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Program Guide

Plainfield Area Public Library

Winter 2024-2025

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Tuesday, December 24
Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 25
Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 31
New Year's Eve

Wednesday, January 1
New Year's Day

Friday, February 21
Staff Training
Open at 1:00 PM

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**

 815.436.6639

 papl.info

 15025 S. Illinois St.,
Plainfield, IL 60544



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

A Plainfield Area Public Library card is required for all registered programs. Space is limited. Please notify the Library if you are unable to attend. Visit papl.info or call the Youth & Teen Services Desk at 815.439.2877 to register. **Due to construction on our building, most programs will be off-site.**

Programs at

Plainfield Township Community Center
15014 S. Des Plaines St.
Plainfield, IL 60544



Popsicle Stick Palooza

Ages 3 to 6 with caregiver

Tuesday, December 3

Registration begins
Tuesday, November 19

6:30 to 7:15 PM

Design and make popsicle stick crafts.



Taylor Swift Trivia

Grades K to 5

Monday, December 9

Registration begins Wednesday, November 25

7:00 to 8:00 PM

Are you a true Swiftie? Test your Taylor knowledge with a night of trivia!

Taylor Swift's Mystery Playlist

Ages 8 to 11

Tuesday, December 10

Registration begins Tuesday, November 26

6:30 to 7:30 PM

Taylor needs your help putting together the playlist for her concert. Complete various puzzles to reveal the songs for her show. Finish the playlist and make the whole place shimmer!

Photo by Ashley Landis/AP/Shutterstock



The Case of the Missing Gingerbread Mayor

Ages 7 to 11

Wednesday, December 11

Registration begins Wednesday, November 27

6:00 to 6:45 PM

Inside the magical world of sweets and treats, the Gingerbread Mayor has gone missing! It's up to you to solve the puzzles and bring the Mayor back home.

Eraser Clay Creations

Grades K to 5

Thursday, December 12

Registration begins Friday, November 29

6:30 to 7:30 PM

Craft creations with colorful eraser clay. Sculpt the cutest eraser that you can imagine, then bake it at home and take it to school.

Whimsical Mushroom Painting

Ages 6 to 8

Tuesday, January 14

Registration begins
Thursday, January 2

6:30 to 7:30 PM

Paint a fanciful mushroom picture.



Pokémon Club

Grades 1 to 5

Thursday, January 16

Registration begins Thursday, January 2

Thursday, February 6

Registration begins Thursday, January 23

6:30 to 7:30 PM

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

Kiddie Kraft

Ages 3 to 5

Tuesday, January 21

Registration begins Tuesday, January 7

6:30 to 7:00 PM

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

Reading Dragons & Friends Tournament

Ages 5 to 12

Thursday, January 23

Registration begins Thursday, January 9

6:30 to 7:30 PM

Kids participating in the Reading Dragons program can battle other players using their collected cards to win prizes.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Little Kid Dance Party

Ages 2 to 5 with caregiver

Tuesday, February 4

Registration begins Tuesday, January 21

6:30 to 7:00 PM

Bring the little ones for an evening of dancing fun.

Snacks Around the World

Grades 3 to 5

Tuesday, February 11

Registration begins Tuesday, January 28

6:30 to 7:15 PM

Taste and rate snacks from around the world and learn about a different country. *May not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

Cookie Decorating for Valentine's Day

Ages 6 to 11

Wednesday, February 12

Registration begins

Wednesday, January 29

6:00 to 6:45 PM

Celebrate Valentine's Day and decorate a cookie for each member of your household.



STEMgineering

Grades 1 to 5

Tuesday, February 18

Registration begins Tuesday, February 4

6:30 to 7:30 PM

Simple and fun STEM activities provide the building blocks you need to become a scientist or an engineer.

Tenzi: A Dice Game for Kids

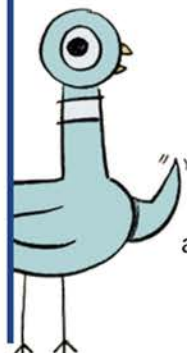
Ages 8 to 11

Wednesday, February 26

Registration begins Wednesday, February 12

6:00 to 7:00 PM

Who can roll all of the dice the quickest in this fast-paced game?



