



# SPRING Program Guide

Plainfield Area **Public Library**

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## Spring 2024

### LIBRARY CLOSINGS

**Monday, April 29 to  
Tuesday, May 7**  
Renovation Prep


**Monday, May 27**  
Memorial Day

### LIBRARY HOURS


**Monday through Thursday**  
9:00 AM to 9:00 PM

**Friday and Saturday**  
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

## Plainfield Area Public Library

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 15025 S. Illinois St.,  
Plainfield, IL 60544

# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

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## 3rd Grade Writes

**Wednesday, March 1 through  
Friday, March 31**

Attention future authors currently in third grade! Practice your storytelling with this annual writing event. Visit the Library's website for complete details and guidelines.



## The Magic and Art Show with Dan Gogh

**All ages (recommended ages 3 and up)**

**Friday, March 1**

*Registration begins Friday, February 16*

**10:30 to 11:30 AM**

Artist and magician Dan Gogh uses comedy, magic and art to unlock the mystery of creativity. Prepare to be amazed, inspired and laugh a whole lot!

## Reading Dragons & Friends

**Ages 5 and up**

**Monday, March 4 to Tuesday, April 30**

Reading Dragons & Friends is a reading incentive program where daily reading earns you special magical creature trading cards. You can earn up to 12 cards of your choice each month. *This program was originally created by the Dover Public Library in Ohio.*



## Lil Kids Craft

**Ages 3 to 5**

**Tuesday, March 5**

*Registration begins Tuesday, February 20*

**6:30 to 7:00 PM**

A fun time for little ones to explore their creative side.

## Pokémon Club

**Grades 1 to 5**

**Thursday, March 7**

*Registration begins Thursday, February 22*

**Thursday, April 4**

*Registration begins Thursday, March 21*

**6:30 to 7:30 PM**

Celebrate all things Pokémon together at this monthly club. Gotta catch 'em all!

## Artsy Babies

**Birth to 23 months with caregiver**

**Friday, March 8**

*Registration begins Friday, February 23*

**10:00 to 10:45 AM**

Create a one-of-a-kind handprint or footprint keepsake and stay for a short baby storytime.



## Local Children's Author and Illustrator Fair

**All ages**

**Saturday, March 9**

**1:00 to 4:00 PM**

Join us for an opportunity to meet and support local children's book authors and illustrators.

## Springtime Book Swap

**All ages**

**Monday, March 11**

*Registration begins Monday, February 26*

**2:00 to 3:00 PM**

Working on spring cleaning? Bring your gently used kids' books in and exchange them for someone else's. Every book you bring to trade earns you a ticket. Trade your tickets for new (used) books to take back home.



# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

## Drop-in Storytimes

**Spring storytimes will run from March 4 to April 18 (with a break from March 25 to 29).**

Storytime helps nurture a lifelong love of reading and also develops language skills, motor skills and helps prepare children for school. All storytimes feature developmentally appropriate stories, music and movement.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<b>9:30 to 10:00 AM</b>	Family Storytime All ages	Baby Storytime Up to 23 months	Baby Storytime Up to 23 months	Family Storytime All ages
<b>10:30 to 11:00 AM</b>	Preschool Storytime Ages 3 to 5 without caregiver	Toddler Storytime Ages 2 to 3 years	Toddler Storytime Ages 2 to 3 years	

## Spectrum Singers Family Sing-along

**All ages (recommended ages 6 and up)**

**Tuesday, March 12**

Registration begins Tuesday, February 27

**7:00 to 8:00 PM**

Come sing along with Spectrum Youth Singers. Learn about the voice, explore sound and sing some fun, catchy and easy-to-learn songs. No musical or singing skills are required.

## LEGO® Challenge Club

**Grades 1 to 5**

**Thursday, March 14**

Registration begins Thursday, February 29

**Thursday, April 11**

Registration begins Thursday, March 28

**6:30 to 7:30 PM**

Welcome brick builders! Stretch out your creative-thinking skills as we work on challenges and fun projects at each club meeting. LEGO® will be provided at each session to use while at the Library (please leave your own bricks at home).

## Shamrock Finger Painting

**Ages 3 to 6 with caregiver**

**Friday, March 15**

Registration begins Friday, March 1

**11:00 to 11:30 AM**

All you need are your fingers and leprechaun spirit to make fun shamrock designs.



