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SPRING 2024
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WRITING IN THE MARGINS

Our community will observe Community Kindness Day on April 20. This annual celebration was established by a group of community members who wanted to highlight how acts of kindness can help bring people together. Anticipating the event has me thinking about people who model kindness.

Last year, Rosalynn Carter died. In addition to her lifetime commitment to issues surrounding mental health, she stood beside her husband, President Jimmy Carter, to supply housing for the less fortunate. They offered examples of kindness writ large, but we do not have to be famous or build homes to show kindness or to have an impact on people’s lives.

I was seven when President Reagan won the 1980 election. I did not understand much of anything about elections. All I knew was that I thought President Carter had kind eyes, I liked his voice, and I liked the words he used. I was sad that he had lost the election. My father was a Republican. He had not voted for Carter, but he was a deeply empathetic person. He suggested I write a letter to President Carter and tell him how I felt. He helped me write and send the letter. I received a response from President Carter, thanking me for my letter and encouraging me to vote when I was old enough.

That act of kindness from my father – setting aside his own political beliefs to help me write a letter of support to the person he voted against – has stayed with me my whole life. I didn’t fully understand the implications of his actions at the time. Political ideology was beyond me until much later. What I knew was that my father found a way to help me take action. I felt seen.

Visit us at Eisenhower on April 20th, and we’ll help you perform an act of kindness. It really can make a difference.

Stacy Wittmann, Library Director

Which programs are virtual and which are in-person? Look for these indicators to let you know.

- IN-PERSON
- VIRTUAL
- REGISTRATION REQUIRED

SOLAR ECLIPSE GLASSES
March 01 - April 08

After the total solar eclipse of 2017 and the partial eclipse of last year, totality again visits Illinois on April 8th, 2024! Be prepared to see the greatest sight nature offers by registering for a pair of free solar eclipse glasses at Eisenhower. Leading up to the event, drop into Kids World or stop at the Answers Desk to sign a safety waiver and pick up your glasses. Glasses are limited to residents of Norridge and Harwood Heights with library cards in good standing.

COMMUNITY KINDNESS DAY
Saturday, April 20

Community Kindness Day is a day when you’re asked to do something kind for your neighbors, your world, or yourself. Look for kindness events throughout the community, including right here at Eisenhower where we’ll be offering kindness craft kits and other activities.

KINDNESS DAY PUZZLE SWAP
Saturday, April 20, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

On Community Kindness Day, refresh your jigsaw puzzle collection by swapping out one of your old ones for a new-to-you puzzle. Have a puzzle to donate early? Bring it to the Answers Desk prior to April 20th.
In 1999, Congress designated May as National Military Appreciation Month.

We pause on Memorial Day to remember the sacrifice and service of those who gave all, but the month also holds other military anniversaries and events, including Military Spouse Appreciation Day and Armed Forces day.

Join us at Eisenhower throughout the month as we honor the service and sacrifice of members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marines, Space Force and National Guard.

If you are veteran, if you currently serve, if you have family members in the military, we want to hear from you! Look on page 14 for information about our Island Within a City history project.

**ALL ABOUT MILITARY DISCOUNTS**

© Wednesday, May 01, 10:00 AM or 6:00 PM

From auto insurance to amusement parks, many businesses support our military through discounts, deals and freebies for active duty service members, veterans, and their families. Join us to discover some of the best discounts.

**SONGS OF THE VIETNAM WAR**

© Wednesday, May 08, 7:00 PM

Kathryn and John Atwood, the History Singers, perform the songs of the Vietnam War, both for and against the conflict.

**EXPLORING VETERAN BENEFITS**

© Friday, May 10, 10:00 AM

Raymond Murphy, Veterans Affairs Coordinator for the Village of Norridge, offers an overview of government benefits available to veterans and service members.

**ERNIE PYLE: THE SOLDIER’S TRUTH**

© Tuesday, May 14, 6:30 PM

During WWII, Ernie Pyle’s radio dispatches from combat zones shaped America’s understanding of the war. Writer David Chrisinger brings Pyle’s journey to vivid life.

**ANCESTRY: MILITARY RECORDS**

© Thursday, May 23, 6:00 PM

Discover your family heroes with the largest online US military records collection. Familiarity with Ancestry Online is recommended.

