

KNOW

MARCH — MAY 2023 VOL.37 NO.1

**OLPL FAN FEST VOL. 7:
GUARDIANS OF THE LIBRARY**
PAGE 12

WHO'S GOT GAME?
PAGE 14

STAR WARS: MAY THE FOURTH PARTY
PAGE 8

MARIO'S SUPER ESCAPE ROOM
PAGE 4

OLPL Oak Lawn
Public Library
Newsletter



AROUND THE LIBRARY

FROM CUSTOMER SERVICES

As information professionals, we help people find accurate, relevant and timely information for their specific needs—including health. While we are not health experts, we maintain awareness of issues affecting health locally and work with community partners on discussions, activities and programs that address these challenges. We collaborate with Oak Lawn Chamber members, local business and health advocates to share conversation, strategies, policy and resources to build an informed community.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

Please join us for a series of programs in May honoring Mental Health Awareness Month. Facilitated by Dr. Lizette Solis-Cortes of Riveredge Hospital.

Race and Trauma: Supporting Families

Thursday, May 11 at 7 p.m. in the Café

We will define types of racial trauma and their impact on families and then discuss resilience, coping strategies and resources.

Grief, Loss, Seniors Aging and Depression

Thursday, May 18 at 7 p.m. in the Café

Older adults' mental health needs are often missed or misdiagnosed. Join us to learn tools to identify and respond to the feelings and behaviors of depression.

Suicide Education & Prevention – A Community Approach

Thursday, May 25 at 7 p.m. in the Café

Teens, adults and seniors are encouraged to attend this evidence-based workshop to increase awareness of suicide risk, learn protective factors that can benefit at-risk members of our community, and break the mental health stigma.

NEW COLLECTION

AgeOptions awarded the library a grant to purchase materials and host programs related to technology training and reducing social isolation for adults ages 60 and over. We purchased two new types of materials for this purpose:



Memory Kits

There are five kits, each with different materials to support those experiencing dementia and their caregivers. Each kit includes games, DVDs, CDs, books and resources.

The five themes are The Great Outdoors, In the Garden, Activity Night, Food for Thought and The Golden Oldies.



Chromebook Kits

Five kits include a Chromebook and mouse.

Five include a Chromebook, mouse and Wi-Fi hotspot.

All kits are available for checkout and to be placed on hold by Oak Lawn Library cardholders ages 60 and over. The items may be checked out for three weeks and are not renewable. Please come check one out today!

YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAMS



All programs are ticketed events, unless otherwise specified. We will distribute admission tickets at the Youth Services Desk 30 minutes before the start of the program.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Baby Romp

Ages 6-24 months with a caregiver
Thursdays, Mar. 2 & Apr. 27
Wednesday, May 17
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 caregivers.

Play-Doh Play Time

Ages 3-5 with a caregiver
Thursdays, Mar. 16, Apr. 20 & May 25
10-11 a.m.

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

No tickets necessary.

Messy Art

Ages 2-3 with a caregiver
Friday, Mar. 17
Thursdays, Apr. 6 & May 11
9:30-10:15 a.m.

Ages 3-5
Sundays, Mar. 5 & Apr. 2
Thursday, May 11
10:30-11:15 a.m.

Come for the fun and leave the cleanup to us! Dress for a mess.

Parachute Play

Ages 1-3 with a caregiver
Thursdays, Mar. 23 & Apr. 13
Tuesday, May 23
9:30-10 a.m.

Join us for toddler music and movement time!

We're Going on a Shape Hunt

Ages 3-5 with a caregiver
Thursday, Mar. 30
10-10:30 a.m.

Let's learn about shapes! We'll read about them and then go on a shape hunt!

Day of the Crayons

Ages 3-5
Friday, Apr. 14
10-10:30 a.m.

This colorful storytime features a rainbow of stories about crayons and art, and includes time for creative play.



ELEMENTARY

Who Poisoned Snow White?

Ages 7-10
Wednesday, Mar. 1
4:30-5:30 p.m.

Snow White was poisoned in the forest...again! The only way to save her is to figure out who did it and get the antidote. Young detectives will find clues and narrow down fairy tale suspects to solve the case.

Catch That Leprechaun!

Ages 5-7
Tuesday, Mar. 14
4:30-5 p.m.

Are you ready to catch that clever leprechaun on St. Patrick's Day? Join us and design your own leprechaun trap!

Bubble Wrap Bonanza

Ages 5-7
Monday, Mar. 20
4:30-5:15 p.m.

Create a fierce, fire-breathing dragon and a fetching, fleecy sheep during our fun-filled crafternoon.

Astronaut Zip Line Challenge

Ages 8-10
Monday, Mar. 27
4:30-5:15 p.m.

Can you save your astronaut crew member? Participants will design and test vehicles to carry an astronaut down a zip line!

Kid Inventors

Friday, Apr. 7
Ages 5-7: 10-11 a.m.
Ages 8-10: 2-3 p.m.

Participants will read about inventors and then use Little Bits circuitry kits to make inventions of their own.

STORYTIMES

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



Lapsit

Ages 6-24 months with a caregiver
Tuesdays, Mar. 14 & 21,
Apr. 4, 11, 18 & 25
9:30-9:50 a.m.

Toddler

Ages 2-3 with a caregiver
Wednesdays, Mar. 1, 8, 15 & 22,
Apr. 5, 12, 19 & 26
9:30-10 a.m.

Preschool

Ages 3-5
To promote independence, we encourage children to attend without caregivers.
Tuesdays, Mar. 14 & 21,
Apr. 4, 11, 18 & 25
10:15-10:45 a.m.

YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAMS



Register at cal.olpl.org 10 days before the date of the program.



ELEMENTARY (CONT.)

Ninja Fest

Ages 5-7

Monday, Apr. 17

4:30-5:15 p.m.

Kick up some fun as we enjoy ninja-themed stories, activities and a craft.



Meet a Master, Be a Master

Ages 8-10

Thursday, Apr. 20

4:30-5:30 p.m.

Learn about a famous artist and then create your own masterpiece in their style.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Craft & Chill

Ages 11-14

Wednesdays, Mar. 8 & Apr. 5

4:30-5:30 p.m.

Drop by the library to do a craft and hang out!

Taste-Off: Sparkling Water

Ages 11-14

Tuesday, Mar. 28

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Sparkling water is a great alternative to sugary soda—which brand and flavor are best? We'll try a bunch and vote for our favorite!

Nerf Battle Royale

Ages 11-14

Friday, Mar. 31

6-8 p.m.

Teams equipped with Nerf gear will play Capture the Flag after-hours in the Youth Services area. Registration will take place in-person only at the Youth Services Desk, starting on Tuesday, Mar. 21 at 9 a.m. A caregiver permission slip must be filled out at the time of registration.

MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES (R)

Program Help

Ages 11-14

Earn community service time by helping us with children's programs. Volunteer if you enjoy spending time with young children and are good at working independently.

Game Club (R)

Friday, Mar. 3 from 4:15-5:45 p.m.

Friday, Apr. 28 from 4:15-5:45 p.m.

Make a Butterfly Garden (R)

Sunday, Mar. 19

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

Bubble Wrap Bonanza (R)

Monday, Mar. 20 from 4:15-5:30 p.m.

Astronaut Zip Line Challenge (R)

Monday, Mar. 27 from 4:15-5:30 p.m.

Family Glow-in-the-Dark Party (R)

Friday, Apr. 21 from 4-5:30 p.m.

Drop-In Craft: Make a Button! (R)

Monday, May 15 from 4-5:30 p.m.

or 5:30-7 p.m.

Caring Cards

Ages 11-14

Friday, Mar. 24 from 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Earn volunteer time and brighten the day of homebound OLPL patrons by creating cheery greeting cards for Customer Services to include with their library material deliveries.



FAMILY

Interactive Movie Kits

The kits will include props, snacks and other fun family-friendly activities. Activities are designed for ages 4 and up. One kit per family, while supplies last.

"Finding Dory" (2016)

Available starting Wednesday, Mar. 1

"Lightyear" (2022)

Available starting Monday, Apr. 3

Let's Find Out: Women's History Month

Thursday, Mar. 9

6:30-7:15 p.m.

Families will gather to read stories celebrating the many contributions women have made to culture and society. Afterward, participants will create cards to give to those who inspire them.

Mario's Super Escape Room (R)

For families with
children age 7 and over

Saturday, Mar. 11

10-10:30 a.m.

11-11:30 a.m.

1-1:30 p.m.

2-2:30 p.m.

Mario needs your help to rescue his friends from Bowser's clutches! Team up to find clues and solve puzzles from the world of this blockbuster game franchise.



Family Lego Drop-In

Thursday, Mar. 23

6-7 p.m.

Use our huge supply of Legos to build something incredible!

No tickets necessary.





Stay informed about Youth Services programs! Sign up for Youth Services emails at bit.ly/youth-news-signup.



Family Tech Night: Little Bits Circuits

For families with children age 5 and up
Tuesday, Apr. 4
6-7 p.m.

We'll learn how electrical circuits work by building and powering motorized gadgets with our circuitry kits.

StoryWalk (R)

Monday, Apr. 10
10-11 a.m.

Join us at Lakeshore Park, 9610 E. Shore Drive, to read "Saturday" by Oge Mora and 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.

Family Glow-in-the-Dark Party

Friday, Apr. 21
4-5 p.m.

We're turning out the lights and breaking out the glow sticks, while supplies last. Participants are encouraged to wear white or blacklight-reactive clothing.

Earth Day Book Swap

Saturday, Apr. 22
11 a.m.-noon

Get some new books by swapping instead of buying. Bring gently used children's books to trade with other swappers in the Youth Services Department.

No tickets necessary.

Let's Find Out: Food Smarts

Thursday, Apr. 27
6:30-7:15 p.m.

Families will learn about food literacy as we discuss how food is grown and comes to our plates, how our diet relates to our health, and how the food we grow affects our planet and communities.

Family Taste-Off: Healthy "Chips"

Sunday, May 7
1-2 p.m.

Crunchy, salty, yummy—and healthy? We'll taste-test several wholesome snack foods and vote for our favorite.

MULTIPLE AGES

Game Club

Ages 6 and up
Fridays, Mar. 3 & Apr. 28
4:30-5:30 p.m.

Grab some buddies and head on over for epic game action. Enjoy classic and uncommon games.

No tickets necessary.

Science Club: Gardening with Water

Saturday, Mar. 18
Ages 5-7: **10-10:30 a.m.**
Ages 8-10: **11-11:45 a.m.**
Ages 11-14: **1-1:45 p.m.**

Can plants grow without soil? Are there reasons we might prefer to raise plants in water only? We'll use supplies from the Museum of Science and Industry to see how hydroponic gardening works.

Make a Butterfly Garden

Ages 7 and up
Sunday, Mar. 19
11 a.m.-noon

We'll share activities and games about butterflies, and then plant native wildflower seeds in starter pots to take home and start our own butterfly gardens, while supplies last.

It's Magic!

Sunday, Mar. 26-Saturday, Apr. 1
Enjoy a week filled with magical crafts and activities in the Youth Services Department.