## Bookmark Design Contest

**All ages**

**Monday, March 18 to Saturday, March 30**

Stop by the Library and pick up an entry form (or download and print the form from the Library's website) to design a bookmark celebrating National Library Week. Winners receive a prize and have their designs printed on bookmarks that will be available at the library during National Library Week, April 8-13. See the entry form for more details.

2023 Winner for grades 3 to 5 — Anishka, age 11

## Blackout and More Poetry Night

**Ages 8 to 12**

**Tuesday, March 19**

Registration begins Tuesday, March 5

**6:30 to 7:15 PM**

Explore and share various fun forms of poetry.

## Drop-in ABC Games

**Ages 3 to 5 with caregiver**

**Friday, March 22**

**10:30 to 11:15 AM**

Build your pre-reading skills by playing at alphabet-themed activity stations.

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## Dave DiNaso's Traveling World of Reptiles

All ages

**Monday, March 25**

Registration begins Monday, March 11

**10:30 to 11:30 AM**

Experience an up-close, interactive and hilarious presentation about reptiles and amphibians from around the world. Live animals will be in attendance.

## Mystery of the Alien Invasion

Ages 7 to 10

**Tuesday, March 26**

Registration begins Tuesday, March 12

**11:00 to 11:45 AM**

Aliens have invaded and it's up to you to break the codes and solve the puzzles to stop the invasion. Can you save the world?

## 50s Murder Mystery Party

Ages 8 to 13

**Tuesday, March 26**

Registration begins Tuesday, March 12

**2:00 to 4:00 PM**

Step back in time to a 1950s high school full of poodle skirts, leather jackets, slicked back hair and soda shops. The party will be all fun and games until someone gets (fake) murdered. Follow the clues and figure out who is guilty. Is it you? Costumes are encouraged.

## Painting Birdhouses

Ages 3 to 6 with caregiver

**Friday, March 29**

Registration begins Friday, March 15

**11:00 to 11:30 AM**

Design a unique birdhouse to display in your yard or tree.

## Drop-in Hippity-Hop Family Storytime

All ages

**Saturday, March 30**

**10:30 to 11:00 AM**

Hop to the Library for some fun. Hear stories and sing songs about your favorite fuzzy animal... bunnies!

## Rainy Day Crafts

Ages 3 to 6 with caregiver

**Friday, April 5**

Registration begins Friday, March 22

**11:00 to 11:30 AM**

Rain-themed crafts sure to delight.

## Drop-in Play-Doh® Playdate

All ages

**Saturday, April 6**

**10:00 to 11:00 AM**

We have the Play-Doh® and tools; all you need to bring is your imagination and have some fun.

## Superhero Cape Decorating

Ages 6 to 8

**Tuesday, April 9**

Registration begins Tuesday, March 26

**6:30 to 7:00 PM**

Is it a bird? A plane? No, it's fandom-themed capes!



## Tween Paint and Snack

Grades 3 to 5

**Tuesday, April 16**

Registration begins Tuesday, April 2

**6:30 to 7:15 PM**

Create your own piece of art while enjoying some snacks. All materials will be provided. Wear clothes you don't mind getting messy.

# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

## Duck Duck Goose

All ages

Thursday, April 18

Registration begins Thursday, April 4

6:30 to 7:15 PM

Join us at the Plainfield Township Administration Center (22525 W. Lockport St., Plainfield) for a celebration of ducks (and geese) with stories, songs and game or two of duck duck goose.



**Play and Connect:**  
Grown-ups always participate

**Be Engaged:**  
Phones/devices put away

**Keep Kids Close:**  
Please stop kids from running

**Take a Break:**  
Step out of the room when needed

**No Food in the Library Please**



## STORYTIME IN THE COMMUNITY

### McDonald's

Ages 2 to 5

Second and fourth Tuesdays beginning March 12

Registration begins two weeks prior

10:00 to 10:30 AM

Listen to stories, dance to songs and enjoy cookies provided by Kory Management's McDonald's at Route 59 and Renwick Rd.

