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DIGITAL COMICS FOR EVERY AGE AND INTEREST

With Comics Plus, you can enjoy unlimited access to over 20,000 digital comics, graphic novels, and manga from publishers such as Dark Horse, BOOM! Studios, IDW, Tokyopop, and more. New and backlisted titles are added every month, and they’re always available—no need to place holds and wait!

Dive in at mgpl.org/download-stream or through the Comics Plus app.
Registration is required EARLY CHILDHOOD REGISTRATION begins January 15 for February events and February 15 for March events unless otherwise noted.

Until we can see you again for all of our programs, we have put together a fun lineup of both online and in-person programs for your little ones.

In-person events and mask requirements are subject to change based on Restore Illinois guidelines, so visit mgpl.org/covid19 for the most up-to-date information.

ONLINE - FACEBOOK LIVE
Visit the Library’s Facebook page to watch live and on demand.

Bedtime Stories & More
Birth to Kindergarten with a parent/caregiver
Mondays, Feb. 7 and Mar. 7, 7-7:30 pm
Wind down for bed with a story or two.

Listen Up!
Birth to Kindergarten with a parent/caregiver
Tuesdays, 10-10:20 am
Listen to stories, sing songs, and more as Ms. Amy brings the Library to your home.

Wee Read
Birth to Age 2 with a parent/caregiver
Fridays, 10-10:15 am
Meet Ms. Debbie online for a song, a rhyme, a story, and more.

ONLINE - ZOOM
Join using free Zoom software on your internet-connected device (computer, smartphone, or tablet). An email with instructions on how to join the event will be sent to registrants the day before the event.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten Storytime
Birth to Age 5 with a parent/caregiver
Thursday, Mar. 24, 10-10:30 am
A special storytime event for participants of our 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program. We’ll read stories, share our favorite books, and more. Learn more about 1000 Books Before Kindergarten and sign up at mgpl.org/1000books. R

IN THE ACTIVITY ROOM
All storytime participants should be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Only registrants and one adult/caregiver will be allowed in the Activity Room during programs. Registration is required. R

Toddler Time
Ages 24-36 months with a parent/caregiver
Wednesdays, Feb. 2-16 and Mar. 2-16, 10-10:30 am

Preschool Storytime
Ages 3-5 with a parent/caregiver
Thursdays, Feb. 3-17 and Mar. 3-17, 10-10:30 am

Monday Morning Music
Ages 2-5 with a parent/caregiver
Mondays, Feb. 21 and Mar. 21, 10-10:30 am
Feel the rhythm, hear the rhyme, it’s Monday Morning Music time!

Family Storytime
Ages 2 and up with a parent/caregiver
Sundays, Feb. 27 and Mar. 27, 3-3:30 pm
At this family storytime we’ll listen to stories, sing songs, and more. The March storytime is presented as part of Coming Together 2022: Sharing Experiences of Disabilities.

Tots Dealing with Big Feelings
Ages 3-5 with a parent/caregiver
Wednesday, Mar. 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: Happiness.

Coming Together Storytime
Ages 2 and up with a parent/caregiver
Wednesday, Mar. 30, 10-10:30 am
We’ll read books, sing songs, and more as we celebrate the diverse abilities of our community and focus on this year’s Coming Together theme of Sharing Experiences of Disabilities. Visit comingtogether.in to learn more.
REGISTRATION begins January 15 for February events and February 15 for March events unless otherwise noted.

Online events are held using free Zoom software on your internet-connected device (computer, smartphone, or tablet) unless otherwise noted. An email with instructions on how to join the event will be sent to registrants the day before the event.

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Drop-In Craft: Make Your Own Valentines
Family
February 1-14
Want to make a valentine for a special someone? Visit the Youth Services department February 1-14 to create Valentine’s Day cards. Make as many as you want!

Craftin’ Around
Grades 4-8
Wednesdays, 7-8 pm
Feb. 2: Emoji Keychains
Mar. 2: Woven Bookmarks and Bracelets
Join us for an evening of craft-tastic fun! R

Escape Room (Online)
Grades 4-8
Tuesday, Feb. 8, 4:30-5:30 pm
Tuesday, Mar. 29, 4-5 pm

Jr. Escape Room (Online)
Grades 1-3
Thursday, Feb. 10, 4:30-5:30 pm
Wednesday, Mar. 30, 4-5 pm

Join us in the Zoom Room of Doom for a virtual locked-room challenge. The only escape is to conquer all the puzzles. Together, we will use our STEAM skills to problem-solve our way to freedom. Be sure to have scratch paper and pencil handy. (You may bring a reading assistant if needed.) (Zoom) R

Crafty Saturday
All Ages
Saturdays, Feb. 12 and Mar. 12, 9:30 am - 4:30 pm
Stop by the Youth Services Department to make a seasonal craft while supplies last.