Programs at



Plainfield United Methodist Church
15114 Illinois St.
Plainfield, IL 60544

ABC Games: Winter Edition

Ages 3 to 5 with caregiver

Monday, January 27

Registration begins Monday, January 13

1:00 to 1:45 PM

Have a chilly good time as children and adults participate together at winter-themed stations that reinforce pre-reading skills.

Read's Birthday Party

All ages

Saturday, February 1

Registration begins

Saturday, January 18

11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Our beloved mascot Read the red panda is turning 7, and you're invited to his birthday party!



Homeschool Hangout

All ages

Monday, February 10

1:00 to 2:00 PM

Homeschool families are welcome to hang out and engage in easy science activities and crafts.

Don't Let the Pigeon Run a Party

Ages 2 to 7

Monday, February 17

Registration begins Monday, February 3

10:30 to 11:15 AM

Driving a bus, going to school: that silly Pigeon is always getting into trouble! Join his adventures at this party celebrating Mo Willems' *Pigeon* series.

Art by Mo Willems

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Drop-in Storytimes at PUMC

Storytimes will run from January 14 to February 20. They will be held at Plainfield United Methodist Church, 15114 Illinois St. in Plainfield. Storytime helps nurture a lifelong love of reading and prepares children for school while developing language and motor skills. All storytimes feature developmentally appropriate stories, music, and movement.

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
9:30 to 10:00 AM	Baby Storytime Ages 0 to 23 months	Family Storytime All ages	Family Storytime All ages
10:30 to 11:00 AM	Toddler Storytime Ages 2 to 3 years	Preschool Storytime Ages 3 to 5 without caregiver	

Music & Movement

Ages 2 to 5 with caregiver

Monday, February 24

Registration begins Monday, February 10

1:30 to 2:15 PM

Get ready to clap, tap, dance, sing, and stomp in this high-energy program built to get the wiggles out. Explore music, movement, instruments, and more!

Programs at

Plainfield Township Building
22525 W. Lockport St.
Plainfield, IL 60544

Happy Birthday (Taylor's Version)

Ages 5 to 11

Saturday, December 14

Registration begins Saturday, November 30

1:00 to 2:00 PM

Are you ready for it?! Come join us for a birthday party and everything Taylor Swift.

Short Story Contest

Grades 4 to 6

We are accepting entries for the annual Short Story Contest from Monday, December 16 through Sunday, January 19. Visit papl.info or the Youth & Teen Services Desk for the official rules and details.



Design a Sphinx Contest

Ages 5 and up

Monday, February 3 to Saturday, February 15

Design a sphinx for Reading Dragons & Friends! The winning design will become a special card that can be collected throughout the month of March. Be sure to sign up for the Reading Dragons & Friends program so you can add the winning card to your own collection!



