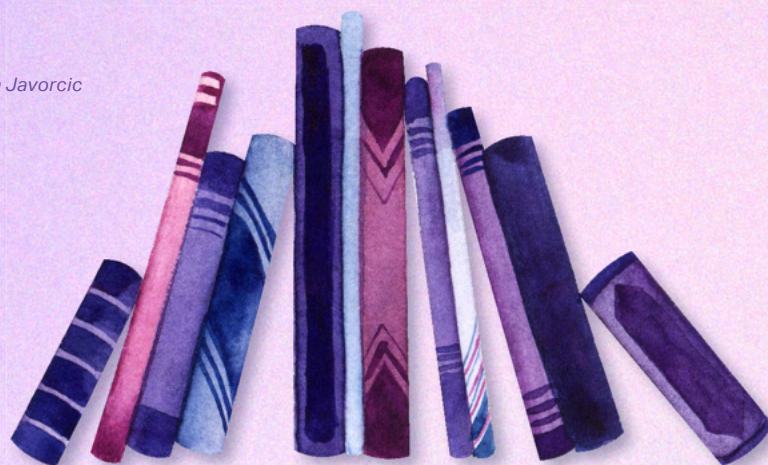
"Exhalation"
by Ted Chiang
Wednesday, June 5



"Three Miles Up"
by Elizabeth Jane Howard
Wednesday, July 10



"Autofac"
by Philip K. Dick
Wednesday, Aug. 14



BOOK NERDS BOOK BOX

The first 20 Oak Lawn cardholders who register by June 20 get a personalized book box with two to three library books and surprise goodies at the beginning of July.



THE HUNDREDS CLUB

Open to teens and adults, our library club celebrates reading year-round! Keep track of your books on the free Beanstack app. This quarter, we have a special prize for you at the Local Authors' Showcase on June 12 at 6 p.m. Sign up at olpl.beanstack.org, visit the Adult Services desk or call 708-422-4990.



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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)**

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Sundays Summer Closure Begins

Thursday, July 4
Independence Day

Friday, August 2
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