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THOUGHTS BEHIND THE CHANGE

By Carol Williams, Director of the Oak Lawn Public Library



For those of you who regularly browse the pages of our quarterly newsletter, you noticed last edition that we made a change. Instead of program listings being the only content, we presented program highlights and added written pieces. I have heard mixed reviews, some of you like the change and some of you don't. Regardless of which side you fall on, I wanted to let you know the thoughts behind it.

It was me. Positive or negative, I am the one who walked into the Marketing Manager's office and said that I was bothered by the newsletter. It bothered me because our newsletter contained no news. The definition of a newsletter is a periodically written bulletin that presents information and news to people with a specific interest in the organization. What we presented was a 16-page calendar of events. Don't get me wrong, there is nothing bad about that—if that is your intention. But we label it a newsletter and I felt that it should be much more than just a full-color listing of our programming calendar. I want to give you more.

We still plan to highlight selected programs (all programs are listed on the program calendar found on the website). But now sharing the newsletter space will be pieces written by our staff that will provide insights into the goings on within the departments, updates to services, or other interesting or relevant information. For example, some of what you'll get in this edition is staff perspective on helping patrons (that's you!) and why some programs are set up the way they are to benefit a child's growth and learning opportunities.

While we all continue to get used to this new format, I hope that you'll bear with us while we make the changes that bring to you what I think will be a more informative and enjoyable newsletter experience.

ONLINE PROGRAM CALENDAR

With our new layout for the OLPL newsletter, all departments have an opportunity to give a bigger spotlight to select programs. There are more programs available throughout the season. Find the full list of programming on our online calendar at olpl.org/calendar or scan the QR code below.

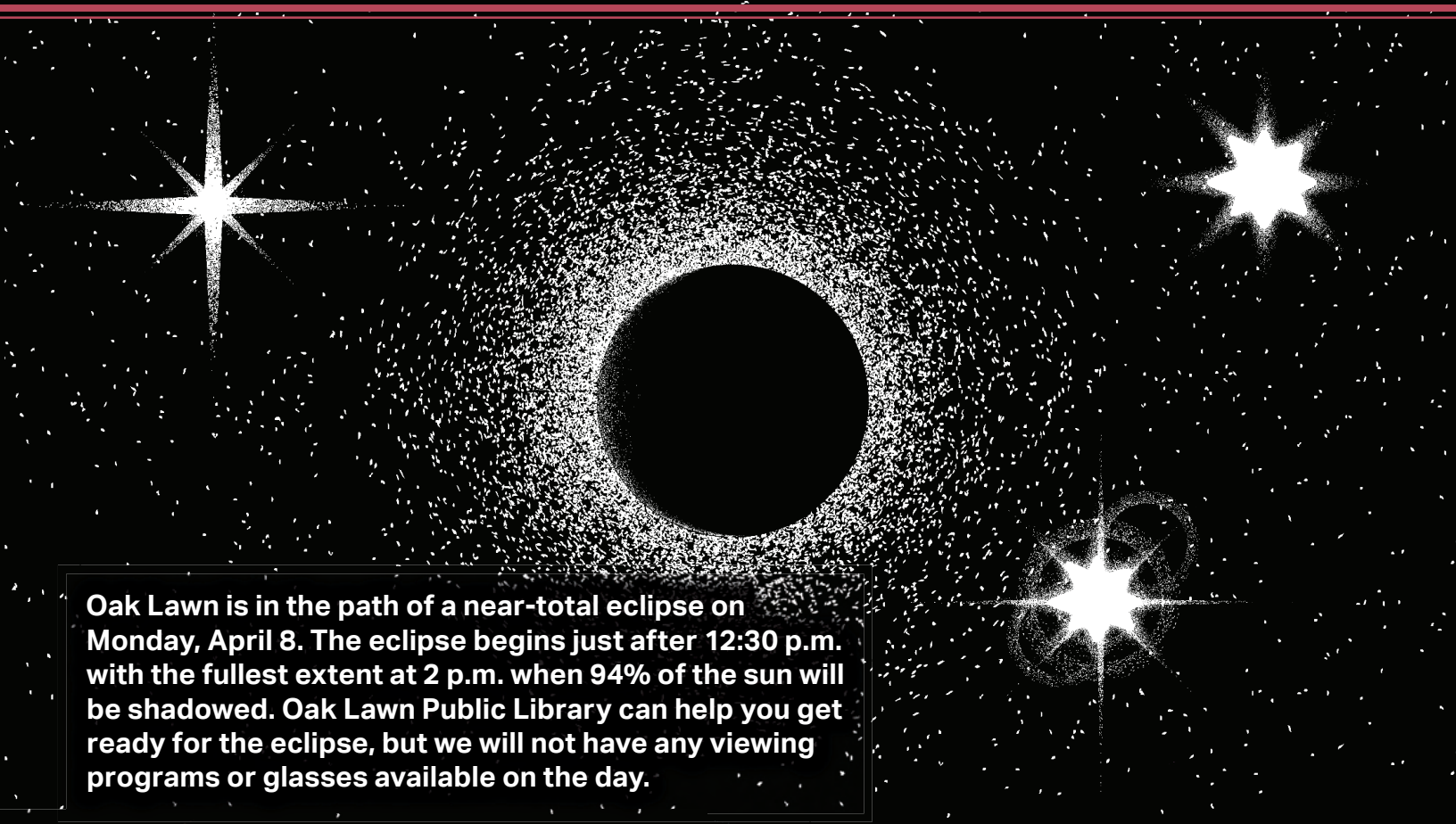
Later in the spring, we'll be switching to a new calendar system with a new look and improved navigation. We'll keep everyone updated when the switch happens.