No tickets necessary.

Money Masters: Financial Literacy for Kids

Ages 5-10
Saturday, Apr. 15
11 a.m.-noon

Oak Lawn Bank and Trust joins us to teach kids all about how to use and save money for Financial Literacy Month!

National Library Week: There's More to the Story

Sunday, Apr. 23-Saturday, Apr. 29
Enjoy crafts, a scavenger hunt and other activities celebrating libraries!
No tickets necessary.

Science Club: Beneath Our Feet

Saturday, Apr. 29
Ages 5-7: **10-10:30 a.m.**
Ages 8-10: **11-11:45 a.m.**
Ages 11-14: **1-1:45 p.m.**

In this geology-based session, we'll do experiments with different types of minerals and recreate what happened when meteors struck the earth.

Drop-In Craft: Make a Button!

Ages 5 and up
Monday, May 15
4-7 p.m.

Use one of our designs or create your own, then stamp out a button that will show your style!

No tickets necessary.

GET READY TO FIND YOUR VOICE!

Read, play and create with us as we explore all the ways we can use our voices this summer!

Our 2023 summer reading experience will offer a wide variety of family activities and programs. The adventure begins Thursday, Jun. 1 and runs through Tuesday, Aug. 1.



ADULT PROGRAMS

MEETING THROUGHOUT THE SPRING



English Together

Thursdays, Mar. 23-May 18

from 9:30-11 a.m.

No meeting May 4.

Beginners and advanced speakers, let's learn English together! This free ESL class meets weekly. No registration necessary. New students can begin at any time.

Drop in or contact
kdonley@olpl.org for
more information.

Oak Lawn Writers' Group

*Saturdays, Mar. 11 & 25, Apr. 8 & 22,
May 13 & 27 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.*

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

The Yarnery Club

*Tuesdays, Mar. 14 & 28, Apr. 11 & 25,
May 9 & 23 at 2 p.m.*

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

Southside FilmMakers

*Thursdays, Mar. 16, Apr. 20 & May 18
from 5:30-7:30 p.m.*

Make films and learn what goes on behind the camera! This club of local filmmakers welcomes beginners.

Irish Genealogy Club

*Tuesdays, Mar. 28, Apr. 25 & May 30
at 1:30 p.m.*

Led by Reference and Genealogy Librarian Kathy O'Leary, this group meets once a month to discuss their Irish genealogy.

Genealogy Club

Thursday, Mar. 30 at 1:30 p.m.

Kathy O'Leary will discuss how the legal status of women influenced genealogy.

Thursday, Apr. 27 at 1:30 p.m.

Peg Kapustiak will discuss Researching Online for 2022-2023, including new sources for verifying pre-internet research.

Thursday, May 25 at 1:30 p.m.

Dennis McClendon will discuss Cartographic Tales of Chicago: intriguing stories about the city's original development.

Genre Fiction Reading Challenge

Wednesday, Feb. 1-Sunday, Apr. 30

We challenge you to read three books: one romance, one mystery and one science fiction novel. Earn prizes for reading and writing reviews. Get raffle prize tickets by attending AYA programs that connect to romance in February, mystery in March and science fiction in April.



Sign up through Saturday, Apr. 1
on Beanstack at olpl.beanstack.org.



ROMANCE



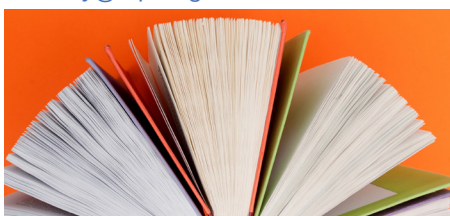
MYSTERY



SCIENCE FICTION

Announcement:

Hi, Oak Lawn! Are you a published author? We'd like to put together a local authors' night. Please contact our AYA Programming Librarian at kdonley@olpl.org for more information.



March Pop-Up Program: Remarkable Women Display

Let's decorate the Adult Services Desk to honor Women's History Month and International Women's Day! Stop by the Adult Services Desk in March to recognize a remarkable woman—one of international renown or one who is dear to your heart. Bring in a photo to add to our display or write a description. Receive a trinket for participating.

Take n' Make: Let's Grow Wildflowers! (R)

*Available starting Monday, Mar. 6
at noon, while supplies last*

Sign up to receive a packet of Midwest Wildflowers from Sow Right Seeds. We'll also give you an information sheet on seed-growing success.



The Supremes of Justice: Women of the US Supreme Court

Wednesday, Mar. 8 at 7 p.m.

Tauya Forst, Professor of Justice Studies at the College of DuPage, discusses the only six women ever appointed to the United States Supreme Court and the mark each Lady Justice has left on the bench.



Crash Course for Dungeons and Dragons

Thursday, Mar. 9 at 6:30 p.m.

From character types to ferocious monsters, Dungeon Master Dave Hansen introduces the game Dungeons and Dragons in the context of the upcoming film "Dungeons and Dragons: Honor Among Thieves" (2023).

Saint Patrick's Day Concert with the Acapella Fellas

Friday, Mar. 17 at 1 p.m.

This acapella duo will sing us a set of '40s through '60s pop hits, Broadway songs and Irish favorites.

Genealogy Lock-In (R)

Friday, Mar. 17 from 6-8 p.m.

A special, after-hours program with several experts on-hand to assist you in exploring your family history using library resources. Space is limited. Register online Mar. 1-16. Please arrive for the event before 6 p.m.

Saturday Afternoon Games

Saturday, Mar. 18 from noon-4 p.m.