**FILM SCREENINGS**

- **THE LONGEST DAY**
  © Thursday, May 02, 10:00 AM. 1962. Rated G. 2h 58m

- **RESCUE DAWN**
  © Thursday, May 16, 10:00 AM. 2006. PG-13. 2h 5m.

- **SAVING PRIVATE RYAN**
  © Thursday, May 30, 10:00 AM. 1998. Rated R. 2h 49m.

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**SWAN LIBRARIES+ APP**

The new SWAN Libraries+ App is now available to install on your Apple or Android device!

Provided by SWAN, a consortium of public, academic, school, and special libraries in Illinois, the new app allows you to manage your account, search the catalog, renew and place holds, and more. If you are using the old version of the app, it is no longer supported and will not provide current account or catalog information. Please delete it and install the new app.

If you need help, a handful of tutorials are available at swanlibraries.net/mobile-app and our librarians can answer questions. Stop in anytimewith questions or give us a call at 708-867-7828.
AUTHOR CONVERSATIONS

Join library patrons from all across Illinois on Zoom for in-depth and insightful conversations with renowned authors and personalities. Register to receive a Zoom link to view these special presentations from home.

For more upcoming author conversations, visit eisenhowerlibrary.org/conversations. Ask at a library service desk or call 708-867-7828 for more information.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

RUTH E. CARTER: INTERWEAVING TRADITION AND IMAGINATION THROUGH COSTUME DESIGN

Wednesday, March 20, 7:00 PM

Join us for a special event with Ruth E. Carter, two-time Academy Award-winning costume designer. Carter made history as the first Black person to win the Costume Design category, winning an Academy Award for Marvel’s Black Panther. She received a second Academy Award for Black Panther: Wakanda Forever.

Ruth E. Carter will be joined in conversation with Aisha Harris, co-host of NPR’s Pop Culture Happy Hour and author of Wannabe.

These programs are made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration between public libraries offering high-quality events. Illinois Libraries Present is funded in part by a grant awarded by the Illinois State Library, a Department of the Office of Secretary of State, using funds provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).
INTERMEDIATE COMPUTER LITERACY
© Wednesdays, March 06, 13 & 20, 10:00 AM
Extend your computer knowledge to include internet basics, online safety, and more in this three-part series.

MOBILE DEVICE HELP
© Friday, March 15, 2:00 - 4:00 PM
Monday, March 25, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Wednesday, April 10, 2:00 - 4:00 PM
Monday, April 22, 5:00 - 7:00 PM
Monday, May 06, 2:00 - 4:00 PM
Friday, May 17, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Have a phone or tablet and need help getting started? Need advanced help with an app? Sign up for personalized individual help! One device per session, though multiple people may attend with the device.

EXCEL 2016 SERIES
© April 16 & 18, 10:00 AM
In this two-part class, learn the basics of using Microsoft Excel for making spreadsheets

DATA PRIVACY & ONLINE SECURITY
© Wednesday, May 08, 10:00 AM
Explore the topics of data, security, and privacy across the internet. Bring your questions about topics such as creating strong passwords, what cookies are, and why you don’t always have to accept them, and which ad blocker you should consider using.

THE MANY LIVES OF KAL PENN
© Tuesday, May 07, 7:00 PM
As an actor, Kal Penn has starred in some of the world’s most beloved movies and TV series, including the Harold and Kumar franchise, How I Met Your Mother, Superman Returns, 24, House, and many others. So it was a surprise when he quit acting to work in politics, as President Obama’s Liaison to Young Americans, Asian Americans, and Pacific Islanders, and the arts communities in America. Penn released his first book, You Can’t Be Serious, in 2021 and in 2023, he wrapped production on the climate change docuseries, Getting Warmer with Kal Penn.

THE HIDDEN GIFTS OF VISUAL THINKERS WITH DR. TEMPLE GRANDIN
© Wednesday, April 03, 7:00 PM
Join us for a special event with Dr. Temple Grandin, one of the world’s most accomplished and well-known adults with autism. Dr. Grandin has been at the forefront of research and activism for autism and neurodiversity for decades.

