

EVERGREEN PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY



9400 South Troy

422-8522

www.evergreenparklibrary.org

Jan/Feb 2010

Food for Fines: Jan 10-16!

It's a New Year! Clear your fines and your conscience. The Circulation Department will be conducting a Food for Fines drive beginning **Sunday, January 10 and ending Saturday, January 16!** Patrons will be forgiven up to \$1 in fines (previously returned items included) for every non-perishable or paper good item donated during the week. Bills for lost or damaged materials are not eligible for the amnesty.

Donations will be delivered to the Evergreen Park Village Pantry for needy families in our area. Suggested items that may be brought to the Circulation Desk include: canned soup, peanut butter, canned tuna, canned spaghetti sauce, brownie mix, pasta, canned fruits and vegetables, paper towels, toilet tissue, diapers, toothpaste and shampoo. No glass containers or perishable items will be accepted. The library reserves the right to reject items deemed unacceptable such as dented cans and food past its expiration date. Everyone is invited to donate, whether fines are owed or not.



COMPUTER TUTOR

One-to-One Computer Help
By Appointment Only
Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays
Hours between 11:00 am-1:00 pm



Do you need a little help learning how to use a computer? Library staff member Mary Deering offers you one-to-one computer instruction to get your skills up to speed. She'll share her knowledge of Microsoft Windows, the Internet, and basic computer software programs to increase your confidence in using a PC. Register at the Circulation desk, and Mary will contact you to schedule an appointment.

TAX FORMS & TAX PREPARATION SOFTWARE

You will find print copies of the more frequently-used federal and state tax forms in the library entryway, while supplies last. There is a binder of reproducible tax forms at the Circulation desk. Photocopies cost 10 cents each. Our Reference librarians can print out requested forms from the Internet for 10 cents per page.

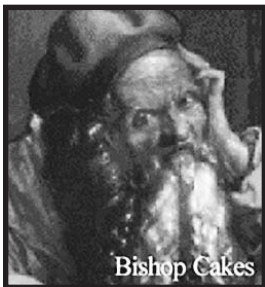
If you are e-filing your taxes using a library computer, make sure before you begin that you have adequate computer time remaining. You may borrow a laptop for use within the library with your driver's license and library card.

EP residents may check out a copy of *TurboTax* or H & R Block tax preparation software on a first-come basis for one week.

Please note that library staff cannot assist with tax preparation, nor check on tax form availability by phone.

Murder Mystery Dinner!

Friday, January 29 • Doors Open 6:30 pm • Limit 100 guests



Bishop Cakes

The action takes place at St. Cakes School. You are invited to the Founder's Day Celebration to honor the memory of the blessed Bishop Cakes, but you will soon be embroiled in a murder mystery. You will be in the middle of the intrigue - it will be up to you to scheme and plot against the other guests. Can you complete the St. Cakes Challenge and unmask the murderer? Every guest is connected to St. Cakes as either a teacher or former student, so feel free to dress the part—goody two-shoes, bully, class clown, whatever!

The **ticket price is \$30**, and includes a delicious Italian buffet, wine with dinner, dessert and coffee. There will be a cash bar for beer and wine. **Tickets go on sale January 5.** Only 100 guests may participate (For full table purchases, note that 11 tables will seat 8 diners; 2 tables will seat 6 diners), so purchase your tickets early! You will receive an invitation to St. Cakes' Founder's Day, a copy of the Cake's News, and a guide to school slang terms.

Wine, dine, solve a crime! We look forward to seeing you there!

