



HELO NEGHBOR!

Thursday, March 14, 6-6:45 pm

Get together with other residents at our first "Hello, Neighbor" event!

Hello Neighbor meetups are perfect for new residents or for anyone interested in learning more about the library. The meetups are a great way to meet your neighbors, see what the library has to offer, get a tour of the library, and sign up for your library card. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served.



Preschool Storytime

Ages 3–5 with a parent/caregiver Thursdays, February 1–15 and March 7–21 10–10:45 am

Stories, songs, activities, and more that are perfect for the school-ready child.

Wee Read

Birth to 24 months with a parent/caregiver Fridays, 9:30–10:15 am or 11–11:45 am (no class March 29)

Stories and songs for our littlest listeners. Please bring a tummy time mat or blanket for the baby. Older siblings welcome.

Monday Morning Playgroup

Birth to Age 5 with a parent/caregiver Mondays, 9:30–11 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, February 5 and March 4, 6:30–7 pm Spend time winding down for bed with a few stories and songs.

Listen Up!

Birth to Kindergarten with a parent/caregiver Tuesdays, 10–10:45 am Listen to stories, sing songs, and more at this all-ages storytime!

Toddler Time

Ages 24–36 months with a parent/caregiver Wednesdays, February 7–21 and March 6–20 10–10:45 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.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

REGISTRATION begins January 15 for February events and February 15 for March events unless otherwise noted.

Family Storytime

Birth to Age 5 with a parent/caregiver Saturdays, February 10 and March 9, 10–10:30 am Bring the whole family to this storytime filled with books, songs, and fun.

Mathematics Circus

Ages 3-5 with a parent/caregiver Sundays, February 18 and March 17 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

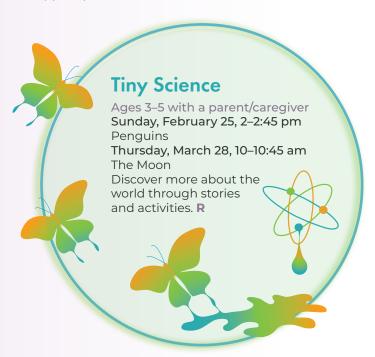


Ages 3–5 with a parent/caregiver Thursday, February 22, 10-10:45 am A special puppet storytime for preschoolers. We'll each make a simple puppet craft then use them to act out our stories and songs. R

Make & Take Playgroup

Ages 1-5 with a parent/caregiver Saturday, February 24, 10-11 am

While your child is playing with our toys, create a "busy bag". Each busy bag contains an age-appropriate activity for your toddler or preschooler to play with on the go. All supplies provided.





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: Something, Someday by Amanda Gorman

March: The Blanket Where Violet Sits by Allan Wolf

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

Mini Music Makers

Ages 2-5 with a parent/caregiver

Wednesdays, February 28 and March 27, 10-10:45 am Feel the rhythm, hear the rhyme; it's Mini Music Maker time! R

Ready, Set, Alphabet

Ages 2-5 with parent/caregiver Saturday, March 23, 11 am-12 pm Drop in and build your early literacy skills with alphabet activities. Be prepared to get messy!



1000 Books Before Kindergarten Storytime

Birth to Age 5 with a parent/caregiver Sunday, March 24, 3-3:30 pm Read stories, share favorite books, and more at this storytime for 1000 Books Before Kindergarten participants. Learn more about 1000 Books Before Kindergarten at mgpl.org/1000books.

Family Dance Party

All Ages

Friday, March 29, 10-10:45 am Get up and dance to some family-friendly tunes!



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Drop-in Craft: Make Your Own Valentines

Family

Thursday, February 1 - Wednesday, February 14 Stop in the Library between February 1 and 14 to create Valentine's Day cards. Make as many as you like!

Anime Club

Grades 6-8

Thursdays, February 1 and March 7, 6-7 pm A fun-filled hour of anime appreciation. We'll watch and talk about your favorite shows, draw, and enjoy all things anime. R

Puzzle Gauntlet

Grades 4-8 Wednesday, February 7 4:30-5:30 pm

Jr. Puzzle Gauntlet

Grades 1-3

Thursday, February 8 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 snack-a-licious treasure stash. R

Crafty Saturday

All Ages

Saturdays, February 10 and March 9 9:30 am-4:30 pm

Drop in the Youth Services Department to make a seasonal craft while supplies last.

