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NEW & UPCOMING AT OLPL

By: Carol L. Williams,

Director of the Oak Lawn Public Library

We've been working hard at OLPL to refresh and upgrade your Library over the past year, and we're not done yet! Upgrades in 2025 include the Drive-up Window for you to pick up your holds from the convenience of your vehicle; a new central location for the Friends Bookstore; a crisp look in the Local History Area; the refreshed looks of Study Rooms 1, 2 and 3; and a new color scheme in our lower-level Meeting Rooms. We've even added new display cases on the main level to highlight more local history and personal collections of community members.

If you've been inside the Library recently, you may have noticed that the northwest corner has been under construction. This new Encore Room will be the future home for Senior programming at OLPL. There may still be an occasional need to host larger programs in the lower level, but the Encore Room will allow Seniors to participate in a new space, without the need to take the stairs or the elevator to a program. The room will also be equipped with Hearing Loop technology, channeling the room's audio content directly to most hearing aids. We expect the room to be ready for programming use in late December or early January.

In the works for 2026 will be additional upgrades for Study Rooms 4, 5 and 6; new public service desks; and a new Library website!

PROGRAM CALENDAR

To access the calendar scan the QR code below or go to:
oaklawnpl.librarycalendar.com



COMMUNITY DISPLAY CASE SUBMISSIONS ARE OPEN

OLPL is proud to offer an opportunity for local community groups, organizations and individuals to display their art, exhibits and more to our patrons! OLPL's Community Display Cases, found across from the AV Collection in the lobby, may be used to exhibit special collections, handicrafts, activities and creative works. Display cases have four shelves and measure 72 inches wide x 20 inches deep x 60 inches high. Shelves have a weight limit of 20 pounds each.

All submissions must follow guidelines found on www.olpl.org/display-cases/ and are subject to approval of the Marketing Manager. Submitters will be contacted by the Library if their submission is chosen. Approval to display materials does not constitute sponsorship or endorsement by the Library. Patrons are responsible for their display's setup when this period begins, as well as its retrieval when it concludes.

Exhibits for the Community Display Cases will be selected and scheduled on a first come-first serve basis as is fitting to the Library's operations. Selected collections will be placed on display for three months, coinciding with the Library's programming seasons. Either or both Community Display Cases may be unavailable for a given season due to use by the Library.

To apply for a community display case pick up a physical form from the slatwall east of the display cases or visit: www.olpl.org/display-cases/



OLPL FAN FEST 2026

Local artists, writers, vendors and creators can apply now for the chance to exhibit at our all-ages celebration of pop culture **Saturday, May 9, 2026!** Apply at bit.ly/41WV9FM by **Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2025**. We'll notify selected applicants no later than **Saturday, Jan. 31, 2026**.

Want to participate another way? Contact Elaina Dague at edague@olpl.org or 708-422-4990 ext. 545 to donate and become a sponsor of our event.



EARLY VOTING

OLPL will host early voting for the **Tuesday, March 17, 2026** Gubernatorial Primary Election from **Monday, March 2** through **Monday, March 16** in Meeting Room C.

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

MONDAYS-FRIDAYS

March 2-6

9 a.m.-5 p.m.

March 9-13

9 a.m.-7 p.m.

March 16

9 a.m.-7 p.m.

SATURDAYS

March 7

9 a.m.-5 p.m.

March 14

9 a.m.-5 p.m.

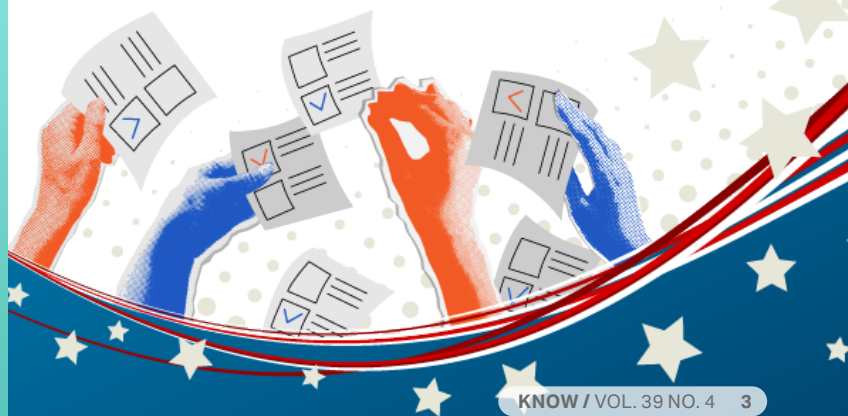
SUNDAYS

March 8

10 a.m.-4 p.m.

March 15

10 a.m.-4 p.m.



HEALTH & SENIOR PROGRAMS

ROLL OUT AND TAKE A SWING AT VIRTUAL BOWLING!

