



# Front Porch Concerts

Bring chairs or blankets and join us on the lawn for live music. In case of bad weather, concerts will be held in the Baxter Auditorium.

# Gritman & Moran

Friday, August 22, 6-7 pm Vocal and guitar duo, specializing in music from the 60s to now.





Friday, September 5, 6-7 pm A soulful musical experience, featuring vocalist Qiana McNary.



**Summer Reading** Wrap-Up

## **End of Summer Reading Party**

All Ages

Saturday, August 2, 3:30-4:30 pm Celebrate your Summer Reading Program success! Enjoy a cool treat, water play, and family-friendly fun on the Library's front lawn (weather permitting). Wear your Summer Reading Program shirt! Children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

# Tie-Dye Your T!

All Ages

Wednesday, August 6 10:30 am-12 pm

After you earn your Summer Reading shirt, bring it to the Library for some tie-dye fun!

Only official Summer Reading shirts will be tie-dyed. This program will be held outside on the Library's front lawn (weather permitting).



# **Monday Morning Playgroup**

Birth to age 5 with a parent/caregiver Mondays, 9:30-11 am (no class September 1) Drop in for some open-ended play and meet new friends at our weekly playgroup.

#### **Bedtime Stories & More**

Birth to age 5 with a parent/caregiver Mondays, August 4 and September 8, 6:30-7 pm Wednesday, September 24, 6:30-7 pm Spend time winding down for bed with a few stories and songs.

# **Summer Storytime**

Birth to age 5 with a parent/caregiver Tuesdays in August, 10-10:45 am or 11:15 am-12 pm Listen to stories, sing songs, and more at this fun family storytime.

#### Wee Read

Birth to 24 months with a parent/caregiver Fridays, 9:30-10:15 am or 11-11:45 am (no class August 1)

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

### Ready, Set, Alphabet

Ages 2-5 with a parent/caregiver Saturday, August 9, 10-10:45 am Drop in and build early literacy skills with alphabet activities. Be prepared to get messy!



Kids entering kindergarten in Fall 2025 with a parent/caregiver

Wednesday, August 13, 4:30-5:30 pm Get ready to rock your way to kindergarten! We'll celebrate the big step with stories, songs, and more. R

# **EARLY** CHILDHOOD

REGISTRATION begins July 15 for August events and August 15 for September events unless otherwise noted.

## **Cuddle Bugs Baby Massage**

Birth to 24 months with a parent/caregiver Saturday, August 16, 10-11 am

Explore the health benefits and techniques of infant massage, stretching, and aromatherapy with certified infant massage instructor, Loredana Tomasello. This class will also include information on toddler techniques and parental self-care. R

### **Puppet Craft Storytime**

Ages 3–5 with a parent/caregiver

Wednesday, August 20, 10-10:45 am

A puppet storytime for preschoolers. We'll each make a simple puppet craft then use them to act out our stories and songs. R

## Family Storytime

Birth to age 5 with a parent/caregiver Saturdays, August 23 and September 20, 10-10:45 am Bring the whole family to this storytime filled with books, songs, and fun.

### Mini Music Makers

Ages 2-5 with a parent/caregiver

Thursdays, August 28 and September 25, 10-10:45 am Feel the rhythm; hear the rhyme. It's Mini Music Maker time! R

#### Listen Up!

Birth to age 5 with a parent/caregiver

Tuesdays in September, 10-10:45 am or 11:15 am-12 pm Listen to stories, sing songs, and more at this all-ages storytime!

#### **Toddler Time**

Ages 18-36 months with a parent/caregiver Wednesdays, September 3, 10, and 17, 10-11 am

Get your little one acquainted with the Library at this toddler-riffic storytime. To attend, children must be between 18 and 36 months old at the time of the class.





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

September: The Many Colors of Harpreet Singh by Supriya Kelkar

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.

#### **Build-a-Reader Storvtime**

Ages 2-5 with a parent/caregiver

Sunday, September 14, 3-3:45 pm

Join us for a fun storytime featuring our farm-themed DUPLO Read & Build set. Siblings are welcome but build and craft supplies are limited to registrants. R

# **Tiny Science**

Ages 3-5 with a parent/caregiver

Thursday, September 18, 10-10:45 am

Discover more about the world through stories and activities. This month's topic: water. R

### **Motor Skills Morning**

Ages 18-36 months with a parent/caregiver

Wednesday, September 24, 10–11 am Drop in with your toddler for a variety of activities designed to build their motor skills and exercise their brains.



#### **Mathematics Circus**

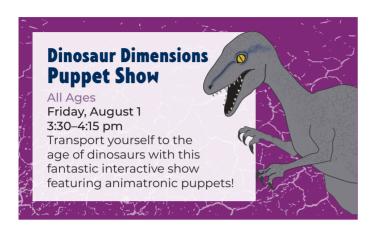
Ages 3-5 with a parent/caregiver

Sunday, September 28, 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



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#### Bookaneers!