TEEN PROGRAMS

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Pro Wrestling Mania

Grades 6 to 12

Monday, December 2

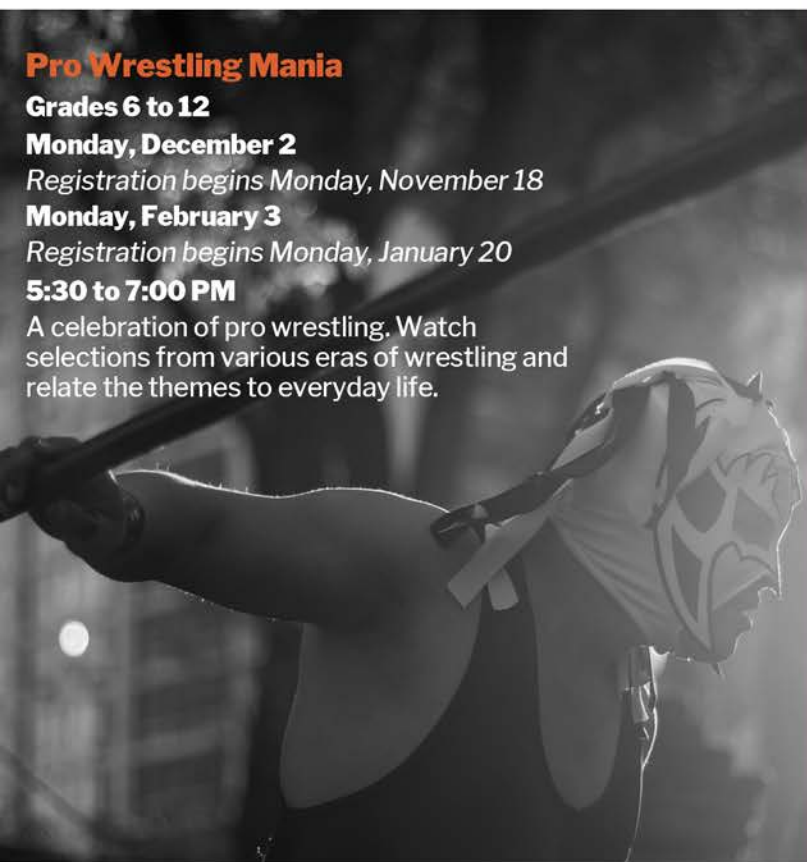
Registration begins Monday, November 18

Monday, February 3

Registration begins Monday, January 20

5:30 to 7:00 PM

A celebration of pro wrestling. Watch selections from various eras of wrestling and relate the themes to everyday life.



Teen Cooking Club

Grades 6 to 12

Tuesday, December 3

Registration begins Tuesday, November 19

Tuesday, February 4

Registration begins Tuesday, January 21

5:00 to 5:45 PM

Test different, simple recipes and learn new cooking techniques that elevate your snack game.

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

Grades 6 to 12

Monday, December 9

Registration begins Monday, November 25

Monday, January 13

Registration begins Monday, December 30

Monday, February 10

Registration begins Monday, January 27

6:00 to 6:45 PM

Meow is the time to have your voice heard at the Library! We meet once a month to discuss your ideas for programs, books and service projects. Earn volunteer hours while expressing your opinions about the Library's teen services.

Teen Crochet Club

Grades 6 to 12

Tuesday, December 10

Registration begins Tuesday, November 26

Tuesday, January 14

Registration begins Thursday, January 2

Tuesday, February 11

Registration begins Tuesday, January 28

5:00 to 5:45 PM

Bring your crochet projects to this monthly club to work alongside and chat with other fans of this very trendy craft. Some supplies are available for use during the program.



Dungeons & Dragons®

Grades 6 to 12

Thursday, December 12

Registration begins Friday, November 29

Thursday, January 23

Registration begins Thursday, January 9

Thursday, February 13

Registration begins Thursday, January 30

Thursday, February 27

Registration begins Thursday, February 13

6:00 to 8:00 PM

Roll the dice and join a campaign with other adventurers in a game of Dungeons & Dragons®. Open to all experience levels.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Graphic Novel Book Club

Grades 6 to 12

Tuesday, December 17

Registration begins Tuesday, December 3

Tuesday, February 18

Registration begins Tuesday, February 4

5:30 to 6:30 PM

Calling all comics and graphic novel fans. Join us for a celebration of graphic novels, comics, and pop culture.

Teen Manga & Anime Club

Grades 6 to 12

Thursday, January 16

Registration begins Thursday, January 2

Thursday, February 6

Registration begins Thursday, January 23

6:30 to 7:30 PM

Attention all anime lovers! Watch a curated playlist of anime episodes spanning shows from *Speed Racer* to *Demon Slayer*.



ASL Basics for Teens

Grades 6 to 12

Wednesday, December 18

Registration begins Wednesday, December 4

Wednesday, January 15

Registration begins Thursday, January 2

Wednesday, February 19

Registration begins Wednesday, February 5

5:30 to 6:15 PM

American Sign Language teacher Leslie Ramos leads this three-session series. Build your skills in ASL from one session to the next and learn basic conversational phrases and the importance of ASL in our community.