2023 PROGRAMMING HIGHS

In 2023, the Library offered 1,444 opportunities to attend and participate in a wide variety of programming for all ages and interests. These were the top five attended programs in 2023:

1. All Library Trick-or-Treat (October) – 740
2. OLPL FanFest (May) – 627
3. Dave DiNaso's Traveling World of Reptiles (August) – 503
4. Ballet Folklorico de Chicago (June) – 484
5. Touch-a-Truck (September) – 300



Oak Lawn is in the path of a near-total eclipse on Monday, April 8. The eclipse begins just after 12:30 p.m. with the fullest extent at 2 p.m. when 94% of the sun will be shadowed. Oak Lawn Public Library can help you get ready for the eclipse, but we will not have any viewing programs or glasses available on the day.

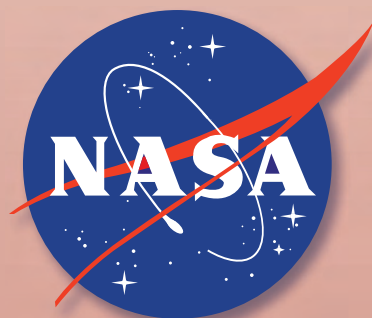
NASA UPDATES PLUS THE ECLIPSE

All ages

Wednesday, April 3

6:30-7:30 p.m.

NASA Ambassador Mark Benson updates us on NASA missions and explains the upcoming April 8 eclipse. Mark will show us gorgeous slides of galaxies, planets and NASA projects. Learn about his favorite NASA scientists and touch a piece of the moon! Viewing glasses will be distributed to attendees while supplies last.



ECLIPSE ACTIVITY PACKS (R)

Registration opens Friday, March 15 at 9 a.m.

Pick up Monday, March 25–Tuesday, April 2

Observe the event safely through eclipse-viewing glasses from the STAR NET Space Science Institute. Adult/teen activity packs come with two pairs of glasses, and family packs have four pairs. Glasses are available while supplies last.



Family Activity Packs



Adult/Teen Activity Packs

CUSTOMER SERVICES

READ SIMPLY, BLOOM WILDLY

By Samantha Prado, Customer Services Associate

Customer Services is more than checking in and checking out books. So, what is Customer Services all about? We are service-oriented, responsible, informative, engaging, and serve many purposes. We not only serve Oak Lawn residents but patrons from surrounding communities as well. Our team handles patron inquiries, senior programming, inter-library loan materials and much more.

The Customer Services department values every patron that walks through our doors. Fresh like spring, you will be greeted with a friendly "hello" and a joyous smile. We work diligently to provide the best service for our patrons with great care. Our staff engages with people confidently, researches library information, guides patrons in the right direction and facilitates programs.

We complete important responsibilities that are vital to your library experience, such as resolving issues with your account, pulling your holds from our shelves, making reminder calls for programs, searching for items in our catalog, sharing program information, and keeping patrons up to date with the latest changes in our policies and procedures.

Brennan from Customer Services was asked what he enjoys the most working in the Customer Services Department. He responded, "Greeting people, helping someone find something they couldn't find anywhere else, helping direct people to where they need to go, making patrons smile, assisting patrons with bringing in donations and guiding them how to use the different resources that we have available."

From creating library cards to showing patrons how to use our self-service checkouts, we are here to assist those who need a helping hand. We want to exceed patron satisfaction by ensuring that we provide the best customer service possible!

What's great about working in Customer Services is seeing familiar faces and meeting new ones daily. The best part of facilitating and helping with programs is seeing the excitement and enthusiasm from patrons. They look forward to socializing and are eager to learn. There's no better feeling as a programmer than walking into a room and fulfilling human needs for the community. Our goal to improve quality of life has been shown in our programs, where we change lives by nourishing your spirit and encouraging you to make connections with others or to meet a new friend.