Goofball Science Club

Grades 5-8

Tuesdays, 4-5 pm

February 13: Dissecting Owl Pellets

March 5: Building Motors

Ever wish you could just do the fun parts of science experiments? Now you can! Join us for an hour of spectacular science time. R

Chess Academy

Thursday, February 15 and March 21 7-8 pm

Learn how to play chess with chess master Chris Christmas. All skill levels welcome.



LEGO Builders

Grades K-8

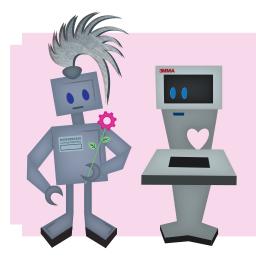
Mondays, February 19 and March 18, 6:30-7:30 pm Tuesday, March 26, 2:30-3:30 pm

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.

Drama Club

Grades 1-8

Tuesdays, February 20 and March 26, 7-8 pm Bring out your inner drama queen or king and get creative with acting, improv, and theater games.



The Robot and the Machine: A Puzzling Romance

February 14-29 - All Ages

Lovelorn robot Sir Culation seeks to win the heart of its one true love, the self-check machine. However, 3MMA (Emma) is not convinced that the robot's sincerity scans. But all is not lost! Our valiant robot can prove its worthiness by completing five feats of intellect by Leap Day. The puzzles are challenging, and the due date is approaching soon. Will Sir Culation's affections be returned, or will they remain forever on hold? You can help Sir Culation by participating in this Library Puzzle Quest. Stop by the Info or Youth Services Desks to get started.

DIY Family Game Night

All Ages

Wednesday, February 21, 7–8 pm

Join us for an evening of zany homemade games; some assembly required! Games are geared toward school-aged kids and above, though younger children are welcome to participate with a grown-up. R

Create Your Own Candy Sushi

Grades 4-8

Wednesday, February 28, 4-5 pm

Make sushi-like confections out of your favorite sweet treats! We will provide candy or you can bring your own. R

Crafternoon

Grades K-8

Monday, February 26, 4:30-5:30 pm Monday, March 25, 3-4 pm

Join us for an afternoon of open-ended crafting with a wide variety of materials.

Family Engineering Night

All Ages

Thursdays, 7-8 pm

February 29: Parabolic String Sculpture

March 28: Outer Space Circuits

Once a month, we turn a STEM idea into an engineering project. Projects are intended for school-aged kids and above, though younger children are welcome to participate with a grown-up. R

LitLoot Middle School

Grades 6-8 March 1-14

LitLoot is a free literary subscription box filled with a custom selected library book and other goodies. To subscribe to



March's box, register between March 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

Math Brigade

Grades K-2

Thursday, March 7, 4:30-5:30 pm Discover math skills through active learning and work as a team to build something amazing. This month, we're investigating calendars and time. R



A Conversation with Jerry Craft see page 7 for details.

Read to a Rainbow Dog

Grades K-5

Tuesday, March 12, 6:30-7:30 pm Trained therapy dogs patiently listen to your child as they read from a book of their choice. Each reader will be given 15 minutes. To register please sign up at the Youth Services Desk or call 847 929-5102. R



Mini Masterpieces

Grades K-5

Wednesday, March 13, 4:30-5:30 pm We will look at the artwork of well-known artists and then use them as inspiration to create our own masterpieces. This session's artist: Jean-Michel Basquiat. R

Mad Math Society

Grades 3-6

Thursday, March 14, 4:30-5:30 pm

We are out to prove that math is secretly awesome with brain-bending fun and activities. This month, we are investigating the Pythagorean theorem. R

Dog Man Party!

Grades K-8

Tuesday, March 19, 6:30-7:30 pm Celebrate the release of Dav Pilkey's newest book. The Scarlet Shredder, with an evening of activities for comic fans. Five lucky kids will win a copy of the book!