Grades K-2

Wednesday, August 6, 4-5 pm Join us for a book adventure! We'll read a book out loud, then create props to act out exciting parts of the story together. This month's featured story is The Little Wooden Robot and The Log Princess by Tom Gauld. R



# DIY "Pet" Adoption

Grades K-2

Thursday, August 7, 10-11 am

Adopt a pet your adult can't say no to! Participants will craft their very own "pet", fill out adoption papers, and then decorate a home for theirnew friend to live in. R

#### **LEGO Builders**

Grades K-8

Thursday, August 7, 2:30-3:30 pm Monday, August 18, 6:30-7:30 pm Thursday, September 4, 6:30-7:30 pm Build something amazing with the Library's massive LEGO collection! Start with one of our monthly challenges then let your imagination guide you in a free build.



#### **Anime Club**

Grades 6-8

Thursday, August 7, 6-7 pm

A fun-filled hour of anime appreciation. We'll watch and talk about your favorite shows, eat snacks, and enjoy all things anime.

# Read to a Rainbow Dog

Grades K-5

Tuesdays, August 12 and September 9 6:30-7:30 pm

Trained therapy dogs patiently listen to your child as they read from a book of their choice. Participants should be able to read independently for their full 15-minute session. To register, visit the Youth Services Desk or call 847-965-4220 x2. R



## **Crafty Saturday**

All Ages

Saturdays, August 9 and September 13, 9:30 am-4:30 pm Drop in the Youth Services Department to make a seasonal craft while supplies last.

### Make It or Fake It

Grades 4-8

Thursday, August 14, 4-5 pm

Are those internet-famous art and science videos real or too good to be true? Let's test them and find out! If we uncover a fake, we'll find a sneaky way to recreate the results. R



# 52nd Annual Children's Art Contest

Grades K-8

Friday, August 15 - Wednesday, 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. Entries will be accepted at the Youth Services Desk through Wednesday, October 15, 2025. Only one entry is permitted per child, 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. Join us in the Youth Services Department as we announce the winners on Monday, November 10 from 7:00-8:00 pm.

#### Drama Club

Grades 1-8

Tuesdays, August 19 and September 16

5-6 pm New Time!

Now at a new time! Bring out your inner drama gueen or king and get creative with acting, improv, and theater games. R

# **Chess Academy**

Grades 1-8

Thursdays, August 21 and September 18, 7-8 pm Learn how to play chess with chess master Chris Christmas. All skill levels welcome.





# **Family Engineering Night**

All Ages

Thursdays, 7–8 pm

August 28: Balloon-Powered Cars September 25: Bridge Build Challenge

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

### **Puzzles & Prose**

Family

Saturdays, August 30 and September 27, 2-4 pm

Drop in for a relaxing afternoon doing jigsaw puzzles and listening to audiobooks. August's story: Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin. September's story: Harriet the Invincible by Ursula Vernon.



# LitLoot Middle School

Grades 6-8

September 1-14

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



September's box, register between September 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

## Middle School Hangout

Grades 5-8 (Ages 10-14)

Tuesday, September 2, 4–5 pm

De-stress and hang out with other middle schoolers! We'll provide snacks, activities, and games to get you through the school week.

# Mini Masterpieces

Grades 1-5

Wednesday, September 3, 4:30-5:30 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 works of art. This session's artist: Heather Galler. R

#### **Puzzle Gauntlet**

Grades 4-8

Tuesday, September 9, 4:30-5:30 pm

#### Jr. Puzzle Gauntlet

Grades 1-3

Thursday, September 11, 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 and cunning to the max. Should you triumph, you will unlock the snack-a-licious treasure

#### Craft Hour: Pom-Pom Animals

Grades 5-8

Wednesday, September 10, 6:30-7:30 pm Make your own pom-pom animal. R

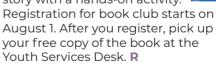
# **Book Club**

# Family Reads

Grades 1-3

Wednesday, September 17 6:30-7:15 pm

Read the book Ratnip: Lost and Found in the City by Cam Higgins aloud at home with your family. Then bring a grown-up with you to discuss and explore the story with a hands-on activity.







# **TEENS**

#### Goofball Science Club

Grades 5-8

Friday, September 19, 4:30-5:30 pm

Join us for a middle school hangout where we do the fun parts of science experiments. This month, we're making elephant toothpaste. R



# **Creative Lettering Workshop**

Grades 3-8

Tuesday, September 23, 4:30-5:30 pm Express yourself in style. Learn simple creative lettering techniques that add flair to your writing.