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

Monarchs: History and Science behind the Monarch Craze *

Sunday, Mar. 19 from 11 a.m.-noon

Naturalist Kim White will tell us how to nurture monarchs in our own backyards. Attendees will receive a free packet of Midwest Wildflower seeds from Sow Right Seeds, while supplies last.

Mystery Author Mia Manansala

Wednesday, Mar. 22 at 6:30 p.m.

Mia Manansala's debut novel "Arsenic and Adobo" won the Agatha, McCavity and Anthony awards for best first mystery novel in 2021-2022. Join us to learn more about her writing process and her cozy "Tita Rosie's Kitchen Mystery" series.



A Woman on an Adventure: Greece, Egypt, Israel and Turkey

Monday, Mar. 27 at 1:30 p.m.

Friend of the Library Celeste Brown describes how a Road Scholar trip helped her make friends and find herself. She'll discuss the practical details of her trip and the beauties of the countries she visited.

Real Estate Seminar: Selling and/or Buying a Home

Wednesday, Mar. 29 at 6:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Real Estate Broker Dave Weinert from Century 21 Affiliated brings in a lender, an attorney and a home inspector to give you insights on selling a home at 6:30 p.m. and buying a home at 7:30 p.m.

April Pop-Up Program: National Poetry Month

Stop by our typewriter station in April to compose a poem for someone special or to display at the library.

Life Insurance: Use it While You're Living

Monday, Apr. 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Marguerite McEnery from McEnery Financial and Insurance Services explains how life insurance can be used for retirement, college tuition, a new car, income protection and long-term care.

K-Pop Dance Class

Mondays, Apr. 10 & 24 at 6:30 p.m.

Adults and teens can learn K-pop dance from instructor Mikayla Wolford, longtime hip-hop dancer and performer with two K-pop ensembles. K-pop is a vigorous activity—attendees participate at their own risk.

Drop Everything and Read Night!

Wednesday, Apr. 12 from 6-8 p.m.

Celebrate reading! Get "caught reading" at our photo booth, play puzzles and games, and enjoy a sweet treat for showing us the book, e-book or audiobook you're reading!

*Parents accompanying children attending the Make a Butterfly Garden program on page 5 are encouraged to attend.

ADULT PROGRAMS (R)

Register at cal.olpl.org
with your name and email.



Dungeons and Dragons Adventure (R)

**Saturday, Apr. 15 from noon-4 p.m. or
Saturday, Apr. 29 from noon-4 p.m.**

Dungeon Master Dave Hansen will lead you on an afternoon-long adventure. Select a character and experience a one-day campaign. Open to teens, adults, new or skilled players. Participants may register for **one** session only. Registration and a \$5 cash advance deposit are required to reserve your spot. Deposits will be returned at the end of the program.

We CARE about Money

Saturday, Apr. 15, 1 p.m.

Financial experts from Credit Abuse Resistance Education (CARE) will discuss credit scores and reports, plus how to build good credit history and a high credit score.

Saturday, Apr. 15, 2 p.m.

Financial experts from CARE will shine a light on identity theft, common frauds and scams to avoid.

Saturday, Apr. 15, 3 p.m.

Financial experts from CARE will explain the types and terms of student loans.

Virtual Money Smart Week (R)

**Monday, Apr. 17-Thursday, Apr. 20
at 1:30 p.m.**

Learn about budgeting, Instituciones Financieras (in Spanish), debt relief and retirement in a series of virtual talks. The Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago coordinates this national public education program.

Marvel Monday

Monday, Apr. 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Come see "Thor Love and Thunder" (2022) on our big screen with great sound. Attendees will receive a special raffle ticket for a prize at Fan Fest! PG-13, 118 minutes.



NASA Missions: Real Sci-Fi Adventures

Wednesday, Apr. 19 at 6:30 p.m.

NASA Ambassador Mark Benson presents recent and future NASA missions. Refreshments include "out-of-this-world" cupcakes!

Estate Planning: It's Never Too Early

Wednesday, Apr. 26 at 6:30 p.m.

Attorney Caroline S. Smith from law firm Robbins DiMonte, Ltd. answers your questions, explains the importance of estate planning and addresses what happens if you have no estate plan.

May Pop-Up Program: Spirograph

In May, use Spirograph to design some fancy loop-de-loop DIY notecards, cards and bookmarks at the Adult Services Desk.

Star Wars: May the Fourth Party

Thursday, May 4 at 6 p.m.

We'll have Star Wars trivia, a photo booth and show the movie "Solo: A Star Wars Story" (2018, PG-13, 135 minutes) at 6:20 p.m. Come in costume and get a gift certificate for a scoop of Andy's frozen custard. Attendees will receive a special raffle ticket to use at Fan Fest!



Movie Screening: "Top Gun: Maverick" (2022)

Thursday, May 11 at 1 p.m.

In the blockbuster sequel to "Top Gun" (1986), pilot Pete "Maverick" Mitchell continues to push the envelope as a trainer for a specialized mission. PG-13, 131 minutes.



Werewolf

Monday, May 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Join Zac and Kate in this party game of deduction and deceit! Players are assigned secret roles on teams of werewolves or villagers, and it's up to the villagers to sniff out the wolves before it's too late.

Cheese 101 (R)

Wednesday, May 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Certified cheese professional Meredith Meder guides us through cheese tasting and conversation about different milk types, cheese styles, and how to buy, cut and store cheeses. Registration and a \$5 cash deposit is required to reserve your spot. Deposits will be returned at the end of the program.

The Mayor: Richard J. Daley

Wednesday, May 24 at 2 p.m.

Learn about one of the most powerful political figures in Chicago history. Larry Bergnach presents Mayor Richard J. Daley, the last of the big city bosses.