What better way to interact with one another than engaging programs where we socialize, sip on refreshments, play games, learn about health care, participate in yoga, or work on crafts and activities.

When seniors walk into a room, they make the atmosphere bloom. They bring joy and positivity. Our patrons are what makes our job experience unique. They inspire us to work harder. Engaging in face-to-face conversation with patrons helps us meet their needs and understand what more we can accomplish to further help the community.

So don't be shy. Take a chance! All are welcome to the Library this spring to use our amazing services and attend our informational, educational and recreational programs!

Downton Abbey Trivia

Thursday, March 7

6 p.m. in Meeting Room B

Prepare for our Friends trip to "Downton Abbey: The Exhibition" with a special round of Downton Abbey trivia! We'll serve tea and scones while we answer questions related to the popular TV series and films. The winning team will receive a Downton Abbey themed prize package full of goodies.



The Breathing Class for Seniors (R)

Wednesday, May 22

2 p.m. in Meeting Room B

Learn to take control of your breath with ML Wahlfeldt of Intentional Breath. This 60-minute workshop combines information on anatomy and physiology as well as learning proper breathing techniques and several breathing exercises. Please wear casual clothes for the class. This program is funded by the AgeOptions Library CARES ARPA grant.





PROGRAMS WITH PATHLIGHTS AND STEPHEN SUTERA

Please join us for two programs with Oak Lawn Elder Law Attorney Stephen Sutera of Huck Bouma.

Wills, Trusts, Advanced Directives (R)

Thursday, March 21

6 p.m. in the Café

Adults of all ages and their family caregivers need to understand how advanced directives protect you during a medical crisis. In addition, you will learn how wills, trusts and power of attorney can protect your assets in case of a disability and assist with distribution after death. Elder Law Attorney Stephen Sutera discusses these legal instruments and how they protect you and your loved ones. We will also discuss how long-term care is paid for either privately or with Medicaid.

You've Set Up Your Estate Planning... Now How Do You Make It Work? (R)

Thursday, April 4

6 p.m. in the Café

Perhaps you've designated loved ones to make medical and financial decisions on your behalf if you are unable. You may have also set up a trust or will to distribute personal property and money after your death. Now comes the hard part: talking about it. Failing to have discussions with loved ones regarding life care decisions can be disastrous to your family. Join Elder Law Attorney Stephen Sutera for top tips to foster difficult conversations.

Spring 2024 Friends Trip

Friday, March 22

9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Transport yourself back in time to post-Edwardian England by visiting "Downton Abbey: The Exhibition" at Westfield Old Orchard Shopping Center in Skokie! Step into Mrs. Patmore's kitchen, view elegant costumes and jewelry featured in the show, and immerse yourself in the Downton Abbey world. Bring lunch or enjoy eating at one of the restaurants at the shopping center. Tickets can be purchased at the Customer Services desk. Some walking is required to view the exhibit. Signing a liability waiver is required. The bus is not ADA accessible. Transportation is partially funded by the AgeOptions Library CARES ARPA grant.

Cost for Friends: \$58

Cost for non-Friends: \$63

Cash or check payment to the Friends of the Oak Lawn Public Library only



Who's Got Game: Senior Show and Tell (R)

Tuesday, April 9

10-11 a.m. in the Café

Do you have a blanket that your grandmother knitted for you? A piece of jewelry that holds history? A relic that you cherish in your home? Perhaps something as simple as family photos? By retelling your stories or memories, you imprint them more in your brain and become better at remembering every time you share. Join us and the Local History Librarian Tom Javorcic to revisit the past and talk about a piece of Oak Lawn history. For any questions, please contact Samantha Prado, Customer Services Associate, at 708-422-4990 ext. 508 or sprado@olpl.org.

Local History is also looking for seniors who remember the Oak Lawn Jazz Festival. Did you attend the festival between the 1960s-1980s and have memories or even photos to share? Contact Local History Librarian Tom Javorcic at 708-422-4990 Ext. 530 for more information about the upcoming music legends exhibit.



WHY WE CLOSE THE PROGRAM ROOM DOOR

By Mary Donovan, Youth Services Librarian

Why bring your child to the library? We offer free access to a wide variety of books, music, movies and video games, as well as kits that afford hands-on experiences with STEM and early learning activities. Families who come to the library hope to instill in their children a love of reading and learning.

The library also offers an opportunity for a different kind of learning – the social-emotional learning that comes from children's interactions with staff. Every day, young patrons approach the Youth Services desk to ask for a book, proudly show us a completed craft, claim a prize for finishing a scavenger hunt or tell us that they've reached another milestone in their 1000 Books Before Kindergarten log.

The children are often shy at first and may be prompted by their parent or caregiver. But these interactions are well worth the effort. The opportunity to talk with an adult, in a safe environment, helps children develop their interpersonal skills, independence and self-confidence, and teaches them a bit about how the world works. They grow emotionally and socially.