Getting Excited About Science: The Solar Eclipse, Chemical **Reactions & More**

Family

Wednesday, March 27, 3-4 pm Steve Belliveau reveals the magic of science in this lively interactive show featuring experiments and demonstrations.



Spring Break Movie Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem

All Ages - Children under 8 must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver Friday, March 29, 3 pm (2023, PG, 1 hr 39 m)

TEENS

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.

Family Reads

Grades 1-3

Wednesday, March 20 6:30-7:15 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: CatStronauts: Mission Moon by Drew Brockington. R



Fearless Readers Book Club

Grades 4-6

Wednesday, March 13 7-8 pm

Team up with your favorite grownup for an immersive experience based on the book of the month: The Total Eclipse of Nestor Lopez by Adrianna Cuevas. Be ready for discussion, snacks, activities, and surprises. 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 biweekly projects, visit mgpl.org/stemonade. When life gives you lemons, make STEMonade.



R = Registration is required

LitLoot Grades 9-12



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SNACKS EVERY 3RD THURSDA



Grades 9-12

Thursdays, 7–9 pm February 15: Underclassman

March 21: Flubber Grab your coziest blanket and join us for a casual throwback movie night with games, snacks, and other activities. R



Teen Craft: Design Your Own Mug

Grades 9-12

Tuesday, March 26, 2-3 pm Let your creativity run wild. Draw your own design that can be transferred onto a mug using infusible ink. R

Teen Programming Questionnaire

We want to hear from you! Fill out this short questionnaire to let us know what kinds of programs MGPL can offer specifically for you.



ADULTS

Senior Activity Kits

Stay busy and keep your brain active with creative activities and informational materials for seniors. 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 Desk while supplies last.



Tai Chi (Online)

Mondays, February 5 and 19, March 4 and 18 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. R

Chair Yoga

Fridays, February 2, March 1 and 15 9:30-10:30 am (In Person) Led by certified yoga instructor Joan McGee.

Fridays, February 9 and 23, March 8 and 22 9:30-10:30 am (Online)

Led by certified yoga instructor Susan Wilkens.

Practice seated poses in one of the gentlest forms of yoga, available online or in person. All experience levels welcome. Wear comfortable clothes. Please use a steady chair without arms (if pos-

Stand in the Shadow of the Moon (Hybrid)

Saturday, February 3, 2–3 pm Northwestern University Professor Shane Larson unravels the history and science behind solar eclipses. R





Join us for a variety of fun activities. Seating is limited, so register early to guarantee your spot. R

Bingo

Wednesdays, February 7 and March 6 10-11 am

Socialize as you play. Small prizes will be awarded to those who Bingo!

Arts and Crafts

Wednesdays, 10-11 am February 14: Fabric Heart Wreath March 13: Tiered Dessert Stand Tap into your inner creativity with a fun and easy craft project.

Trivia

Wednesdays, February 21 and March 20

Test your knowledge of iconic moments in history and pop culture.

Wits Workout

Wednesdays, February 28 and March 27

Maintain and enhance your cognitive function and memory with this interactive event.

A Conversation with Jerry Craft (Online)

All Ages

Tuesday, February 6, 7–8 pm Jerry Craft discusses his career as an author. illustrator, and cartoonist. including a drawing demonstration. R

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





ADULTS

UN-VALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATION

Thursday, February 8, 6-8 pm Join us at Sketchbook Brewing to celebrate Un-Valentine's Day. Share your disdain for this Hallmark Holiday with a variety of crafts and activities! Sketchbook Brewing Co. is located at 4901 Main Street, Skokie. This program is for adults 21 and older. R



Saturdays, February 10 and 24, March 9 and 23 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. Seating is limited, so register early. R

Evening Crafts for Adults and Teens

Tuesdays, 6-7 pm February 13: Fabric Heart Wreath

March 12: Tiered Dessert Stand Tap into your inner creativity with a fun and easy craft project. R



The Long Struggle for Peace in Israel-Palestine (Hybrid)

February 1, 7-8 pm

Dr. David Faris, Associate Professor of Political Science, discusses the timeline and historical origins of the longstanding conflict in Israel-Palestine. R

The Morton Grove Public Library is committed to fostering a secure and unbiased environment for civic discourse and idea exchange. Recognizing the potentially sensitive nature of the program, all attendees are expected to follow the Patron Code of Conduct, ensuring a respectful and secure environment during the program.