### Panera

Ages 2 to 5

Second Wednesdays beginning March 13

Registration begins two weeks prior

10:00 to 10:30 AM

Listen to stories, dance to songs and enjoy cookies provided by Panera at Route 59 and 127th.

### Hazel Marie's

Ages 2 to 5

Wednesday, May 8

Registration begins Wednesday, April 24

Wednesday, May 22

Registration begins Wednesday, May 8

1:30 to 2:00 PM

Listen to stories and receive an ice cream treat at Hazel Marie's, located just around the corner from the Library.

## Kids Take & Make Kits

Kits are available starting at 9:00 AM at the Youth & Teen Services Desk. Kits are first-come, first-served and cannot be reserved ahead of time. The Library Events Calendar will be updated once all the kits have been taken.

Friday, March 1: No-Sew Sock Bunny

Friday, March 15: Caterpillar on a Leaf

Monday, April 1: Eclipse Kit

Monday, April 15: Spring Ornament

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# TEEN PROGRAMS

Registration is required for all programs. Space is limited. Please notify the Library if you are not able to attend a program. Visit [papl.info](http://papl.info) or call the Youth & Teen Services Desk at 815.439.2877 to register.

## Camp Half-Blood Escape Room

**Grades 6 to 12**

**Monday, March 4**

*Registration begins Monday, February 19*

**3:00 to 3:45 PM**

**4:00 to 4:45 PM**

**6:00 to 6:45 PM**

**7:00 to 7:45 PM**

**8:00 to 8:45 PM**

Join your fellow Greek Demigods at Camp Half-Blood for a game of capture the flag and see if you can solve the puzzles in time to lead your team to victory in this battle of skill and wits.



## Teen Cooking Club

**Grades 6 to 12**

**Tuesday, March 5**

*Registration begins Tuesday,  
February 20*

**Tuesday, April 2**

*Registration begins Tuesday,  
March 19*

**4:00 to 4:45 PM**

In this monthly club, we test different, simple recipes and learn new cooking techniques that will level up your snack game.

## Coding & Robotics Club

**Grades 6 to 12**

**Wednesdays beginning March 6**

*Registration begins Wednesday, February 21*

**4:00 to 4:45 PM**

Learn the principles of coding and robotics as you explore Arduino® and Raspberry Pi® systems to build and program a robot dog.



## Plainfield C.A.T.S. (Council of Advisory Teens)

**Grades 6 to 12**

**Monday, March 11**

*Registration begins Monday, February 26*

**Monday, April 8**

*Registration begins Monday, March 25*

**6:00 to 6:45 PM**

Meow is the time to have your voice heard at the Library! Earn volunteer hours while we meet once a month to discuss your ideas for programs, books and service projects.

## Practice SAT

**Grades 9 to 12**

**Saturday, March 16**

*Registration begins Saturday, March 2*

**Saturday, April 13**

*Registration begins Saturday, March 30*

**1:00 to 4:30 PM**

Join Sylvan Learning of Plainfield for a practice SAT in a simulated testing environment. Registration also qualifies you for a free consultation.

## Tech Teens: 3D Design

**Grades 6 to 12**

**Monday, March 18**

*Registration begins Monday, March 4*

**6:00 to 8:00 PM**

Develop your own 3D printed object by engaging with the product development process. Design, modify, test and produce a model using either a 3D pen or 3D printer.



## Cosplay Makeup Tricks with SDK Artistry

**Teens & adults**

**Monday, April 8**

*Registration begins*

*Friday, March 1*

**7:00 to 8:30 PM**

Learn the tips and tricks of cosplay makeup from makeup artist Summer Kornfeind of SDK Artistry.



## Pop Culture Trivia Night at Black Dog Vinyl Café

Teens & adults

**Monday, April 15**

Registration begins Friday, March 1

**7:00 to 8:30 PM**

Assemble your team and compete to win fun fandom-themed prizes and gift cards in this trivia competition that will test your pop culture knowledge.



## Applying to Highly Selective Colleges

Teens & adults

**Monday, April 22**

Registration begins Friday, March 1

**7:00 to 8:30 PM**

Applying to highly selective colleges requires more than just test scores and a strong GPA. Thomas Jaworski of Quest College Consulting provides insight into what it means to be a competitive applicant when applying to highly selective schools. This event will be streamed live. The link for the livestream presentation will be sent via email prior to the start of the event.