Our programs serve a similar purpose. In a preschool storytime, or a program about polar bears or Spider-Man, your child not only has a chance to develop their skills, pursue their interests, and have fun, but they also have an opportunity to enhance their social and emotional development as they interact with the librarian and the other children in the program.

Babies and toddlers, of course, can't fend for themselves yet, and their parents and caregivers bring them to programs. And we expect caregivers to attend our family programs. But for children of preschool age and above, being independent for a brief time in a safe space with their peers, with their parent or caregiver right outside, provides a valuable opportunity for growth and is a great preparation for school.

Our Youth Services staff has been trained to work with children, and has been background-checked. We have a combined 175 years of professional experience with children in libraries and classrooms, and we are well prepared to help your child with their first steps towards independence. While it may feel reassuring to caregivers to accompany children to library programs, the presence of adults in a children's program changes the dynamic in the room. It is particularly distracting when a child is trying to acquire a new skill, and it can rob them of the opportunity to establish peer relationships. A child who has enjoyed a program without their grownup navigating their environment for them has taken a big step and rightly feels a sense of accomplishment.

Not all children are ready to take that step at the same point, and we understand that it can be a gradual process for some. But we encourage parents and caregivers to let their children try a bit of independence in our programs. It is developmentally appropriate for young children to become more independent as they grow, and library programs can play an important role in their journey.

Kids in the Kitchen

Children will learn basic culinary skills and kitchen etiquette as they measure, mix, cut, cook and eat an array of delicious recipes. Allergan information will be available, and the children will bring home the recipes they use. This program is for children only, without the presence of parents or caregivers.

Pancakes (T)

Saturday, March 9

Ages 6-9: 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Ages 10-14: 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Fruit Salad and Yogurt Dip (T)

Saturday, April 13

Ages 6-9: 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Ages 10-14: 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.





Family Science Club

For families with children ages 8 & up

Science Club is presented in partnership with the Museum of Science and Industry. Our theme is "Air, Water, Earth, Oh My!" We'll be doing activities and experiments to learn about Earth's systems.

We will hold additional sessions for homeschool families with children ages 8 and up on the Monday mornings listed below.

Water Makes the World Go Round (T)

Tuesday, March 12 from 6:30-7:15 p.m.

Homeschool Edition:

Monday, March 11 from 10-10:45 a.m.

We'll learn about the water cycle with an experiment that shows how precipitation works.

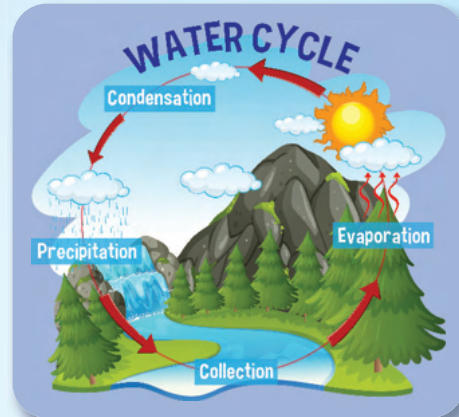
Grass Roots (T)

Saturday, April 27 from 1-1:45 p.m.

Homeschool Edition:

Monday, April 29 from 10-10:45 a.m.

We'll do an experiment with soil, water and grass to learn how we can reverse erosion of the earth's surface.



Chess Club

Ages 6 & up

Thursdays, March 14, 21 & 28,

April 4, 11, 18 & 25

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Chess Club is back! Players of all skill levels are invited to learn chess in a friendly, low-stress environment. **No tickets necessary.**



El Mago Magic Show

For families

Tuesday, March 26

6:30-7:15 p.m.

Ignacio Reyes is El Mago, and he'll entertain and amaze you with his illusions at this fun family magic show. **No tickets necessary.**

Dave DiNaso's Traveling World of Reptiles

For families

Tuesday, May 7

6:30-7:45 p.m.

Learn about reptiles and get up close and personal with Dave DiNaso's reptile menagerie in this return visit following his popular library show last August. **No tickets necessary.**



ADULT SERVICES

BEYOND BOOKS

By Julia Churchill, Adult Services Department Head

Sometimes other people can inspire us to try new things. Maybe you saw someone playing a keyboard, and you got the sudden urge to go get a keyboard and try to play it. So you go to the store, buy a keyboard and play it a few times, but then life intrudes. You forget how excited you were to play, or you just no longer have the time. Meanwhile, that keyboard just sits in your way and reminds you that you wasted money on something you really didn't need.

There is a better way! Try it before you buy it. You can borrow a plethora of items from the Library through our Beyond Books collection. Beyond Books is a collection of nontraditional items you might not expect to check out from a library. We have everything from specialty cake pans to musical instruments. We also have a bright light therapy lamp, record players, a food dehydrator and much, much more.

