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REMEMBERING
RON STOCH
Our long-time library director will be missed by the community he served for so many years.

PAGE ONE
Former Library Director, Ronald V. Stoch has died. He was 70 years old.

For those of you who don’t know, Ron was the Eisenhower Public Library District’s third Director, a position he held for 35 years. Before that, he served as the Bookmobile Driver (back when we still had one), and then as the Reference Librarian (back when we only had one). He retired at the end of 2013.

Those of you who knew Ron might remember seeing him in the new book area, arranging the shelves. If he knew your interests, you may have benefited from him setting aside a book for you because he thought you’d like it, even if you didn’t ask for it. He may have helped you at the Reference Desk. He loved helping people find what they needed or wanted.

Ron was very involved in volunteering with community organizations and he continued his involvement with most of those organizations until he became ill. He served as a mentor in the Ridgewood High School Mentoring program, and was an integral part of the Norridge-Harwood Heights Rotary Club and the Seniors Assistance Center.

Ron was an innovator in the field of library science. He was proud that Eisenhower was one of the first libraries in the state to move from card catalogs to a computerized system. He instituted the Patron Driven Acquisitions model before it was even called that, believing that a library’s collection should reflect the wants and needs of the community it served. He took your needs very seriously and instilled that ethic in his staff members.

Ron loved trains, the White Sox, Alaska, political science, North American history, and colorful pens. He loved Jerry Garcia ties and coordinated button down shirts. He loved national parks and dogs. He loved libraries. He loved this library and he loved the people he met through it.

In a letter he sent to the staff when he retired, Ron offered words of wisdom. I will leave you with this line from his letter that best exemplifies how he felt about libraries:

“It is NEVER about you but it is always about The Library. We as employees can come and go but the library is forever providing information, entertainment and making the American way of Truth & Justice possible.”

FREE GIFT WRAPPING
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 12:00 - 4:00 PM
Take a break from holiday shopping and drop into the library to get some of your gifts wrapped. Bring up to four packages and we’ll help you with the work of wrapping.

OUR HOOPLA DIGITAL COLLECTION IS GROWING!
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In addition to the 20 Hoopla Instant borrows you receive every month with your Eisenhower Library card, you can now also borrow an extra ten Hoopla Flex borrows!

Our Hoopla Flex collection is made up of popular titles from favorite authors like Liane Moriarty, Kristin Hannah, Elin Hilderbrand, and others. These ebooks and audiobooks may have a waitlist if someone got to them first, but you can place holds to read them later. If you ever run out of Flex borrows, just return a checked out Flex item and select a new one. You can also suggest we purchase any title you see marked “Not in Catalog.”

If you haven’t tried Hoopla yet, it’s a simple way to access library materials on your computer, smart phone, or tablet. Hoopla offers more than 950,000 ebooks, audiobooks, comics, movies, music, or television titles to stream or download. You can sign up for Hoopla with your Eisenhower Library card at hoopladigital.com and download the Hoopla app from your device’s app store.
A CONVERSATION WITH AUTHOR TRACY CLARK
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2:00 PM
Meet mystery writer Tracy Clark! She’s the Sue Grafton Memorial Award-winning author of the highly acclaimed Chicago Mystery Series featuring ex-homicide cop turned Private Investigator, Cassandra Raines, a hard-driving, protagonist who works the mean streets of the Windy City dodging cops, cons, and killers.

Tracy has received Anthony Award and Lefty Award nominations for her series debut, Broken Places, which was also shortlisted for the American Library Association’s RUSA Reading List, named a CrimeReads Best New P.I. Book, a Midwest Connections Pick, and was included on Library Journal’s Best Books of the Year list in 2018.

Join us on Zoom for an online discussion of Tracy’s writing and her newest novel Runner.

POSTCARD PRINT
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 05
To prepare for our upcoming visit from Chicago writer Tracy Clark, drop by the library between 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM to spend a couple of minutes rolling out ink, cranking a press, and printing a postcard featuring the Chicago skyline.

BOOK DISCUSSION
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 08, 2:00 PM
Join us on Zoom to talk about Tracy Clark’s Broken Places.

