Meet The Author
Rosellen Brown
Sunday, October 23
2:00–3:00 pm
See page 2 for more details.
Morton Grove Public Library is excited to welcome local author Rosellen Brown for our second One Book, One Village event! The One Book, One Village programs encourages the community to come together by simultaneously reading the same book and sharing experiences through events and discussions. This year, please join us in reading *The Lake on Fire* by Rosellen Brown, followed by a visit from the author on October 23.

*The Lake on Fire* is a narrative about 19th-century Jewish immigrants, Chaya and Asher, who stow away to Chicago; what they discover there, however, is a deceiving Gilded Age. The pair is then forced to scrape together a meager living until they find paths of escape. An examination of family, love, and revolution, this profound tale resonates with today's current tumultuous events.

Find further reading lists, author information, and more on our One Book, One Village page at mgpl.org/onebook.

### EVENTS

**One Book, One Village Kickoff Concert (Hybrid)**
Sunday, October 2, 2–3 pm
Chicago Klezmer Ensemble offers an acoustic sound that spans a wide range, inviting the listener to pause and enjoy music of quiet intensity and ecstatic energy.

**Impact of the World’s Columbian Exposition on Chicago & Architecture (Hybrid)**
Thursday, October 6, 7–8 pm
Architectural Historian and Historic Preservationist Timothy Wittman explores the multiple ways that the World’s Columbian Exposition influenced the future of architecture, urban planning, and landscape design throughout the world.

**Maxwell Street: The Way it Was (Hybrid)**
Sunday, October 9, 2–3 pm
Lori Grove, President of the Maxwell Street Foundation, chronicles the history of Maxwell Street, using rich visual images, interpretation, and anecdotes.

**Between the Lines book discussion: The Lake on Fire**
Tuesday, October 18, 7–8 pm (Online)
Thursday, October 20, 10–11 am (In Person)
Details on page 11.

**Meet Author Rosellen Brown (Hybrid)**
Sunday, October 23, 2-3 pm
Join as we welcome Rosellen Brown, author of *The Lake on Fire*, for the culmination of our One Book, One Village program. The first 50 people who register for this event will get a copy of *The Lake on Fire*. Attendees can register for limited in-person seating or watch the livestreamed event from home. There will be a short Q&A session at the end of the presentation.
All storytime participants should be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

Mathematics Circus
Ages 3-5 with a parent/caregiver
Sundays, October 2 and November 13 2-3 pm
Come one, come all to a math-tacular spectacular! We’ll leap into mathematics with games, stories, and creative play that add up to a circus full of fun. R

Monday Morning Playgroup
Birth to Age 5 with a parent/caregiver
Mondays, 10–11:30 am
Drop in for some open-ended play and meet new friends at our weekly playgroup.

Bedtime Stories & More
Birth to Kindergarten with a parent/caregiver
Mondays, October 3 and November 7, 7–7:30 pm
Spend time winding down for bed with stories and songs.

Listen Up!
Birth to Kindergarten with a parent/caregiver
Tuesdays, 10–10:30 am or 11–11:30 am
Listen to stories, sing songs, and more at this all-ages storytime. R

Toddler Time
Ages 24–36 months with a parent/caregiver
Wednesdays, October 5–19 and November 2–16, 10–10:30 am
Get your little one acquainted with the Library at this two-riffic storytime. To attend, children must be between 24 and 36 months old at the time of the class. R

Preschool Storytime
Ages 3–5 with a parent/caregiver
Thursdays, October 6–20 and November 3–17, 10-10:30 am
Stories, songs, activities, and more that are perfect for the school-ready child. R

Wee Read
Birth to 24 Months with a parent/caregiver
Fridays, 9:30–10 am or 11–11:30 am
(No class November 4 and 25)
Stories, songs, and rhymes for our littlest learners. Please bring a tummy time mat or blanket for the baby. Older siblings welcome.