How do you get access to all these great things? It's very simple: you just need your library card.

Near the Adult Services desk on the second floor, we display pictures of the items in our Beyond Books collection. If the item is available, we will retrieve it for you and help you check it out. You can check out up to two items at a time. Items are checked out for three weeks and cannot be renewed. If the item is not there, we can place holds for Oak Lawn residents.

Another way to find out what is in the Beyond Books collection is to visit our website and open the online catalog. Type in "Beyond Books" and change the search category drop-down menu from "Keyword" to "Series." Next, hit "Search." You will see a list of several pages of items. You can place a hold on any item by clicking on the "Place Hold" button to the right of the item. You will need to enter your library card number and pin number. Remember, your pin number is the last four digits of your phone number.

Take advantage of all the Library has to offer by going beyond books! We are always excited to see you, but we really love it when we can meet the needs and wants of the community. We hope you'll check out this wonderful collection and look forward to seeing you soon.



Night Out Series: Trip to Brazil

Wednesday, March 13

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Take a vacation to Brazil from the comfort of the Library! Enjoy tropical treats and the sights, sounds and music of Brazil. Cultural expert and author Sheila Maloney will be our guide.



Women, Embrace Your Power with the Empowerment Doctor

Wednesday, March 20

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Dr. Stephanie Wilson-Coleman, known as the Empowerment Doctor, inspires women to recognize, embrace and unleash their power for positive change in their lives and the world. We'll celebrate the authenticity, diversity and collective strength each woman brings to the table.





Trivia Thursdays Series

Librarian Roger Burns and other special guests will pick your brain on trivia topics. Bring your friends, make new friends and earn prizes!

March Madness Sports Trivia with author Tom Dobrez

Thursday, March 21
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Trivia by the Decades: 1970s

Thursday, April 4
6:30-8 p.m.

Trivia by the Decades: 1980s

Thursday, April 25
6:30-8 p.m.

Trivia by the Decades: 1990s

Thursday, May 16
6:30-8 p.m.

And get ready for Beatles Trivia in June for World Beatles Day!



Creative Classes

Express yourself creatively at the Library!

Improv and Theater Games

Tuesdays, April 2, 16 & 30, May 14 & 28
6:30-8 p.m.

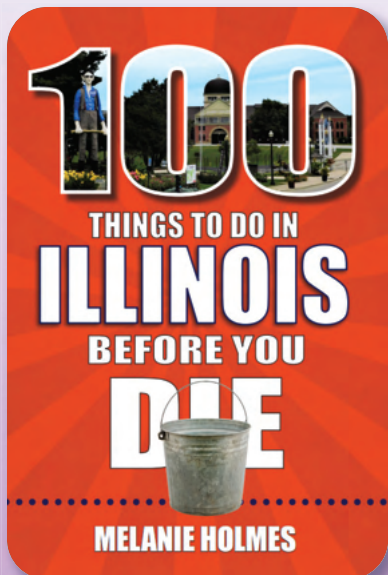
Join local actor George Tafelski for a five-week beginner workshop on theater games and improv.

Guitar Jam Sessions

For teens and adults

Thursdays, April 18, May 2 & 23
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Guitar players, bring your own guitar and jam on one song from beginner to advanced levels. Led by Colin Curtin.



Illinois Bucket List

Wednesday, April 17
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Award-winning author Melanie Holmes will showcase arts, entertainment, food, parks, culture, history and geology destinations featured in her new book "100 Things to Do in Illinois Before You Die." From day trips to weeklong excursions, explore the state's hidden treasures beyond Chicago.



Windy City on the Air

Friday, May 17
2-3 p.m.

Speaker Steve Darnall is an expert on the Golden Age of Radio. Through excerpts from old time radio, we'll hear Chicago's many groundbreaking contributions to the medium's early years, including soap operas, juvenile adventure serials, early-morning radio shows and local legends that became national sensations.

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.)

(R) Register at olpl.org/calendar

TEEN ROOM UPDATES!

By Nicholas Vidmar, Teen Librarian

Our Teen Room, now also dubbed "The Lair," has undergone many changes over the last couple of months. Some of the more major changes are two new shelves of manga. We gained nearly 100 new volumes. Come in and take a look!

We also overhauled our gaming setup. Our PS4, Wii, Nintendo Switch and new Xbox Series X consoles are now always available to play on the projector, outside of program times. The PS4 also has a VR headset available for use. "Just Dance" has been by far the most popular game on the list.

Adding to the comfort of the space, we have refreshed our furniture with a new plush couch and set of armchairs befitting a proper lounge. Further going for the lounge feel, we have added a Keurig coffee maker that is free for teen use with a supply of coffee, creamer and flavoring, along with tea. Frequent visitors, keep an eye out for our loyalty card to launch! Visit us often enough and you will get an array of prizes and an invitation to a private after-hours party.