PROGRAMS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Please register for programs with this ☎ symbol. Call 422-8522 or register online at www.evergreenparklibrary.org.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

- 16 Register for Story Times
- 18 *Cloudy with Meatballs* Movie
- 20 Circus Boy
- 21 Family Fun Time
- 22 Popcorn Day
- 24 Lego Club
- 25 Toddler Time begins
- 26 Preschool Story Time begins
- 28 *Wimpy Kid* Fan Party
- 29 Baby Bookworms begins
- 30 Design Superhero

FEBRUARY

- 1 Tot Art begins
- 2 *Bedknobs* Movie
- 4 Family Fun Time
- 6 Art Adventures begins
- 6 Little Miss Ann
- 10 Lightning and Labyrinths
- 11 Valentines in the Village
- 12 Library Olympics
- 14 Lego Club
- 15 *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* Movie
- 18 Family Fun Time
- 24 *Pete's Dragon* Movie
- 25 Chocolate Extravaganza



School's Out Movie Matinee

All ages

Enjoy your time off school by watching a movie on the big screen. Bring your own snack. **Showtime is 1:00 pm.**

Monday, Jan 18: *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs*

Tuesday, Feb 2: *Bedknobs & Broomsticks*

Monday, Feb 15: *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*

Wednesday, Feb 24: *Pete's Dragon*



☎ Circus Boy!

All ages

Wednesday, Jan 20, 6:30 pm

Bobby Hunt, the Circus Boy, has entertained audiences around the world with activities like balancing atop an 8-foot ladder, audience participation, and mouth juggling.

Popcorn Day!

Grades K-5

Friday, January 22 at 3:30 pm

Pop into the library for Popcorn Day! Popcorn books, games, and snacks are on the menu. Vote for your favorite flavor at our special popcorn tasting snack table.

☎ Sunday Lego Club

Grades K-5

Jan 24; Feb 14, 1:00 pm

Create with the library's Legos. We'll have a different theme each month!

☎ Diary of a Wimpy Kid Fan Party

Grades 3-5

Thursday, Jan 28, 3:30 pm

Enjoy wimpy games and activities and make a journal.

☎ Design Your Own Superhero!

Grades 2-5

Saturday, Jan 30, 10:30 am

Local comic book artist Douglas Klauba teaches you some basic steps—then let your imagination run wild!

☎ Tot Art

Ages 2-3, with an adult

Mondays, Feb 1-Feb 22, 11:00 am

Little fingers will experiment with painting, gluing, sticking, printing, and creating while developing fine motor, language, and self-help skills. Bring a smock and be ready for some messy fun!

☎ Art Adventures

Grades 1-5

Saturdays, Feb 6-Mar 13, 10:30 am

Children will listen to stories about art and artists, and then create their own artwork based on various artists' styles using different art medias.

Little Miss Ann

Ages Birth-Kindergarten

Saturday, Feb 6, 2:00 pm

Little Miss Ann returns by popular demand! Sing and dance to the folk-rock sounds of Chicago children's musician, Ann Torralba.

☎ Lightning and Labyrinths

Grades 3-5

Wednesday, Feb 10, 6:30 pm

Celebrate the upcoming movie release of *Percy Jackson and the Olympians: the Lightning Thief* with games and activities.

☎ Valentines in the Village

Grades 3-5

Thursday, Feb 11, 3:30 pm

You'll love using stamps to make handmade valentines and playing conversation heart bingo!

Library Olympics

Grades 1-5

Friday, Feb 12, 3:30 pm

Celebrate the 2010 Winter Olympic Games in Vancouver by competing in the Library Olympics!

☎ Chocolate Extravaganza

Grades 3-5

Thursday, Feb 25, 3:30 pm

Chocoholics are invited to play chocolate games and make chocolate covered everything!



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STORY TIME

Registration for ALL Story Times begins Saturday, Jan 16, at 9:00 am



☎ Baby Bookworms

Ages Birth-17 months

Fridays, Jan 29-Mar 5, 9:30 am

Join Ms. Laura for stories, songs, rhymes, and fun for you and your baby!

☎ Toddler Time!

Ages 18-36 months, with caregiver.