FREE COZY MYSTERY NOVEL
DECEMBER 01–FEBRUARY 28
Ask for your punch card at the Answers Desk and, once you’ve read ten mysteries this winter, send it in to claim a free advanced reader copy of an upcoming cozy mystery from Kensington Publishing.
ADULT PROGRAMS

This season’s events will be online chats. Some events may be shifted to in-library as safety recommendations allow. Visit eisenhowerlibrary.org or call 708-867-2299 for more info and to register.

☐ CROCHET A GNOME
WEDNESDAYS, DECEMBER 01–15, 3:00 PM
Join our crochet-a-long on Zoom to create a gnome using a Scandinavian Gnome pattern.

☐ THE MINDFUL VAGABOND: AMAZING AUSTRALIA
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 07, 7:00 PM
With his online tapestry of original photographs and stories, world traveler Brian Michalski illuminates ten months of backpacking and working in the Land Down Under.

☐ HOLLYWOOD GHOST STORIES
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 7:00 PM
Classic Hollywood stars lived their lives in the limelight and a few have remained... long after their deaths. Join author Susan Gibberman online for stories of the famous haunts and hauntings throughout the City of Angels.

☐ LEARN THE GOOGLE APP SUITE
JANUARY 03–07
With self-directed tutorials and training videos from GFC Global, learn how to use Google’s free web-based applications for creating documents, spreadsheets, and more. Get started learning at eisenhowerlibrary.org/google-apps.

☐ CROCHET YOUR OWN POT PROTECTORS
WEDNESDAYS, JANUARY 05–26, 3:00 PM
Join us on Zoom each week in January to work on crocheted pot protectors that keep your stacked pans from scratching each other.

☐ FINDING INNER PEACE THROUGH MEDITATION
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 05, 7:00 PM
Meditation expert Jim Rose hosts an engaging online workshop on ways to find lasting peace, happiness and a greater sense of well being.

☐ ALCHEMY BOXES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 6:30 PM
What are you planning to manifest in the new year? Let’s gather together on Zoom to create an alchemy box full of words, images, magic, and perhaps a trinket or two. Pick up your supplies starting on January 04.

☐ CROCHET A HEART SCARF
WEDNESDAYS, FEBRUARY 02–23, 3:30 PM
This February we’ll be working on a filet crochet pattern that can be made using a variety of yarns so check your stash, grab your hook, and join us each week to share your progress on Zoom.

☐ GREED IN THE GILDED AGE
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 02, 7:00 PM
In 1902, by claiming to be the daughter of millionaire Andrew Carnegie, con artist Cassie Chadwick pulled off one of the biggest scams in American history, taking in nearly 60 million dollars. Author William Hazelgrove tells the incredible story.

☐ BASIC MICROSOFT WORD
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 07, 10:00 AM
Learn the basics of Microsoft Word, to help you create text documents. This class will be held in person in the computer lab. All attendees must be properly masked and socially distanced.

☐ CHICAGO ARCHITECTURE: BURNHAM, MIES, GANG & THEIR LEGACIES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 7:00 PM
You can’t spell architecture without C-H-I. From Mies van der Rohe and Daniel Burnham to Jeanne Gang, Chicago historian Clarence Goodman will take you on an online tour exploring the role of Chicago in the world of architecture.

☐ ABRAHAM LINCOLN, A NEW BIRTH OF FREEDOM
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 7:00 PM
As President, Abraham Lincoln led our nation through its darkest days, when brother fought against brother, and the fabric of our “more perfect Union” was nearly torn asunder. Now, Kevin Wood portrays Mr. Lincoln to bring American history to life, from Independence through the Civil War and tells Mr. Lincoln’s inspiring personal story.
VIRTUAL BOOK CLUBS

Visit eisenhowerlibrary.org to find links to join us on Zoom video chats. For help, call 708-867-2299.

■ ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION
Our lively online discussions will keep you energized and excited about reading.