By: Zac Frazier, customer services associate

When was the last time you went bowling? For some, it could be a week ago. For others, it could be decades. No matter when you last hit the lanes, the Byte-Sized Bowling session of our Senior programming series Who's Got Game is accessible to both seasoned bowlers and complete newcomers. Nintendo designed a simple, robust bowling video game for their Switch console that utilizes their motion controls to make the act of throwing a ball down the lane possible for practically anyone. Essentially all one has to do is hold a small lightweight remote, hold one button down and swing your arm like it's the real deal. While it is very easy to pick up and learn, it doesn't just play itself. Your fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination and timing will be needed to go from 7-10 splits to strikes. If you're up for pushing a bit out of your comfort zone with an encouraging group of enthusiastic peers, then Byte-Sized Bowling is a great place for you! Registrants will be guaranteed at least one 10 frame game of bowling.

Frosty Fun Bingo (R)

Tuesdays, Dec. 2, Jan. 6 & Feb. 3; 10-11 a.m.

Meeting Room B

Calling all Bingo lovers! Winners in this winter series will receive a gift card sponsored by Hooters. Light refreshments will be served. Funds for this program were provided by AgeOptions. For any questions, contact Samantha Prado, customer services associate, at sprado@olpl.org or 708-422-4990 ext. 508.



The Craft Collective (R)

Meeting Room A

Countdown to Christmas

Ornament Decorating: Tuesday, Dec. 2

Jingle Bell Door Hanger: Thursday, Dec. 4

Holiday Wreath: Tuesday, Dec. 9

DIY Gnome Ornament: Thursday, Dec. 11

Holiday Greeting Cards: Thursday, Dec. 18
1-2:30 p.m.

Seniors, join us as we countdown to Christmas with crafting, community and holiday spirit.

Mandalas and Meditation: Thursday, Jan. 8; 1-3 p.m.

DIY Clay Magnets: Thursday, Feb. 12; 1-2:30 p.m.



Dentalogic-Dental Health for Seniors

Friday, Dec. 5, 10-11 a.m.; Meeting Room B

Seniors encounter specific dental challenges, such as a higher risk of tooth decay and gum disease. Factors contributing to these issues include dry mouth, receding gums and side effects from medications. Join this discussion on oral care as we age with Dr. Saadi from Dentalogic.



DENTALOGIC
MAKING SMILES



Who's Got Game (R)

Jolly Decor: Tuesday, Dec. 9; 10-11 a.m.

Frosty Friends: Tuesday, Dec. 16; 10-11 a.m.

Canvas Tote Bags: Tuesday, Jan. 13; 10-11 a.m.

Byte-Sized Bowling: Tuesday, Jan. 20; 10-11:30 a.m.

Art from the Heart: Tuesday, Feb. 10; 10-11 a.m.

The Price is Right: Tuesday, Feb. 17; 10-11 a.m.

Meeting Room A

Get ready for games and crafts at this fun senior social hour. The **Tuesday, Jan. 20** session, Byte-Sized Bowling is sponsored by VITAS Healthcare at 8525 W. 183rd St. Suite M Tinley Park, IL 60487. Light refreshments will be served. Funds for this program are provided by AgeOptions. For any questions, contact Samantha Prado, customer services associate, at sprado@olpl.org or 708-422-4990 ext. 508.



10 Warning Signs of Dementia With the Alzheimer's Association

Wednesday, Dec. 10; 2-3 p.m.; Meeting Room A

If you are concerned you or a loved one might be showing signs of dementia, this is your opportunity to gain more knowledge. We'll explore perfectly normal age-related memory, thinking or behavior changes, as well as ten common warning signs of Alzheimer's and other dementias. Throughout the presentation, we'll watch videos and hear from experts in the field. We'll explore tips for approaching someone with memory concerns, the importance of early detection and the benefits of diagnosis. We'll discuss possible tests and assessments of the diagnostic process as well as discover available resources. Comments and questions welcome. Come, share and be informed!



Advocate Diabetes Support Group

Wednesdays, Dec. 10, Jan. 14 & Feb. 11; 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Meeting Room B

Learn with Advocate in a space for individuals with diabetes to connect, share experiences and receive support in managing their condition. Meetings can provide emotional support, benefit overall well-being, improve A1C levels and bring valuable insights into diabetes management and comprehensive care. Please walk-in.



Alzheimer's & Dementia Support Group

Thursdays, Dec. 11, Jan. 8 & Feb. 12; 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Meeting Room A

An opportunity for family members, friends and caregivers to share feelings, thoughts and experiences with people who are going through similar things. Participants learn ways to better cope with and manage the challenges of Alzheimer's or other dementias. Facilitated by Mary Murphy, RN, BSN, CDP (Certified Dementia Practitioner) of Hibernian Home Care.

Chair Yoga

Wednesdays, Dec. 17, Jan. 21 & Feb. 18; 11 a.m.-noon

Meeting Rooms A/B

Gail Morales helps beginners strengthen, stretch, focus, tap into their breath and feel better with chair yoga. Performing yoga with a chair can provide support and protect against falls and injury. Patrons are encouraged to move within their limits. Seating is limited. Funded by the AgeOptions Library CARES ARPA grant. Attendees participate at their own risk.

