

EVERGREEN PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY



9400 South Troy

422-8522

www.evergreenparklibrary.org

Nov/Dec 2013

BOOKS BY MAIL SERVICE

Homebound Delivery



EP Library's Books by Mail Service provides books and other library materials (Evergreen Park items only) to homebound people of all ages who live in the village. The service is only for individuals who are unable to leave home because of a temporary or permanent disability. Call 422-8522 to register for the Books by Mail service. Participants

can request specific materials by telephone, or online through the SWAN catalog. The Books by Mail Homebound Delivery service is funded through the Evergreen Park Public Library Foundation.

LIBRARY BUTTERFLY GARDEN

Visitors to EP Library are greeted with a stunning butterfly garden, which is also a certified monarch way station. Bob Erlich plants and tenderly cares for the garden and the butterflies all season long.

Bob says it ended up being a fantastic year for monarchs despite dire warnings. He released 600 monarchs and 300 black swallowtails. Almost 350 of those monarchs were tagged and hopefully will arrive in Mexico and return here next year with their offspring.



Holiday Portraits

Sunday, November 24

9:00 am-4:00 pm

\$25 sitting fee, payable at registration

Reservations start Nov 1

Bring a 1 GB (minimum) flash drive with you.

Holiday portraits make great gifts for family and friends. Schedule a sitting for your family in front of the fireplace in the Library's festively-decorated reading room, and receive as many professional digital images saved to your flash drive as 20 minutes allows. Sittings will be scheduled starting November 1, on a first-come basis, by calling the Library at 422-8522. Pets will be allowed between 9:00 am-noon, only.

Cross one thing off your holiday to-do list early! Proceeds benefit the Evergreen Park Public Library Foundation. Credit cards accepted.



CALLING TEEN VOLUNTEERS!

Do you need community service credit? Teens entering grades 6 through 12 can earn community service helping with library activities. You must live in Evergreen Park or attend a school located here. Click on the **Teens** tab at evergreenparklibrary.org, then **Volunteers**. Choose the date/program you wish to assist with from the volunteer calendar and fill in the registration information.

All volunteers will earn one hour of service for attending a one-time **mandatory** orientation session, either on **Wednesday, Oct 30, at 4:00 pm**, or **Tuesday, Nov 5 at 7:00 pm**. If you need further information, contact Volunteer Coordinator Kay O'Connor at volunteer@evergreenparklibrary.org.

EVERGREEN PARK HIGH SCHOOL ART EXHIBITION

Opening Reception Thursday, Nov 14, 6:30 pm

You will be amazed at the creativity of Evergreen Park High School students! Light refreshments served. The artwork will be showcased at the Library for two months.



Holiday Tree Trim & Caroling

Evergreen Park Community High School Choir

Monday, Dec 16, 6:30 pm

Celebrate the season at our annual (indoor) tree trim! Belt out carols accompanied by the EPCHS choir...and we are expecting a special visitor, too! Light refreshments served.

Warm the less fortunate in our community with your donation of new mittens, scarves, and hats. The library Mitten Tree will be located in the lobby.



PROGRAMS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN & FAMILIES

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS NOVEMBER

- 3 Lego Club
- 4 Preschool Story Time begins
- 4 *Monsters University* [G]
- 5 Toddler Time begins
- 6 Monarch Club begins
- 7 Baby Bookworms begins
- 7 STEM Club begins
- 7 Yoga for Kids begins
- 8 My First Book Club
- 9 Nail Salon
- 15 2nd & 3rd Grade Book Club
- 16 Drop-in Thanksgiving Craft
- 17 Pokemon Club
- 22 4th & 5th Grade Book Club
- 23 Storyteller Oba William King
- 24 Holiday Portraits
- 27 Board Game Bonanza

DECEMBER

- 2 *Planes* [G]
- 7 Drop-in Winter Craft
- 8 Pokemon Club
- 13 My First Book Club
- 14 Magic of Great Scott
- 15 Lego Club
- 16 Tree Trim & Caroling Party
- 20 2nd & 3rd Grade Book Club
- 22 Gingerbread Jamboree
- 27 4th & 5th Grade Book Club
- 28 UNO Party
- 30 New Year's Eve Eve Party

Monday Movie Nights Mondays, Nov 4 & Dec 2, 6:00 pm Grade 5 and under

Watch a movie on our big screen. Bring your own snack.

