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OUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

by Nick Malone, Content Coordinator

Oak Lawners know that there's nothing like a Chicago winter to make you appreciate the little things. A few degrees above freezing, a new pair of gloves, even a parking space can feel like they're the only things keeping you from losing your mind! Of course, it's not all bad— we cherish and celebrate our family and friends over the holidays, watch our neighborhood glow with festive string lights, and it finally becomes appropriate to drink hot chocolate.

And for many of us, the coming of winter is a time to reflect on the rest of the year gone by: what did we accomplish? What are we missing? How can we bring the best of ourselves into the next year? At the Oak Lawn Public Library, we're thinking about these things too. We're always committed to providing our community with endless opportunities to learn, grow and play— but how can we connect with our patrons who make our library so special in a meaningful way this year?

This newsletter is just one of the ways we plan on carrying out our New Year's resolution to bring our community together through learning and mingling with our neighbors! We've changed our approach to the newsletter this season, giving each department an opportunity to share their part in fostering the friendly, lively, and scholastic atmosphere of our library. We'll highlight each department's most exciting programs, unique opportunities to get involved with your family and friends, and celebrate the things that make the library an indispensable part of our neighborhood! We're ready to bring our best to 2024— and this newsletter is your guide to using the library to bring your A-game too. Keep your spirits high this winter— our doors will be open to help!

Please see our online calendar at cal.olpl.org for a full listing of our programs from Dec.-Feb.

OLPL FAN FEST 2024 EXHIBITORS

"Help us, [YOUR NAME HERE]! You're our only hope!" The Oak Lawn Public Library is looking for local artists, writers, creators, vendors and performers to share their comic book-related talent, skills and knowledge at OLPL Fan Fest, a celebration of pop-culture for all ages on Saturday, May 11, 2024. Complete your application by Jan. 2, 2024 at bit.ly/olplfanfest24app. We will notify selected applicants no later than Jan. 31, 2024.

Unable to make it, but still want to be part of our event? You can donate and become a sponsor by contacting Zac Frazier at zfrazier@olpl.org or call (708) 422-4990 ext. 505.



AROUND THE LIBRARY

HOLIDAY GINGERBREAD MADNESS!

Gingerbread House Contest

Monday, Dec. 4–Monday, Dec. 18

This year, our Gingerbread House Contest is open to all ages! Patrons are invited to submit gingerbread houses in three categories: Youth, Teen and Adult. The gingerbread houses should have a footprint no larger than 18 by 18 inches and will be displayed in the department that matches their category.

Monday, Dec. 4–Monday, Dec. 11
Drop off your gingerbread house

Families with children should bring their gingerbread houses to the Youth Services Department. Teens and adults should bring their entries to the Adult/Young Adult Services Department. When participants drop off their entry, they will fill out a permission slip with an entry form and receive a coupon for two free cupcakes from Simply Sweet Creations Nut Free Bakery! (While supplies last.)

Tuesday, Dec. 12–Monday, Dec. 18
Vote for your favorite gingerbread house

Stroll around our festive displays and fill out a ballot for your favorite in each department!

Tuesday, Dec. 19
Discover who won!

Right before Christmas, we'll reveal the fan favorites in each category! Winning families will receive a cuddly 12-inch Squishmallow, and winning teens and adults will receive a gift card. In addition, teen and adult participants will have the opportunity to be crowned "Chef's Choice" by Adriana Gomez, chef and owner of Simply Sweet Creations! (There's a gift for this winner too!)

All gingerbread houses must be picked up by Friday, Dec. 22.

The competition is just the beginning of the gingerbread festivities!



Gingerbread-style model of the original Oak Lawn Little Red Library, on display in Local History from Friday, Dec. 8.

Can You Catch the Gingerbread Man? (T)

For ages 5–7

Thursday, Dec. 7 from 4:30–5:15 p.m.

Run, run, as fast as you can! We'll work together to crack a series of codes to catch a runaway Gingerbread Man!



Ginger Spice Recipes from the OLPL Archives

Looking for inspiration in the kitchen this holiday season? Starting **Dec. 4**, stop by the Adult Services desk or the Local History department for a pamphlet full of festive recipes from the Library's cookbook archives.



Ginger Spice Recipes Take 'n' Make

Pickup starts Monday, Dec. 4

Explore baking with ginger spice with this Take 'n' Make kit plus recipes and a coupon from Simply Sweet Creations Nut Free Bakery!