Yoga for Adults 60 and Over

Wednesdays, Dec. 17, Jan. 21 & Feb. 18

Thursdays, Jan. 29 & Feb. 26

1-2 p.m.; Meeting Rooms A/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. Please bring your own mat, if possible. Seating is limited. This program is funded by the AgeOptions Library CARES ARPA grant. Attendees participate at their own risk.



Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra Raffle

Do you like classical music? OLPL is giving away free passes to the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra! Enter our raffle to win one free pass (admits two people) for an upcoming show! Raffle tickets will be available at the Customer Services Desk. Winners will be contacted the second week of each month! 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:

Saturday, Dec. 20, 2025; 3 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 14, 2026; 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 14, 2026; 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 18, 2026; 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 16, 2026; 7:30 p.m.



Wits Workout and More (R)

Tuesdays, Dec. 23, Jan. 27 & Feb. 24; 10-11 a.m.

Meeting Room A

Developed by the University of Illinois Extension for adults ages 60 and over, this program includes interactive puzzles and games. After the workout, there will be time to enjoy additional puzzles and socialize. Light refreshments will be provided. Funded in part by the AgeOptions Library CARES ARPA grant.



Bingocize Introductory Session

Monday, Jan. 5; 9:30-10:30 a.m.; Meeting Room B

Join us to learn about our new 10-week program, Bingocize! Try it out and sign up for the course in this introductory session.

Bingocize

Mondays and Wednesdays from

Monday, Jan. 12-Wednesday, March 18

9:30-10:30 a.m.; Meeting Room B

Join us for Bingocize, a 10-week program where we will play bingo and do some light exercises during each semiweekly session. Wear comfortable clothing. Participants should be able to attend on both Mondays and Wednesdays for the full 10-week program.



Retirement & Tax Planning Basics With the Society of Financial Awareness (SOFA) (R)

Thursday, Feb. 19 OR Tuesday, Feb. 24; 6-7:30 p.m.

Meeting Rooms A/B/C

Join the Society of Financial Awareness and Ray Kozicki, financial advisor, for an expanded class about retirement and tax planning basics. This class will cover how to maximize Social Security, avoiding retirement risks, smart tax strategies, the new rules from 2025 that may impact benefits and considerations on planning your income for long-term success. Please register for either session by contacting Julie Duran, Illinois Outreach Coordinator for SOFA at jduran@sofausa.org or 708-221-7012.



YOUTH SERVICES



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



STORYTIMES

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

Baby Storytime (T)

Ages 6-24 months with an adult

Tuesdays, Dec. 2 & 9; Jan. 6, 13, 20 & 27; Feb. 3, 10 & 24
9:30-9:50 a.m.

Toddler Storytime (T)

Ages 2-3 with an adult

Wednesdays, Dec. 3 & 10; Jan. 7, 14, 21 & 28; Feb. 4, 11 & 25
9:30-10 a.m.

OR

Thursdays, Dec. 4 & 11; Jan. 8, 15, 22 & 29; Feb. 5, 12 & 26
9:30-10 a.m.

Preschool Storytime (T)

Ages 3-5

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

Tuesdays, Dec. 2 & 9; Jan. 6, 13, 20 & 27; Feb. 3, 10 & 24
10:15-10:45 a.m.

Drop-in Cinnamon Ornaments

All Ages

Wednesday, Dec. 3; 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Cinnamon ornaments don't just look great, they smell great too! Drop in to make yours! While supplies last.

Messy Art: Handprint Reindeer (T)

Ages 3-5 with an adult

Friday, Dec. 5; 9:30-10 a.m.

Dress for a mess, come for the fun and leave the cleanup to us!

Storybook Yoga (T)

Ages 3-5 with an adult

Fridays, Dec. 12, Jan. 23 & Feb. 20; 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Have you ever done yoga moves to a favorite children's book? Brain to Belly Kids Yoga will teach us how!

Character BINGO (T)

Ages 5 and up

Try Bingo with some of our favorite characters!

How the Grinch Played Bingo!

Saturday, Dec. 13; 11 a.m.-noon OR 2-3 p.m.

Pokémon Bingo

Wednesday, Jan. 28; 6:30-7:30 p.m.



Drop-in Craft: Mini Yarn Hat

All Ages

Saturday, Dec. 20; 10 a.m.-noon

Drop in to Youth Services and make a charming mini yarn hat for gifting or holiday décor!



Game Club

Ages 5 and up

Monday, Dec. 29; 2-3 p.m.

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



Builder's Club

For families

Tuesday, Dec. 30; 3-4 p.m.

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



Switch 2 Gaming (T)

Ages 8-10

Friday, Jan. 2

Monday, Feb. 16

2-3 p.m.

Try out multiplayer games on our new Switch 2!



Yeti or Not? (T)

Ages 5-7

Wednesday, Jan. 7; 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Are you yeti for a chill craft time? Be sure to dress for a mess.

CHESS PROGRAMS

Chess Club With Chris Jones (T)

Ages 6 and up

Thursdays, Jan. 8 and Feb. 12; 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Magician and chess teacher Chris Jones offers tips and instruction for new and learning players.