Nov 4: *Monsters University* [G]

Dec 2: *Planes* [G]

Yoga for Kids Thursdays, Nov 7, 14, 21 & Dec 5, 12, 19 4:00 pm Grades K-2

Wear comfortable clothes and bring a yoga mat or towel. Please escort your child into the library for the first session to sign a release form. Joan Zigulich teaches you to exercise, relax, focus, and strengthen your mind and body through postures and breathing.

Nail Salon Saturday, Nov 9, 11:00 am Grades 3-5

Come with unpainted nails. We'll paint our nails, then learn fun ways to add pizzazz!

Drop-In Thanksgiving Craft Saturday, Nov 16, 10:00 am-4:00 pm Grade 5 and under

Drop into the Children's department to make a holiday craft for your Thanksgiving table.

Storyteller Oba William King Presents *Giving Thanks* Saturday, Nov 23, 2:00 pm Grade 5 and under

Give thanks with Oba William King during a joyful afternoon of drumming, dancing, and storytelling.

Family Board Game Bonanza! Wednesday, Nov 27, 1:00-3:00 pm

Take a break from Thanksgiving preparations and come to the Library for board games and snack. Play one of our games or bring one of your favorites to share.

Drop-In Winter Craft Saturday, Dec 7, 10:00 am-4 pm Grades 5 and under

Drop into the Children's department to make a fun winter craft.

The Magic of Great Scott! Saturday, Dec 14, 11:00 am Grade 5 and under

Experience the magic of the holidays with magician, Scott Green!

Gingerbread Jamboree! Sunday, Dec 22, 2:00 pm Grade 5 and under

Run, run as fast as you can to our Gingerbread Jamboree! Play gingerbread games, listen to cookie books, and have a gingerbread snack!

UNO Party! Saturday, Dec 28, 11:00 am Grades 1-5

Uno you want to come to our UNO party! Meet kids, play UNO, and have snacks!

New Year's Eve Eve Party Monday, Dec 30, 11:00 am Grade 5 and under

We're gonna party like it's the day before New Year's Eve! We'll have stories, snacks, noise makers, dancing and a countdown to noon. Feel free to wear your party clothes!

STORY TIME



Preschool Story Time

Nov 4-Dec 19

Ages 3-5 years

Stories, songs, and crafts! Choose one of the following:

- Mondays *or* Thursdays at 9:30 am
- Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

Toddler Time

Nov 5-Dec 18

Ages 18-35 months, with caregiver

Toddler Time is an interactive story time program. Choose one of the following:

- Tuesdays *or* Wednesdays at 9:30 am
- Tuesdays at 6:00 pm

Baby Bookworms

Nov 7-Dec 20

Birth-17 months, with adult caregiver

Enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, and fun with your baby. Choose one of the following:

- Thursdays at 6:00 pm
- Fridays at 9:30 am



TEACHER IN THE LIBRARY

Drop-in Homework Help Monday-Thursday, 3:30-5:30 pm

Bilingual (English/Spanish) teacher Xocnitl Medina and math tutor/teacher Nancy Cihocki alternate in the Youth Services department Mondays-Thursday from 3:30-5:30 when school is in session. This is not tutoring, but an opportunity for students of all ages to receive assistance with day-to-day homework. The Teacher in the Library is funded by a grant from the Archer Daniels Midland ADM Cares program.

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JOIN THE CLUB!

Lego Club

Sundays, Nov 3 & Dec 15, 2:00 pm

We'll pick a theme and you create with the Library's Legos.

☎STEM Club

Thursdays, Nov 7, Dec 5, & Jan 9, 4:00-5:00 pm

Grades 3-5

Join Emily Kenny from ME4E on a fun exploration of STEM (Science, Engineering, Engineering, Mathematics) subjects.

☎Pokemon Club

Sundays, Nov 17 & Dec 8, 2:00 pm, Grades 1-5

Bring your Nintendo DS, games, and trading cards. Meet other players, battle, and trade cards.

☎Monarch Club

Wednesdays, Nov 6, 13, 20, & Dec 4, 11, 18, 3:30 pm

Kindergarten-Grade 3

The Monarch Award is the children's choice book award for readers in grades K-3. Listen to stories that have been nominated this year and have fun with crafts and games.

☎My First Book Club

Fridays, Nov 8 & Dec 13, 3:30 pm

Grades Kindergarten-Grade 1

Here's a book club for beginning readers! Each meeting includes a discussion and activities related to the story. A copy

of the book, selected from the Beginning Reader Collection, will be available at the Circulation desk one month in advance.

• Nov 8: *Spiders* by Nic Bishop

• Dec 13: Group choice! To be determined.