# 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

August 1-16 LitLoot is a free literary subscription box filled with a custom selected library book and other



free goodies. Subscribe to August'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 Take & Make Felt Pocket Cat

Grades 9-12



# Tie-Dve

Friday, August 8, 2-3:30 pm Bring a t-shirt, bandana, cloth bag, hat, or any fabric item for a tie dye makeover. The Library will not be providing materials to tie dye. This event will be held on the front lawn weather permitting. R



# **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 Activity Kits

Practice English with monthly ESL Activity 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.



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

## Bingo

Wednesdays, August 6 and September 3 10-11 am

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

### **Arts and Crafts**

Wednesdays, 10-11 am August 13: Floral Zipper Pouch September 10: Punch Needle Mug Rugs Tap into your inner creativity with a fun and easy craft project.

### Trivia

Wednesdays, 10-11 am

August 20: Favorite TV Sitcoms!

September 17: Famous Commercials, Ads, & Jingles Test your knowledge of iconic moments in history and pop culture.

## Wits Workout

Wednesdays, August 27 and September 24 10-11 am

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





## **Chair Yoga**

Fridays, August 8 and September 12 9:30-10:30 am (In Person) Led by certified yoga instructor Joan McGee.

Fridays, August 22 and September 26 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 possible). R

# The Gut-Mind Connection

Thursday, September 4, 2-3 pm

Learn how nutrition can help with depression and anxiety. Presented by Meg Bowman, licensed nutritionist specializing in nutrition for trauma, mental health, and gut symptoms. R



Fridays, August 1 and September 5, 10–11 am Practice your English conversation skills while playing games. R

# WHEN THE CHICAGO BEARS **RULED THE NFL**

Thursday, August 7, 2-3 pm Join award-winning football historian Joe Ziemba as he explores the 1940s Chicago Bears during the decade they became "The Monsters of the Midway." R



# **ADULTS**

#### Crafting For Charity

Saturdays, August 9 and 23, September 13 and 27 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 guarantee your spot by registering ahead of time. We are currently accepting yarn donations. R

# **Evening Craft for Adults and Teens**

Tuesdays, 6-7 pm

August 12: Floral Zipper Pouch September 9: Punch Needle Mug Rugs Tap into your inner creativity with a fun and easy

craft project. R

# Senior Medicare Patrol Bingo

Thursday, August 14, 2-3 pm

Learn about Medicare fraud and how to protect yourself from it. Presented with AgeOptions. R

# The Chicago Klezmer Ensemble

Sunday, August 24, 3-4 pm Experience the sounds of traditional Klezmer music featuring violin, tsimbl, accordion, harp, and more. Co-sponsored by the Chicago YIVO Society. R



### **Senior Housing 101**

Thursday, August 28, 2-3 pm

Rick Graffagna, Placement Director of Senior Solutions, explains the differences in senior housing options and what families should look for when searching. R

## Introduction to Water Bath Canning

Saturday, September 6, 10-11 am In this culinary demonstration, cookbook author and food preservation expert Emily Paster will teach you the ins and outs of water bath canning, a safe and convenient method of preserving fruits and vegetables in the form of jams and pickles. R



## Self-Defense Simplified

Saturday, September 6, 2-3 pm

Join attorney and martial artist Peter Honigmann for an empowering self-defense program covering self-defense laws, situational awareness, de-escalation techniques, and practical responses to common street attacks. Participants are encouraged to ask questions. R

# **Navigating Hearing Aid Ads and Offers** (Online)

Wednesday, September 10, 2-3 pm Learn about the various types of hearing aids and offers currently on the market. Presented by North Shore Audiology. R



# Finding the Clues: Then and Now (Online)

Tuesday, September 16, 7-8 pm Join us for a virtual interview with award-winning actor and musician Steve Burns. best known as the original host of the children's television program Blue's Clues. R



### **WALK MORTON GROVE**

September 1-30

Get active with Walk Morton Grove. Whether you participate in one of our scavenger hunts or walk on your own, every step counts. Track your steps and enter to win prizes. Let's beat last year's impressive total of 4,522,463 steps! Learn more at mgpl.org/walk.



# **Morton Grove Historical Scavenger Hunt**

Step back in time and explore the rich history of Morton Grove. Complete the scavenger hunt to enter into a prize drawing.

#### Nature's Colors Scavenger Hunt Kits

Add a bit of color to your walks! Find flowers, leaves, and other items in nature that match the color swatches in the kits. Available at the Info Desk starting September 2 (while supplies last).