Teen Robotics and Coding Club

Grades 6 to 12

Tuesday, January 21

Registration begins Tuesday, January 7

Tuesday, February 18

Registration begins Tuesday, February 4

5:00 to 5:45 PM

Get hands-on experience coding different types of robots, creating and printing 3D models, and taking part in technology challenges. Suitable for all experience levels.

How to Adult for Teens

Grades 6 to 12

Tuesday, January 28

Registration begins Tuesday, January 14

Tuesday, February 25

Registration begins Tuesday, February 11

5:00 to 5:45 PM

Learn new skills that prepare you for life as an adult. From sewing buttons to basic repairs to managing money, these skills get you ready to level up to adulthood.



Virtual Programs

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The Magic of Raina Telgemeier

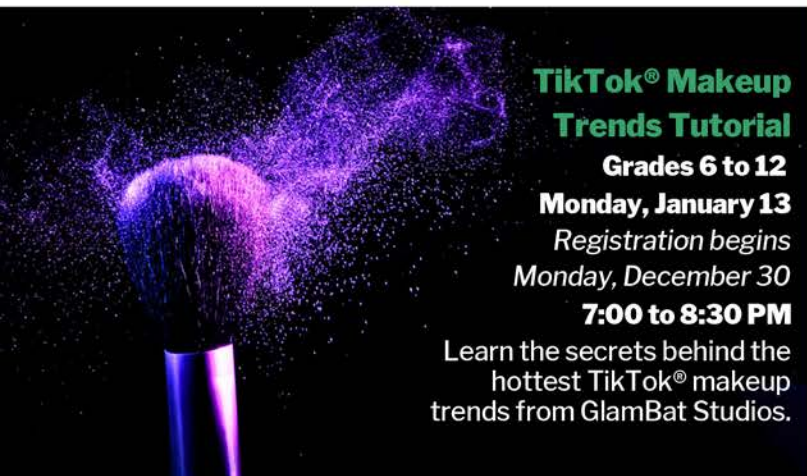
All ages

Tuesday, December 10

Registration begins Friday, November 15

7:00 to 8:00 PM

Raina Telgemeier is a bestselling author and illustrator known for her graphic novels, including *Smile*, *Drama*, and *Sisters*, and her adaptations of the *Baby-Sitters Club* series.



TikTok® Makeup

Trends Tutorial

Grades 6 to 12

Monday, January 13

Registration begins
Monday, December 30

7:00 to 8:30 PM

Learn the secrets behind the hottest TikTok® makeup trends from GlamBat Studios.

WINTER READING

Saturday, January 4 to Saturday, March 1



Adults: It's time for the fourth annual Extreme Book Nerd Challenge! This year, there are twelve new curated categories with reading suggestions. Log at least three books to receive the title of EXTREME BOOK NERD and a winter scarf while supplies last.

Visit plainfieldpubliclibrary.beanstack.org to register for the challenge.

Babies, Kids, & Teens:
Set a goal, track your days, earn a prize! It's that simple when you Read-It with Read! Stop by the Youth & Teen Services Desk to pick up your reading log.



2025 marks a monumental milestone for us— 100 incredible years of service, growth, and community connection! Join us in celebrating the past, present, and future of PAPL all year long with activities and events each month. We can't wait to share this special chapter with you.

papl.info/library100



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Cooking

A New Year's "Eve Eve"

Cooking Celebration

Monday, December 30, 6:30 PM

Join Chef Kristyn Slick to cook, celebrate, and set the stage for a prosperous new year. Prepare dishes that embody the spirit of the season—think luxurious, lucky, and downright delicious.



Finance

Steps to Smart Saving

Monday, January 6, 7:00 PM

Dive into the world of finance with an introduction to financial basics. Explore essential topics such as budgeting, managing debt and credit, investing, and saving effectively. Learn practical tips for building strong financial habits that will set you up for a secure future.

Genealogy

Unlocking the Secrets of Your Family Tree

Monday, January 27, 7:00 PM

Discover the foundation and methodology behind successful genealogical research and learn how to start tracing your family history using documents and keepsakes you have in your attic and around your house.