Open Mic Night

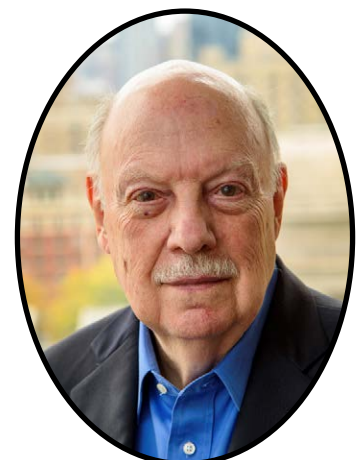
Thursday, May 25 at 6:30 p.m.

The Oak Lawn Writers' Group presents Open Mic Night! Writers are encouraged to share their personal works of writing in any genre, plus storytelling, spoken word or comedy. Performers will sign up at 6:15 p.m. Share your talent or enjoy the show!

Illinois Political Corruption

Wednesday, May 31 at 2 p.m.

Author, former Chicago alderman and UIC professor emeritus Dick Simpson will share some notorious cases of political corruption and let the audience decide the winner of "most corrupt."



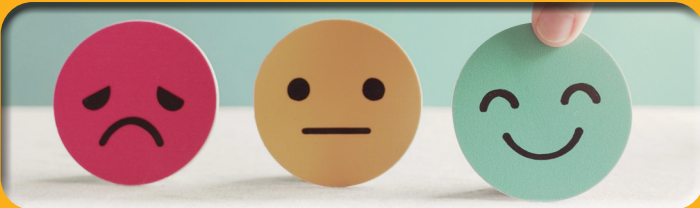
TEEN PROGRAMS

Programs take place in the Teen Room, open after school (3 p.m.-close), Saturday (1-5 p.m.) and Sunday (noon-3 p.m.) just for high school students.

Mental Health Matters

Every Day, All Day

Take a look at our Mental Health Matters bulletin board! Check in for regularly updated tips and tricks for dealing with stress. In March, post your relaxation techniques and see what others have responded!



WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Movie Night Wednesday

Wednesdays, Mar. 1-May 31 from 6-8 p.m.

Kick back with some friends and watch a movie every Wednesday! Call ahead of time to find out what the movie is.

Anime/Manga Club

Thursdays, Mar. 2, Apr. 6 & May 4 from 7-8 p.m.

Do you like anime or manga? Join our club! We meet on the first Thursday of the month.

Monday Night Gaming

Mondays, Mar. 6-May 22 from 5-8 p.m.

Battle your buddies using our board and video game collection every Monday night!

PROGRAMS

De-Stress with Dogs!

Thursday, Mar. 9 from 7-8 p.m.

Your mental health matters! The organization Love on a Leash will bring certified therapy dogs to help ease your stress. Unwind with some furry, therapeutic friends!



Practice SAT Test (R)

Saturdays, Mar. 4 & Apr. 8 from 1-4 p.m.

We are offering free SAT practice testing to all students. Please bring a graphic calculator. We will provide pencils, paper and water. Each testing date is limited to 10 students. Register online at cal.olpl.org.



Teen Advisory Board

Thursdays, Apr. 13 & May 11 from 7-8 p.m.

Have a say in teen library programs and earn volunteer hours!

If you are interested in joining TAB, please email teen librarian Hailey Everett at heverett@olpl.org.

Let's Talk College!

More Options, Less Debt

Thursday, Apr. 20 from 7-8 p.m.

Join us for an information session on the college admissions process, financial options and ways to save for college! Parents are welcome to attend this event. Provided by Moraine Valley Community College.



Snack and Study

Monday, May 15-Thursdays, May 25:

Mondays-Thursdays from 3 p.m.-9 p.m.

Friday from 3 p.m.-6 p.m.

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

Are you studying for finals? Do you wish you had some snacks? Bring your books and your friends to Snack and Study! Extra supplies and snacks will be available.



BOOK DISCUSSIONS

READ
GATHER
DISCUSS

WITH THE
OAK LAWN
PUBLIC LIBRARY

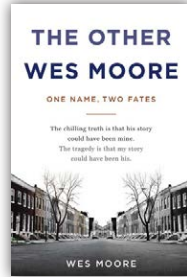
Join us for in-person book discussions this spring

REFRESHING READS

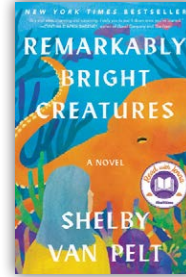
with Emily Bettcher | Meets at Avenue Wine Bar in Oak Lawn (10632 S. Cicero Ave.)



"The Reading List"
by Sara Nisha Adams
Tuesday, Mar. 28
7:30 p.m.



"The Other Wes Moore"
by Wes Moore
Tuesday, Apr. 25
7:30 p.m.



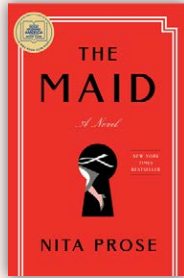
"Remarkably Bright Creatures"
by Shelby Van Pelt
Tuesday, May 23
7:30 p.m.

MYSTERIES IN THE MORNING

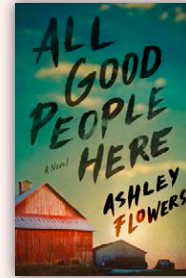
with Julia Churchill | Meets in the second-floor Teen Room



"Bluebird, Bluebird"
by Attica Locke
Friday, Mar. 17
9:30 a.m.



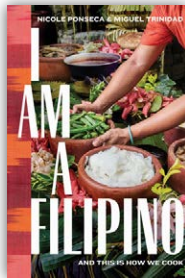
"The Maid"
by Nita Prose
Friday, Apr. 21
9:30 a.m.