Moving to some practical changes, we have sourced a new set of whiteboards to help make the Teen Room a better place to study. For other projects, we are working on reorganizing the Makerspace area and getting new tools for you to use. We also are aiming to make the Library's 3D printers more accessible to teens. As a reminder for those who have never visited our makerspace: we have a button maker, a sewing machine, all sorts of craft supplies, a Cricut machine, a laminator and more. All these tools are available for teen use any time the Teen Room is open.

One of our final changes is something we need your help with: the Last Chance display. The items on this display have been languishing on our shelves for years with no one checking them out. If they do not circulate soon, we will have to get rid of them to make way for new books. Please come by and check out your old favorites to ensure they don't end up on the chopping block!

If you want to make your voice heard about items old and new, programming or anything else, we encourage you to join our Teen Room/Lair Discord server. This is a great place to communicate with your librarian and to meet the teen library community. Join through the QR code below. We hope to see you soon, either virtually or in person. For more of our events and information, check the Library's online calendar or the Discord server.

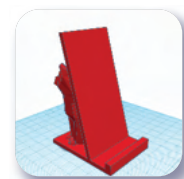


Teen Tinkercad Intro (R)

Thursday, March 14

5-6:30 p.m.

Design in 3D with Tinkercad! Learn how to create a phone stand, then have your own creation brought to life as a 3D print!



Fandom Presentation: Avatar TLA

Thursday, March 28

5-6:30 p.m.

Watch and discover "Avatar: The Last Airbender," an animated American cartoon series about a boy with the power to control the elements and end a century-long war. Want to share your fandom? Tell the Teen Librarian at 708-422-4990 ext. 513 or nvidmar@olpl.org. Join us for a presentation on "RWBY" in April and "Warhammer 40k" in May.



Anime/Manga Club

Thursday, April 4

5-7 p.m.

The first Thursday of each month, join in on the anime and manga fandom at the library, or come and find a new favorite! We will have ramen available.

Preparing for College: A Workshop

Tuesday, April 9

6-7:30 p.m.

Class101 will share how to approach the daunting task of preparing and applying for college. This presentation will cover developing a college list, ACT/SAT prep, scholarship tips and more. Parents are encouraged to attend.

Taste & Rate: Cookies

Thursday, May 9

5-6 p.m.

Think you have discerning tastes? Sample a wide variety of domestic and international cookies, vote on which is the best in a variety of categories, and guess the country of origin!



Dungeons & Dragons Club (R)

Thursday, May 16

5-8 p.m.

Dive into a world of fantasy and test your luck as an adventurer in our ongoing monthly game of D&D 5e. New players and tabletop RPG veterans are welcome. No experience needed! Characters and supplies will be provided. May the dice favor you. Want to be a game master? Contact the Teen Librarian at 708-422-4990 ext. 513 or nvidmar@olpl.org.



LOCAL HISTORY

JAZZ MUSIC LEGENDS OF OAK LAWN

JAZZ MUSIC LEGENDS OF OAK LAWN: A LOCAL HISTORY EXHIBIT

Saturday, April 27 from 6-8 p.m. (after Library hours)

Location: Second Floor Local History Room

Join us for a celebration and exhibition of the Oak Lawn Jazz Festival days. Oak Lawn Community High School hosted one of the biggest high school jazz competitions in the country for nearly 25 years, from 1960-1985. High school jazz and stage bands from Chicago and all across Illinois competed for the prestigious first place trophy and individual performance awards. We'll display photos and memorabilia in the Local History room, enjoy refreshments and feature a musical tribute, all after-hours on the Library's second floor.

Included in the exhibit will be an homage to rock n' roll music in Oak Lawn, featuring concert photos by local photographer A.J. Roccaforte, who worked with both REO Speedwagon and Styx, bands with deep roots in Oak Lawn. The exhibit will last throughout 2024. Follow-up musical performances by various jazz groups will be scheduled and announced throughout the year.

We hope you'll join us to reminisce and celebrate Oak Lawn's great music scene and legends!

FAN FEST 2024

OLPL FAN FEST

SATURDAY, MAY 11
FROM 10 A.M.-3 P.M.

An all-ages celebration of pop culture!

Featuring:

- Free comic books
- Local vendors
- Cosplay competition
- Jedi training
- Raks Geek Wookiee bellydancers
- Kids' cartooning class
- Game truck
- Mobile escape room
- D&D mini-figure painting
- Galaxy jars
- All-day photobooth
- Prizes
- And more!

Sponsors:

- Friends of the Oak Lawn Public Library
- Express Med Spa LLC
- Image Comics
- Olivia Carpenter Real Estate
- Galloping Ghost
- Oni Press

Visit olpl.org/fanfest for more details.