Chess Club

Ages 6 and up

Thursdays, Jan. 22 and Feb. 26; 4:30-5:30 p.m.

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



Exploring Shapes With Play Dough (T)

Ages 3-5 with an adult

Friday, Jan. 9; 1:30-2 p.m.

Practice forming shapes using a variety of play dough and tools.

Movin' and Groovin' (T)

Ages 2-5 with an adult

Mondays, Jan. 12 & Feb. 9

Fridays, Jan. 30 & Feb. 27

9:30-10 a.m.

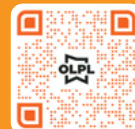
Dance, jump and shake your sillies out with fun songs and props!





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

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



Pokémon Kids Club

Ages 7 and up

Tuesday, Jan. 13

Wednesday, Feb. 25

4:30-5:30 p.m.

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



LEGO Blocks Chain Reactions (T)

Ages 8-10

Thursday, Jan. 15; 4:30-5:15 p.m.

We'll use LEGOs to make our own dominoes and then build and test chain reaction courses.



Kids in the Kitchen: Chocolate Mug Cakes (T)

Ages 6-10

Saturday, Jan. 17; 10-11 a.m. OR 2-3 p.m.

Children will learn basic culinary skills and kitchen etiquette as they make chocolate mug cakes. Children must be able to attend independently. Allergen information available upon request.



Superhero Training (T)

Ages 5-7

Tuesday, Jan. 20; 4:30-5:30 p.m.

It's a bird, it's a plane...it's Superhero Training! We will read books about being a superhero and show off our "super" skills. Costumes are encouraged!



NERF Battle Royale (R)

Ages 11-14

Friday, Jan. 23; 6-8 p.m.

Register at the Youth Services Desk 10 days before the program to play after-hours Capture the Flag with Nerf gear. A caregiver permission slip must be filled out at the time of registration.



Elephant & Piggie Party

Ages 2-7 with an adult

Sunday, Jan. 25; 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Celebrate all things Elephant and Piggie with games, crafts and activities centered on these beloved Mo Willems characters, while supplies last.



Interactive Movie Kit: "Ratatouille" (2007)

Available starting Monday, Jan. 26

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.



Inclusive Game Night (T)

Ages 8-14

Thursday, Jan. 29; 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Children and teens of all abilities are invited to come to the Library to play various fun games and meet new friends! We will end the night with a few rounds of Bingo.

Friends and family members are welcome to join. Autistic youths and young people with developmental, intellectual or physical disabilities are especially welcome.



Messy Art: Shaving Cream Valentines (T)

Ages 2-5 with an adult

Monday, Feb. 2; 10-10:30 a.m.

Shaving cream and paint unite to make marbled designs on hearts! Dress for a mess!



Valentine's Party (T)

Ages 5-7

Tuesday, Feb. 3; 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Celebrate Valentine's Day with stories, a candy heart relay and a craft to give to someone special.

Taylor Swift Name That Tune and Friendship Bracelet (T)

Ages 11-14

Thursday, Feb. 5; 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Are you ready for it? Let's play Name That Tune (Taylor's Version) and make friendship bracelets! Dress as your favorite era!



Sew a Pocket Pal (T)

Ages 8-10

Saturday, Feb. 7; 10-11 a.m.

Learn sewing safety, and how to do a basic running stitch, then sew your own little stuffed penguin!



Let's Find Out: Lunar New Year (T)

All Ages

Wednesday, Feb. 11; 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Bring the family and learn about Lunar New Year with immersive activities and a take-home project.



YOUTH SERVICES

Paper Portraits (T)

Ages 8-10

Friday, Feb. 13; 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Create a colorful paper portrait of yourself, a friend or a loved one. No experience necessary.

Disney Trivia (T)

All Ages

Wednesday, Feb. 18; 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Are your family the ultimate Disney fans? Bring your family team and show off your knowledge!

Preschool STEM: Magnets (T)

Ages 3-5

Thursday, Feb. 19; 4:30-5 p.m.

Make a paper clip fly and wage a force-field battle, as we do experiments to learn about the special powers of magnets!

The Floor Is Lava! (T)

Ages 5-7

Saturday, Feb. 28; 11 a.m.-noon

Can you survive in a game of "The Floor is Lava," or will you fall right in? Test your balancing skills against other kids in a friendly competition!



SENSORY-FRIENDLY YOUTH PROGRAMS

These programs have been designed to provide a welcoming, friendly environment for special sensory-sensitive children and those with integration challenges. Registration is required. Please sign up in person at the Youth Services Desk, or by phone at 708-422-4990 ext. 400, starting 10 days before each sensory-friendly session.

Sensory Meetup (R)

For families with a sensory-sensitive child

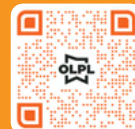
Sundays, Dec. 14, Jan. 11 & Feb. 15; 1-2 p.m.

Every session will offer a different combination of stories, songs and crafts, followed by playtimes.



(R) Registration is required.