Family Storytime
Birth to Age 5 with a parent/caregiver
Sundays, October 9 and November 6, 3-3:30 pm
Saturdays, October 22 and November 19, 10-10:30 am
Bring the whole family to this storytime filled with stories, songs, and fun.

Cuddle Bugs Baby Massage
Birth to 24 Months with a parent/caregiver
Saturday, October 15, 10-10:45 am
Explore the health benefits and techniques of infant massage, stretching, and aromatherapy with Certified Infant Massage Instructor Loredana Tomasello. The class will also include expanded information on toddler techniques and parental self-care. R

Pakistani Storytime
Ages 3-7 with a parent/caregiver
Sunday, October 16, 2–2:45 pm
Introduce your child to the cultures, stories, and languages of Pakistan. R

Mini Music Makers
Ages 2-5 with a parent/caregiver
Wednesdays, October 26 and November 30, 10–10:45 am
Feel the rhythm, hear the rhyme; it’s Mini Music Maker time! R

Boo! It’s Halloween Storytime
Ages 2-5 with a parent/caregiver
Thursday, October 27, 10-10:30 am
Dress up in your favorite costume (or come as you are) for some spook-tacular stories, songs, and Halloween fun.

Tots Dealing with Big Feelings
Ages 3–5 with a parent/caregiver
Wednesday, November 23, 10–10:30 am
Learn how to manage feelings through stories, songs, and activities and leave this storytime with strategies to handle overwhelming emotions. This session’s theme: Thankful and Grateful. R

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Math Brigade
Grades K-2
Thursday, October 6
4:30–5:30 pm
Discover math skills through active learning, and work as a team to build something amazing. This month, we're being bar graph builders. R

Anime Club
Grades 6–8
Thursdays, October 6 and November 3, 7–8 pm
A fun-filled hour of anime appreciation. We'll watch and talk about your favorite shows, draw, and enjoy all things anime. R

Crafty Saturday
All Ages
Saturdays, October 8 and November 12
9:30 am–4:30 pm
Drop into the Youth Services Department to make a seasonal craft while supplies last.

Craftin’ Around
Grades 4–8
Mondays, October 10 and November 14, 7–8 pm
Join us for an evening of craft-tastic fun! We will experiment with a different crafting skill each month to create fun projects. R

Middle School Comics Club
Grades 5–8
Tuesdays, October 11 and November 8
4:30–5:30 pm
Welcome to your home for graphic novel and manga lovers. Share your favorites, find something new, and geek out to your heart’s content.

Read to a Rainbow Dog
Grades K–5
Tuesdays, October 11 and November 8
7–8 pm
Trained therapy dogs patiently listen to your child as they read from a book of their choice. To register for a 15-minute session, visit the Youth Services Desk or call 847-965-4220 x2. R

Art Contest
Grades K–8
Monday, August 15 – Saturday, October 15
Pick up an entry form and guidelines for this year’s bookmark art contest at the Youth Services Desk or print them out online at mgpl.org/art. Entries will be accepted at the Youth Services Desk or by mail through Saturday, October 15. Only one entry per child allowed, so make yours as colorful, detailed, and specially crafted as you can. Winning entries will be published with the name and school of the artist, then distributed in the Library for all to admire and use. Winners will be announced on Thursday, November 10, 7:00 pm.

Scratch ‘n’ Code
Grades 3–6
Wednesday, October 12, 4–5 pm
Learn the basics of computer coding with Scratch 2.0 by creating simple and fun programs. Ability to work with a computer and mouse is required. R

Family Engineering Night
All Ages
Thursday, October 13, 7–8 pm
Once a month, we turn a STEM idea into an engineering project. This month, we are building buzzer board games. Projects are intended for school-aged kids and above, though younger children are welcome to participate with a grown-up. R

STEMonade Stand
Stop by the STEMonade Stand located at our Lincoln Avenue entrance for project kits to do at home. Each kit is sealed inside a zip-top bag with instructions and STEM connections. For more information and updates on bi-weekly projects, visit mgpl.org/stemonade. When life gives you lemons, make STEMonade.
LEGO Builders
Grades K–8
Mondays, October 17 and November 21
6:30–7:30 pm
Build something amazing with the Library’s massive LEGO collection. Start with one of our monthly challenges and then let your imagination guide you in a free build. R