Cyber Sleuthing Your Family Tree

Monday, February 24, 7:00 PM

Learn how to use subscription databases in tandem with free genealogy websites to trace your family tree. Plus, find out what's new in the online genealogy community.

Health & Wellness

Breathe and Relax with Tai Chi and Qi Gong

Monday, December 2, 11:30 AM

Monday, January 6, 11:30 AM

Monday, February 3, 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 to enhance your ability to stretch, balance, and decrease anxiety to lead a more relaxing life.

Stress Management: A Proactive Approach

Thursday, January 2, 12:00 PM

Explore stress, its impact on the body, and effective management strategies. Find practical solutions for achieving optimal stress management and enhancing overall health and well-being.

Solutions for Better Heart Health

Thursday, February 6, 12:00 PM

February is American Heart Month. Enhance your heart health through a comprehensive approach including science-backed strategies and simple lifestyle changes.

Travel with Brian Michalski

Awesome Australia

Wednesday, December 4, 7:00 PM

While visiting exotic destinations including the Australian Outback, Great Barrier Reef, and Tasmania, learn about this country's fascinating history, grand traditions, chic urban life, charming slang, deadly animals, and Aboriginal influences.

Conquering the Camino

Tuesday, January 14, 7:00 PM

Soak up the sprawling coastal beauty of the 174-mile Portuguese Camino de Santiago. Through brilliant original snapshots and charming storytelling, learn about the pilgrimage's history, logistics, local cuisine, and more as we journey from Porto to northwestern Spain.

Pristine Patagonia

Wednesday, February 5, 7:00 PM

Examine Patagonia's wildlife, vegetation, climate, sprawling topography, Chilean and Argentinian influences, delightful cuisine, and much more.



ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS



Schedule your placement test to enroll in our ELL classes today! Call/text ELL Coordinator Asifa Munawar at 815.790.7876 or scan the QR code below. All classes are held Monday-Thursday mornings. One-on-one, GED, and citizenship tutoring are also available as needed.

Virtual English Club

Thursdays, 10:00 AM

Learn and practice English in an informal setting. Participants read and discuss books, news, and a variety of other current topics. Open to all. To register and receive the Zoom link, please visit papl.info/services/english-language-learners or scan the QR code.



JOB SEEKERS

Third Wednesdays, 12:00 PM

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

December 18: What's Your Stress Level?

John Bremner, Motivational Speaker & Author

Managing stress is critical to a successful job transition. Learn how to overcome anxiety and worry when job searching— especially during the holiday season.

January 15: Informational Interviews: Knowledge is Power!

Fred Johnson, Co-facilitator of The Exchange

Discover the importance of informational interviews and acquire strategies to gain the most value from these opportunities.

February 19: Social Media, AI, and Job Searching

Dee Reinhardt, Social Media Consultant

Learn how to make effective social media posts, enhance your LinkedIn profile, and increase the odds of getting noticed by future employers.



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ILLINOIS LIBRARIES PRESENT

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Little Women: The Musical

**Friday, December 20 to
Sunday, December 22**

Louisa May Alcott's classic story of four sisters growing up in 19th-century Massachusetts. Lydia White and Savannah Stevenson lead a talented cast in this beloved tale of family, self-discovery, and hope.

Photo by Pamela Raith

Chicago Pizza - Past, Present & Future with Steve Dolinsky

Thursday, January 9, 7:00 PM

Join Steve Dolinsky, the Food Guy reporter at NBC 5 and James Beard Award winner, as he discusses *The Ultimate Chicago Pizza Guide: A History of Squares & Slices in the Windy City*.

Love and Laughs with Michelle Buteau

Thursday, January 23, 7:00 PM

Michelle Buteau is a comedian, actress, and author of the memoir, *Survival of the Thickest*.

Photo by Bronson Farr/Netflix



An Evening with James McBride

Tuesday, February 4, 7:00 PM

James McBride is an award-winning author, musician, and screenwriter. His memoir, *The Color of Water*, published in 1996, has sold millions of copies and spent over two years on the *New York Times* bestseller list.