Jan 25-Mar 4

Toddler Time is an interactive story time for the very young. Please register for one of the following sessions:

- Mondays at 6:30 pm
- Tuesdays at 10:30 am
- Wednesday at 10:30 am
- Thursdays at 10:30 am

☎ Preschool Story Time

Ages 3-5

Jan 26-Mar 3

Preschool Story Time combines stories, songs, and crafts. Please register for one of the following sessions:

- Tuesdays at 9:30 am
- Tuesdays at 6:30 pm
- Wednesdays at 9:30 am

☎ Kelly's Family Fun Time

All ages

Thursdays, Jan 21; Feb 4; Feb 18, 6:30 pm

Ms Kelly leads a fun family story time.

☎ After School Story Club

Grades K-3

Wednesdays, Jan 27-Mar 3, 3:30 pm

Relax after school by listening to stories, making crafts, and playing games!

A MESSAGE TO PARENTS

With the busy school year underway, we encourage students of all ages to make use of our library for homework, study, and recreation. Since the Library Board and staff are concerned for the safety and well-being of all patrons, please be aware of these guidelines.

Children 7 years and younger must be accompanied at all times by an adult or responsible person 16 years or older. Children 8 years and older may use the library unattended, subject to other library behavior rules. Library staff cannot be responsible for supervising unattended children.

If your child visits the library alone, please be sure to check our hours of operation, and review appropriate conduct. Initially, staff members will speak with people who do not demonstrate behavior that is respectful of library staff and users. If the behavior continues, disruptive individuals must leave the library premises.

TUMBLEBOOK LIBRARY IS A HIT WITH KIDS!

TumbleBook Library is an online collection of animated talking picture books which teaches young children the joys of reading in a format they'll love.

TumbleBooks are created by taking existing picture books, and adding music and narration to produce an electronic picture book that you can have read to you online. You can use TumbleBooks through a link on the library's web site, www.evergreenparklibrary.org.



MUSEUM ADVENTURE PASS

EP residents can use their library card to receive a Museum Adventure Pass, presented by Macy's, to get free admission or a special discount at one of 17 Chicago area museums such as: Bronzeville Children's Museum, Brookfield Zoo, Cantigny Park, Chicago Botanic Garden, Cuneo Museums and Gardens, Graue Mill and Museum, KidsWork Children's Museum, Kohl's Children's Museum, Morton Arboretum and more! Here's how it works:

EP Library has a limited number of passes for each participating organization, which will be printed out on a first-come, first served basis, one pass per library card. Passes cannot be reserved or checked out online or on the phone. The loan period is 7 days. Passes expire—no late fees (but no early returns). Offers vary per museum; complete details can be found at museumadventure.org.

Our free family pass to The Children's Museum in Oak Lawn allows admission for two adults and their own children or grandchildren for a 3 day loan period.

Meet Kelly Burke Library Board of Trustees President



An Evergreen Park resident for 17 years, Kelly Burke has been a member of the library board since 2003 and has served as President since 2005.

Kelly was on the Construction Committee for the library expansion and renovation project in 2006/07, and integral to obtaining grant funding and managing operations so that the job finished on time and under budget.

Kelly is an attorney and works at Saint Xavier University. She is married with three children. Kelly is also an active member of the Evergreen Park Library Board Foundation and has worked on many of our popular events and fundraisers.

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS (Grades 6-12, unless otherwise noted)

Register for programs with this ☎ symbol. Call 422-8522 or register online at www.evergreenparklibrary.org.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS JANUARY

- 5 Yule
- 6 Crochet begins
- 7 TAG
- 8 *Harry Potter*
- 14 Candy Making
- 19 Acting Out
- 20 Supernatural World Domination
- 22 Hide&Seek/Zombie Tag
- 26 *Wizard of Earthsea* Discussion
- 27 Design Superhero
- 28 Clay Tigers

FEBRUARY

- 4 Doughnut Making
- 9 Mardi Gras Masks
- 9 Blooming Flowers
- 10 Zombie Prom
- 11 Gleeks
- 11 TAG
- 17 Weapon Battle Royale
- 19 Ice Skating
- 23 *Forest of Hands & Teeth*
- 23 Rocks and Gems

☎ Acting Out!