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Making Cocoa Spoons (Online)
Grades 3-8
Tuesday, Feb. 8, 7-8 pm
Create your own cocoa spoon at home during this program, led by the local council of the Girl Scouts of America. Find the supply list at mgpl.org/events. (Zoom) R

Make Your Own Zine
Grades 4-8
Thursday, Feb. 10, 5-8 pm
Drop into the Middle School space after school to make your own zine for display in the Library.

Short Creative Works by/for YOU
Visit the new Middle School space to view the collection and learn how to submit your own zine.

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Grades 4-8
Thursday, Feb. 10, 5-8 pm
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Mini Masterpieces
Grades 1-3
Saturday, Feb. 12, 3-4 pm
Use the work of a well-known artist as inspiration to create our own mini masterpieces. This session’s artist: Wassily Kandinsky.

Drama Club
Grades 1-8
Tuesdays, Feb. 15 and Mar. 15, 7-8 pm
Bring out your inner drama queen or king and get creative with acting, improv, and theater games.

Book Discussion Groups
Registration opens for each book club event on February 1. After you register, pick up your free copy of the book of the month at the Youth Services Desk. The March book discussions are presented as part of Coming Together 2022: Sharing Experiences of Disabilities. Visit comingtogether.in to learn more.

Family Reads
Grades 1-3
Monday, Mar. 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: Aven Green Sleuthing Machine by Dusti Bowling.

Mother-Daughter Book Club
Grades 4-6
Monday, Mar. 14, 7-8 pm
Bring your mother (or favorite female grown-up) for a discussion and activities connected to the book of the month: The Astonishing Maybe by Shaunta Grimes.

Guys Read
Grades 4-6
Wednesday, Mar. 16, 7-8 pm
Team up with your favorite grown-up for discussion and activities featuring the book of the month: Dog Driven by Terry Lynn Johnson.

Books & Beyond
Grades 6-8
Thursday, Mar. 10, 6-8 pm
Read the book and then come to the Library to watch the movie based on the book. This month’s book/movie: Flipped by Wendelin Van Draanen.

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 weekly updates on projects, visit mgpl.org/stemonade. When life gives you lemons, make STEMonade.

Chess Academy (Online)
Grades 1-8
Thursdays, Feb. 17 and Mar. 17, 7-8 pm
Learn how to play chess with chess master Chris Christmas. All skill levels welcome. Create your free lichess.org account prior to playing. (Zoom)

All Ages
Wednesday, Feb. 16 and Thursday, Mar. 31, 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 might be interested in participating with a grown-up.
LEGOLego Builders (Online)
Grades K-8
Mondays, Feb. 21 and Mar. 21, 6:30-7:30 pm
Get out your LEGO or other favorite building materials and take the challenge to create something during our Zoom meetup. You can also show-and-tell any awesome creations you have been building recently. (Zoom) R

Doodle Inspiration
Grades 3-8
Tuesdays, Feb. 22 and Mar. 22, 7-8 pm
Create your own art after exploring the creative process and getting inspired by art and design history. R

Family Engineering Night
All Ages
Thursdays, 7-8 pm
Feb. 24: Conveyor Belt Car Race
Mar. 24: Marble Movers
Once a month, we turn a STEM idea into an engineering project. Projects are intended for school-aged kids and above, though younger children might be interested in participating with a grown-up. R

Dances of India (Online)
Family
Streaming March 1–31
Watch a video made by the Kalapriya Center for Indian Performing Arts to sample some of the beautiful dances of India and learn about the amazing culture behind each step.

Read to a Rainbow Dog
Grades K-5
Tuesday, Mar. 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

Nintendo Switch Gaming: Mario Kart (Online)
Grades 3-6, 1-2 pm
Grades 6-8, 2-3 pm
Wednesday, Mar. 30
Play Mario Kart on your Nintendo Switch while chatting with your friends from the Library. Required for online play: ownership of a Nintendo Switch gaming console, Mario Kart, and a Nintendo Switch Online membership. (Zoom) R

LitLoot Middle School
Grades 6-8
Mar. 1-14
LitLoot is a free literary subscription box for middle-schoolers filled with a custom selected library book and other goodies. Subscribe to March’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

StoryWalk
Bundle up and 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.