☎2nd and 3rd Grade

Book Club

Fridays, Nov 15 & Dec 20, 3:30 pm

Grades 2-3

Second and third graders meet monthly to talk about books with other book-loving kids! A copy of the book will be available at the Circulation desk one month in advance.

• Nov 15: *Lizards* by Nic Bishop

• Dec 20: Group choice! To be determined.

☎4th and 5th Grade

Book Club

Fridays, Nov 22 & Dec 27, 3:30 pm

Grades 4-5

Fourth and fifth graders meet monthly to talk about books with other book-loving kids! A copy of the book will be available at the Circulation desk one month in advance.

• Nov 22: *Small Steps: The Year I Got Polio* by Peg Kehret

• Dec 27: Group choice! To be determined.

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

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS NOVEMBER

- 5 Crochet Club begins
- 5 Teen Volunteer Orientation
- 13 Book Discussion
- 20 Steampunk Jewelry
- 21 Native American Cuisine
- 26 Yoga

DECEMBER

- 4 Spa Gifts
- 11 Book Discussion
- 16 Tree Trim & Caroling Party
- 17 December Festivals
- 18 Wrapping Paper

Teen Book Club

Wednesdays, Nov 13 & Dec 11

4:00-5:00 pm

Bring your ideas and viewpoints and get ready for a lively discussion! The current month's book is voted on at the previous month's meeting.

☎Steampunk Jewelry

Wednesday, Nov 20, 3:30-5:00 pm

All materials provided. Combine a variety of steampunk-type items in artful ways to create a piece of jewelry!

☎Native American Cuisine

Thursday, Nov 21, 6:30-7:30 pm

Celebrate Native American Heritage month with Chef Kate and learn how to make traditional dishes.

☎Teen Yoga

Tuesday, Nov 26, 6:00-7:00 pm

Release form required at registration, found under Teen Yoga on the Events Calendar. Instructor Joan Zigulich helps your worries melt away with yoga!

☎Spa Gifts

Wednesday, Dec 4, 3:30-5:00 pm

All materials provided. Give that special person a homemade spa gift!

☎December Festivals

Tuesday, Dec 17, 6:30-7:30 pm

Sample different food traditions from around the world with Chef Kate!

☎Wrapping Paper

Wednesday, Dec 18, 4:00-5:00 pm

All materials provided. Create your own wrapping paper to make your gifts extra special!

Taking the Catholic High School Entrance Exam? ACT? LEARN-A-TEST Practice Exams

You'll get immediate scoring, complete answer explanations, and an individual analysis of your results when you complete a timed practice exam using LEARN-A-TEST. Under the Research tab go to General Research to find Learn-A-Test under the alphabetical listing. Your user name is your library card number. Enter a password of your choosing, and begin! Find the Catholic High School Entrance Exam under Middle School>High School Entrance Exams>COOP Preparation.

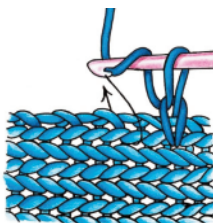
☎Crochet Club

Tuesdays, Nov 5, 12, 19 & Dec 3, 10

6:30 pm

Ages Teen-Adult

Sessions are held in the Reading Room. Beginners bring an H/8 hook, yarn will be provided. All others bring a current project.



LEARN, DISCUSS, CREATE! PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

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

Save a trip! Pay program fees with a credit card over the phone or through the Event Calendar online at www.evergreenparklibrary.org. We accept Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS NOVEMBER

- 2 Microsoft Excel
- 5 Stampin' Up
- 5 Crochet Club begins
- 7 42 [PG 13]
- 7 *Kiss My Aster*
- 9 Microsoft Excel
- 14 EPCHS Art Exhibit Reception
- 14 Crockpot Cookery
- 16 Weekend Quilters
- 19 JFK Assassination
50th Anniversary
- 20 *Light Between Oceans* discussion
- 21 *The Company You Keep* [R]
- 24 Holiday Portraits
- 26 Festive Tree Craft

DECEMBER

- 1 Make a Fresh Holiday Wreath
- 3 Stampin' Up
- 4 Christmas in Williamsburg
- 5 *Sapphires* [PG 13]
- 5 EP Garden Club
- 10 Italian Holiday Cooking
- 16 Tree Trim & Caroling Party
- 17 Snowman Gauge Craft
- 18 *Invisible Thread* discussion
- 19 *The Way Way Back* [PG 13]
- 21 Weekend Quilters

☎ Amanda Thomsen

Kiss My Aster

Thursday, Nov 7, 6:30 pm

Co-sponsored by the Garden Club of Evergreen Park.