Tuesday, Jan 19, 6:30-8:00 pm

Local actress Ruth Hansen teaches you how to improve your improvisation skills.

☎ Supernatural World Domination

Wednesday, Jan 20, 7:00-8:00 pm

Have you ever fantasized about an army of zombies taking over the world? Play to see which supernatural bad guy wins.

Hide & Seek/Zombie Tag

Friday, Jan 22, 6:00-7:00 pm

Permission slips due Jan 18

Play games in the library after-hours!

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS



A Wizard of Earthsea Book Discussion

Tuesday, Jan 26, 7:00-8:00 pm

Books available one month prior

Read and discuss this fantasy classic about a boy named Ged and his discovery of his budding powers. This program is in participation with **The Big Read**, an initiative of the National Endowment of the Arts, and in partnership with the Beverly Arts Center.

☎ Design Your Own Superhero!

Wednesday, Jan 27, 6:30-8:30 pm

Local comic book artist Douglas Klauba teaches you some basic steps—then let your imagination run wild!

☎ Did Someone Say Doughnuts?

Thursday, Feb 4, 6:30-7:30 pm

Do you love doughnuts more than Homer Simpson? Chef Kate Bradley demonstrates how to make them!



☎ Zombie Prom!

Wednesday, Feb 10, 7:00-8:30 pm

Must come in costume

Party with the walking dead! There will be a zombie contest, great tunes, and fun games.

☎ Gleeks

Thursday, Feb 11, 4:00-5:00 pm

Do you love *Glee*? Relive every exciting performance, embarrassing fluster, and touching moment!

Ice Skating

Friday, Feb 19, 8:00-9:00 pm

Permission slips due Feb 12

Celebrate winter at the Evergreen Park Ice Rink, 8900 S. Kedzie. **Please bring \$3 for skate rental**, or bring your own skates.

The Forest of Hands and Teeth

Tuesday, Feb 23, 4:00-5:00 pm

Books available one month prior

Zombies have taken over the world, but there are still pockets of civilization. Mary wonders what is beyond the fence that separates her world from the forest. She's about to find out...

☎ Let's Talk about it! TAG

Thursdays, Jan 7 & Feb 11, 7:30-8:30 pm

The Teen Advisory Group talks about books, plans programs for the spring, and discusses content for the Teen Space on the library's web site. We need your ideas!

☎ Yule

Tuesday, Jan 5, 7:00-8:00 pm

Ring in the New Year by learning about traditions from around the world. Make a Yule souvenir.

Harry Potter & the Half-Blood Prince

Friday, Jan 8, 6:00-8:30 pm

Permission slips due Jan 4

It's Harry's sixth year at Hogwarts: what kind of trouble will find him this year?

☎ Sweet Treat: Making Candy!

Thursday, Jan 14, 6:30-7:30 pm

Satisfy your sweet tooth with these easy, delicious recipes from Chef Kate Bradley.

MediaonDemand Digital Book Collection

Download digital audio books and more to your iPod or other MP3 player from our web site,

www.evergreenparklibrary.org, through our new service called MediaonDemand!

You can check out up to five titles at a time, and after the loan period is finished, the title is automatically "returned" to the library! No late fees! Choose from a selection of fiction and non-fiction.

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WINTER CRAFT SERIES

☎ Crochet

Wednesdays, Jan 6-Feb 24
4:00-5:00 pm

This is your chance to learn how to crochet. Bring an H-8 hook; all other materials will be provided.

☎ Magical Beasts: Clay Tigers

Thursday, Jan 28, 7:00-8:00 pm
Learn about all kinds of magical beasts and their powers. Honor the Year of the Tiger for Chinese New Year by making a tiger out of clay.