## Money Smarts for Older Adults

Thursday, September 18, 2–3 pm

Learn tips to manage your finances and avoid scams. Presented with AgeOptions. R

Antique Appraisal: Old Coins, Currency, and Gold or Silver Jewelry

Thursday, September 18 7-8:30 pm

Dave Ekstrom, coin collector and American Numismatic Association member, discusses coin collecting and gold and silver values. Attendees can have

their coins, currency, and gold or silver items appraised for free after the presentation. Limit of three items per person. R



# **TUESDAY MOVIES @ MGPL**

# The Count of Monte Cristo

Tuesday, August 5 10 am-12:45 pm

# The Unbreakable Boy

Tuesday, August 12 10-11:45 am

## Last Breath

Tuesday, August 19 10-11:30 am

# **Rear Window**

Tuesday, August 26 10 am-12 pm

# Marlowe

Tuesday, September 2 10-11:45 am

# The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes

Tuesday, September 16 10 am-12:30 pm

#### The Glass Castle

Tuesday, September 23 10 am-12 pm

# Meet Me in St. Louis

Tuesday, September 30 10 am-12 pm



















## The Fox (Der Fuchs)

Wednesday, August 6, 6-8 pm At the dawn of WW2, a young soldier encounters a wounded fox cub and takes it with him to occupied France. The story of an unlikely friendship. (2022, NR, 1 hr 58 min, German with Enalish subtitles) R

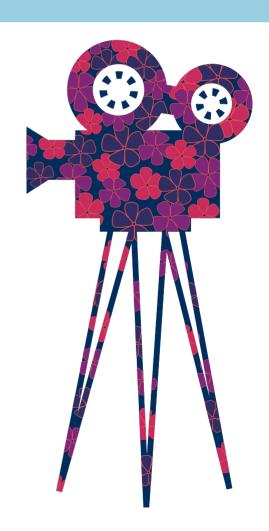


## Indian Horse

Wednesday, September 3 6-8:45 pm

Stripped of his heritage at a residential school, Native Saul Indian Horse battles stereotypes and alcoholism, finding refuge in his passion for playing hockey. (2017, R, 1 hr 41 min) R

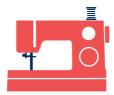




# **ADULTS**

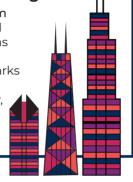
#### Intro to Machine Sewing

Saturday, September 20, 2-4:30 pm Sewing expert Mike Hall will go over all the basics of setting up and using a sewing machine. Sewing machines and supplies will be provided. R



# Living Landmarks of Chicago

Thursday, September 25, 2-3 pm Join Emmy-winning author and storvteller Theresa L. Goodrich as she unveils the hidden histories behind Chicago's iconic landmarks and the colorful characters like Marshall Field. Walter Newberry. and the notorious Cap Streeter, who helped shape the city. R



# **Exploring Spices (Online)** Spice: Yellow Mustard Seeds

Sunday, September 28, 2-3 pm (pickup starts September 2)

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



# **Computers and Technology**

# iPhone Accessibility

Friday, September 19, 10-11:30 am Learn about your iPhone accessibility features that can simplify tasks and enhance usability. R

# Cut the Cable Cord

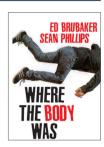
Friday, September 26, 2-3 pm

Tired of overpriced cable TV services? Learn about popular video streaming services and devices used to stream content. R

# **Book Discussion Groups**

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

Where the Body Was by Ed Brubaker Monday, August 25, 7-8 pm R



### Between the Lines

While You Were Out by Meg Kissinger

Thursday, August 21 10-11 am (In Person) Tuesday, August 26 7-8 pm (Online)



Thursday, September 18 10-11 am (In Person) Tuesday, September 23 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

Litera-cheers: A Discussion of Favorite Books. Movies, and TV Shows of the Summer Wednesday, August 13, 7:30-9 pm

Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books by Kirsten Miller Wednesday, September 10, 7:30-9 pm

Meets monthly at the Skokie Public Library Cosmos Room.





# Looking for your next great read?

Fill out the form at mgpl.org/book-picks or call to receive a customized list of suggested books.



# Call for Local Authors



Are you a local author looking to connect with readers and showcase your work? Apply to participate in our 2nd Local Author event on Sunday, November 9, 2:00-3:30 pm. Submit an application at www.mgpl.org/local-authors between September 1 and October 15. Completing the application does not quarantee a spot in the event.

# 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**



America, Let Me In by Felipe Torres Medina

# **Voting & Elections**



Big Chief by Jon Hickey



How To Sleep at Night by Elizabeth Harris

# Gender



Stag Dance by Torrey Peters

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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

#### **Fmail**

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#### SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

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#### 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, August 31 Monday, September 1 for Labor Day

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This year when you sign up for a library card, you will receive exclusive Morton Grove Public Library swag: a bib for babies, a coloring book for kids, a pin or a tote bag for teens and adults.

Stop by MGPL today, where every day we inspire all to discover, dream, and connect.