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## Teen Take & Make Kits

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Photo by FutureMakers

### STEM Exploration

Friday, March 1: Build an Electric Vehicle

Monday, April 1: Eclipse Kit

### Crafts

Friday, March 15: Cork Pendants

Monday, April 15: Embroidered Bookmark



## PROMicon 2024

Grades 7 to 12

**Friday, April 12**

Registration begins Friday, March 1

**7:00 to 10:00 PM**

Do you feel like regular proms aren't for you? Well, you belong at PROMicon! PROMicon is a safe and welcoming place for everyone. And this year it GLOWS! Join us under the blacklights for dancing to the music of a live DJ, games, snacks and more. There's no dress code, feel free to wear anything from your fanciest formal fit to your comfiest clothes. Cosplay is also always in fashion at PROMicon. Keep in mind that bright colors will show up best under the glow lights.



# SOLAR ECLIPSE 2024 CHALLENGE

**Friday, March 8 to Monday, April 8**

Celebrate the 2024 Solar Eclipse with the Library!

- Register through Beanstack ([plainfieldpubliclibrary.beanstack.org/reader365](https://plainfieldpubliclibrary.beanstack.org/reader365)) and claim a pair of solar eclipse glasses from Monday, March 18 to Saturday, April 6. Glasses are first-come, first-served and limited to one pair per person while supplies last
- Complete 3 activities to earn an entry for the grand prize: an Orion StarBlast 4.5 Astro Reflector Telescope
- Limited to PAPL cardholders

## **Mystery in a Box**

**Ages 9 to 11**

**Tuesday, March 12**

*Registration begins Tuesday, February 27*

**6:00 to 7:00 PM**

A box and a mystery all in one! Open it up and have some solar eclipse fun.

## **Lunar Nightlights**

**Ages 18 and up**

**Tuesday, March 19, 7:00 PM**

Create a lunar design with watercolor paint on translucent paper. Then cut out your design using our Cricut® and attach it to a provided nightlight.

## **Mysteries of Solar and Lunar Eclipses**

**All ages**

**Thursday, March 21, 7:00 PM**

Prepare for the 2024 solar eclipse by joining astronomer Kevin Manning on a cosmic journey that seeks to explain the mysteries of solar & lunar eclipses and the entire cosmos from the very small to the very large.

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## **Family Make & Takes**

**All ages**

<b>Tuesday, March 26</b>	<b>Button</b>
<b>Wednesday, March 27</b>	<b>Bookmark</b>
<b>Thursday, March 28</b>	<b>Bracelet</b>

Stop by the Youth & Teen Services Desk each day for an eclipsed-themed Make & Take craft. *While supplies last.*

## **Solar Science**

**Grades 1 to 5**

**Wednesday, March 27**

*Registration begins Wednesday, March 13*

**10:30 to 11:45 AM**

Create a UV Kid and conduct an experiment to discover the science of ultraviolet light.

## **Family Sun and Moon Storytime**

**All ages**

**Tuesday, April 2**

*Registration begins Tuesday, March 19*

**6:30 to 7:15 PM**

Celebrate the upcoming eclipse with stories, activities and a craft all about the sun and the moon.

## **Adult Take and Make: Solar Eclipse Sun Catcher**

**Ages 18 and up**

**Saturday, April 6**

See page 10 for details about our Take & Make Kits. *While supplies last.*

## **Solar Eclipse Viewing Party**

**All ages**

**Monday, April 8, 12:00 PM**

Kick things off with a short video that explains the solar eclipse. You can choose to view the eclipse outside (weather permitting) or watch a live stream inside. The eclipse will be viewable about 12:50 PM to 3:21 PM with maximum viewing at 2:06 PM. *Solar eclipse glasses are not provided at this event.*





We're a fan of you: Thank you to **TM Martial Arts** for being this year's mini-golf fundraiser naming sponsor!



# FANDOM FEST

**GATHER AND GEEK OUT WITH OTHER FANS!**

**Saturday, April 20 | 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

Whether it's Spider-Man or Star Wars, Disney or Bluey, we're taking over the Library and celebrating all the fandoms at this **FREE** event for all ages!