☎ Mardi Gras Masks

Tuesday, Feb 9, 4:00-5:00 pm

Prepare to celebrate Mardi Gras by making your very own sparkly mask!

☎ Blooming Flowers

Tuesday, Feb 9, 7:00-8:30 pm

Learn how to make a flower that will never lose its bloom!

☎ Favorite Weapon: Battle Royale

Wednesday, Feb 17, 6:30-8:30 pm

Create a weapon from a historical period. Learn about the time in which the weapon was used and how it has evolved over time.

☎ Rocks and Gems

Tuesday, Feb 23, 6:30-8:30 pm

Make a gemstone keychain and learn about all about gems and the superstitions associated with them.



CHECK OUT OUR ONLINE RESEARCH SITES

Discover fantastic resources at your own desktop! Just have your library card number handy and click

Student Resources on www.evergreenparklibrary.org to access: *Chicago Tribune*, *Southtown Star*, Culturegrams, LearnATest, Practice Exams, Literature and Biography Resource Center, Issues & Controversies, Journal and Magazine Articles, World Book Online, and Oxford African American Studies.



REQUEST & RENEW LIBRARY MATERIALS FROM HOME!



You can request materials through the online SWAN catalog from your home computer at www.evergreenparklibrary.org, and we will call you when it arrives at our library for pick up. Our librarians can locate and request even obscure and out-of-print materials, and as long as the owning library is in Illinois and willing to send it, delivery is free to our library! Materials borrowed from outside of Illinois carry a \$3 delivery fee—a bargain!

Did you know? You can also renew your materials by phone or through the SWAN catalog from our web site. You can pay your fines online, too!

60 YEARS OF READING IN THE PARK Evergreen Park Public Library

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Welcome to the Evergreen Park Public Library

Evergreen Park Public Library is an active community center serving the 20,821 residents of Evergreen Park. In addition to its collection of over 65,000 books, the library offers magazines, cassettes, compact discs, videos, DVDs, large print books, and books-on-tape. The library presents cultural and informational programs of interest to the community, and programs that encourage a love of reading in children and young people.

Register for Evergreen Park Public Library E-announcements

LIBRARY WEB SITE REDESIGN

EP Library has been working with EP resident Julie Keaty of JFK Business Solutions to convert the existing library web site, www.evergreenparklibrary.org, to Joomla! management system. Overall, you will not notice a big difference in the appearance of the site. However, we have invested a substantial amount of time and effort to improve the calendar of events and program registration features. Shortly you will be able to pay program fees online with a credit card.

Sometimes in cyberspace, glitches occur. We ask your help in alerting us (through the Contact Us link) to any inconsistencies you may encounter. Thank you!

PROGRAMS FOR LIFELONG LEARNERS

Please register for programs with this ☎ symbol. Call 422-8522 or register online at www.evergreenparklibrary.org.

Don't miss out on a hot program! We can take your credit card info over the phone for program registration. If you can't get to the library to pay a registration fee, we accept Visa, Mastercard, American Express, or Discover when you call to register.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

- 7 Belly Dancing
- 12 Middle Eastern Cuisine
- 14 *And Then There Were None* Movie
- 16 Weekend Quilters
- 19 Handmade Paper
- 21 Biggest Loser
- 23 Oriental Museum Trip
- 26 Excel Basics
- 27 Christie Mystery Book Discussion
- 28 Clay Tigers
- 29 Murder Mystery Dinner

FEBRUARY

- 5 Fireside Knitters
- 9 Mardi Gras Cuisine
- 11 Molded Paper Medallions
- 16 Computer Tune-Up
- 18 Biggest Loser
- 19 Genealogy Lock In
- 20 Weekend Quilters
- 23 Stamp Collecting
- 24 *Snow Flower* Book Discussion
- 25 Identity Theft



A CELEBRATION OF AGATHA CHRISTIE MYSTERIES

We are honoring Agatha Christie, the world's most widely recognized mystery writer, during the month of January! The following programs commemorate the settings of her prolific body of work, which spanned over half a century and included over 150 books, short stories, and plays:

☎ Raqs Sharqi (Belly Dance) Lessons

Thursday, Jan 7, 6:30 or 7:30 pm
Limit 20 participants per session

Discover the ancient and mysterious dance called Raqs Sharqi, commonly called Belly Dancing, that originated in the Middle East. This is a dance filled with exotic, full-body movement that expresses all the richness of the Nile.