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



MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES (R)

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.

Drop-in Cinnamon Ornaments (R)

Ages 11-14

Wednesday, Dec. 3; 4:15-6:45 p.m.

Character BINGO (R)

Ages 11-14

How the Grinch Played Bingo!

Saturday, Dec. 13

10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

1:45-3:15 p.m.

Pokémon Bingo

Wednesday, Jan. 28

6:15-7:45 p.m.

Group Volunteering: Youth Services Cleanup

Ages 11-14

Mondays, Dec. 15 & Feb. 23; 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 19; 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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

LEGO Blocks Chain Reactions (R)

Ages 11-14

Thursday, Jan. 15; 4:15-5:30 p.m.

Elephant & Piggie Party (R)

Ages 11-14

Sunday, Jan. 25; 10:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

Inclusive Game Night (R)

Ages 11-14

Thursday, Jan. 29; 6:15-7:45 p.m.

Valentine's Party (R)

Ages 11-14

Tuesday, Feb. 3; 4:15-5:30 p.m.

Paper Portraits (R)

Ages 11-14

Friday, Feb. 13; 4:15-5:30 p.m.

Preschool STEM: Magnets (R)

Ages 11-14

Thursday, Feb. 19; 4:15-5:15 p.m.



ADULT SERVICES

(R) Register at: oaklawnpl.librarycalendar.com

Holiday Cheer in the Stacks

Wednesday, Dec. 3; 6:30-7:30 p.m.

The Acapella Fellas accompany your second floor browsing with their charming holiday songs.



The Yarnery Club

Tuesdays, Dec. 9 & 23, Jan. 27, Feb. 10 & 24; 2-3 p.m.

Craft Cinema: Tuesday, Jan. 13; 2-4 p.m.

Bring your handicraft projects—crochet, knitting or sewing—and spend an hour enjoying conversation while your needles do the work.

Enjoy a movie with the lights on while you work in **Craft Cinema: "Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris"** (2022, PG, 115 minutes).



Felt Mistletoe Craft

Saturday, Dec. 13; 10 a.m.-noon

Drop in anytime to enjoy hot cider and an easy felt decoration that you cut, hand sew and glue.



Southside FilmMakers' Showcase

Wednesday, Dec. 17, 7-8:15 p.m.

See short films by Oak Lawn's Southside FilmMakers club. Light refreshments will be served.

Last-Minute Ornament Gift

Friday, Dec. 19; 4-5:30 p.m.

Drop in to make holiday-themed decoupage ornaments that you can enjoy or share as gifts. While supplies last.

MOVIE SHOWINGS

"Priscilla"

(2023, R, 113 minutes)

Wednesday, Dec. 10; 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Teenager Priscilla Beaulieu's courtship and subsequent marriage to Elvis are showcased in this tantalizing, turbulent journey of love and fame. Based on the true story of the Presley family.



HOLIDAY WEEK MOVIES

"Superman"

(2025, PG-13, 130 minutes)

Friday, Dec. 26; 2 p.m.

Starring David Corenswet.



"F1"

(2025, PG-13, 155 minutes)

Tuesday, Dec. 30; 2 p.m.

Starring Brad Pitt.



FRIDAY CLASSIC FLIX

"Bonnie and Clyde"

(1967, R, 111 minutes)

Friday, Jan. 9; 3-5:30 p.m.

Bored waitress Bonnie Parker falls in love with an ex-con named Clyde Barrow and together they start a violent crime spree through the country, stealing cars and robbing banks.



"Three Days of the Condor"

(1975, R, 120 minutes)

Friday, Feb. 6; 3-5:30 p.m.

A bookish CIA researcher in Manhattan finds all his co-workers dead, and must outwit those responsible until he figures out who he can trust.



Craft Swap Donations Open

Monday, Jan. 5-Wednesday, Jan. 14

Drop off your extra craft supplies of any kind at the second floor Adult Services Desk. Supplies must be clean, functional and have no odor. Donating gets you an early-entry ticket to the Craft Swap.

Craft Swap

Saturday, Jan. 17

Donor entry: 10:30-11 a.m.

Standard entry: 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Stop by to find some free gently-used craft supplies and art materials. You will receive a bag to fill with items of your choice, while supplies last. Ticketed Craft Swap donors have first priority and can enter early.

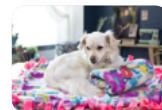


Craft Class: No-Sew Dog Blanket (R)

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

Thursday, Jan. 8; 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Make cozy no-sew dog blankets to donate to PAWS. Learn the technique and how to access the pattern on Creativebug, to make one for your own furry friends. Come to one or both sessions!



English Together (ESL)

Mondays, Jan. 19-Feb. 23; 10-11 a.m.

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

Dry January Mocktails (R)

Wednesday, Jan. 21; 6-7 p.m.

Taste and learn how to make nonalcoholic sangria, piña colada and mojito for Dry January with Chef Violeta Trujeque.



Do you stitch for charity? Let us know! Send a photo of your project and the charity's name to: kdonley@olpl.org





DIY Fashion Show

Wednesday, Jan. 28

Register to Walk: 6:30 p.m.