YOUTH SERVICES

(T) Ticketed Programming. We will distribute admission tickets at the Youth Services Desk 15 minutes before the start of the program.

(R) Registered Programming. Register at cal.olpl.org.

COMEDY, DANCE, AND CARTOONING FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES

by Mary Donovan, Youth Services Librarian

Shake off the winter doldrums by trying something new in a Youth Services program! In addition to the wide variety of programs our staff offers for kids and their families, we will also be hosting three special guests offering uniquely engaging interactive programs.



In December, laugh along with **Smarty Pants and his Big Balloon Holiday Show** on Saturday, Dec. 16 from 1-1:45 p.m. Called "simply amazing" by WGN-TV, the Big Balloon Holiday Show features magic, all ages comedy and Smarty's award-winning, humongous balloon

props. The show includes favorite holiday characters like Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, the Elf on the Shelf, the Grinch, and Frosty the Snowman. Bring the whole family for this hilarious, interactive holiday treat! **No tickets necessary.**

Next, brighten those long January days with Latin dance! Denita Inez, director of **Desueño Dance**, will lead family salsa lessons on Sunday, Jan. 14 from 1-2 p.m. The Desueño Dance company fuses Afro-Latin, jazz and contemporary movements, and has performed and taught at a variety of events, including Chicago Summer Dance, Chicago Dance Month, and Night Out in the Parks. Tickets will be distributed at the Youth Services Desk 15 minutes before the start of the program, while supplies last, to families with children ages four and up.



February brings an opportunity for kids ages five and up to spread their creative wings with Andertoons' new drawing program, **Learn to Draw Winter Wildlife** on Saturday, Feb. 3 from 1-2 p.m. Here's what cartoonist Mark Anderson says about his program:



Kids will learn to draw animals that like it cold! Arctic foxes, polar bears, snow monkeys, and the ruffed grouse! Yep, you read that right - ruffed grouse! The grouse that's actually ruffed! Do not miss it!! (Again, ruffed grouse!)



As children draw, they develop their problem-solving skills and capacity for design thinking, all while expressing their individuality and having fun! Tickets will be distributed at the Youth Services Desk 15 minutes before the start of the program, while supplies last.

We can't wait to see you for some family fun this winter with all our talented guests!





Stay informed about Youth Services programs! Sign up for Youth Services emails at <https://bit.ly/olpl-ews>.



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

WINTER PROGRAM PICKS FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES



Let's Find Out: Hanukkah, the Jewish Festival of Lights (T)

For families

Tuesday, Dec. 5
6:30–7:15 p.m.

Join our special guest host Kate Donley to explore the sights, songs, snacks, and other cultural traditions connected to Hanukkah. We'll read a book, touch a Jewish *menorah*, and sing about *dreidels* and *latkes*. Enjoy sweet *sufganiyot* – little donuts – a tradition that symbolizes the oil that lasted eight nights. We'll have coloring pages and opportunities to ask questions.

Pokémon Share & Trade (T)

Ages 5 & up

Saturday, Dec. 9
11 a.m.–noon

If you're a fan of Pokémon, come by to show your cards to other collectors and trade your duplicates to expand your collection!

Tween Boba Tea Tasting (T)

Ages 11–14

Wednesday, Jan. 17
4:30–5:15 p.m.

Do you love boba tea, also known as bubble tea? Learn about and make your own boba tea with us!

Story Squad Book Club

After School Edition

Ages 9–12

Tuesdays, Jan. 30 & Feb. 27
4:30–5:15 p.m.

Exciting new books or beloved classics—this is your chance to talk about them with other kids! We'll dip into our first book together at our first meeting, then choose a book to discuss at our second session. **No tickets necessary.**

Homeschool Edition

Ages 9–12

Wednesdays, Jan. 31 & Feb. 28
10–10:45 a.m.

No tickets necessary.

Spidey and His Amazing Friends (T)

Ages 5–7

Monday, Feb. 5
4:30–5:15 p.m.

If you're a fan of Spidey and his superhero friends, join us to weave a web, throw a web, navigate an obstacle course to trap Rhino, and more!

Winter Beach Party (T)

Ages 8–10

Sunday, Feb. 25
1–2 p.m.

Kick the winter blues at our indoor beach party featuring the game *The Floor is Lava*, a limbo contest and crab volleyball!