Fran Strain-Viray of Dancemates, Inc

will teach you the basics.

☎ Middle Eastern Cuisine

Tuesday, Jan 12, 6:30 pm
\$3 Tasting fee, upon registration
Limit 60 participants

During her life, Agatha Christie lived in or visited Syria, Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt, and Iran. Explore the traditions and culture of Middle Eastern food with Chef Kate Bradley. Learn the characteristics of regional spices and how to stock your pantry so that you can create your favorite Middle Eastern dishes at home!

☎ *And Then There Were None* Movie Presentation

Thursday, Jan 14 10:00 am

Sip tea and enjoy tradition English scones while watching Agatha Christie's famous mystery, "Ten Little Indians," deftly brought to the screen by legendary French director Rene Clair in this

restored original screen masterwork. Ten strangers are invited as weekend guests to a mansion on a remote island. When the host doesn't show up, the guests start dying, one by one, in uniquely macabre Agatha Christie-style. A brilliant cast lead by Academy Award-winning actors Barry Fitzgerald and Walter Huston.

Oriental Institute Museum Trip Saturday, Jan 23

Adults (Age 13 & up) \$12.00;
Children \$8

Minimum 20 participants needed

The Oriental Institute Museum is a showcase of ancient Near East history, art, and archeology. Agatha Christie and her archaeologist husband lived in this region (modern Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Sudan, Syria, and Turkey) for many years. The museum is part of the University of Chicago's Oriental Institute, which has supported research and archeological excavation in the Middle East since 1919. There are a limited number of audio guides available for rental at the museum (\$5 additional).

The school bus departs EP Library at 9:15 am and will return about 12:15 pm. We need a minimum of 20 participants to schedule the trip.



☎ Genealogy Lock In Friday, Feb 19, 6:00-10:00 pm \$5 fee, payable upon registration Limit 40 participants

Beginning and experienced genealogists are invited to an evening of research at the library after hours! Renowned genealogist, Grace Dumelle presents *Getting Started in Genealogy or Understanding Your Past in Land Records*. Librarian Kathy O'Leary teaches you how to use Ancestry.com, HeritageQuest Online, and the Chicago Tribune Archives.

Take advantage of free computer time, photocopying, and printing during the evening. You may choose to bring your own laptop and use our WiFi network. Light refreshments will be provided.

Attendees must arrive by 6:30 pm.

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MAKE IT A MONTHLY HABIT!

Weekend Quilters

Saturdays, Jan 16 & Feb 20

1:00-3:00 pm

Instructor Penny Nichols shares her knowledge of quilt design and construction. Regardless of your skill level, you will enjoy learning how to make traditional and art quilt projects. A sewing machine is not required.

☎ The Biggest Loser (of pounds)!

Thursdays, Jan 21, Feb 18, Mar 18
6:30 pm

If you want to lose weight, or are already participating in a weight loss plan, then stake your claim on the fun with the Biggest Loser Challenge! Registered dietician Meg Moonan, L.D. will support you with recipes, exercise, and other tips to boost your weight loss efforts. Share your triumphs and struggles with other participants. Each competitor pays a \$5 registration fee; the winner at the final weigh-in in June will win a cash prize! Last year's winner lost over 20 pounds and won \$125! **Please note: you may attend sessions without participating in the challenge at no charge.**

Kindred Spirits Book Discussion

Wednesdays, Jan 27 & Feb 24

7:00 pm

Jan 27: *And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie

Feb 24: *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See

Copies of the books (large print when available) can be checked out at the front desk one month prior to the discussion.