Who cares what the neighbors think? Combining entertaining illustrations with laugh-out-loud text, Amanda Thomsen lays out the many options for home landscaping and invites you to make the choices. Whether you want privacy hedges, elegant flower beds, a patio for partying, a food garden, a kids' play space, a pond full of ducks, or all of the above, you'll end up with a yard you'll

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Make it a Monthly Habit

☎ Stampin' Up!

Tuesdays, Nov 5 & Dec 3, 6:30 pm

\$5 materials fee per class

Register for each class separately; pay instructor directly. Esther Thoele of Stampin' Up Cards will teach you how to use decorative rubber stamps and accessories to make a different themed greeting card each month.

☎ Crochet Club

Tuesdays, Nov 5, 12, 19 & Dec 3, 10
6:30 pm

Ages Teen-Adult

Sessions are held in the Reading Room. Beginners bring an H/8 hook, yarn will be provided. All others bring a current project.

☎ Movie Matinees

Thursdays, 10:30 am

Bring your own snacks, coffee is provided.

Nov 7: 42 [PG 13]

Nov 21: *The Company You Keep* [R]

Dec 5: *Sapphires* [PG 13]

Dec 19: *The Way Way Back* [PG 13]

Garden Club of Evergreen Park

Thursdays, Nov 7 & Dec 5, 6:30 pm

Information: www.epgardenclub.org

Learn about gardening topics through presentations by local speakers, field trips, and civic beautification projects.

Annual fee \$20; attend up to two meetings for a \$5/mtg donation.

Nov 7: Kiss My Aster

Dec 5: Pot Luck Dinner

☎ Weekend Quilters

Saturdays, Nov 16 & Dec 21

1:00-3:00 pm

Demonstration; no machine required. Join in the camaraderie of the Weekend Quilters, led by Penny Nichols. Whether you are a novice or a veteran quilter, you can enjoy learning to make traditional and art quilt projects.

☎ Clever Crafters

Tuesdays, Nov 26 & Dec 17, 6:30 pm

Fee varies per class, payable at registration

Limit 12. Unleash your inner Martha Stewart with our resident crafter, Kris Morgan! See project samples at the Circulation desk or in the Events Calendar.

Nov 26: Festive Christmas tree

Dec 17: Jolly snowman gauge

Kindred Spirits Book Club

Wednesdays, Nov 20 & Dec 18, 7:00 pm

The Kindred Spirits Book Club meets to share a love of reading and casual literary discussion. Selections are available at the Circulation desk.

Nov 20: *The Light Between Oceans*
by M.L. Stedman

Dec 18: *An Invisible Thread* by Laura Schroff

☎ Microsoft Excel

Saturdays, Nov 2 & 9, 10:00-noon

\$10 fee, payable at registration. This is not refundable.

Limit 20. Esta clase en computación está disponible para los que hablan español. Learn how to get started using Excel, edit and format data, manage worksheets, and additional topics as determined by participant demand and as time allows.

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☎ Cast Iron & Crockpot Cookery

Thursday, November 14, 6:30 pm
\$3 tasting fee, payable at registration
Limit 60 participants

Chef Kate teaches you how to prepare slow-simmered dishes that will fill your home with warmth and amazing aromas. Samples to taste and recipes will be provided.



☎ The Assassination of JFK: 50th Anniversary

Tuesday, Nov 19, 6:30 pm

Fifty years ago on November 22, 1963, Walter Cronkite announced, "The President is dead!" Most of us alive at the time can remember what we were doing on that fateful day. Historian Jim Gibbons reviews the tragic event that stopped a nation in a multimedia presentation.

☎ Make a Fresh Holiday Wreath

Sunday, Dec 1, 1:00 pm
\$15 fee, payable at registration
Limit 20; Bring gardening or work gloves

Back by popular demand! Master Gardener and Naturalist Sue Palka teaches you how to create a beautiful and fragrant wreath from a variety of fresh greens and adorned with seasonal ribbons and ornaments. Wreath form and all materials included in fee—an incredible value!

☎ Christmas in Williamsburg

Wednesday, December 4, 7:00 pm
Colonial Williamsburg is a magical place during the Christmas season. Candles shine in the windows, and the houses are decorated with wreaths, swags of fruit, dried flowers, and other natural decorations. Nancy McCully will present a visual tour of the beautiful decorations, discuss Williamsburg's role as the colonial capital of Virginia, and show how you can make your own similar holiday decorations.

☎ Italian Holiday Celebration

Tuesday, December 10, 6:30 pm
\$3 tasting fee, payable at registration
Limit 60 participants
Your family will mangia bene on this holiday Italian dinner menu prepared by Chef Kate. Samples to taste and recipes will be provided. Buon Natale!