Show: 7-8 p.m.

Local creatives, crafters and their models are welcome to showcase up to three original or handmade designs of any kind—even afghans! All are invited to watch models strut down our runway and marvel at the talent at Oak Lawn's premier fashion event. Look at the online calendar for more information.



Take n' Make Scrapbook Valentine (R)

First week of February pickup

Cut and paste three adorable Valentines for loved ones. We'll provide an idea sheet, stickers, paper, glue, cutouts and notecards; you'll use your own scissors and inspiration.



Sourdough Tasting (R)

Wednesday, Feb. 4; 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Meet at the Ancestral Oven Bakery and Café to learn how sourdough is different from yeasted bread with Chef George Gaitan. He'll guide us through different varieties as we have a tasting.



Finance Throughout Your Life (R)

Saturday, Feb. 7

Early and Mid-Career (Ages 20-49)

10-11 a.m.

Late Career to Planning for Retirement (Ages 50 and over)

11 a.m.-noon

Financial advisor Max Dunne from Edward Jones guides us through money management throughout life, from starting out to retirement. Come for one or both sessions. Light refreshments will be provided.



Calling all Couples

Wednesday, Feb. 11; 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Come for the helpful tips and stay for the connection as you explore ways to create more closeness and joy within your relationship. Presented by Yolanda Sanders, LPC, NCC, Licensed Professional Counselor at Oak Lawn's Center for Psychological Services.



The Roots of the Blues Plus a Concert

Wednesday, Feb. 18; 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Learn about the evolution of blues from field hollers and work songs into a powerful American art form as Musician Fruteland Jackson brings it to life with storytelling, performance and dialogue.



Guided Meditation

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

Enjoy deep relaxation in this guided meditation session and learn tips to incorporate meditation into your daily life with Danielle Vaquer LMFT, Psychotherapist and Wellness Program Coordinator at Oak Lawn's Center for Psychological Services.



ADULT CLUBS

Knit & Stitch

Mondays, Dec. 1, 15 & 29; Jan. 5 & 19; Feb. 2 & 16
6:30-8:30 p.m.

Craft Cinema: Monday, Jan. 12; 6:30-8:30 p.m.

BYO needlework projects and enjoy conversation and crafting with Jennifer Rodriguez and friends. Crocheters, knitters, cross-stitchers and embroiderers welcome. Enjoy a movie with the lights on while you work in **Craft Cinema: "Princess Bride" (1987, PG, 98 minutes).**



Saturday Afternoon Games

Saturdays, Dec. 6, Jan. 3 & Feb. 7

Drop in from noon-4 p.m.

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

Magic: The Gathering—Casual Commander Club

Mondays, Dec. 8, Jan. 12 & Feb. 9; 6-8:30 p.m.

Join OLCBS teacher 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 for some MTG fun and community.

Debt Club

Tuesdays, Dec. 9, Jan. 13 & Feb. 10; 7-8 p.m.

Struggling with debt or money stress? Join a free, honest conversation to help you take control, build confidence and make real progress. Led by Raymond Schwarzkopf, financial coach certified by the Dave Ramsey Financial Coaching team.

Oak Lawn Writers' Group

Saturdays, Dec. 13 & 27, Jan. 10 & 24, Feb. 14 & 28
10 a.m.-1 p.m.

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

Southside FilmMakers

Wednesdays, Jan. 21 & Feb. 18; 6-7:30 p.m.

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

TEEN SERVICES

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

 Register at: oaklawnpl.librarycalendar.com

DECEMBER

Gingerbread Engineering

Thursday, Dec. 11; 6-8 p.m.

The clock is on, can you build the best gingerbread structure first?



JANUARY

Build & Break: Bridge Challenge

Thursday, Jan. 8; 6-8 p.m.

Work as a team to build the strongest bridge, but beware of sabotage!

Moustache Match-up

Thursday, Jan. 22; 6-6:30 p.m.

Place your moustache and see who gets the most matches from a variety of famous scenes.



FEBRUARY

Cooking Club

Thursday, Feb. 12; 6-7:30 p.m.

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

Resume Building

Thursday, Feb 26; 6-7 p.m.

Get your resume ready! We will talk about best practices and review what you have.



RECURRING WEEKLY

Teen Game Night

Mondays; 5-8 p.m.

Board games, video games, card games, all are welcome!

Teen Movie Night

Wednesdays; 6-8 p.m.

Join us each week to watch a feature film, with popcorn! Details on the Teen Discord.

Teen Self Care Slowdown

Fridays; 4-5:30 p.m.

Take a moment to slow down and take care of yourself with an array of stress reducing activities.

RECURRING MONTHLY

Futures Club (R)

First Monday of the month; 6-7 p.m.

New or upcoming high school graduate? Feel like you don't know what to do and your friends are leaving town? Join this social gathering for 17 to 20-year-olds to meet new people, pick up new hobbies and talk about what to do next.

Teen Craft Workshop

First Wednesday of the month 4-5 p.m.