☎ Fireside Knitters

Fridays, Feb 5 & Mar 5

6:00-8:00 pm

\$5 EP Residents, \$10 Non-Residents

Enjoy knitting and socializing in front of the fireplace in the Reading Room. Carol Oprondek from My Sister's Knits, 9907 S. Walden Pkwy, will teach you how to knit a hat or helmet liner. All ability levels are welcome. There is a **one-time** registration fee for all participants, which includes patterns and yarn.

☎ Pulp Fiction: Handmade

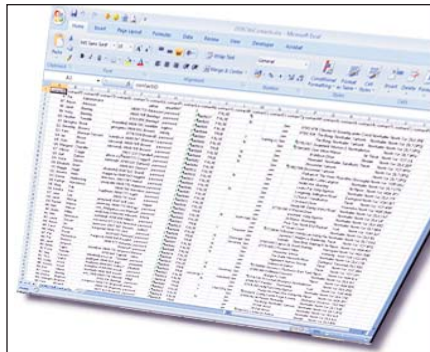
Paper Project

Tuesday, Jan 19, 7:00 pm

\$1 Materials fee, upon registration

Limit 12 participants

Junk mail actually becomes useful! Marilyn Vanden Bout demonstrates the art of handmade paper from recycled products. Participants will make a handmade paper bookmark.



☎ Microsoft Excel Basics

Hands-On

Tuesday, Jan 26, 6:30 pm

\$10 Registration fee, refundable upon attendance

Limit 15 participants

Microsoft Excel is a flexible tool with many practical uses. You can track income and expenses for your household budget; calculate payments at different interest rates; plan and manage a wedding or large project; create a calendar or travel checklist, for example. Computer expert John Hojek will teach you how to get started.

☎ Mardi Gras Celebration with

Chef Kate

Tuesday, Feb 9, 6:30 pm

\$3 Tasting fee, upon registration

Limit 60 participants

What could be more fun than preparing for Mardi Gras with Chef Kate? Discover the taste of true New Orleans cuisine with new ingredients and dishes. Samples to taste and copies of the recipes will be provided.

☎ Pulp Fiction II: Molded Paper Medallions

Thursday, Feb 11, 7:00 pm

\$1 Materials fee, upon registration

Limit 12 participants

Marilyn Vanden Bout demonstrates the process for making dimensional paper medallions by pressing recycled pulp into ceramic cookie molds. Participants will

make several medallions, which can hang from ribbon or nylon thread, or attach to a card.

☎ Clean Up and Tune up Your Computer!

Tuesday, Feb 16, 6:30 pm

\$10 Registration fee, refundable upon attendance

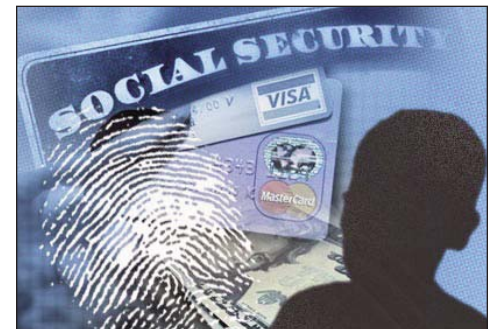
Limit 15 participants

Has your computer slowed to a crawl? Do you have a virus, annoying pop-up ads, or tons of error messages? Computer expert John Hojek teaches you hands-on how to delete old and hazardous files to optimize your PC's performance. The class also covers security issues, virus protection, and more!

☎ Stamp Collecting for All Ages

Tuesday, Feb 23, 7:00 pm

J. Larry Kobelt, past President of the Chicago Philatelic Society and ex Vice Chairman of Chicagopex introduces you to the fascinating pastime of stamp collection. Larry shares tips on where to find stamps, types of collecting, hobby tools, archiving, and other useful information. All participants will receive some stamps to get started in this satisfying hobby.