WHEN WE WERE THE KENNEDYS by Monica Wood
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 07, 2:00 PM
WEATHER by Jenny Offill
TUESDAY, JANUARY 04, 2:00 PM
BROKEN PLACES by Tracy Clark
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 08, 2:00 PM

■ BRING YOUR OWN BOOK CLUB
FRIDAYS, DECEMBER 03 & 17, JANUARY 14 & 28, FEBRUARY 11 & 25
Have a favorite book or two you’d like to share with fellow readers? Drop into our virtual book club!

■ COZY MYSTERY BOOK CLUB
Join us for monthly chats about cozy mysteries.

SIX GEESE A-SLAYING by Donna Andrews
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 7:00 PM
STICKS AND BONES by Carolyn Haines
TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 7:00 PM
DEATH OF A CHOCOHOLIC by Lee Hollis
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 7:00 PM

■ HOLLYWOOD BOOK CLUB
Join us to examine the history and scandals of Hollywood.

ANYTHING YOU CAN IMagine: PETER JACKSON & THE MAKING OF MIDDLE EARTH by Ian Nathan
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 7:00 PM
THE BIG PICTURE: THE FIGHT FOR THE FUTURE OF MOVIES by Ben Fritz
THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 7:00 PM
YOU’LL NEVER EAT LUNCH IN THIS TOWN AGAIN by Julia Phillips
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 7:00 PM

■ FACEBOOK COMMUNITY BOOK CLUB
FACEBOOK.COM/GROUPS/EISENHOWERBOOKCLUB
Join us in our Book Club Group on Facebook, a place to read and discuss books with your community.

Dec: WHEN THE APRICOTS BLOOM by Gina Wilkinson
Jan: THE JOY OF MISSING OUT by Tanya Dalton
Feb: WHITE DANCING ELEPHANTS by Chaya Bhuvaneswar

■ CLASSICS BOOK CLUB
Let’s talk about the books we’ve always meant to read.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL by Charles Dickens
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 3:00 PM
THE SNOW QUEEN & THE MITTEN by Hans Christian Andersen
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 04, 3:00 PM

SUPERHERO SERIAL SCREENINGS
MONDAYS, DECEMBER 06 - FEBRUARY 28, 7:00 PM
Today, superheroes rule the big screen. But that isn’t a new phenomenon. Each week this winter, join us on our Facebook page for online screenings of the classic 1940s and 50s serial adventures of Batman, Captain America, The Green Hornet, and Captain Marvel. Enjoy the shows at facebook.com/eisenhowerlibrary.
Kids programs are being held virtually as Zoom video chats. Register at eisenhowerlibrary.org, in Kids World, or by calling 708-867-2298. Zoom links will be emailed prior to events.

- **Family Storytime**
  - **Tuesdays, 10:30 AM. Ages 12 & Under**
  - (7 & Under with an Adult)
  - Zoom storytimes offer great opportunities for kids and families to learn and have fun. Request a Storytime Kit with items that can be used with all of our storytimes.

- **U Make: Winter Wreaths**
  - **Wednesday, December 01, 6:00 PM**
  - Ages 12 & Under (7 & Under with an Adult)
  - A little fabric and foam can make a fun wreath! Pick up supplies a week before our meeting then join us on Zoom to craft together.

- **Making Pasta**
  - **Monday, December 13, 4:30 or 6:00 PM**
  - Ages 6-12 with an Adult
  - Learn a new cooking skill and have pasta to eat by dinner. Buy the ingredients beforehand and join us on Zoom to go step by step together.

- **Family Gingerbread Houses**
  - **Monday, December 20, 1:00 or 4:00 PM**
  - Ages 12 & Under with an Adult
  - Let’s make graham cracker houses on Zoom! Beautiful and then yummy! Pick up supplies starting December 13th and then join us on Zoom to make houses together.

- **Storytime & Craft**
  - **Wednesdays, December 22 & January 26, 6:00 PM. Ages 4-8**
  - We’re celebrating winter with fun winter-themed Storytimes and crafts! Pick up supplies starting a week before each meeting, then join us on Zoom to work on crafts together.