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LOCAL HISTORY

Oak Lawn Local History: Little Red Library

Friday, Dec. 8
2-3 p.m.

Librarian Kaye Jansen presents the history of the Oak Lawn Public Library starting from its origins as a tiny red barn-turned-library in the 1930s. Featuring a gingerbread-style model of the Little Red Library, there will be light refreshments to enjoy as you learn about Oak Lawn Library's history.

Black Aviation: The Coffey School of Aeronautics

Oak Lawn was once home to pioneering aviators whose accomplishments are celebrated this month in Local History with a series of programs!

Oak Lawn Black Aviation Pioneers

Feb. 1-29

Display on the second floor.

Activity Pack (R)

Available from Feb. 1-15

Learn more about Oak Lawn's Black History of Aviation through an informative activity pack.

Presentation

Wednesday, Feb. 21

6-7 p.m.

Robbins History Museum's Executive Director Tyrone Haymore will present the history of Oak Lawn's Coffey School of Aeronautics and its operation out of the Harlem Avenue Airport. Learn about the legacy of Cornelius Coffey, Willa Brown, and other pioneers of Black aviation.



DECEMBER

Family Heirloom Keepsake Workshop (R)

Saturday, Dec. 9
2-3:30 p.m.

In this special open meeting of the Genealogy Club, Susan O'Keefe will teach us how to prepare family artifacts for preservation and presentation as a gift. Bring in your special documents and photos, and receive an 8 1/2 x 11 archival box and other supplies to create a family heritage keepsake gift to pass on. We'll even give you the bow to wrap around it! **(A \$5 deposit will be required by December 5 to guarantee registration.)**



FEBRUARY

Oak Lawn's RomCon 2 (R)

Saturday, Feb. 17
1-4:15 p.m.

Romance Lovers, we're doing it again! Love's Sweet Arrow romance bookstore in Tinley Park is bringing in incredible novelists to meet you in panels, book signings, and a romance trivia contest. We'll have prizes and raffle giveaways, romance novels for sale, and light refreshments. Register to receive updates and reminders about this one-of-a-kind free event, one of last year's instant fan favorites.



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JANUARY

Ring in the New Year

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

Gail Morales will lead us through a multisensory program featuring guided meditation and a sound bath that will help us let go of actions and feelings that plagued us during 2023. Enter the new year with fresh intentions with the sweet sounds of crystal bowls, flutes, and frame drums.



Night Out: 100 Candle Concert

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

Want a night out? The library has got you covered! Enjoy the romantic atmosphere of flickering candles and chill tunes from our fabulous guitarist Tommy Joe. He'll play the Beatles, Queen, and Van Morrison, plus newer favorites like Taylor Swift.



TEEN SERVICES

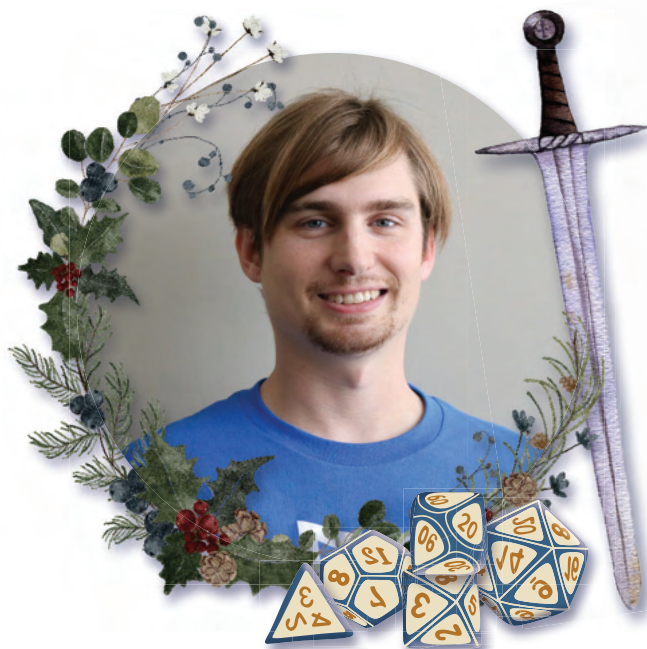
Programs take place in the Teen Room, open Monday-Thursday (3-9 p.m.), Friday (3-6 p.m.), Saturday (1-5 p.m.) & Sunday (noon-3 p.m.).