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This season’s events will meet either in-person or online on Zoom.
To register, call 708-867-2299, ask at the Answers Desk, or visit eisenhowerlibrary.org.

[✓] **IN-PERSON**  [○] **VIRTUAL**  [®] **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

- **BLUES WITH THE DONNA HERULA TRIO**
  - **®** Sunday, March 03, 2:00 PM
  - Blues singer and renowned slide guitarist Donna Herula and her trio perform traditional blues with a contemporary perspective.

- **CHESS CLUB**
  - **Wednesday, March 06 & 20, April 03 & 17, May 01, 15 & 29, 6:00 PM**
  - Join our bi-weekly chess club for a few games in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere for high school aged players and older.

- **MUSHROOMS WITH MORIAH**
  - **®** Thursday, March 07, 6:00 PM
  - Learn all about Mushrooms with Moriah Roberts! What they are, how they grow, how to identify edible mushrooms, and how to grow them yourselves at home.

- **ENGLISH CONVERSATION HOUR**
  - **Fridays, March 08, April 12 & May 10, 2:00 PM**
  - Join us for an hour of casual conversation with others learning English as a second language. No lessons, just a place to practice your English skills.

- **WILLS & Trusts**
  - **®** Tuesday, March 12, 7:00 PM
  - Attorney Jacob Ehrensaft explains living wills, power of attorney for health care, power of attorney for property, wills, and trusts.

- **GUITARIST PETER FLETCHER**
  - **®** Thursday, March 14, 6:30 PM
  - Acclaimed classical guitarist Peter Fletcher will perform Bach’s *Jubilation*, a favorite among audiences, and other compositions.

- **FANTASY BASKETBALL**
  - **®** Monday, March 18, 6:30 PM
  - Survey the 2024 college bracket and choose your favorite teams. Bring a group or join a table and play the Net Score game.

- **CONSUMER FRAUD**
  - **®** Wednesday, March 27, 6:30 PM
  - Agnieszka Lizek from the Illinois Attorney General’s office will help you avoid consumer fraud.

- **SPRING WATERCOLOR**
  - **®** Thursday, April 04, 6:00 PM
  - Join Victoria Peleranos and make a gorgeous floral painting to celebrate the arrival of spring.

- **COFFEE & COPS**
  - **®** Thursday, April 11, 2:00 - 4:00 PM
  - Stop by the Library for coffee, treats, and conversation with officers from the Norridge and Harwood Heights police.

- **THE LOST TOWN OF SAG BRIDGE**
  - **®** Tuesday, April 16, 6:30 PM
  - Patricia Camalliere explores the once-thriving, but now gone, town of Sag Bridge. She’ll detail its rise and demise with facts she discovered while researching her novel, *The Mystery at Sag Bridge*.

- **THE TOM LOWREY JAZZ TRIO**
  - **®** Thursday, April 18, 7:00 PM
  - Drummer Tom Lowrey and his trio celebrate spring with fresh takes on jazz classics.

- **SECRET CODES IN PRE-CIVIL WAR QUILTS**
  - **®** Monday, March 25, 1:00 PM
  - Connie Martin tells the story of how her family used quilts containing hidden codes and secret messages to assist abolitionists guiding enslaved people to freedom.

- **MEDITATION & GRATITUDE**
  - **®** Tuesday, March 26, 7:00 PM
  - Combining gratitude with meditation can create a winning combination. Join meditation expert Ajjili Hodari, Esq. on Zoom for this transformational workshop.

- **BIOMIMICRY**
  - **®** Tuesday, April 23, 6:30 PM
  - Can hedgehogs help reduce the chance of concussions? How has a gecko assisted astronauts? Naturalist Kim White will answer these questions and more with the help of some animal ambassadors.
THE LONG WAY HOME: MEMOIR WRITING WORKSHOP
® Sunday, April 28, 2:30 PM
Tom Montgomery Fate will share strategies to inspire your memoir writing that can also be useful for fiction, poetry, and other writing. Fate is the author of six books of creative nonfiction, including The Long Way Home: Detours and Discoveries, a Travel Memoir, which will be available to purchase.