February: Don’t Hug Doug by Carrie Finison
March: Room for Bear by Ciara Gavin

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.
LitLoot
Grades 9-12
Feb. 1-14
LitLoot is a free literary subscription box filled with a custom selected library book and other goodies! Subscribe to February’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.

ACT/SAT Combo Test Prep
Saturday, Feb. 5, 10 am - 2 pm
Experience both tests to see which is the right fit for you, then receive a detailed analysis of your performance from More Than Scores And Tests, Ltd.

Grades 9-12
If you enjoy escape rooms, try break-in bags! They’re escape rooms in bag form, but instead of trying to break out, you’re trying to break in. Answer three puzzles correctly to unlock the code to your bag and discover the goodies inside. Pickup starts March 25.

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SENIOR ACTIVITY KITS
Stay busy and keep your brain active with Senior Activity Kits, which include fun and creative activities for seniors along with informational materials. Available on the first of each month at the Info Desk while supplies last.

ADULT ESL LITERACY KITS
Practice English with monthly ESL Literacy Kits for adults. Each kit may contain vocabulary puzzles, idioms, suggested activities, or a short reading exercise, along with the monthly issue of Easy English News newspaper. Suitable for all skill levels. Available on the first of each month at the Info Desks while supplies last.

MURDER MYSTERY KITS
Challenge your inner detective to solve a mystery! Follow the clues provided in the kit and work alone or with others to find the killer. Available beginning Mar. 1 at the Info Desk while supplies last.

Join us for a variety of fun activities in the Baxter Auditorium. Seating is limited, so guarantee your spot by registering ahead of time.

Bingo
Wednesday, Feb. 2 and Mar. 2, 10-11 am
Socialize as you play this fun game. Small prizes will be awarded to those who Bingo!

Arts & Crafts
Wednesdays, 10-11 am
Feb. 9: Pine Cone Bird Feeder
Mar. 9: Decoupage Picture Frame
Tap into your inner creativity with a fun and easy craft project.

Coloring & Brain Puzzles
Wednesdays, Feb. 16 and Mar. 16, 10-11 am
Relieve stress and stimulate your brain. Coloring supplies and puzzles will be provided.

Wits Workout
Wednesdays, Feb. 23 and Mar. 23, 10-11 am
Maintain and enhance your cognitive function and memory with this interactive program.
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HEALTHY LIVING

Tai Chi (Online)
Mondays, Feb. 7 and 21, Mar. 7 and 21, 9:30-10:15 am
Certified tai chi instructor Erica Bough demonstrates Shibashi body movements, breathing exercises, and meditation to help restore balance, flexibility and reduce stress. All experience levels welcome. Wear comfortable clothes. (Zoom) R

Chair Yoga (Online)
Fridays, 9-10 am
Practice seated poses in one of the gentlest forms of yoga available, led by certified yoga instructor Cher Walter. All experience levels welcome. Wear comfortable clothes. (Zoom) R

Maintaining Brain Health As You Age (Online)
Thursday, Mar. 24, 2-3 pm
Neuroscientist Mickeal Key explains how and why the brain changes with age, how these changes can impact daily life, and which healthy habits can help you maintain brain health. (Zoom) R

Pre-Civil War Quilts: Secret Codes to Freedom on the Underground Railroad (Online)
Wednesday, Feb. 9, 7-8:30 pm
Presenter Connie Martin tells the story of pre-Civil War quilts and their significance to the freedom of slaves through the Underground Railroad. (Zoom) R

Let’s Talk Downsizing (Online)
Thursday, Feb. 10, 10-11 am
Professional organizer M. Colleen Klimczak lays out the process of downsizing to create a simple, safe, and stress-free environment. (Zoom) R

Build Your Cat A Castle
Thursday, Feb. 10, 6-8 pm
Use your creative skills to transform a cardboard box into an awesome hangout spot for your cat (or another small pet). Boxes and other basic supplies provided. All ages are welcome. R

Crafting for Charity
Saturdays, Feb. 12 and 26, Mar. 12 and 26, 9:30-11:30 am
Create handmade knitted and crocheted crafts for local organizations. Please bring your needles and/or hooks and some acrylic yarn. R

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Antiracism

The Man Who Lived Underground by Richard Wright

Banned Books & Censorship

Information Hunters: When Librarians, Soldiers, and Spies Banded Together in WW II Europe by Kathy Peiss

Disability Awareness

One Two Three by Laurie Frankel

Fake News

Sabrina by Nick Drnaso

Visit our Civic Engagement hub at mgpl.org/civics for staff-curated lists of resources related to a variety of topics.