MEET YOUR NEW LIBRARIAN

by *Nicholas Vidmar, Teen Librarian*

Hello all! This is a great opportunity to introduce myself. I am Nicholas, your new Teen Librarian. I'm excited to bring my brand of fun to the library, and I hope you'll all join in and enjoy! A little about myself: foremost, I am a nerd. I am well versed in Dungeons & Dragons, plus a number of other TTRPGs. I'm also an avid cosplayer, with my favorite build being Goblin Slayer. In the world of fiction, I heavily lean towards Sci-Fi and Fantasy; which converge in my current read, *Belisarius Cawl: The Great Work* from the Warhammer 40k saga.

I hope some of you will stop by the Teen Room and introduce yourselves. While you're here, you can also cast a vote on our new Teen Room mascot. Let your voices be heard!



DECEMBER

Finals De-stress

Tuesday, Dec. 19-Thursday, Dec. 21
3-8 p.m.

Feeling the pressure of finals and need a place to study or unwind? Join us for a variety of events to help you relax during this trying week. See our online calendar or join our Discord for details on what will be offered each day, and for bonus pop-up events!



Gift Wrapping

Monday, Dec. 11-Thursday, Dec. 14
5-8 p.m.

The holidays are just around the corner, and everyone could use a hand wrapping all those glorious gifts. Sneak your presents off to the library and we will have festive wrapping supplies available. We're also looking for teen volunteers to lend a hand. Pro gift wrappers, **register for a spot online to help out!**

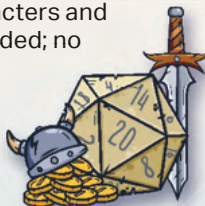


JANUARY

Dungeons & Dragons Club

Thursday, Dec. 14, Jan. 18, Feb. 15
6-8:30 p.m.

Whether you are brand new to the world of tabletop roleplaying games or a veteran, join us to dive into a world of fantasy and test your luck as an adventurer in a game of D&D 5e. Pre-generated characters and supplies will be provided; no experience required. May the dice favor you. **Please register online.**



Keep Talking & Nobody Explodes

Thursday, Jan. 25
7-8 p.m.

Test your nerves and communication skills in this cooperative game that pits you against the clock as you and your team try to disarm a bomb in time. Will you stay calm enough to relay the right information before it's too late? Join us to find out!

FEBRUARY

Faux Coral

Thursday, Feb. 8
6-8 p.m.

Enjoy the beauty of a reef at home by sculpting your own coral structure out of salt dough.

Live Action Pac-man

Thursday, Feb. 29
7-8 p.m.

Join us in this life-size recreation of the classic arcade game, Pac-man! Take your turn as the titular yellow hero to see who can get the high score of the night, or work against Pac-man as the ghosts.



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CUSTOMER SERVICES

SOCIAL MEDICINE

by **Tippi Price**, *Customer Services Department Head*

Becoming a life-long learner has never been as widespread of a topic as it is today. Americans are living longer, and what it means to age is very different than what it meant years ago. Libraries have the unique challenge of providing accessible, equitable, and meaningful services to a growing population.

In the field of public service, there is no one-size-fits-all model, and the library is no exception. Seniors are a diverse group. Some are retired, while others work full- or part-time jobs; some are tech-savvy, and others are not; family surrounds some, and others live isolated and alone. Aging mentally and physically affects people differently, and people take on varied identities as they age. Libraries have the unique responsibility to think about patrons in all stages of life.

How do libraries serve a population with such diverse needs? The Customer Service Department at the Oak Lawn Public Library understands that a mix of programming opportunities and services helps make libraries more inclusive and welcoming for all. Customer Services staff think intentionally about active aging. This work goes beyond the library alone: community partnerships with senior service advocates, mental and physical health professionals, and local and state community agents are essential to a holistic approach to addressing this community's emerging needs.

With this in mind, librarians and staff work alongside our community to create focused programs for seniors. Take care of your health with **Take Charge of Your Health (begins 1/16)**, or our series of talks with **Advocate Health (1/22, 1/29, 2/8)**. Spanish language speakers can learn about their Medicare options with **Medicare 101 en Español (12/2)**. To achieve healthier physical outcomes, perhaps try **Yoga for Adults Ages 60 and Over (2/21)**. To maintain and improve cognition health, check out our **Memory Kits** designed in partnership with Rush University Hospital to combat dementia. Reduce social isolation while by meeting someone new, or bring a friend to **Who's Got Game or Wits Workout (1/30 and 2/27)**. Grab a **Take & Make Craft** just for seniors and complete a craft project in the comfort of your home. Or, give back to a senior returning home from a hospital stay by donating to **Help Us Create Care Baskets for Older Adults (through February)**.