Drama Club
Grades 1–8
Tuesdays, October 18 and November 15, 7–8 pm
Bring out your inner drama queen or king and get creative with acting, improv, and theater games. R

Mad Math Society
Grades 3–6
Wednesday, October 19, 4:30–5:30 pm
We are out to prove that math is secretly awesome with brain-bending fun and activities. This month, we’re doing logic puzzles. R

Chess Academy
Grades 1–8
Thursdays, October 20 and November 17
7–8 pm
Learn how to play chess with chess master Chris Christmas. All skill levels welcome. R

Mini Masterpieces
Grades 1–3
Saturday, October 22, 2–3 pm
Create like the great artists! We will look at the artwork of well-known artists and then use them as inspiration to create our own art. This session’s artist: Alma Thomas. R

Crafternoon
Grades K–3
Mondays, October 24 and November 28, 4:30–5:30 pm
Join us for an afternoon of open-ended crafting with a wide variety of materials. R

DIY Family Game Night
All Ages
Wednesday, October 26, 7–8 pm
Join us for an evening of zany homemade games in the Baxter Auditorium. Some assembly required. Games are geared toward school-aged kids and above, though younger children are welcome to participate with a grown-up. R

Diary of a Wimpy Kid Book Release Party
Grades 1–8
Tuesday, October 25
6:30–7:30 pm
Celebrate the release of Jeff Kinney’s SEVENTEENTH Wimpy Kid book, *Diper Överlöde*. Compete in trivia, play games, and win prizes. Five lucky kids will win a copy of the book!

LitLoot Middle School
Grades 6–8
November 1–14
LitLoot is a free literary subscription box filled with a custom selected library book and other goodies. To subscribe to November’s box, register between November 1 and 14. We’ll contact you when boxes are ready for pickup at the end of the month. Subscriptions are limited, so register early. R


Head to the Library for some outdoor family fun. The pages of a book are arranged on numbered signs around the building. Take a stroll and enjoy the story at your own pace.

October: *Gustavo the Shy Ghost* by Flavia Z. Drago
November: *Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story* by Kevin Noble Maillard

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT, and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library.

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Jr. Puzzle Gauntlet
Grades 1-3
Thursday, November 3, 4:30-5:30 pm

Puzzle Gauntlet
Grades 4-8
Wednesday, November 9, 4:30-5:30 pm
Do you have what it takes to beat the Puzzle Gauntlet? The Puzzle Master devised a series of devious challenges to test your STEAM skills to the max. Should you triumph, you will unlock the treasure stash full of snacks! R

Molecular Gastronomy Lab
Grades 1-3: Tuesday, November 22, 4-5 pm
Grades 4-8: Monday, November 21, 4-5 pm
Explore kitchen chemistry by using sodium alginate, calcium chloride, and the power of science to turn liquids into edible spheres. R

Note: The food additives in this event are gluten free, vegan, and kosher, but please be mindful of any food restrictions you might have.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

Family Reads
Grades 1-3
Monday, November 28
6:45–7:30 pm
Read the book of the month aloud at home with your family. Then bring a grown-up with you to discuss and explore the story with a hands-on activity. This month’s book: Big Foot and Little Foot by Ellen Potter. R

Mother-Daughter Book Club
Grades 4–6
Wednesday, November 16
7–8 pm
Bring your mother (or favorite female grown-up) with you for a discussion and activities connected to the book of the month: Esperanza Rising by Pam Muñoz Ryan. R

Guys Read
Grades 4–6
Wednesday, November 30
7–8 pm
Team up with your favorite grown-up for discussion and activities featuring the book of the month: Mañanaland by Pam Muñoz Ryan. R