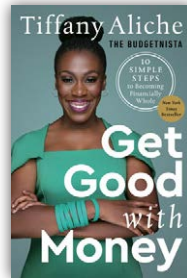
"All Good People Here"
by Ashley Flowers
Friday, May 19
9:30 a.m.

CONNECTIONS

with Kate Donley and Alvin Dantes
Meets in the Mary Nelson Room



"I Am a Filipino"
by Nicole Ponseca and Miguel Trinidad
Friday, March 24
1 p.m.



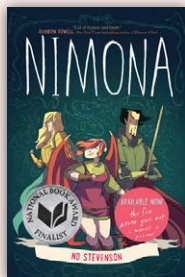
"Get Good with Money"
by Tiffany Aliche
Wednesday, Apr. 12
6:30pm
Friday, Apr. 21
1 p.m.



"Boards: Stylish Spreads for Casual Gatherings"
by America's Test Kitchen
Friday, May 26
at 1 p.m.

GRAPHICALLY SPEAKING

with Jenny Yasecko | Meets in the Book Club Nook



"Nimona"
by Noelle Stevenson
Wednesday, Apr. 26
at 7 p.m.



BOOK NERDS BOOK BOX

We're doing another round of personalized book boxes! Fill out a short survey, and we'll curate a box of goodies and two to three library books for you. Register by Thursday, Mar. 23 for a May book box. Book boxes will go to the first 20 Oak Lawn cardholders who register.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY



SUNDAY WITH FRIENDS CONCERTS



**Renee Hein's
Legendary
Ladies of Song**
*Sunday, Mar. 12
1 p.m.*



**Chicago Arabic
Music Ensemble**
*Sunday, Apr. 16
1 p.m.*



**Irish Music Trio
Character Fleadh**
*Sunday, May 21
1 p.m.*

FRIENDS BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Meets every fourth Wednesday from 1-3 p.m. in the Mary Nelson Room. Pick up books at the Adult Reference Desk on the second floor, one month in advance.

"The Christie Affair"

by Nina de Gramont

Wednesday, Mar. 22

"Prairie Fever"

by Michael Parker

Wednesday, Apr. 26

"Rock, Paper, Scissors"

by Alice Feeney

Wednesday, May 24

FRIENDS SHORT STORY DISCUSSIONS

Meets every second Wednesday from 1-3 p.m. in the Mary Nelson Room. Pick up short stories at the Adult Reference Desk on the second floor, one month in advance.

"Young Goodman Brown"

by Nathaniel Hawthorne

Wednesday, Mar. 8

"The Real Lord of the Flies"

by Rutger Bregman

Wednesday, Apr. 12

"Mom Was No Picnic"

by Marilyn Kochman

Wednesday, May 10

Bookstore Donations

Donate gently-used books, magazines, DVDs, CDs, puzzles, games and records at the drop-off area near the Cook Ave. entrance. Donors may fill out a form at the first-floor Customer Service Desk to receive a tax letter acknowledgement by mail.

Volunteer

Apply to volunteer at the Friends of the Library bookstore sorting books and stocking the store. One four-hour shift per week is required. Pick up and return the volunteer form at the kiosk inside the Friends Bookstore on the first floor of the library. For more information, call Carole Onwiler at 708-422-8646.

Are You a Friend?

Renew your membership or join the Friends of the Library! Dues are \$5 for an individual and \$8 for a family, which includes a spouse and any children under 18. Members receive news updates in the fall and spring, interesting volunteer opportunities, and the fulfillment that comes from supporting your library and bringing cultural experiences to the community.

FRIENDS MOVIE SCREENINGS



"The Woman King" (2022)

Wednesday, Mar. 15 at 1 p.m.

European merchants encroach on the flourishing African kingdom of Dahomey seeking riches as warrior Nanisca takes a stand to uphold her peoples' freedom. Inspired by true events in the late eighteenth century. PG-13, 135 minutes.



"Emma" (2020)

Wednesday, Apr. 5 at 1 p.m.

In this Jane Austen adaptation, Emma is a headstrong and privileged young woman in the 1800s whose matchmaking meddles in the romantic lives of people in her sleepy English town. PG, 124 minutes.



"In the Heights" (2021)

Wednesday, May 3 at 1 p.m.

Usnavi, a bodega owner in Washington Heights, hopes, dreams, works toward and sings about a better life in this film adaptation of the musical by Lin-Manuel Miranda. PG-13, 142 minutes.

COMPUTER CENTER

Tech Help Hour

Tuesdays at 2 p.m.

Do you have a question about computers, smartphones or other new technologies? Get assistance at this weekly drop-in help session!

Smartphone Tips and Tricks

Wednesday, Mar. 15 at 2 p.m.

Do you have a smartphone? Not sure how to navigate the endless icons and features? Learn how to get the most out of your device.

Online Tools for Travel Planning

Thursday, Mar. 16 at 2 p.m.

Find and book flights, hotels and car rentals with your smartphone or computer! Discover apps that can help you with your itineraries and learn tips and tricks to find better prices.

Google Apps and the Cloud

Thursday, Mar. 23 at 2 p.m.

What is "The Cloud?" Discover what Google has to offer you and learn all about how to use the cloud to manage your storage and increase your productivity.

Internet Basics

Monday, Apr. 3 at 2 p.m.

Thursday, Apr. 27 at 6 p.m.

Monday, May 15 at 2 p.m.

Get started on the World Wide Web! Learn how to navigate web pages and find things on the internet.

Internet Safety

Thursday, Apr. 6 at 6 p.m.