FORAGING 101
® Thursday, May 02, 6:00 PM
Wild food expert Natalie Evans explains what you need to know to forage safely and how to prepare wild food once harvested. We’ll go on a walk around the library to discover the wild food here in our neighborhood.

FREE COMIC BOOK DAY & STAR WARS DAY
® Saturday, May 04, 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Get your free comics on Free Comic Book Day, an annual event founded on the belief that for every person out there, there’s a comic book they’ll love. Drop in for free comics and to meet artists.

REFLEXOLOGY
® Monday, May 06, 6:30 PM
Jasmin Jahal, certified reflexologist will introduce you to the healing art known as Reflexology. You’ve got nothing to lose and everything to gain, including stress relief, better sleep, balanced hormones, normalizing high blood pressure, reducing pain without meds, and more!

PRESIDENTIAL ROMANCES
® Monday, May 13, 7:00 PM
Join historian Tom Emery for an entertaining look at the courtships, marriages, and love lives of the Presidents. From the famous to the lesser-known, he’ll cover the successes and failures of presidential romances.

SPRING MINDFULNESS WALK
® Thursday, May 16, 3:00 PM
Join us for a walk through the woods to welcome Spring. The group will meet at a nearby trail. Wear your walking shoes!

CATCH THE TWAIN: THE MUSICAL
® Wednesday, May 22, 6:30 PM
Warren Brown is Mark Twain: newspaperman, raconteur, riverboat pilot, inventor, commentator, and novelist. Folk musician and songwriter Mark Dvorak provides the sound track to Brown’s performance with old-time banjo, period songs, and audience participation.

MYSTERIOUS MYANMAR
® Thursday, May 30, 6:30 PM
Brian Michalski had no idea where Myanmar was on the map before leaving on his journey around the world. It ended up a surprise favorite. Come along on this photo-rich Zoom adventure.

SENIOR PROGRAMS

SENIOR CHAIR EXERCISE
® Tuesdays, 11:00 AM
Join fitness instructor Jen Adams for a chair exercise program for seniors ages 60 and up. Supported by a grant from Age Options.

SENIOR GAME DAY
® Mondays, March 11, April 08 & MAY 13, 1:00 PM
Calling all seasoned strategists and game enthusiasts! Battle boredom and have fun making friends at our open game day for seniors.
DISCUSSION GROUPS

Visit eisenhowerlibrary.org to borrow the books, register for in-person meetings, and find links to join our Zoom video chats. For help, call 708-867-2299 or ask at the Answers Desk.

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION

Our longest running club meets in-person on Tuesdays and virtually via Zoom on Wednesday afternoons.

THE MAID by Nita Prose
- Tuesday, March 05, 2:00 PM (in-person)
- Wednesday, March 06, 2:00 PM (Zoom)
A mystery that explores what it means to be the same as everyone else and yet entirely different.

THE LAST CONFESSIONS OF SYLVIA P. by Lee Kravetz
- Tuesday, April 02, 2:00 PM (in-person)
- Wednesday, April 03, 2:00 PM (Zoom)
A plot-driven literary puzzle box with a winding approach to history and a wonderous story.

IONA IVERSON’S RULES FOR COMMUTING by Clare Pooley
- Tuesday, May 07, 2:00 PM (in-person)
- Wednesday, May 08, 2:00 PM (Zoom)
Go on an unforgettable journey with characters you wish you could meet in real life.

COZY MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

Join our monthly in-person chats about cozy mysteries.

- MURDER IN AN IRISH VILLAGE by Carlene O’Connor
  - © Tuesday, March 26, 7:00 PM
Naomi’s Bistro has always been a welcoming spot. But murder has a way of killing business.

- MURDER IN A SCOTTISH SHIRE by Traci Hall
  - © Tuesday, April 23, 7:00 PM
When a sweater shop owner discovers a dead body she must untangle a murderous yarn.

- MURDER IN AN ENGLISH VILLAGE by Jessica Ellicott
  - © Tuesday, May 28, 7:00 PM
The brash Beryl and the prim Edwina couldn’t be less alike. But as sleuths, they’re the perfect match.

CAMPFIRE TALES CLUB

Escape the ordinary with in-person discussions of science fiction, fantasy, and horror novellas.