Putting it all together is in itself a challenge, but rewarding work. So next time you visit the Library, remember that it's a space of life-long learning and that knowledge never stops! Stay curious!

Help us create Care Baskets for Older Adults!

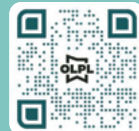
Dec. 1-Feb. 29

Please help the Oak Lawn Public Library support older adults returning home from hospital or rehabilitation stays by donating new items from the list below. OLPL staff will create the care baskets and donate them to Pathlights for distribution to those in the community. Donations can be brought to the Customer Services desk.

Requested donation items include:

- \$5 Walgreens or CVS gift cards
- Lip balm
- Hand cream
- Adult Coloring Books
- Colored Pencils
- Activity books (Word Search, Sudoku, etc)
- Stamps
- Note cards and envelopes
- Socks
- Blankets
- Stress Balls
- Fidget Toys





Senior Ornament Decorating and Tree Trimming Event

Sunday, Dec. 3

Noon-2 p.m. in the Café

Join us in decorating your own Christmas ornament this holiday season! Make an ornament for yourself, a loved one, or our OLPL Christmas tree! We'll have refreshments and Christmas music to enjoy, and all supplies will be provided. Bring a friend or family member, and come in your most festive holiday attire!



Medicare 101 en Español

Monday, Dec. 4

6-7 p.m. in the Café

Conozca sus opciones, elegibilidad, inscripción y beneficios de los planes Medicare y Medicare Advantage. Este programa está diseñado para personas que tienen Medicare, que están cumpliendo 65 años, que ya tienen 65 años o más pero abandonan el plan de su empleador, o personas que simplemente desean aprender más sobre Medicare. ¡Las preguntas son bienvenidas! Gricelda Ruffin es una educadora en la comunidad y agente de seguros autorizada, presentará un programa educativo sobre las Partes A, B, C y D de Medicare, así como los planes Medicare Advantage.



PROGRAMS WITH ADVOCATE HEALTH (R)

These hybrid programs will also stream online at the OLPL YouTube page.

Heart Health: Find Out What It Takes

With Dr. Amir Naqvi, Cardiologist

Monday, Jan. 22

6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Café

Interventional Pain Management: Answers to Your Questions

With Dr. Anwuli Omotayo Okoli, Pain Management

Monday, Jan. 29

6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Café

Chronic Kidney Disease: Causes, Diagnosis and Prevention AND Options for Advanced Kidney Disease: Dialysis Access and Transplantation

With Dr. Darshika Chhabra, Nephrology & Dr. Daniel O'Brien, Surgeon

Thursday, Feb. 8

2-3 p.m. in the Café

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BRING HOLIDAY JOY TO THOSE LESS FORTUNATE!

Drop off gifts for children up to age 12 in the Library's lobby from Nov. 27-Dec. 22. Donations benefit Toys for Tots. Items should be unwrapped so that they may be sorted according to age and gender.

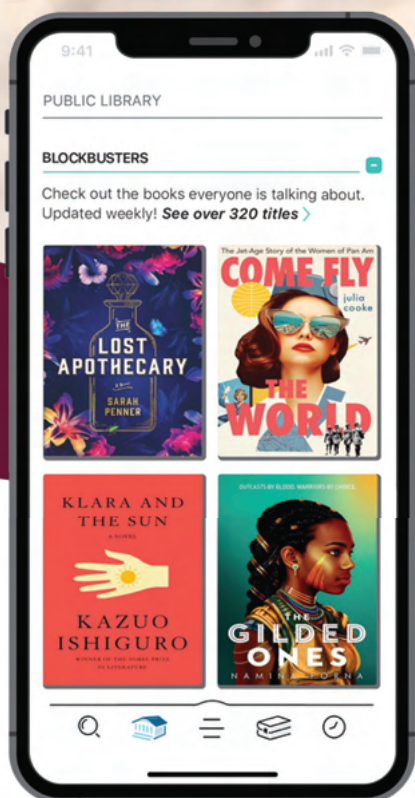
No stuffed animals, please.