UPCOMING AUTHOR VISITS AND BOOK SIGNINGS



Jennifer
Chiaverini
*Mrs. Lincoln's
Rival*
Wednesday,
Jan 15, noon



Alice Hoffman
*The Museum of
Extraordinary
Things*
Thursday,
Mar 6, 7:00 pm

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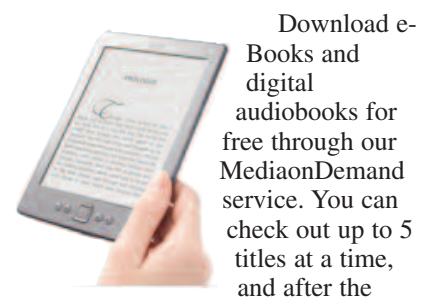
La asistencia en computación está disponible para los que hablan español. Our bilingual (English/Spanish) Computer Tutor, Jessica Ramos, will offer private, one-hour sessions on the topic of your choice, on your device or one of our laptops. Notify the Circulation desk for Jessica to contact you to schedule an appointment.

DIGITAL COLLECTIONS



Read or download dozens of popular magazines cover to cover on a computer, tablet or mobile device for free. Issues are not checked out so they're always available and never expire. All you need is an email address and an Evergreen Park Public Library card and you can access a variety of titles from news, lifestyle, sports, home, crafts, garden, and more. Find EP Library's Zinio collection as well as detailed user instructions under the Books and More tab at evergreenparklibrary.org.

MediaonDemand E-Books



Download e-Books and digital audiobooks for free through our MediaonDemand service. You can check out up to 5 titles at a time, and after the loan period is finished, the title is automatically "returned" to the library. No late fees! There are thousands of titles to choose from for every age and interest.

EP Library participates in Advantage, which allows us to add additional copies of popular titles that are exclusively available to EP Library patrons so wait times are shortened.

If you need help: Our Computer Tutor, Jessica Ramos, can give you individualized instruction on setting up Zinio or MediaonDemand on your device. Notify the Circulation desk for Jessica to contact you to schedule an appointment to get you started. You will also find detailed instructions on the library web site.

Suggest a purchase: Is there a digital magazine or e-book title you would like to read? Contact our Reference staff or click on Suggest an Item under the Books and More tab at evergreenparklibrary.org.

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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

Holiday Closings:

Nov 21, 5:00 pm; Nov 22; Dec 24, 25, & 31; Jan 1

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Oktoberfest Fundraiser a Success!

Over 120 community members sampled craft beers and German wines, enjoyed delicious brats and sides from AJ Meats in Evergreen Park, polkaed to live music from the Bratwurst Brothers, and joined in the stein hoisting contest and raffles. EP Library Foundation gratefully acknowledges our Oktoberfest sponsors, MillerCoors and Tenth and Blake Beer Company, especially Becky Bolton. Special thanks to Evergreen Community Bank and Joan Zigulich for their generous donations. The Village of Evergreen Park allowed us to use the Activity Center, and our Public Events Coordinator Mary Deering (and Jim Deering) turned it into a Bavarian Wonderland.

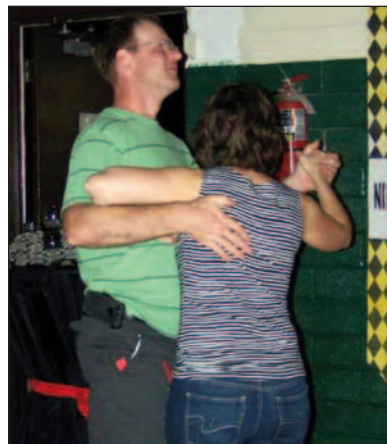
Successful events are the result of many volunteer hours. Our thanks to EP Library Foundation President Deborah Pearson, Virginia Chandler, Helen Cuprisin, Brittany Mertz, Mary Kay O'Connor, Chris Raap, Jim Seidl, Joe Seidl, Katie Shannon, Patrick Shannon, and Helen Tomczuk. Chef Kate Bradley poured wine samples and provided the delicious apple slices. We are indeed fortunate to work with such generous and community-spirited individuals!



Good friends celebrate Oktoberfest in support of the Library.



Fraulein Katie and Herr Patrick challenge participants to hoist a stein.



Lively music by the Bratwurst Brothers brought out the polka in all of us!



Everyone enjoyed sampling a variety of craft beers and German wines.

(Photos courtesy of Nicki Seidl)