#OLPLFanFest





SPRING INTO LEARNING

By *Elaina Dague, Technical Services Assistant Department Head*

As vibrant colors of the season bloom around us, so do fresh opportunities for learning at our Library! Whether you're a tech novice or a digital native seeking to elevate your computer skills, our spring lineup offers something for everyone.

Have a question about computers, smartphones or other new technologies? Drop in with your device for individualized assistance at our weekly **Tech Help Hour** on Mondays from 2-3 p.m.

If you're still figuring out your cellphone, stop by **Smartphone Tips & Tricks**. We'll go over how to call, text, download mobile apps, and take and share pictures! Bring your smartphone for hands-on practice. Friday, March 8 from 1-2 p.m.; Wednesday, April 10 from 2-3 p.m. & Wednesday, May 29 from 2-3 p.m.

Are you new to computers? Get a basic introduction to how they work, including how to use a mouse and keyboard, at **Computer Basics** on

Thursday, March 21 from 2-3 p.m.; Wednesday, April 17 from 2-3 p.m. & Thursday, May 9 from 2-3 p.m.

Even seasoned internet explorers will benefit from our **Internet Safety** course: we dive into email phishing scams and review best practices for defending your privacy online. Thursday, March 28 from 2-3 p.m.; Wednesday, April 24 from 2-3 p.m. & Thursday, May 16 from 2-3 p.m.

Learn about the cloud and delve into all that Google has to offer at **Google Apps & the Cloud** on Wednesday, March 6 from 2-3 p.m.; Thursday, April 25 from 2-3 p.m. & Thursday, May 23 from 2-3 p.m.

We're offering beginner, advanced and intermediate classes for **Microsoft Word, PowerPoint** and **Excel**. No matter what your level, there's a class for you! Attend one or all of our sessions, depending on your technology needs. For those familiar with the fundamentals,

information about our intermediate and advanced classes can be found on our online calendar.

Are your sights set on summer? Take charge of your travel plans and discover tools for finding and booking flights, hotels and cars at **Online Travel Planning** on Tuesday, March 12 from 2-3 p.m.; Tuesday, April 2 from 2-3 p.m. & Tuesday, May 14 from 2-3 p.m.

Cultivate your creativity! Discover how you can create quick and professional-looking designs using Canva at **Create with Canva** on Tuesday, March 19 from 6-7 p.m.; Tuesday, April 16 from 6-7 p.m. & Friday, May 17 from 1-2 p.m. This class requires basic computer skills.

From mastering essential software to exploring creative design, join us as we blossom together in the world of technology. Get ready to sprout new talents with our engaging and diverse selection of computer classes this spring!

Word Basics

Thursday, March 14
2-3 p.m.

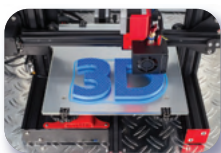
Learn to create, save, open, print and make changes to documents in Microsoft Word. Requires basic computer skills. See our online calendar for advanced classes.



3D Printing Basics

Saturday, March 16,
Fridays, April 5 & May 31
1-2 p.m.

Learn how to find or create 3D print designs using Tinkercad, a free 3D modeling web program. Requires basic computer skills.



PowerPoint Basics

Thursday, April 4
2-3 p.m.

Discover the basic elements for creating and viewing a PowerPoint slideshow, including: creating slides, using templates, inserting images and more. Requires basic computer skills. See our online calendar for advanced classes.



New Calendar Demo

Saturday, April 13 & Friday, May 24
1-2 p.m.

The Library is switching to a new online calendar from LibraryMarket this spring. Learn how to find and register for our programs online at this demonstration.



Excel Basics

Thursday, May 2
2-3 p.m.

Track and analyze data using spreadsheets in Microsoft Excel. Requires basic computer skills. See our online calendar for advanced classes.



Cricut Craft: Tote Bags (R)

Tuesday, May 7
6-8 p.m.

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



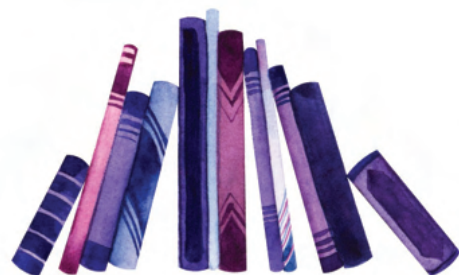
BOOK DISCUSSIONS



Register at
olpl.org/calendar

BOOK CLUBS WITH THE OAK LAWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Join us for in-person book discussions!



20'S/30'S BOOK CLUB

With Alyssa Dohse
Meets at Cork & Bean (4931 W. 95th St.)
All adults welcome!



"The Lions of Fifth Avenue"
by Fiona Davis
Thursday, March 14
7:30 p.m.