OLPL FOOD DONATION DRIVE

The Library collects food donations all year long for those in need. We partner with Faith Evangelical Church, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Pilgrim Faith United Church and Almost Home Alive Church. In 2022, OLPL collected **6,827** food items for these local food pantries. Please continue to donate and help your community.

Borrow ebooks, audiobooks, magazines & more.



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The library reading app



COMPUTER CENTER

LEARN, DISCOVER & BE CREATIVE IN THE COMPUTER CENTER!

by **Elaina Dague, Assistant Technical Services
Department Head**

The Computer Center offers a wide variety of monthly technology classes and programs to help you learn the basics of Microsoft programs, Google Suite and more!

In addition to our regular program offerings, we are introducing a second session of the popular **Tech Help Hour** each week. Patrons can bring their questions and devices to the Computer Training Center every Monday from 10-11 a.m. OR 2-3 p.m. for hands-on assistance. There is no need to register. Simply drop-in when you have a question!

3D printing is back! Make three-dimensional objects in plastic using a digital design you create or download from the internet. Request a 3D print or learn more at olpl.org/3Dprint. Staff will print approved requests on the Library's 3D printer, a Crealiti Ender-3 Pro. Prints are \$2 per half hour of estimated printing time.



Are you interested in learning how to find or create 3D print designs? Stop by **3D Printing Basics** on Tuesday, Jan. 16 or Feb. 13 from 6-7 p.m. in the Computer Training Center. We'll introduce you to Tinkercad, a free online 3D modeling program. (This class requires basic computer skills.)

Do you need a new resume for the new year? Brainfuse JobNow offers free career assistance and resources to help you land the job of your dreams. Learn how you can use this database to prepare your resume at **New Resume with JobNow** on Wednesday, Dec. 6 or Feb. 7 from 10-11 a.m. in the Computer Training Center. To access this resource on your own, navigate to the "Research" tab of the Library's website, select "A-Z Resources" and scroll down to "B" for Brainfuse JobNow.

Participate in **Operation Gratitude!** Writing a letter is a meaningful way to show support for the men and women in the military. It only takes a few minutes of your day, but the note will bring lasting joy to a troop member. The Library's goal is to include several letters and colorful drawings in each care package to show our troops that we care. Bring your cards, letters and drawings to the Computer Center Desk on the second floor. Library staff will send out the well wishes. This is an ongoing project.

Computer Basics

**Thursdays, Dec. 7, Jan. 11 &
Feb. 8 from 2-3 p.m.**

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



Cricut Craft: Coaster

**Tuesdays, Dec. 12, Jan. 9 &
Feb. 6 from 6-7:30 p.m.**

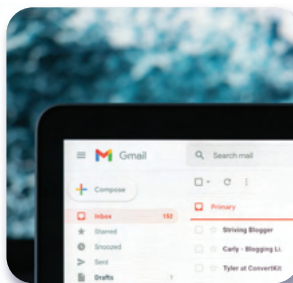
Decorate a coaster with infusible ink using Cricut Design Space. Registration is required at cal.olpl.org.



Smartphone Tips & Tricks

**Wednesdays, Dec. 13, Jan. 24
& Feb. 14 from 10-11 a.m.**

Learn how to call and text, take and share pictures, and find and download apps. Bring your device for hands-on practice!



Gmail Basics

**Thursdays, Dec. 14, Jan. 18 &
Feb. 15 from 2-3 p.m.**

Learn how to navigate your inbox, read and reply to emails, and open or send attachments. Requires basic computer skills.



Internet Safety

**Wednesdays, Dec. 20, Jan. 17
& Feb. 21 from 10-11 a.m.**

Defend your online privacy and learn to identify danger on the internet. Join us to learn best practices for staying safe on the web.

Publisher Essentials

**Thursdays, Dec. 21, Jan. 25 &
Feb. 22 from 2-3 p.m.**

Learn to create, save, open, print and make changes to documents in Microsoft Publisher. Requires basic computer skills.

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BOOK DISCUSSIONS

BOOK CLUBS WITH THE OAK LAWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Join us for In-Person Book Discussions!



REFRESHING READS

With Emily Bettcher

Meets at the Avenue Wine Bar in Oak Lawn (10632 S. Cicero Ave)



"The Matzah Ball"

by Jean Meltzer

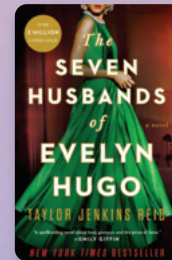
Tuesday, Dec. 19
7:30 p.m.