- THORNHEDGE by T. Kingfisher
  - © Wednesday, March 27, 6:30 PM
There’s a sleeping princess trapped in a tower but this isn’t her story.

- FIREHEART TIGER by Aliette de Bodard
  - © Wednesday, April 24, 6:30 PM
A sapphic story of colonization in a Vietnam-inspired fantasy world.

- CORALINE by Neil Gaiman
  - © Wednesday, May 29, 6:30 PM
A girl finds a strangely idealized version of her home, but it has sinister secrets.
MOVIE SCREENINGS

JIM SHERIDAN FILM FESTIVAL
During Irish American Heritage Month, we’re hosting weekly screenings of movies from the great Irish filmmaker, Jim Sheridan.

- MY LEFT FOOT
  - Thursday, March 07, 10:00 AM. 1989. Rated R. 1h 43m.
  Daniel Day Lewis stars as Christy Brown who, born with cerebral palsy, learns to paint and write with his only controllable limb.

- IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER
  - Thursday, March 14, 10:00 AM. 1997. Rated R. 1h 53m.
  A lawyer fights to free a man and his father falsely imprisoned for an IRA bombing.

- THE BOXER
  - Thursday, March 21, 10:00 AM. 1976. PG. 2h 18m.
  A man released from prison after 14 years tries to rebuild his life in his old Belfast neighborhood.

- IN AMERICA
  - Thursday, March 28, 10:00 AM. 2002. PG-13. 1h 45m.
  An Irish immigrant family struggles with life in New York while grieving the loss of a child.

TEACHERS APPRECIATION & DEAF AWARENESS
During May we celebrate both Deaf Awareness Week and Teachers Appreciation Week so we’re offering screenings of movies that feature both.

- THE MIRACLE WORKER
  - Thursday, May 02, 10:00 AM. 1962. Not Rated. 1h 46m.
  The story of Anne Sullivan’s struggle to teach the Blind and Deaf Helen Keller how to communicate to keep her from being sent to an institution.

- MR. HOLLAND’S OPUS
  - Thursday, May 23, 10:00 AM. 1995. PG. 2h 23m.
  A passionate musician pulls away from composing and toward a teaching career while struggling to reconcile his son’s Deafness with his desire for his son to hear music.

Look for movie screening in honor of Military Appreciation Month on page two.

ACADEMY AWARDS PREDICTION CONTEST 2024
- February 05-March 10, 2024
Are you a film fan? Think you can pick the Oscar winners? Make your prediction from this year’s Academy Award nominees and those with the most correct guesses could win a movie-themed prize package.

Look for entry forms in the Library after February 5th. Entries will be accepted at the Answers Desk until 5:00 PM on Sunday, March 10th. Prize winners will be notified when prizes are available to pick up. One entry per person please.

BLACK PANTHER DOUBLE FEATURE
- Wednesday, March 20, 1:00 PM
Before our Zoom conversation with Ruth E. Carter at 7:00 PM, get a taste of her innovative costume designs in Marvel’s Black Panther (2018. PG-13. 2h 14m) and Black Panther: Wakanda Forever (2022. PG-13. 2h 41m).

Find more about Ruth Carter on page three.
THE WORKSHOP

Our Workshop is a space dedicated to creativity. It houses a collection of tools and technology that make it an art and design studio for the entire community!

- IN-PERSON  - VIRTUAL  - REGISTRATION REQUIRED

GETTING STARTED WITH THE GLOWFORGE

- IN-PERSON  - VIRTUAL  - REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Monday, March 04, 6:30 PM  Sunday, March 17, 1:30 PM
Wednesday, March 27, 1:30 PM  Monday, April 15, 6:30 PM
Saturday, April 20, 1:30 PM  Monday, April 22, 6:30 PM
Saturday, May 11, 1:30 PM  Sunday, May 19, 1:30 PM

Explore the exciting world of laser cutting and engraving using the powerful Glowforge Pro. You'll learn the fundamentals of operating the machine safely and create a coaster using the provided Glowforge design app. Participants should have a basic understanding of computers and feel comfortable navigating files, using the internet, and operating a mouse and keyboard. For ages 14 and up.