Name That Tune (Online & Phone)

Wednesday, February 14, 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

Self-Defense for Seniors

Saturday, February 17, 10-11 am

Equip yourself with skills to enhance your personal safety and confidence with self-defense instructor Peter Honigmann. R

Meet the Author: Julia Quinn

Tuesday, February 20, 7-8 pm #1 New York Times bestselling author Julia Quinn discusses Bridgerton and all things romance. R

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An Unfinished Journey: African American Music in Its Pivotal Decades (Hybrid)

Thursday, February 22, 2-3 pm

Chicago native, musician, and historian Clarence Goodman combines music and storytelling for an unforgettable experience. R

Sleep Like a Baby (Hybrid)

Wednesday, February 28, 7-8:30 pm

Diane Grimard Wilson will help us rewire our habits to get the best sleep possible. R



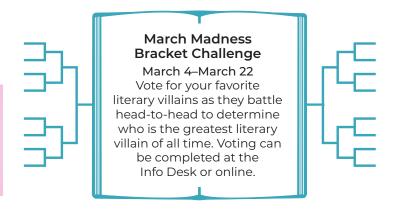
Sunday, March 3, 2-3 pm

The Saddle Shoe Sisters celebrate the best vocal groups of the 1940s-60s, from the Andrews Sisters to the Supremes and everything in between. R

Composting for Beginners (Online)

Monday, March 4, 7-8 pm

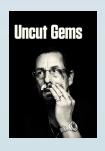
Learn the basics of composting with Kate Carney, Community Outreach Coordinator for the Cook County Department of Environment & Sustainability. R





Uncut Gems Wednesday, February 7 6-8:15 pm

A charismatic jeweler makes a high-stakes bet that could lead to the windfall of a lifetime. He must balance business, family, and adversaries on all sides in pursuit of the ultimate win. (2019, R, 2 hr 15 min) R



Close Wednesday, March 6 6-8 pm

Leo and Remi are two thirteenyear-old best friends whose seemingly unbreakable bond is suddenly torn apart. (2022, PG-13, 1 hr 44 min) R



mosplafter dark **Movie: Oppenheimer** Friday, March 8, 6-9 pm Watch this award-winning film about J. Robert Oppenheimer's role in the development of the atomic bomb. Enjoy complimentary popcorn and refreshments and have a chance to win door prizes. (2023, R, 3 hr) A Night of Rhythm Friday, March 22, 7–8 pm John Yost of Rhythm Revolution will host an interactive drum circle where you will learn basic drum techniques. R

TUESDAY MOVIES @ MGPL

Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny Tuesday, February 6 10 am-12:30 pm

How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days Tuesday, February 13 10 am-12 pm

Mission Impossible: Dead Reckoning: Part One Tuesday, February 20 10 am-12:45 pm

The Butler Tuesday, February 27 10 am-12:15 pm

What Happens Later Tuesday, March 5 10-11:45 am

Barbie Tuesday, March 12 10 am-12 pm

She Said Tuesday, March 19 10 am-12 pm

My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 Tuesday, March 26 10-11:30 am

















ADULTS

Women in History with Martina Mathisen

Wednesday, March 6, 2–3 pm Celebrate dynamic women throughout history. Martina Mathisen will portray numerous figures including Annie Oakley, Marie Curie, and Amelia Earhart. R



The Netherlands and Begium: Windmills, Tulips, and More (Hybrid)

Wednesday, March 13, 7–8 pm

Join speaker Eugene Flynn as he explores the rich tapestry of the Netherlands and Belgium. R

Accessorizing Your Home (Hybrid)

Thursday, March 14, 7-8 pm

Get designer tips and tricks for creating a beautiful room, using existing treasures and the 11 must-have essentials. R

Early Springtime in Paris (Hybrid)

Saturday, March 16, 10-11 am

Chef Susan Maddox demonstrates how to prepare a three-course menu. featuring dishes like wild mushroom and asparagus crispy strudel, seared salmon with spring essence, and a Parisian fruit tart. Samples will be served to in-person attendees. R