"The Midnight Library"

by Matt Haig

Tuesday, Jan. 23
7:30 p.m.



"The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo"

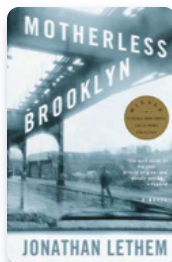
by Taylor Jenkins Reid

Tuesday, Feb. 27
7:30 p.m.

MYSTERIES IN THE MORNING

With Julia Churchill

Meets in the Library's Teen Room



"Motherless Brooklyn"

by Jonathan Lethem

Friday, Jan. 19
9:30 a.m.



"The Maltese Falcon"

by Dashiell Hammett

Friday, Feb. 16
9:30 a.m.

20'S/30'S BOOK CLUB

With Alyssa Dohse

Meets at Cork & Bean (4931 W. 95th St.). Everyone is invited to join!



"Twelve Dates of Christmas"

by Jenny Bayliss

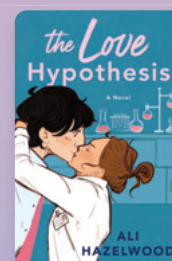
Thursday, Dec. 14
7:30 p.m.



"I Have Some Questions for You"

by Rebecca Makkai

Thursday, Jan. 11
7:30 p.m.



"The Love Hypothesis"

by Ali Hazelwood

Thursday, Feb. 8
7:30 p.m.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

THE HUNDREDS CLUB

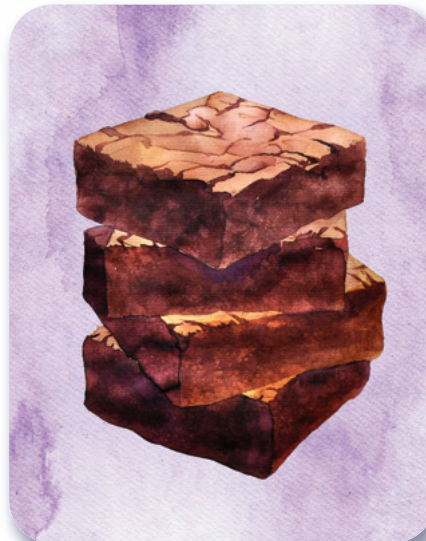
Teens and adults, join our new library club that celebrates reading all year round! Keep track of your books on the free Beanstack app, and we'll host a quarterly in-person reception to cheer you on. Members will receive prizes or certificates (plus applause) for all the books they read! To sign up, use the QR code, visit the Adult Services Desk, or call (708) 422-4990.



PINK, BLACK, AND BROWNIES PARTY

Saturday, Feb. 3 at 11 a.m.

Let's celebrate a second season of our Hundreds Club with sweet treats (brownies), fun activities, and a colorful theme. Not a member of the teen/adult reading challenge yet? No problem! You're welcome to come and sign up at the party. We'll be exchanging book recommendations and meeting other Oak Lawn Library readers. Pick up your reading reward trinkets and treasures at the party, and wear pink and/or black to get entered in a raffle for awesome prizes.



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BOOK NERDS BOOK BOX

The first 20 Oak Lawn cardholders who **register** by Dec. 21, get a personalized book box with 2-3 library books along with some bookworm-friendly goodies at the beginning of January!



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

FRIENDS MOVIE SCREENINGS

"The Little Mermaid" (2023)

Wednesday, Dec. 13 at 2 p.m.

Come see the new live-action version starring all your favorite characters from Disney's animated original. Ariel, a mermaid princess, is curious about all things human, especially her love interest Eric. Ariel asks sea witch Ursula to take her voice in exchange for legs. Will love save the day? PG, 135 minutes.



"Knives Out" (2019)

Wednesday, Jan. 17 at 2 p.m.

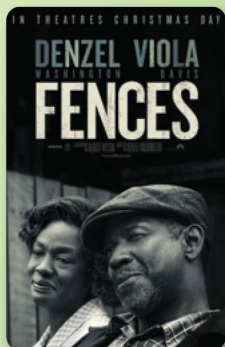
By patron request, we're going to watch this delightful mystery movie starring Daniel Craig and Jamie Lee Curtis. On his 85th birthday, crime novelist Harlan Thrombey is found dead in his room with his throat slit. Detective Benoit Blanc arrives at the scene to investigate, but finds that everyone in Thrombey's eccentric family has a motive. PG-13, 131 minutes.