☎ Identity Theft—Don't be a Target

Thursday, Feb 25, 7:00 pm

Meagan Brennan of First American Bank teaches you how to minimize your risk of identity theft, both online and off line. Learn the warning signs that you may be a victim, how to react, and where to get help.

☎ Spectacular Soups and Stews

Tuesday, Mar 2, 6:30 pm

\$3 Tasting fee, upon registration

Limit 60 participants

The winter warms up as Chef Kate demonstrates how to prepare hearty and delicious soups and stews. Samples to taste and copies of her recipes will be provided.

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NEWSLETTER LAYOUT

Alphabet Soup

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday-Thursday 9:00 am - 9:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday 12:00 noon - 4:00 pm

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Save the Dates! Forthcoming Author Visits

Lisa See

Sunday, April 11, 1:00 pm



Lisa See, author of the critically-acclaimed international best-seller, *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* (2005), has always been intrigued by stories that have been lost, forgotten, or deliberately covered up, whether in the past or happening right now in the world today. To research this book, she traveled to a remote area of China—where she was told she was only the second foreigner ever to visit—to research the secret writing invented, used,

and kept a secret by women for over a thousand years.

See's new novel, *Shanghai Girls*, about two Chinese sisters who journey to California in the 1930s, once again delves into forgotten history in a story of immigration, identity, war, and love. Visit Lisa See's website at www.lisasee.com.



Jeff Zaslow

Friday, April 23, 7:00 pm

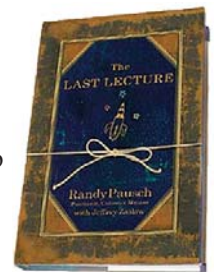
Jeffrey Zaslow first worked as a columnist at the *Chicago Sun-Times* from 1987 to 2001. Zaslow's "Moving On" column now appears in *The Wall Street Journal*.

In September 2007, after attending the final lecture of Carnegie Mellon Professor Randy

Pausch, Zaslow sparked a worldwide phenomenon with his column about the talk. Tens of millions of people have since viewed footage of the lecture on the Internet and on TV. *The Last Lecture* co-authored by Pausch and Zaslow, is a worldwide best-seller, translated into 44 languages.

Zaslow scored again with *The Girls from Ames*, a true story of a group of ordinary women who formed a special bond of friendship growing up in Ames, Iowa.

Jeff co-authored his latest project, *Highest Duty: My Search for What Really Matters*, with Captain "Sully" Sullenberger, the pilot who successfully landed a damaged plane in New York's Hudson River in 2009.



Select copies of the works of Lisa See and Jeff Zaslow will be available for early purchase at the Circulation Desk starting April 1, and also at each event.

BOOK CLUB IN A BAG!

Meeting an author in person is always more meaningful when you've read their books. Choose a Book Club in a Bag containing 10 copies of *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan*, *Peony in Love*, *Shanghai Girls*, *The Last Lecture*, or *The Girls From Ames* and your book discussion group will be ready to go! Bags include suggested discussion questions.

The bag will be checked out on the library card of the person picking up the bag (limit one bag per person). A sign up sheet inside the bag will help you keep track of the books. The loan period is 3 weeks.

New Library Policies as of January 1, 2010

The computer usage fee for library computers and laptops will increase to \$1 per one-half hour. *This fee is waived for Evergreen Park residents with a valid Evergreen Park library card.* Free 15-minute visitor's passes will be eliminated.

Study rooms may not be reserved on **Sundays**. Use is on a first-come basis only. Study rooms can be reserved Monday-Saturday 24 hours in advance by calling Adult Services.

Laptops for Loan: EP Library has 6 laptops for loan to adults for use within the library building. A laptop can be checked out for 1 hour (longer, if no one is waiting to use it) for a total of 3 hours per day. The fee is \$1 per one-half hour, waived for EP residents with a valid EP Library card and a driver's license or state ID.