The Robot and the Machine: A Puzzling Romance see page 4 for details

INTERACTIVE ESCAPE ROOM

Wednesday, March 20, 2-3:30 pm Join us for a repeat of this popular escape room event. Take part in a series of challenges and puzzles that immerse players in a world of manipulated media, deepfakes, social media bots, and other forms of deception. R

Meet The Costume Designer Ruth E. Carter (Online)

Wednesday, March 20, 7-8 pm

The Academy Award-winning costume designer explores the inspirations behind her pieces, spanning from Spike Lee to Wakanda costume design. R

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Exploring Spices (Online) Spice: Dutch Caraway Seeds

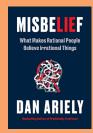
Sunday, March 24, 2-3 pm (pickup starts March 1)

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

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT BOOK PICKS

Visit mapl.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.

Fake News



Misbelief by Dan Ariely

Banned Books & Censorship



The Librarian of Burned Books by Brianna Labuskes



On Censorship by James LaRue

Gender



He/She/They by Schuyler Bailar



COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY

Tech Talk: Tracking Books with Goodreads (Online)

Monday, February 12, 10-11 am Explore how Goodreads can help you track the books you have read and would like to read. R

Introduction to Google Docs and Drive

Wednesday, February 21, 2-3:30 pm

Learn how to create and edit documents that you can store and share in the cloud and access anywhere via the internet. Please bring your gmail/Google account login information. R

Tech Talk: There is an AI for That (Online)

Thursday, March 7, 10-10:30 am

In this session, we'll cover recent developments and applications surrounding generative AI to help get you up to speed. R

Managing Your Stuff on iPhone

Tuesday, March 19, 2-3 pm

We'll help you learn to locate and utilize your files, clean up your storage, and backup your device. R

Canva 201

Monday, March 25, 7-8:30 pm

A continuation of our Canva 101 class. We will be exploring advanced features for this class. R

Managing Your Stuff on Android

Thursday, March 28, 2-3 pm

We'll help you learn to locate and utilize your files, clean up your storage, and backup your device. R



MGPL Creative Space: Cricut Machine

Morton Grove cardholders ages 14 and up can make an reservation to create Cricut projects, such as paper crafts, vinyl decals, and personalized items. There will be a small cost for materials. For learning resources, project ideas and material costs and to submit a request for reservation go to mgpl.org/create.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

Readpool: Adult Graphic **Novel Discussion Group** (Online)

Fiahts by Joel Christian Gill Monday, February 26, 7-8 pm R



Between the Lines

The Measure by Nikki Erlick Thursday, February 15 10-11 am (In Person) Tuesday, February 20 7-8 pm (Online)

Finding Me: A Memoir by Viola Davis Thursday, March 21 10-11 am (In Person) Tuesday, March 26 7-8 pm (Online)

Between the Lines is held on two different days, either in person or on Zoom. New members are always welcome! R

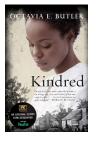




LitLounge (Online)

Kindred by Octavia E. Butler Wednesday, February 14 7:30-9 pm

Family Lore by Elizabeth Acevedo Wednesday, March 13 7:30-9 pm





Meets monthly over Zoom. Cohosted with Skokie Public Library. R

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Library Hours

Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am-9:00 pm Friday, 9:00 am-6:00 pm Saturday, 9:00 am-5:00 pm Sunday, 1:00 pm-5:00 pm

Online

Website: mgpl.org Events: mgpl.org/events Catalog: catalog.mgpl.org

Phone

Main: 847-965-4220

Email

Adult & Teen Services: info@mgpl.org Youth Services: ysinfo@mgpl.org Check-Out Desk: circinfo@mgpl.org

Social Media













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.

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Sunday, March 31, Easter

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Pam Leffler

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Elevator Modernization Project

The Elevator Modernization Project is set to begin in early February and is schedule to last about six weeks. During that time, the elevator will be out of service and access to the study rooms on the second floor and to the Youth Services Department on the lower level will be by stair. However, the Library will make every effort to accommodate patrons and minimize disruptions to service throughout the project. For the most upto-date information, please go to mgpl.org or follow the library on Facebook and Instagram.



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