- **Stick Together**
  - **January 01-31. All Ages**
  - Let’s stick together and make some fun sticker art. Drop into the library to work with your community and finish the mystery picture one square at a time.

- **Beginner’s Chess**
  - **Thursdays, January 13 & February 03, 6:00 PM. Ages 8-12**
  - Learn the ultimate brain game, from square one. Supply kits will be available for pick up one week before the program date, including instructions and DIY cardstock pieces/board.

- **Feed the Birds**
  - **Monday, January 17, 6:00 PM. Ages 5-12**
  - Let’s make a bird feeder to hang outside in the winter for our bird friends using common items and seeds. Pick up supplies in Kids World starting one week before the program, then join us on Zoom.

- **Drawing with Shapes**
  - **Saturdays, January 22 & February 19, 10:30 AM. Ages 4-8 with an Adult**
  - Follow along step-by-step in an online chat as we use simple shapes to draw scenes.
**Let's Build a Snowman**

*Tuesday, January 25, 6:00 PM*

*Ages 3–6 with an Adult*

Want to build a snowman but not a fan of the cold? Let's build a snowman inside with fake snow! Craft supplies will be available for pickup a week before the program.

**Color by Day Calendar**

*February 01-28, All Ages*

Color your way through February with a color by number art project that is fun for all skill levels. Kits are available for pickup in Kids World starting January 24th.

**U Make: Marker Art**

*Tuesday, February 22, 6:00 PM. Ages 10-12*

Using permanent markers, we'll combine silhouettes and designs to create art perfect to hang on a wall or to use as an ornament. Pick up kits starting February 14th, then join us on Zoom to create art together.

**Kids Winter Reading**

*December 01–February 28*

*Birth Through Grade 6*

The weather outside is chilly and we're spending more time inside. What better time to warm up to some good books. Join us for our Winter Reading program. It’s easy and fun.

Read some books. Get prizes! Register on Beanstack at eisenhowerlibrary.org/winter2021.

**Anonymous Teen Writers**

*Every Thursday, 4:00 PM*

Writers in grades 7–12 are invited to join in on Zoom video chat for some socializing, discussion, and, of course, writing! Share your poems and stories in a supportive space or listen to others read. Find out how to join us online or at the library at eisenhowerlibrary.org/anonymous.

**Winter Break Camp**

Beat the boredom this winter with a series of library activities between Christmas and New Year’s. To read more and register, visit eisenhowerlibrary.org/wintercamp2021.

- **Scavenger Hunt**
  *Monday, December 27, 1:00 PM*

- **Reverse Glass Painting**
  *Tuesday, December 28, 1:00 PM*

- **Build a Saltwater Powered Robot**
  *Wednesday, December 29, 1:00 PM*

- **Tabletop Adventure**
  *Thursday, December 30, 1:00 & 3:00 PM*

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**Battle of the Books**

*Wednesdays, February 09 - March 16, 4:00–5:00 PM. Grades 4–6*

Battle of the Books goes virtual for the second year in a row! Play from the comfort of your own home and test your knowledge against teams from other schools in our community.

Sign up with your school’s Battle coach. Need help contacting your coach? Call Kids World at 708-867-2298.

**Preschool Fair**

*Tuesday, January 04, 6:00 PM*

Have preschool age kids? Looking for information about preschools? Join us on Zoom for a virtual visit with area preschools.
HOME DELIVERY & CURBSIDE PICKUP

We remain dedicated to the health and safety of our patrons, staff, and community. That’s why we’re continuing to offer curbside pickup and home delivery to Norridge and Harwood Heights addresses.

To request pickup or delivery, place holds on books, movies, or other items as you normally would, either in the library’s online catalog or for quicker service, by calling 708-867-7828.

For curbside pickup, wait until you’ve been notified that your items are ready. Then visit the library and follow the posted instructions for drivers or pedestrians.

If you’d prefer delivery, give us a call at 708-867-7828 to let us know. Your loans will be delivered as soon as possible.

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LIBRARY CLOSURES
5:00 PM Close: November 24
Thanksgiving: November 25
Christmas: December 24–26
New Year’s Eve: December 31
New Year’s Day: January 01

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