Pick a project from our well stocked makerspace!

Teen D&D Club

First & Third Thursdays of the month 5-8 p.m.

Join us on a fantasy adventure in Dungeons & Dragons 5e. No experience or supplies needed. May the dice favor you.

Teen Advisory Board (R)

Second Tuesday of the month; 4-5 p.m.

Help shape the future of our teen space by meeting with the Teen Librarian to discuss programming and teen needs.

Teen Fandom Guess Who

Second Wednesday of the month; 4-5 p.m.

Try to guess your favorite characters first!

Teen Wargaming Club

Second & Fourth Thursdays of the month 4-6 p.m.

Join us as we play One Page Rules and Warhammer 40k 10e. No experience or materials needed, but feel free to bring your own. We also have hobby supplies.



Teen Game Master Workshop

Third Wednesday of the month; 4-5 p.m.

Interested in running D&D or other TTRPGs? Talk with other GMs to learn from their experiences.

LOCAL HISTORY

First Responders Walking Tour

Tuesdays, Dec. 2 & Jan. 6; 1-2 p.m.

Join Local History Librarian Tom Javorcic for the final walking tours of the exhibit "First Responders of Oak Lawn: Celebrating 100 Years of Firefighters and Police History."



COMING IN MARCH...

OLPL's current exhibit will close **Friday, Jan. 9**. Join us in March for a brand-new exhibit honoring Oak Lawn's 'Founding Families.' Stay tuned to our online event calendar and social media for details about the opening event!



COMPUTER CENTER

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



TECH HELP

Mondays excluding December; 2-4 p.m.

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



Cricut Design Space

Sundays, Dec. 7, Jan. 4 & Feb. 1; 1-2 p.m.

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



Hour of Code

Tuesday, Dec. 9; Wednesday, Dec. 10; Thursday, Dec. 11 2-3 p.m.

Adults can celebrate Computer Science Education Week with fun coding activities.

Mouse and Keyboard

Tuesday, Dec. 16; Wednesdays, Jan. 28 & Feb. 25 2-3 p.m.

Practice handling a mouse and typing on a keyboard in this basic introduction to computers.



Create with Canva

Wednesdays, Dec. 17, Jan. 21 & Feb. 18; 2-3 p.m.

Create quick and professional-looking designs using Canva. Requires basic computer skills.

Video Conferencing Basics

Thursday, Dec. 18; 2-3 p.m.

Learn how to get set up for a Zoom meeting and participate in a video call.



Consumer Reports

Fridays, Dec. 19, Jan. 16 & Feb. 20; 1-2 p.m.

Learn how to make informed purchase decisions by navigating Consumer Reports online.

Smartphone Basics

Wednesdays, Jan. 7 & Feb. 11; 2-3 p.m.

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



Tinkercad Basics

Thursday, Jan. 8; 2-3 p.m.

Try out Tinkercad, a free 3D modeling web program used to create and find 3D print designs. Requires basic computer skills.



MICROSOFT PROGRAMS

Word Basics

Tuesdays, Jan. 13 & Feb. 3; 2-3 p.m.

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



Word Advanced

Thursdays, Jan. 15 & Feb. 5; 2-3 p.m.

Explore advanced paragraph and layout settings like columns and bulleted lists.



Excel Basics

Tuesdays, Jan. 27 & Feb. 24; 2-3 p.m.

Learn how to create formulas and enter data into spreadsheets in Microsoft Excel.



Excel Advanced

Thursdays, Jan. 29 & Feb. 26; 2-3 p.m.

Practice using formulas and equations, and learn how to format a spreadsheet. Requires basic computer skills.

PowerPoint Basics

Tuesday, Feb. 10; 2-3 p.m.

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

Internet Safety

Wednesdays, Jan. 14 & Feb. 4; 2-3 p.m.

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



Email Basics

Tuesdays, Jan. 20 & Feb. 17; 2-3 p.m.

Learn how to navigate an inbox, read and reply to emails, and open or send attachments.

Dungeons & Dragons Online Resources

Thursday, Jan. 22; 2-3 p.m.

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



Artificial Intelligence

Thursday, Feb. 12; 2-3 p.m.

Get introduced to AI, its controversies and how it can be used responsibly to make your life easier.

Cut the Cable Cord

Thursday, Feb. 19; 2-3 p.m.

Discover how you could save money by using streaming subscriptions like Netflix and Hulu.