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TECHNOLOGY TEACHING



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.

3D Printed Book Page Holders

Monday, January 20, 7:00 PM

Design your own 3D-printed book page holder using Tinkercad®, a free online program. Participants get one free book page holder printed.

Getting Crafty with Cricut®: Basics (Part 1)

Monday, February 10, 7:00 PM

Learn the basics of Cricut's® design tool, Design Space, and how to utilize it for crafting.

Getting Crafty with Cricut®:

Basics (Part 2)

Monday, February 24, 7:00 PM

Create a sticker sheet using Cricut® Design Space. Participants submit final projects to be picked up at a later date. One free page per participant.



AI Essentials: Demystifying Artificial Intelligence

Wednesday, February 26, 7:00 PM

Do you keep hearing about AI on the news or seeing AI everywhere online? Join librarian Terry Parker to learn the basics of how AI works and discover how it can be used in your daily life.



Programs at

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22525 W. Lockport St.
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Estate Planning 101

Tuesday, February 4, 6:30 PM

Discover the key differences between wills and trusts with Attorney Brandon Ayers of Legacy & Life Law Firm, LLC. Learn how to safeguard your retirement savings, and find out how to protect your assets from the high costs of illness and nursing home care.



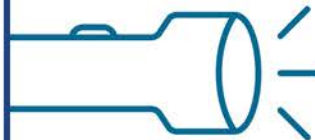
Programs at

Plainfield Park District Recreation
Administration Center
23729 W. Ottawa St.
Plainfield, IL 60544

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.



December 9

First Lie Wins by Ashley Elston



SLENDERMAN
Online Obsession,
Mental Illness,
and the Violent Crime
of Two Midwestern Girls
KATHLEEN HALE

January 13

Slenderman by Kathleen Hale

February 10

No One Can Know by Kate Alice Marshall



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Programs at

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Plainfield, IL 60544

Getting Crafty with Cricut®: Winter Door Sign

Monday, December 16, 6:00 PM

Use a Cricut® cutting machine to cut out a winter-themed stencil to paint a wooden door sign. All supplies are provided. A PAPL card is required.

Movie Music: Elvis Presley

Wednesday, January 8, 6:30 PM

Celebrate Elvis Presley, the legendary pioneer of rock and roll, on his 90th birthday. Enjoy a captivating movie music show that highlights his unforgettable performances, showcasing his distinctive style, passion for music, and beautiful voice. *This program is in memory of long-time Library employee Debi Grandsard, who was famous for her love of Elvis.*



Dungeons & Dragons® 101

Thursday, February 20, 6:30 PM

Ready for adventure? Get a step-by-step walkthrough of everything you need to know to create your first updated 5th Edition character in Dungeons & Dragons®, the classic fantasy tabletop roleplaying game.

Programs at

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15114 Illinois St.
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Alebrije Masks Art Workshop

Tuesday, December 3, 12:00 to 2:00 PM

Bilingual, Spanish & English. Join Emanuel Zarate of Patibulario Art & Craft as he guides you in creating a mesmerizing neon mask that changes under blacklight. Paint and supplies will be provided.



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.

A Novel Idea Book Club

Third Wednesdays, 2:00 PM

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



December 18

The Spectacular by Fiona Davis

January 15
The Women by Kristin Hannah



February 19

The Twilight Garden by Sara Nisha Adams



Being a PAPL patron has its perks.
Winter perks start on Friday, December 1.

Hot Items & Hot Cocoa

Check out a Hot Pick or a Hot Flick and get a packet of hot cocoa to maximize your winter coziness.

Perks change throughout the year!



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PHASE 1 IS ALMOST DONE!

Phase 1 is anticipated to wrap up by the end of the year. This will bring some exciting new features, including a fresh lobby, a handy pick-up window, and a drive-up book return.

Once we finish Phase 1, we'll dive right into Phase 2. **There will be a brief closure as we transition from the Upper Level to the Lower Level.** Stay tuned for updates.



Follow our progress at
papl.info/pardon-our-progress