Books & Beyond
Grades 6–8
Tuesday, November 29
6–8 pm
Read the book and then come to the Library to watch the movie based on the book of the month: Guardians of Ga’Hoole: The Capture by Kathryn Lasky. R

Thursday, November 17
Family Reading Night is an annual statewide event that encourages families to spend quality time reading together. Register at the Youth Services Desk starting November 1 and pick up supplies and a free book that will make your Family Reading Night special. Then, on Thursday, November 17, read as a family at home. (While supplies last; limit 1 bag and book per family.) R

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GET INFORMATION AND REGISTER: mgpl.org/events or 847-965-4220
All Ages
October 31-November 15
Calling all detectives! The infamous Professor Valeria Baddington-Smith hid the secret of her greatest treasure at the Morton Grove Public Library. Clues are guarded by puzzles that require keen intellect and wild imagination. Do you have what it takes to unlock the mystery? Stop by the Info or Youth Services desks to get started.

LitLoot
Grades 9–12
October 1–15
LitLoot is a free literary subscription box filled with a custom selected library book and other free goodies. Subscribe to October’s box at mgpl.org/events. We’ll contact you when your box is ready for pickup at the end of the month. Subscriptions are limited, so register early. Library card required. R

Teen Service Project: Tie Blankets
Saturday, November 12, 1-2 pm
Looking for a fun way to earn an hour of volunteer work? Come to the library to make fleece tie blankets for Wright-Way Animal Rescue. R

LitLoot
Grades 9–12

Grades 9–12
Thursday, November 17, 7–8 pm
A fun-filled hour of anime appreciation for high-schoolers. We’ll watch and talk about your favorite shows, draw, and enjoy all things anime. R

Anime Club
High School

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Medicare Supplement Insurance: Picking the Right Medigap Plan & Best Rate (Hybrid)
Monday, October 3, 6–7 pm
Tom Kilkenny from Weiss Financial Ratings explains what Medicare does and does not cover, where Medigap plans come in, and how to find the best plan for you, using tools from the Library’s informational Weiss Financial Ratings database. R

Perfectly Pumpkin (Online)
Tuesday, October 4, 6:30-8 pm
Pumpkin is such a versatile ingredient filled with so much potential. Get ready to diffuse that autumnal vibe into your kitchen with Pumpkin Butter Roll Cookies and Pumpkin Pasta.

Sharing is Caring (Online)
Tuesday, November 8, 6:30-8 pm
Clever hacks will give you triple or quadruple the Thanksgiving food fun! Flavors will coexist peacefully in our Tear and Share Bread and Sheet Pan Pie.

Join Cooking Instructor Krystin Slick for a seasonal cook-along series. Each class is 90 minutes and encourages participants to work in their kitchens. (Zoom) R

Crafting For Charity
Saturdays, October 8 and 22, November 12 and 26
9:30–11:30 am
Create handmade knitted and crocheted crafts for local organizations. Please bring acrylic yarn, your needles and/or hooks. Seating is limited, so register early to guarantee your spot. R

Catalytic Converter Marking Event with MGPD
Saturday, October 8, 10 am–1 pm
The Morton Grove Police Department will be at the Library to spray paint your car’s catalytic converter, making it less desirable to thieves. This event is open to Morton Grove residents only, and some cars may not qualify for this event. To register for this event, call 847-965-4220 x1. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held on October 15. R

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Understanding Medicare (Hybrid)
Thursday, October 20, 2–3 pm
Insurance Specialist John Larson explains Medicare, Medicare Advantage, supplemental and prescription drug coverage, and how to choose the right plan during Medicare open enrollment. R

Chicago & Cook County Genealogy Records (Online)
Wednesday, October 26, 2–3 pm
Use local sources to find your Chicago ancestors. (Zoom) R

Lights Out, Everybody: Mystery and Horror During the Golden Age of Radio (Hybrid)
Thursday, October 27, 2–3 pm
Steve Darnall of 90.0 FM-WDCB shares sound clips from some of radio’s best-known mystery and horror programs (including Escape, Inner Sanctum and Lights Out) to illustrate how radio could truly be a “theater of the mind” by using music, voices and sounds to create indelible - and often frightening - “pictures.” R