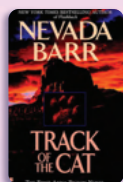
"Daisy Jones & the Six"
by Taylor Jenkins Reid
Thursday, April 11
7:30 p.m.



"The Wishing Game"
by Meg Shaffer
Thursday, May 9
7:30 p.m.

MYSTERIES IN THE MORNING

With Julia Churchill
Meets in the Library's Teen Room



"Track of the Cat"
by Nevada Barr
Friday, March 15
9:30 a.m.



"Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers"
by Jesse Q. Sutanto
Friday, April 19
9:30 a.m.



"Homecoming"
by Kate Morton
Friday, May 17
9:30 a.m.

REFRESHING READS

With Emily Bettcher
Meets at the Library



"The Girls of Murder City"
by Douglas Perry
Tuesday, March 26
7:30 p.m.



"Counterfeit"
by Kirstin Chen
Tuesday, April 23
7:30 p.m.



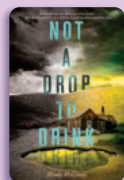
"The 7 1/2 Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle"
by Stuart Turton
Tuesday, May 28
7:30 p.m.

BOOK WYRMS (R)

Teen Book Club with Nicholas Vidmar
Meets in the Library's Teen Room



"Avalon"
by Mindee Arnett
Wednesday, March 20
4 p.m.



"Not a Drop to Drink"
by Mindy McGinnis
Wednesday, April 24
4 p.m.



"Leviathan"
by Scott Westerfeld
Wednesday, May 22
4 p.m.

PANELS PER PAGE (R)

Teen Graphic Novel Club with Nicholas Vidmar
Meets in the Library's Teen Room



"Squire"
by Sara Alfageeh & Nadia Shammass
Tuesday, April 16
4 p.m.



"Nimona"
by ND Stevenson
Tuesday, May 21
4 p.m.

BOOK NERDS BOOK BOX



The first 20 Oak Lawn cardholders to register by Thursday, March 21 will get a personalized box of goodies including two to three library books at the beginning of April.

THE HUNDREDS CLUB

Teens and adults, join our new 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.



ROYAL-TEA

Saturday, April 13
11 a.m.

It's a royal party, and you're invited! Let's celebrate the Hundreds Club with an English tea party, sweet treats and fun activities. Put on gloves, a gown, top hat or monocle for a raffle entry. If you don't have regal wear, we'll have craft tables where you can fashion a fun fascinator headband or an elegant moustache. Come exchange book recommendations and meet other Oak Lawn Library readers!

Not a member of the teen/adult reading challenge yet? No problem! Sign up at the party.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

FREE CONCERT SERIES

Celebrate Women of Jazz with Jazz Friends + One

Sunday, March 3
1-2 p.m.



Raices Gitanas Flamenco Music and Dance Ensemble

Sunday, April 14
1-2 p.m.



Barbershop Quartet Take Note!

Sunday, May 19
1-2 p.m.



FREE FILM SHOWINGS

"Barbie" (2023)

Wednesday, March 27
2 p.m.

Barbie and Ken are having the time of their lives in the colorful and seemingly perfect world of Barbie Land. However, when they get a chance to go to the real world, they soon discover the joys and perils of living among humans.

PG-13, 116 minutes.



"Oppenheimer" (2023)

Wednesday, April 10
2 p.m.

J. Robert Oppenheimer played an integral role in developing the first atomic bomb. Throughout the bomb's development, Oppenheimer struggles to justify a creation capable of causing so much damage. We will take one intermission.

R, 183 minutes.



"My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3"

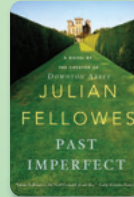
Wednesday, May 8
2 p.m.

Following the death of the family patriarch, the Portokalos family decides to embark on a grand odyssey to his homeland in Greece for a no-holds-barred family reunion. Hilarity ensues!

PG-13, 91 minutes.

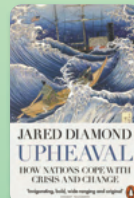


FRIENDS BOOK DISCUSSION



"Past Imperfect"

by Julian Fellowes
Wednesday, March 27
1-3 p.m.



"Upheaval"

by Jared Diamond
Wednesday, April 24
1-3 p.m.



"When Two Feathers Fall From the Sky"

by Margaret Verble
Wednesday, May 22
1-3 p.m.

FRIENDS SHORT STORY DISCUSSION

"Confido"

by Kurt Vonnegut
Wednesday, March 13
1-3 p.m.

"The Egg"

by Sherwood Anderson
Wednesday, April 10
1-3 p.m.

"Shush, Shush"

by Michael Mack
Wednesday, May 8
1-3 p.m.

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

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Staff In-service Day

Sunday, March 31
Easter

Sunday, May 26
CLOSED on Sundays until October

Monday, May 27
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