Not sure where to begin? We've selected a few titles to help you get started.
TUESDAY MOVIES @ MGPL

Seating is limited, guarantee your spot by registering ahead of time. R

Respect
Tuesday, Feb. 1, 10 am - 12:30 pm
Follow the rise of Aretha Franklin's career from singing in her church's choir to international superstardom. Cast: Jennifer Hudson, Forest Whitaker (2021, PG-13, 2 hr 30 min)

Roadrunner: A Film About Anthony Bourdain
Tuesday, Feb. 8, 10 am - 12 pm
A documentary about Anthony Bourdain and his career as a renowned and revered chef, writer, and host. Cast: Anthony Bourdain, Ottavia Bourdain (2021, R, 1 hr 59 min)

Emma
Tuesday, Feb. 15, 10 am - 12 pm
In 1800s England, a well-meaning but selfish young woman meddles in the love lives of her friends. Cast: Anya Taylor-Joy, Johnny Flynn. (2020, PG, 2 hr)

The Biggest Little Farm
Tuesday, Feb. 22, 10-11:30 am
Documentarian John Chester and his wife Molly work to develop a sustainable farm on 200 acres outside of Los Angeles. Cast: John Chester, Molly Chester (2018, PG, 1 hr 30 min)

Woman in Gold
Tuesday, Mar. 1, 10-11:45 am
An octogenarian Jewish refugee takes on the Austrian government to recover artwork she believes rightfully belongs to her family. Cast: Helen Mirren, Ryan Reynolds (2015, PG-13, 1 hr 45 min)

Rising Phoenix
Tuesday, Mar. 8, 10-11:45 am
Elite athletes and insiders reflect on the Paralympic Games and how they impact a global understanding of disability, diversity, and excellence. Cast: Jean-Baptiste Alaize, Ryley Batt (2020, PG-13, 1 hr 46 min)

Nomadland
Tuesday, Mar. 29, 10-11:45 am AND 6:30-8:15 pm
In the wake of the Great Recession, an aging woman who lost her livelihood begins a solo expedition through the western United States in a van. Cast: Frances McDormand, David Straithairn (2020, R, 1 hr 45 min)

An Evening with Jasmine Guillory (Online)
Wednesday, Feb. 16, 7-8 pm
Join us for a lively evening with bestselling author Jasmine Guillory as she discusses the importance of real life and the modern rom-com. (Zoom) R

An Evening with Jenny Lawson (Online)
Wednesday, Mar. 30, 7-8 pm
Join us for an evening with award-winning humorist Jenny Lawson as she discusses her most recent bestseller, Broken (in the best possible way), and her brilliantly funny body of work. (Zoom) R

This event is part of the 2022 Coming Together series Sharing Experiences of Disability. Visit comingtogether.in to learn more.

These events are made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration between public libraries offering high-quality events.
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**Movie Music Romance (Online)**
**Thursday, Feb. 17, 2-3:30 pm**
Film historian John LeGear leads a journey through 100 years of the most artfully created movie scenes, love songs, and dance tandems ever seen on the silver screen, featuring Fred Astaire, Judy Garland, Julie Andrews, and other stars. (Zoom) R

**Transgender 101 (Online)**
**Wednesday, Feb. 23, 6-7:15 pm**
Learn about key concepts and terminology related to transgender identity, gain practical tools for being a supportive ally, and get your questions answered in a non-judgmental setting by award-winning consultant and speaker Nikk Cochran Selik. Special considerations for transgender children and adolescents will also be discussed. This program is family-friendly and suitable for all ages. (Zoom) R

**Name That Tune (Online & Phone)**
**Wednesday, Mar. 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 from the good old days, then guess the name of the song. R