Identity Theft Scams and Prevention Tips (Hybrid)
Thursday, November 3, 2–3 pm
The Illinois Attorney General’s Office will present tips to prevent identity theft and ways to restore your financial profile if it happens to you. Learn to recognize common scams and their many variations, set up fraud alerts, security freezes, opt-outs, and report scams. R

The Science of Climate Change (Hybrid)
Thursday, November 3, 7–8 pm
Michelle Nichols, M.Ed. will turn our attention to the scientific evidence for climate change: What does science say is happening? Where does the data come from? What might be in our future? Attendees can register for limited in-person seating or watch the livestreamed event from home. R

Tai Chi (Online)
Mondays, October 3 and 17, November 7 and 21
9:30–10:15 am
Certified Tai Chi Instructor Erica Bough demonstrates Shibashi body movements, breathing exercises, and meditation to help reduce stress, restore balance, and increase flexibility. All experience levels welcome. Wear comfortable clothes. (Zoom) R

Chair Yoga (Online)
Fridays, October 14 and 28, November 11 and 25
9:30–10:30 am
Practice seated poses in one of the gentlest forms of yoga available, led by a certified yoga instructor. All experience levels welcome. Wear comfortable clothes. Please use a sturdy chair without arms (if possible). (Zoom) R

Meet the Author: Jesmyn Ward (Online)
Wednesday, October 12
7 pm
Join us for an evening with two-time National Book Award winner Jesmyn Ward as she discusses how her literary vision and personal experiences address urgent questions about racism and social injustice. (Zoom) R

This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration between public libraries offering high-quality events.

Jazz Legends of Chicago
Sunday, October 16
2–3 pm
WDCB Station Manager Dan Bindert will spotlight some jazz artists who have called Chicago home, such as Louis Armstrong, Benny Goodman, Nat "King" Cole, along with a few of today's Chicago jazz musicians. R

Silent Film with Live Accompaniment
Thursday, October 20
7–8:30 pm
Enjoy the classic 1920 silent film Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde featuring live accompaniment by Chicago’s foremost photoplay organist, Jay Warren. The film will be followed by a Q&A session with Mr. Warren. (1920, NR, 1 hr 10 min) R

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**ADULTS**

**Name That Tune (Online & Phone)**
Wednesday, November 9, 10–10:30 am
In this virtual version of Name That Tune, participants listen (over the phone or via Zoom) to snippets of music then guess the name of the song. **R**

**Don’t Forget! The Science of Memory (Hybrid)**
Thursday, November 10, 2–3 pm
William Pack dives into why we remember, the different types of memory, and how we can’t trust everything we recall. Get practical, real-world strategies to keep your brain healthier and improve memory. **R**

**Meet the Author: Caitlin Doughty (Online)**
Wednesday, November 16
7–8 pm
Join us for an evening with Caitlin Doughty, mortician, advocate, and founder of the funeral reform collective The Order of the Good Death, and author of *From Here to Eternity, Smoke Gets in Your Eyes, and Will My Cat Eat My Eyeballs?* (Zoom) **R**

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**All Ages Chess Tournament**
Saturday, November 19
12–4 pm
Whether you are 7 or 70, everyone is invited to this fun chess event! Players of all skill levels welcome. Chess sets provided or bring your own. **R**

**Exploring Spices (Online)**
**Grains of Paradise Spice**
Sunday, November 27, 2–3 pm
(pickup starts September 1)
Explore spices from around the world in this flavorful bi-monthly event. Pick up the spice of the month and then discover the taste by making any dish of your choice. At the end of the month, we will meet over Zoom to share results and experiences. **R**

**Virtual Reality Travel**
Wednesday, November 30
10 am–1 pm
Experience nature scenes from around the world in virtual reality with the Oculus Quest. To reserve a 20-minute time slot, call 847-965-4220 x1. **R**