"Fences" (2016)

Wednesday, Feb. 7 at 2 p.m.

The critically-acclaimed adaptation of August Wilson's Pulitzer Prize-winning play about a black garbage collector in 1950s Pittsburgh. After missing the chance to live out his childhood dreams, Troy Maxson tests the limits of his family's love when he bitterly prevents his son from chasing his own. PG-13, 133 minutes.



SUNDAY WITH FRIENDS CONCERT

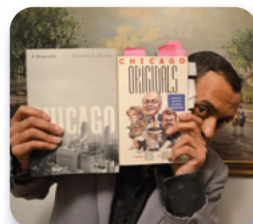
Peter Oprisko's Classic Crooners Christmas

*Sunday, Dec. 10
1 p.m.*



Not for Lovers Only, Clarence Goodman

*Sunday, Jan. 21
1 p.m.*



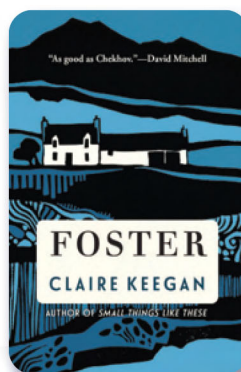
Rosie and the Rivets Valentine's Show

*Sunday, Feb. 11
1 p.m.*



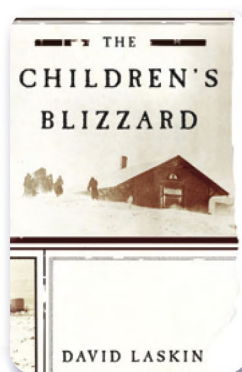
FRIENDS BOOK DISCUSSION

Meets in the Mary Nelson Room | Pick up books and short stories at the Adult Services Desk one month in advance.



"Foster"

by Claire Keegan
*Wednesday, Dec. 27
1-3 p.m.*



"The Children's Blizzard"

by David Laskin
*Wednesday, Jan. 24
1-3 p.m.*



"Cabin Fever"

by Michael Smith and Jonathan Franklin
*Wednesday, Feb. 28
1-3 p.m.*

FRIENDS SHORT STORY DISCUSSION

"Christmas Eve 1953"

by Tom Hanks
*Wednesday, Dec. 13
1-3 p.m.*

"Mr. Marmaduke and the Minister"

by Wilkie Collins
*Wednesday, Jan. 10
1-3 p.m.*

"Lucy Jefferson, 52"

by Studs Terkel
*Wednesday, Feb. 14
1-3 p.m.*



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Public Library is a non-profit organization of volunteers who support the Library's mission to strengthen our community. The Friends promote use of the Library, furnish equipment and materials that are beyond the Library's budget, and bring opportunities for cultural enrichment to area residents.

Last year, through membership dues, used book sales and other fundraisers, the Friends provided financial support to the Library amounting to \$29,430! Gifts included:

- Sunday with Friends Concert Series
- Summer Reading prizes and entertainment
- Youth Services play area supplies, games, and children's program prizes
- Improvements to the Library's security system
- Replacement furniture in the children's play area
- Public movie screenings
- Books for Adult/Young Adult Services
- Partnership with Customer Services bus trips
- Short Story and Book Discussion Groups
- And More!!

Would you like to join us? Annual membership dues are \$5 for an individual and \$8 for a family of any size. In addition to helping the Library, your membership includes updates about Friend sponsored Library programs, a \$5 discount on Friends Bus Trips, and our Friends Annual Meeting. With your help, we can continue to provide these wonderful gifts and more to the Oak Lawn Public Library.

Just fill out the form below, detach it on the dotted line and take it along with your cash or check (made payable to FOLPL) to the Library's Customer Services Desk. Or mail it to:

Friends of the Oak Lawn Public Library
Attn: Membership
9427 S. Raymond Avenue
Oak Lawn, IL 60453

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Membership Year Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2024

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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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Monday, Dec. 25
Christmas Holiday

Saturday, Dec. 30, Sunday, Dec. 31 &
Monday, Jan. 1
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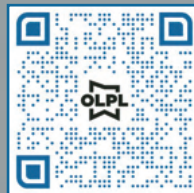
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