BOOK CLUBS

WITH THE OAK LAWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Join us for in-person book discussions

EXPLORING THE OUTER LIMITS (SCI-FI SHORT STORIES)

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

"What's Expected of Us"

by Ted Chiang

Wednesday, Dec. 3

"The Ones Who Walk
Away from Omelas"

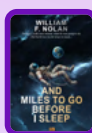
by Ursula K. Le Guin

Wednesday, Jan. 7

"And Miles to Go Before I Sleep"

by William F. Nolan

Wednesday, Feb. 4



REFRESHING READS

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

"Skipping Christmas"

by John Grisham

Tuesday, Dec. 16

"The In-Between"

by Hadley Vlahos

Tuesday, Jan. 27

"Nineteen Steps"

by Millie Bobby Brown
& Kathleen McGurl

Tuesday, Feb. 24



SAGE STORIES CULTURE CLUB

With Meghan Moran

10-11 a.m.; Meeting Room A

"The Love Elixir of Augusta Stern"

by Lynda Cohen Loigman

Thursday, Dec. 18

"Brooke Shields is Not Allowed
to Get Old: Thoughts on Aging
as a Woman"

by Brooke Shields
& Rachel Bertsche

Thursday, Jan. 15

"The Peach Seed"

by Anita Gail Jones

Thursday, Feb. 19



20'S/30'S AT HEART

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

"The Most Wonderful
Crime of the Year"

by Ally Carter

Thursday, Dec. 11

"Let Them Theory"

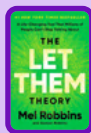
by Mel Robbins

Thursday, Jan. 8

"Expiration Dates"

by Rebecca Serle

Thursday, Feb. 12



MANGA +

With Monika Fudali
7 p.m.; Book Nook

"Food Wars!: Shokugeki
no Soma Vol. 1"

by Yuto Tsukuda

Wednesday, Dec. 17

"Kaiju No. 8 Vol. 1"

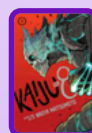
by Naoya Matsumoto

Wednesday, Jan. 21

"Romantic Killer Vol. 1"

by Wataru Momose

Wednesday, Feb. 18



BOOK NERDS BOOK BOX

The first 20 Oak Lawn cardholders who register by
Thursday, Dec. 18 get a personalized book box with
two to three library books, along with some other
goodies, at the beginning of January.

THE HUNDREDS CLUB

Teens and adults, join our Library 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 VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY

Saturday, Feb. 14, 11 a.m.-noon

What are you doing for Valentine's Day? Let's celebrate
the books and people we love! Bring a pal or some family
members to the Hundreds Club Valentine's Party where
we'll have something sweet, obviously chocolate, along
with romantic trivia and a craft.



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FRIENDS SHORT STORY DISCUSSION GROUP

"Buster, The Feline Retriever"

by James Herriot from "James Herriot's Cat Stories"
Wednesday, Dec. 10; 1 p.m.
Mary Nelson Room

"The Lost Sanjak"

by Saki from "Reginald in Russia" pub. 1910
Wednesday, Jan. 14; 1 p.m.
Mary Nelson Room

"Tin of Tube Rose"

by Sandra Redding from "When I am an Old Woman I Shall Wear Purple" edited by Sandra Martz
Wednesday, Feb. 11; 1 p.m.
Mary Nelson Room

MYSTERIES IN THE MORNING BOOK GROUP

"The Talented Mr. Ripley"

by Patricia Highsmith
Friday, Jan. 16; 9:30 a.m.
Book Nook

"Fractured"

by Karin Slaughter
Friday, Feb. 20; 9:30 a.m.
Book Nook

FRIENDS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

"The Twelve Topsy-Turvy, Very Messy Days of Christmas"

by James Patterson and Tad Safron
Wednesday, Dec. 17; 1 p.m.
Meeting Room C

"The Pirate's Wife: The Remarkable True Story of Sarah Kidd"

by Daphne Palmer Geanacopoulos
Wednesday, Jan. 28; 1 p.m.
Mary Nelson Room

"The Kitchen House"

by Kathleen Grissom
Wednesday, Feb. 25; 1 p.m.
Meeting Room A

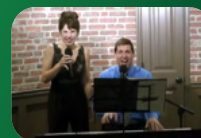
FREE CONCERTS

Elvis for the Holidays With Hugo Colin
Sunday, Dec. 14; 1 p.m.



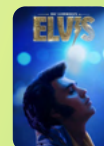
Two for One Broadway
Sunday, Jan. 18; 1 p.m.

Alloy Horn Quartet
Sunday, Feb. 15; 1 p.m.



FREE MOVIES

"Elvis"
Friday, Dec. 12; 2 p.m.



"Here"
Tuesday, Jan. 27; 2 p.m.



"Playing Through"
Tuesday, Feb. 24; 2 p.m.

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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
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Wednesday, Dec. 24 & Thursday, Dec. 25
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Wednesday, Dec. 31 & Thursday, Jan. 1
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OLPL will be collecting donations for Chicagoland Toys For Tots! Find the donation box in our lobby by the east entrance. Toys will be picked up on or before Saturday, Dec. 20.

Chicagoland Toys For Tots asks that donated toys be new/unwrapped. Please no stuffed animals.



SANTA'S CHRISTMAS CAFE!

Saturday, Dec. 6; noon-3 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 11 & Friday, Dec. 12; 3:30-5 p.m.

Back again this year... Santa's Christmas Cafe!

Take a break from holiday festivities and shopping and bring your child to Santa's Christmas Cafe! Join us for hot cocoa and cookies while your child completes a simple take-home craft.

Craft supplies are available while they last!