## **Take & Make Crafts for Kids & Adults**

**Beginning at 10:00 AM, while supplies last**

## **Artist Alley**

**All day**

Meet amazing fandom artists like Laura Reyes, Addie Afable, Jon Belonio, Honey Tea Witch Creations, Morgan Fertig, Catalina Diaz, Sowers Creations, Mari del Valle, Blake Strom, Ryan O'Connell, Mystery Unincorporated and more.

## **Fanart Gallery**

**All day**

Check out a collection of fanart done by local artists of all ages! Submit your fanart for display by visiting [papl.info/fandomfest/gallery](http://papl.info/fandomfest/gallery) starting March 1.

## **Friendship Bracelets**

**10:30 AM to 12:00 PM, while supplies last**

During this drop-in event, create friendship bracelets to keep, share or trade! All while we enjoy different Eras of music.

## **Character Meet and Greet & Face Painting**

**Beginning at 10:30 AM**

## **Cosplay Contest**

**2:00 PM**

Suit up and strut your stuff for our panel of judges for a chance to win fandom fame and prizes. Costumes from all fandoms welcome, but please keep them PG-13. Refreshments served directly following the program will be provided by Critical Grind Board Game Cafe. Register for the Cosplay Contest April 1 to 20.

➡ Visit [papl.info/fandomfest](http://papl.info/fandomfest) for more details, updates and fun!

# ADULT PROGRAMS

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## Arts & Crafts

### Intro to Photography

**Saturday, March 2, 2:00 PM**

Improve your photography skills with Carrie White Photography and learn about lighting, composition, storytelling, editing and more. Please bring your camera or phone with camera to the program.

### Stitching in the Stacks

**Second Thursdays, 1:00 PM**

Meet with fellow crochet and knitting enthusiasts and create beautiful items for charity. This group is open to the public and all ability levels. Participants should bring their own materials (suitable yarn and hooks or needles) to each meeting. Easy patterns for the current charity project are provided.

## Adult Take & Make Kits

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**Saturday, March 2: Line Art Greeting Card**

**Saturday, April 6: Solar Eclipse Sun Catcher**

## Education

### ASL For Beginners

**Wednesday, March 13, 6:00 PM**

Learn basic conversational phrases and the importance of American Sign Language in our community.

### Saving for College and Starting While They Are Young

**Wednesday, May 22, 7:00 PM**

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Maher Dabousseh of Edward Jones explains how to balance cost of attendance with expected family contribution and explains how financial aid can help.

## Entertainment & History

### Princess Di: Gone But Still Kicking

**Wednesday, March 6, 6:30 PM**

Jillian Gabrielle portrays the aging ghost of the beloved Princess Diana and tells her story through humor, music and dance.

### Mozart's Women

**Tuesday, March 26, 6:30 PM**

Dramatic book reviewer Jenny Riddle, in character as Constanze Mozart, along with classical pianist Jeffrey Panko, brings to life the fascinating story of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and the most important women in his life. Inspired by the best-selling book *Mozart's Women* by Jane Glover.



### Pottering Around the UK

**Saturday, April 20, 12:00 PM**



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Prepare for International Harry Potter Day, May 2, and travel vicariously as Anglophile and former UK resident Claire Evans takes you on a tour of Harry Potter's magical world. From London to Scotland and points in between, admire the amazing real-life locations used throughout the British Isles and get tips if you'd like to visit the sights yourself one day.

# ADULT PROGRAMS

## Food & Drink

### Trilogy of Kabobs & Sauces

**Monday, March 11, 6:30 PM**

Get ready for Something on a Stick Day 2024 with the skills, recipes and tricks for a meal with three delicious kabobs and partnering sauces.

### Werk Force Brewery Tasting

**Thursday, May 9, 7:00 PM**

Enjoy a tasting and learn about different beers at Werk Force Brewing. Must be 21 years or older to register. Please bring a photo ID.



## Health & Wellness

### Breathe and Relax with Tai Chi and Qi Gong

**Monday, March 4, 11:30 AM**

With guidance from Erica Bough of Breathe Life Tai Chi, use the ancient arts of tai chi and qi gong to optimize your breathing and enhance your ability to stretch, balance and decrease anxiety to lead a more relaxing life.