**TUESDAY MOVIES @ MGPL**
Seating is limited, so register early to guarantee your spot. **R**

- **Death on the Nile**
  Tuesday, October 4
  10 am–12 pm

- **Downton Abbey: A New Era**
  Tuesday, October 11
  10 am–12 pm

- **Dark Waters**
  Tuesday, October 18
  10 am–12 pm

- **Hocus Pocus**
  Tuesday, October 25
  10–11:30 am

- **A Journal for Jordan**
  Tuesday, November 1
  10 am–12:15 pm

- **Ghostbusters: Afterlife**
  Tuesday, November 8
  10 am–12 pm

- **Licorice Pizza**
  Tuesday, November 15
  10 am–12:15 pm

- **Planes, Trains & Automobiles**
  Tuesday, November 22
  10 am–11:30 am

- **Fatherhood**
  Tuesday, November 29
  10 am–12 pm

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COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY

Google Photos App (Online)
Thursday, October 13, 2–3 pm
Learn how to use this free photo sharing and storage app. (Zoom) R

Intro to Excel (Online)
Wednesday, October 19, 7–8:30 pm
Learn simple formatting and entering/editing data. (Zoom) R

Mail Merge with Word (Online)
Tuesday, November 1, 7–8:30 pm
Create letters, envelopes, and labels for mailings. (Zoom) R

BOOK A LIBRARIAN

Want to learn a technology thing? From learning the ropes on a new smartphone to figuring out how to perform a specific task in a piece of software (like VLOOKUP in Excel), we are here to help. Morton Grove cardholders can make an appointment to meet with a librarian. Fill out a request at mgpl.org/book-a-librarian or call us at 847-965-4220 to get started.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

Between the Lines
One Book, One Village: The Lake on Fire by Rosellen Brown
Tuesday, October 18, 7–8 pm (Online)
Thursday, October 20, 10–11 am (In-person)

The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry by Gabrielle Zevin
Tuesday, November 15, 7–8 pm (Online)
Thursday, November 17, 10–11 am (In-person)

Registration is required for in-person and Zoom events. Patrons registered for the Zoom discussion will receive an email the day before the discussion with the meeting ID and password for joining the event. New members are always welcome! R

LitLounge (Online)
A Head Full of Ghosts by Paul Tremblay
Wednesday, October 12, 7:30–9 pm

The Seed Keeper by Diane Wilson
Wednesday, November 9, 7:30–9 pm

Registered patrons will receive a confirmation email with information on how to join the meeting.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Book Picks
Visit mgpl.org/civics for staff-curated lists of resources related to a variety of topics.

Not sure where to begin? We have selected a few titles to help you get started.

Immigrants & Refugees
Invasive Species by Marwa Helal

Fake News
Infinite Detail by Tim Maughan

Voting & Elections
The Coyotes of Carthage by Steven Wright

Fake News
Infinite Detail by Tim Maughan

The Atmospherians by Alex McElroy

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Attendance at Library programs constitutes consent to be photographed or videotaped for Library purposes. If you or your child do not wish to be photographed or videotaped, please notify staff.

SPECIAL ASSISTANCE
Patrons needing special assistance should call 847-965-4220 or email info@mgpl.org.

CHANGES AND CANCELLATIONS
Events are subject to change and may be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. Call the Library at 847-965-4220 to confirm scheduled events.

LIBRARY CLOSINGS
Friday, November 4 for staff training
Wednesday, November 23 closing at 5 pm
Thursday, November 24 for Thanksgiving

November is Meet Mango Languages Month
Mango Languages is a free tool (with MGPL card) that can help you learn over 70 languages. Throughout November, pick up a short questionnaire at the Info Desk to guide your exploration of the database. Return your completed questionnaire to receive a small gift. All correct questionnaires will be entered into a prize drawing.

Looking for your next great read? Fill out the form at mgpl.org/book-picks to receive a customized list of suggested books from our librarians. Don’t have a computer? We are happy to give suggestions over the phone or in person as well.