Monday, Apr. 17 at 2 p.m.

Thursday, May 25 at 6 p.m.

Learn how to stay safe on the web. We will discuss best practices to avoid common pitfalls and internet scams.

Excel for Budgets

Monday, Apr. 10 at 6 p.m.

Thursday, Apr. 20 at 2 p.m.

Take control of your finances using Microsoft Excel! Learn how to make a basic budget and keep track of your monthly spending.

Mouse and Keyboard

Monday, May 1 at 2 p.m.

Start your journey with computers here: learn how to use a mouse and keyboard in our computer lab!

Fan Fest Vol. 7: Marvel Snap at Your Library!

Saturday, May 6 at 1 p.m.

Get an introduction to Marvel Snap, the new digital card game available on Android, iPhone and Steam. Discuss deck builds, strategies and find opponents to play at Fan Fest!

Computer Basics

Thursday, May 11 at 6 p.m.

Come and get a basic introduction to computers in our computer classroom.

Featuring:

- Free comic books
- Local boutiques, comics and illustrators
- Panels
- Crafts and activities
- Marvel Snap tutorial
- All-day photo booth
- Cosplay competition
- After-hours adult trivia
- Prizes!



Sponsors:

- Express Med Spa
- Image Comics
- Penny Lane Schools
- Maguire & Associates
- Children's Museum in Oak Lawn
- Oni Press
- Oak Lawn Lions Club
- McDonald's
- Alive Church

OLPL FAN FEST VOL. 7: GUARDIANS OF THE LIBRARY

Saturday, May 6 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

An all-ages celebration of pop culture and free comic book day!

See our website for more details:
olpl.org/fanfest.

#OLPLFanFest



SENIOR DRIVING

Super Seniors Mobile Event with the Illinois Secretary of State

Saturday, Mar. 11 & Saturday, May 20

Mobile Unit available 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

*Rules of the Road review course begins at 10 a.m.
in the Lower Level Meeting Rooms*

Super Seniors is a convenient and voluntary program for driver's license renewal which includes Rules of the Road classroom instruction on safe driving techniques and Illinois driving laws, plus a vision-screening exam.

A Secretary of State Mobile Driver Services Unit will be available for participants to renew their driver's licenses. An identification card can be obtained for \$20. All payments must be made by check, credit card, debit card or money order. No cash accepted. Adults ages 65 and older may obtain a free, non-expiring State of Illinois photo ID card. Drivers age 75 and older must take a driving test at a Driver Services facility to renew their driver's licenses.

Services provided at the Secretary of State's Mobile Event include:

- Renewal/correction of driver's license
- New/renewal/correction of state ID
- License plate renewal stickers
- Motor Voter registration with renewal of ID or driver's license
- Organ donor registration with renewal of ID or driver's license

Proper identification must be provided. Due to enhanced security requirements, REAL ID compliant drivers' licenses and ID cards must be processed at a Driver's Services Facility and are not available at mobile events.

Adults under age 65 are also eligible for the services provided at this Secretary of State mobile event.



AARP Smart Driver Course (R)

Wednesday, May 10 & Thursday, May 11

from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in the Café

Join us for the nation's first and largest refresher course designed specifically for older drivers. The course will provide a review of driving skills and techniques, as well as strategies and tips to help you adjust to normal age-related changes that may affect driving ability. Participants will receive AARP's newly 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 to the instructor as cash or check payable to AARP at the start of the course. Please bring your driver's license and AARP card with you (if applicable). Limited to 20 registrants.



SENIOR PROGRAMS

Medicare 101 with United Healthcare (R)

Thursday, Mar. 2 at 2 p.m. in the Café

Learn about eligibility, enrollment, and benefits of Medicare parts A, B, C and D, as well as Medicare Advantage Plans from Gigi Ruffin, community educator and licensed insurance agent with United Healthcare.

PROGRAMS WITH ADVOCATE AURORA HEALTH

Rapid Derm 101: Common and Not So Common Skin Disorders

Monday, Mar. 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the Café and streaming online at the OLPL YouTube page

Dermatologist Dr. Conor Dolehide will speak about skin disorders, Mohs surgery and the importance of skin checks.

Understanding Pancreatic Cancer

Wednesday, Mar. 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Café and streaming online at the OLPL YouTube page

Gastroenterologist Dr. Imad Elkhatib will discuss pancreatic cancer, including risk factors, signs and symptoms, and treatment options.

Hormones Gone Wild! What Women Need to Do

Monday, Mar. 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the Café and streaming online at the OLPL YouTube page

Urogynecologist Dr. Denise Furlong will speak about how hormones influence and impact women throughout their lives.



Acid Reflux: Get Me Off My Meds!

Tuesday, May 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the Café and streaming online at the OLPL YouTube page

Gastroenterologist Dr. Imad Elkhatib will discuss acid reflux, including the root causes of heartburn, potential effects of long-term acid reflux, and innovative new procedures to fix GERD and stay off medications.

Skin Cancer Screening

Saturday, May 13 from noon-4:30 p.m. in the Lower Level Meeting Rooms

Dr. Conor Dolehide will offer free skin cancer screenings. To register, please contact Sue Latocha, MS, BSN, RN, CCRN, Regional Community Outreach for Advocate Aurora Health at susan.latocha@aah.org.

The ABCs of High Blood Pressure and Heart Failure

Monday, May 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Café and streaming online at the OLPL YouTube page

Cardiologist Dr. Vinh Chau will explain the effects of blood pressure on the heart and review the risk factors and progression of heart failure.

Bladder Leaks: Say Goodbye to Incontinence!