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### Versiti Blood Drive

**Friday, March 8, 12:00 to 4:00 PM**

Versiti Blood Center of Illinois and the Library are joining forces to save lives. Donate blood at Versiti's mobile donation center in the Library's parking lot. Registration is recommended, but walk-ins are welcome. Register for your appointment at [bit.ly/PAPLBloodDrive324](https://bit.ly/PAPLBloodDrive324).

### Death Café

**Thursday, April 4, 6:30 PM**

Gather to discuss and destigmatize conversation around death and dying. Death Café is a facilitated group conversation created by those who attend.

### Natural Cleaners

**Wednesday, May 15, 7:00 PM**

Cleaning expert Laura Youngstrum gives the ins and outs of natural cleaners.

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All Women's History Month programs are sponsored by the Dr. Patricia Lynn Miller Endowment for Advancing Women's Rights and Celebrating Women's History.

### Amazing Women Display

**Beginning Friday, March 1**

Celebrate and recognize the women who are making history in your life right now. Fill out a note card with the women you would like to recognize and why. View the cards on display at the Library from March 16 to 31.

### Rosie The Riveter and Other She-roes

**Saturday, March 9, 10:00 AM**

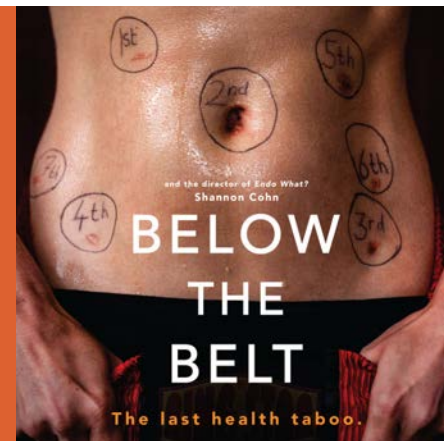
"We Can Do It" was the rallying cry of not only Rosie the Riveter, but other remarkable women such as Wendy the Welder, Government Girls and even Betty Crocker. Make their acquaintance, hear their stories and learn more about the challenges they faced with Becky Brillion.

### Below the Belt Screening

**Wednesday, March 27, 6:30 PM**

The powerful film *Below the Belt* exposes issues in our healthcare system that overwhelmingly affect women and shows the personal experiences of different patients.

Poster by *Below the Belt*



### Unlock the Power of Financial Choice

**Thursday, March 28, 7:00 PM**

Dr. Lydia Manning of Bentron Financial discusses the unique challenges and opportunities women face as they age. Learn empowering strategies and practical tools for women to make informed choices for life-long financial health and happiness.



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## Opening Thursday, February 29

Select from a wide range of seeds to plant and enjoy in your home gardens. Seeds are first-come, first-served.

## Garden Plots Coming in May

We're excited to partner with the Plainfield Township Community Garden to offer small plots to rent for the season. The Library has plots available for a non-refundable fee. Look for details at [papl.info/seed-library](http://papl.info/seed-library).



## TRUE CRIME DAY SATURDAY, MARCH 23

### Fourteen: The Murder of David Stukel

Saturday, March 23, 11:00 AM

Author Bill O'Connell reads and discusses excerpts from his book *Fourteen: The Murder of David Stukel*. Q&A to follow.

### Terror Town, USA

Saturday, March 23, 12:00 PM

Best-selling author and award winning journalist John Ferak talks us through his book *Terror Town, USA*. Q&A to follow.

### The 1926 Orland Park Murder Mystery

Saturday, March 23, 1:00 PM

Matt Galik, author of *The 1926 Orland Park Murder Mystery*, presents his book and findings. Q&A to follow.

### Local Unsolved Mystery Cafe

Saturday, March 23, 2:30 PM

Join other local true crime enthusiasts and solve the crimes presented to your group. Each table will receive evidence, information and potential motives for local murders and mysteries of the past that are still unsolved.



MONEY  
SMART  
WEEK



## Paper Shredding

Saturday, April 13, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Prepare for Money Smart Week and ensure your old paper documents are shredded confidentially. Bring up to three banker-sized boxes or grocery bags per person. Staples and paper clips are permitted. No books or plastic of any kind. Event ends when the truck is full or at 12:00 PM.