**Irish Traditional Music (Hybrid)**
**Wednesday, Mar. 16, 2-3 pm**
Experience Ireland’s rich traditional music and language—jigs and reels, polkas and slow airs, a blind harper, and songs in Irish and English—with guitarist Mike O’Regan, fiddler Karen Reshkin, and Na Gaeil Chicago. Attendees can register for limited in-person seating or watch the livestream from home. R

**Exploring Spices (Online)**
Explore spices from around the world in this flavorful monthly program. Pick up the spice of the month and then discover the taste by making any dish you choose. At the end of the month, we will meet over Zoom to share results and experiences. R

**Cuban Island Spice**
**Sunday, Mar. 27, 2-3 pm (pickup starts Mar. 1)**

**Beginning Genealogy (Online)**
**Wednesday, Mar. 30, 2-3 pm**
MGPL librarian Mark Knox demonstrates how you can get started researching your family history. (Zoom) R

**Coming Together**
These events are part of the 2022 Coming Together series Sharing Experiences of Disability. Visit comingtogether.in to learn more.

**Illinois Assistive Technology Program**
**Saturday, Mar. 19, 10-11 am**
Lynette Strode of the Illinois Assistive Technology Program (IATP) discusses the programs IATP offers and the different assistive technologies available for persons with disabilities. R

**EveryBody Can Dance Workshop (Online)**
**Wednesday, Mar. 23, 6-7 pm**
This inclusive creative movement workshop by MOMENTA Dance Company, for people with and without disabilities, uses structured improvisation and dance games to build community while exploring everyone’s creative potential for movement. No dance experience necessary! (Zoom) R

**Eighth Grade**
**Thursday, Mar. 24, 7-8 pm**
An introverted teenage girl tries to survive the last week of her disastrous eighth grade year before leaving to start high school. (2018, R, 1 hr 33 min)

**Kanopy Club (Online)**
Watch the movie before the meeting using Kanopy, the library’s free online movie streaming service, or contact the Library to borrow the DVD. Then join us for a discussion moderated by two movie-loving librarians. (Zoom) R
COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY

Google Calendar (Online)
Thursday, Feb. 24, 2-3 pm
Learn how to create an online calendar you can use to organize and share your schedule. (Zoom) R

Introduction to Windows 11 (Online)
Tuesday, Mar. 15, 2-3 pm
Get an overview of the features and tools in the newest Windows operating system. (Zoom) R

Tech Talk: Get to Know the Libby App (Online)
Thursday, Mar. 31, 2-2:30 pm
Drop in and learn about all the features and content available on the Libby app. (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 TALKS

Join us at the Library for our monthly book talk. Registration is required. Bring your library card as books will be available for checkout. R

Based on a True Story
Wednesday, Mar. 2, 1-2 pm
Hear about fiction books based on real-life events and learn which of your favorite authors ripped some of their most famous stories directly from the headlines.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

Between the Lines (Online)
Between the Lines meets over the phone via Zoom. Titles are always available on Hoopla, as well as other library ebook platforms. Registered patrons will receive a call the day before the program with the meeting ID and password for joining the event. Call 312-626-6799 five minutes before the start of the program and enter the meeting ID and password. R

- **The Hate U Give**
  by Angie Thomas
  Tuesday, Feb. 22, 7-8 pm

- **The House in the Cerulean Sea**
  by TJ Klune
  Tuesday, Mar. 22, 7-8 pm

Book Chat (Online)
Looking for something more casual than a traditional book discussion? Come hang out with your fellow book lovers and talk about whatever you’re reading, watching, or doing. R

Thursday, Feb. 17, 10-11 am
Thursday, Mar. 17, 10-11 am

LitLounge (Online)
Titles are always available on Hoopla, as well as other library ebook platforms. Registered patrons will receive a confirmation email with information on how to join the meeting. R

- **The Five: The Untold Lives of the Women Killed by Jack the Ripper**
  by Hallie Rubenhold
  Wednesday, Feb. 9, 7:30-8:30 pm

- **Libertie**
  by Kaitlyn Greenidge
  Wednesday, Mar. 9, 7:30-8:30 pm

BOOK PICKS

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? No problem—we are happy to give suggestions over the phone or in person as well.
PHOTO AND VIDEO POLICY
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.

Cards of Kindness
So far we've distributed close to 600 Cards of Kindness to seniors in our community!

We would love to do more. Pick up one or several cards from the Info Desk to decorate and brighten someone’s day.