Monday, May 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the Café and streaming online at the OLPL YouTube page

Urogynecologist Dr. Denise Furlong will discuss female incontinence and possible treatments.

Alzheimer's & Dementia Support Group

Mondays, Mar. 13, Apr. 10 & May 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Café

An opportunity for family members, friends and caregivers to share their feelings, thoughts and experiences in a safe environment with others going through similar things. No registration required – please drop in. Facilitated by Mary Murphy, RN, BSN, CDP (Certified Dementia Practitioner) of Hibernian Home Care.

Who's Got Game? (R)

Tuesdays, Mar. 14 & 21, Apr. 11 & 18, May 9 & 16 from 10-11 a.m. in the Café

Join us twice a month to play classic board and tabletop games! Registered attendees will be entered to win a small goodie bag at the end of each month. Light refreshments will be served. Supplies for this program are partially funded via the AgeOptions Library CARES ARPA grant. Sponsored in part by JenCare.

Decreasing Chronic Inflammation through an Anti-Inflammatory Lifestyle Program Series

This three-part series is facilitated by Rachel Garrison, RN, BSN, Advocate Christ Medical Center.

Decreasing Chronic Inflammation through an Anti-Inflammatory Lifestyle

Thursday, Mar. 16 at 7 p.m. in the Café

Chronic inflammation is caused by an unhealthy diet, stress and a sedentary lifestyle. Learn how to improve your lifestyle choices to promote healing and wellness.

Feeding your Microbiome

Thursday, Mar. 23 at 7 p.m. in the Café

How does your gut connect to mental health, gluten sensitivity and hormonal imbalances? We will review foods that can help restore microbiomes.

Food as our Medicine

Thursday, Mar. 30 at 7 p.m. in the Café

What's the link between nutrition and chronic illness? Learn tips to balance blood sugar, plan meals, read labels and implement an anti-inflammatory lifestyle.



PROGRAMS WITH OASIS SENIOR ADVISORS

Oasis Senior Advisors offers free, community-based referral placement assistance to aid in finding a place just right for you or your loved one. All programs will be presented by Julianne Rizzo, RN, MBA, CSA (Certified Senior Advisor).

Protecting Seniors from Identity Theft & Scams (R)

Tuesday, Mar. 21 at 1 p.m. in the Café

Learn what identity theft is, how it happens, ways to prevent it and actions to take if your identity has been stolen.

It's Okay to Place Your Loved One (R)

Wednesday, Apr. 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Café

We will discuss empathizing with your loved one's emotions about moving, the variety of living options that meet multiple needs and strategies to consider those options.

Parkinson's Disease (R)

Thursday, May 18 at 1 p.m. in the Café

Learn about the signs and symptoms of Parkinson's disease, as well as diagnosis, current treatment and senior living options.



Wits Workout (R)

Tuesdays, Mar. 28, Apr. 25 & May 30 at 10 a.m. in the Café

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.



TechWise (formerly known as Tech for the Golden Years)

Wednesday sessions:

April 5, 12, 19 & 26, May 3 & 10

Thursday sessions:

April 6, 13, 20 & 27, May 4 & 11

10:30 a.m.-noon in the Computer Training Lab

Join OLPL and Pathlights for TechWise! This six-class technology instruction series for adults ages 60 and over will give you basic tools to help improve your computer skills. We will have a Wednesday group and a Thursday group. Up to 10 participants will be accepted per group. To enhance the experience, we ask that participants be able to attend all six sessions. A waitlist will also be available. Supplies for this program are partially funded via the AgeOptions Library CARES ARPA grant.

To register or ask questions, please call Meghan Moran, Assistant Department Head of Customer Services, at 708-422-4990 ext. 630.



Military Healthcare and Medicare 101 (R)

Wednesday, May 17 at 11 a.m. in the Café

Please join us to learn how military healthcare benefits for veterans can be combined with Medicare benefits to provide better overall healthcare at a lower cost. Rich George from Advocate Health Advisors will speak about VA Care, CHAMPVA and Tricare for Life, as well as Medicare Advantage and Medicare Supplements.

Board of Trustees

Sue Whisson
Kate M. McDermott
Joe Skibinski
Sean Kelly
Joan Buschbach
Pat O'Donnell
Kim D. Brightmore

The Board meets Tuesdays, Mar. 21, Apr. 18 and May 16 at 6:45 p.m. Board meetings will be held in the lower-level meeting rooms of the library. The public is invited to attend.

Library Hours

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

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

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

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

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

Library Closings

Tuesday, Mar. 7
Staff In-service Day

Sunday, Apr. 9
Easter

Sunday, May 28
CLOSED on Sundays until Oct. 2

Monday, May 29
Memorial Day

Director: Carol L. Williams

Designer: Enrique Reyes

Editor: Elaina Dague

Photography

The Oak Lawn Public Library reserves the right for staff to photograph and videotape during programs to promote activities, collections and services.

The Americans with Disabilities Act

The Oak Lawn Public Library is subject to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you plan to attend a program and need special accommodations, call 708-422-4990 during regular business hours at least seven days prior to the event.

Let's Get Social

Facebook: @OakLawnPublicLibrary

Instagram: @oaklawn_library

YouTube: bit.ly/olpl-youtube

TikTok: @OakLawnPublicLibrary

MeetUp: @Oak-Lawn-Public-Library-Meetup

e-Newsletter: bit.ly/olpl-e-newsletter



Oak Lawn
Public Library

9427 S. Raymond Ave.

Oak Lawn, IL 60453

708-422-4990

www.olpl.org

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit No. 166
Oak Lawn, IL

FAN FEST VOL. 7
**GUARDIANS
OF THE LIBRARY**

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023

#OLPLFanFest