## Fraud Awareness

Tuesday, April 16, 7:00 PM

Maher Dabousseh of Edward Jones helps empower participants to protect themselves from financial fraud and scams.



## Conserving Energy in the Home

Thursday, April 18, 6:00 PM

Celebrate Earth Day and Money Smart Week with this presentation about energy conservation in the home. Learn from Conservation Specialist Briana Moore about the value of energy efficiency and some tips for reducing energy use at home.

## Investment for Beginners

Monday, April 22, 11:00 AM

Tom Kilkenny of Weiss Financial Ratings discusses risk vs. return, diversifying assets, stocks, mutual funds, money market accounts, managing your portfolio and much more, all aimed at the beginner investor.

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## Estate Planning Explained

Tuesday, April 23, 7:00 PM

Jigor Doshi of Bentron Financial covers the estate planning process from beginning to end. Understand steps to take to protect a spouse, family or heirs.

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

**New to English**  
**Mondays, 9:30 AM**

For the very beginners who are new to English and need extra support with reading, writing, basic vocabulary and basic life skills. Level testing is required to participate.

**Everyday English**  
**Mondays, 11:00 AM**

Build confidence speaking English and ask questions about everyday life in the U.S. Practice conversations you would use at a school, store, doctor's appointment and with neighbors. Learn how to use the Library and the internet. Level testing is required to participate.

**English Club**  
**Thursdays, 10:00 AM**

Learn and practice English in an informal setting. Read books together, discuss current news or explore other topics. Open to all.

## GENEALOGY

**Newspaper Necessities**  
**Monday, March 25, 7:00 PM**

Newspapers hold an astounding amount of genealogical and local data. Find the hidden gems and learn where digital collections and online indexes live.

**Pieces of the Puzzle: A Genealogical Quest for Illinois State Hospital Records**

**Monday, April 22, 7:00 PM**

Using her Uncle Frank as a case study, Grace DuMelle shares examples of the legal and medical records she's uncovered to date. She discusses Illinois' restrictions on mental health records and strategies for genealogists' access. DuMelle is a longtime staffer at the Newberry Library in Chicago.

**Military Genealogy Online: Digital Resources from the American Revolution to Now**

**Monday, May 20, 7:00 PM**

Each year new military record collections become available online. Librarian Tina Beaird shows you where to look and what types of records are available for tracing your ancestor's military service.

## JOB SEEKERS

**Job Club**

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**Third Wednesdays, 12:00 PM**

Share and learn from guest speakers in a friendly and helpful atmosphere. There is also time for networking.

**March 20: ChatGPT & AI for Job Search Mastery**

*Paul Cameron, Founder of Speed Up My Search, Inc. and Professional Job Change Mentor*

Find out how these new technology tools can help you analyze job leads, improve your résumé and prepare for more productive interviews.

**April 17: Behavior-Based Interviewing**

*Aida Martinez, Career Coach, Joliet Junior College*

Discover and practice the STAR method to effectively tell your professional story and highlight your skills during interviews.

**May 15: Job Searching for Older Job Seekers**

*Lauren Milligan, ResuMayDay Founder and Career Advancement Coach*

Improve your job search with strategies specifically designed for mature job hunters, including résumé tips, interview strategies and online job search techniques.

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# ADULT PROGRAMS

Registration is required through the Events Calendar at [plainfieldpubliclibrary.librarymarket.com](https://plainfieldpubliclibrary.librarymarket.com) unless otherwise noted. For virtual events, you'll receive instructions on how to participate once registered.

## READERS AND WRITERS

### Illinois Libraries Present

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Illinois Libraries Present (ILP) is a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events funded in part by a Illinois State Library grant. Register through our events calendar at [plainfieldpubliclibrary.librarymarket.com](https://plainfieldpubliclibrary.librarymarket.com).

#### Ruth E. Carter: Interweaving Tradition and Imagination Through Costume Design

**Wednesday, March 20, 7:00 PM**

A special event with Ruth E. Carter, a two-time Academy Award-winning costume designer who made history as the first Black person to win an Academy Award in Best Costume Design for the film *Black Panther*.

Photo courtesy of Ruth E. Carter



#### Dr. Temple Grandin: The Hidden Gifts of Visual Thinkers

**Wednesday, April 3, 7:00 PM**

A conversation with best-selling author, animal scientist and autism advocate Dr. Temple Grandin.

Photo courtesy of Rosalie Winard



#### The Many Lives of Kal Penn

**Tuesday, May 7, 7:00 PM**

Learn from the life experiences of actor Kal Penn, who is also a writer, producer and former Associate Director of the White House Office of Public Engagement.

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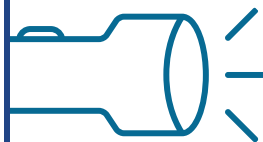


### Writers Group

**First Mondays, 6:30 PM**

Discuss writing prompts, craft, style and current works in progress with fellow authors and writers. Choose to attend in-person or via Zoom at registration.

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### Thrill Seekers Book Club

**Second Mondays, 7:00 PM**

A book club for fans of mysteries, thrillers and adventures— both fiction and non-fiction. Copies are available at the Adult Services Desk or to download.

**March 11**

*The Art Thief* by Michael Finkel



**April 8**

*Her Deadly Game* by Robert Dugoni



**May 13**

*The Last One* by Will Dean



### A Novel Idea Book Club

**Third Wednesdays, 2:00 PM**

Copies are available at the Adult Services Desk or to download.

**March 20**

*The Secret Book of Flora Lea* by Patti C. Henry



**April 17**

*The Marriage Act* by John Marrs



**May 15**

*Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver





## TECHNOLOGY TEACHING

### 3D Printing Classes

**Thursday, March 28**  
**Tuesday, May 14**  
**Thursday, May 30**  
**7:00 PM**

Fandom Keychains  
 Cookie Cutters  
 Desktop Planters

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Design your own printable object in Tinkercad® - a free, easy-to-learn 3D modeling tool. Participants get one free print from our 3D printer. *Please note that cookie cutters are only one-time use.*



### Maker Classes

#### Cricut® Garden Flags

**Tuesday, March 5, 7:00 PM**

Use our Cricut® Maker 3 to cut out a design with heat transfer vinyl. Use our heat press to permanently print your design onto a provided garden flag.

#### Etched Pint Glasses

**Thursday, April 11, 7:00 PM**

Etch your own design into a pint glass! Design and make a vinyl stencil with our Cricut® Maker 3. Then use the stencil to apply etching cream to a provided pint glass.



#### Cricut® Coasters

**Monday, April 15, 7:00 PM**

Use our Cricut® Maker 3 to cut out a design from a sheet of infusible ink. Then use our heat press to permanently infuse your design to a provided coaster.



### Software Classes

#### Intro to Excel® Part 1

**Thursday, March 7, 7:00 PM**

Excel® is a great program to help you organize numbers and information. This class helps you find the important parts of the software, shows you how to make simple formulas and illustrates how it can help you in your life and work.

#### Intro to Excel® Part 2

**Thursday, March 14, 7:00 PM**

We build on topics from Intro to Excel® Part 1 and cover formulas, formatting and charts in greater depth.

#### Intermediate Excel® Part 1

**Thursday, April 18, 7:00 PM**

This class is for experienced Excel® users who have a firm grasp of the basics. It covers intermediate level functions: importing data, pivot tables, VLOOKUP and an introduction to macros.

#### Intermediate Excel® Part 2

**Thursday, April 25, 7:00 PM**

We build on topics from Intermediate Excel® Part 1 and cover data validation, index/match and more.

### Computer Club

**Second Wednesdays,  
 2:00 PM**

Tired of asking family and friends technology questions? Computer Club is a safe and friendly place to learn basic computer skills. Every month we cover a subject and leave ample time for practice.



#### March 13: Microsoft Word® Basics

Learn how to navigate, edit and format Word® documents.

#### April 10: Using Windows®

Get the basics of Windows® down and learn some advanced tips.



### Book-A-Librarian

Book a one-hour session with a librarian during regular Library hours and get your tech questions answered. To schedule, call 815.327.2515 or email [info@papl.info](mailto:info@papl.info).



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**PINNACLE  
& Pours**

Monday, April 1 – Friday, May 31

[papl.info/pours](https://papl.info/pours)

Join the Pinnacle Library Cooperative for a tour  
of area breweries and coffee shops, plus events  
hosted at our libraries and other select locations.

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