MODEL BUILDING FOR ADULTS

- IN-PERSON  - VIRTUAL  - REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Wednesdays, March 06, April 03 & May 01, 6:30 PM

Hone your model building skills by joining other enthusiasts. Work on your project while sharing tips and tricks and getting advice from others.

INTRODUCTION TO THE CRICUT UNIVERSE

- IN-PERSON  - VIRTUAL  - REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Monday, March 11, 6:30 PM  Monday, April 08, 6:30 PM
Monday, May 20, 6:30 PM

Have you seen the Cricut Maker and wondered what you can do with this electronic cutting machine? Our introductory class explains the basics of using the Cricut Maker to those who have never used a Cricut machine before, or who have no familiarity with its Design Space app. For ages 14 and up.

MODEL BUILDING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

- IN-PERSON  - VIRTUAL  - REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Wednesdays, March 20, April 17 & May 15, 6:30 PM

Join others who are interested in model building. Learn new skills and techniques. Work on your own project and get advice on making your project look its very best. For modelers ages 8-17. Anyone under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

KNITTING 101

- IN-PERSON  - VIRTUAL  - REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Sundays, April 07 & 14, 1:30 PM
Mondays, May 06 & 13, 6:00 PM

If you wanted to try knitting, but were nervous to try it out, this is the class for you. This is a two part class that will teach the basics for the person who has never held needles before, and will come away with a five inch potholder. All materials will be included. For Ages 16 and up.

KIDS LEARN TO USE THE BUTTON MACHINE

- IN-PERSON  - VIRTUAL  - REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Monday, April 29, 6:30 PM

Design, color, and create your own button or magnet with the button presses in the library’s Workshop. For ages 8-12.

EXPANDED OPEN STUDIO HOURS

Mondays: 6:00-8:30 PM
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays: 1:00-4:30 PM
Fridays, Saturdays: 9:00 AM-4:30 PM
Sunday: 1:00-4:30 PM

Drop in during Open Workshop hours to embark on a creative endeavor. Use a sewing or embroidery machine, try out a 3-D printer or laser cutter, convert a tape or record to a digital format, make a custom button, or ask for a tour of everything the Workshop has to offer.

For repeating classes, please sign up for only one session to accommodate as many participants as possible.
CROCHET ALONGS

Enjoy crochet? Interested in learning new stitches or sharing your knowledge? Join us on Zoom every Wednesday afternoon to share your progress on our monthly project or any other crochet project you’re currently working on.

☐ AMIGURUMI EGGS
☐ Wednesdays, March 06, 13, 20 & 27, 3:00 PM
In March, we’ll be working on crocheting eggs, a good entry when trying your hand at Amigurumi, the Japanese art of 3-D crochet.

☐ BUNNY LOVEY BLANKET
☐ Wednesdays, April 03, 10, 17 & 24, 3:00 PM
In April, we’ll be working on a cute rabbit themed baby blanket from the the Stichin’ Mommy’s crochet pattern.

☐ SPRING MINI MANDALA
☐ Wednesdays, May 01, 08, 15, 22 & 29, 3:00 PM
In May, we’ll use up all our left over scraps of yarn to make a mini mandala from the pattern by Creative Jewish Mom.

☐ IN-PERSON CROCHET: BUNNY WASHCLOTH
☑️ Monday, March 04, 6:00 PM
Join us for an in-person crochet session as we work on a crocheted bunny-shaped washcloth. All supplies and the pattern will be provided for registered participants.

CREATIVEBUG
EISENHOWERLIBRARY.ORG/CREATIVEBUG

An Eisenhower Library card grants Norridge and Harwood Heights residents access to the Creativebug website. Creativebug offers expert instruction in drawing, painting, sewing, knitting, crocheting, quilting, baking, and more. Each high-quality video includes an in-depth description, a materials list, and transcripts. With new classes added daily, you’ll never run out of amazing things to make!

TEEN PROGRAMS

☐ DIY PUPPET THEATRE
☑️ March 27, 28 & 29, 2:00 PM
Become a puppet master during Spring Break! Spend two days creating the puppet of your dreams and then bring your puppet (and yourself) to an open mic event for you and your friends. All supplies provided.

☐ ANONYMOUS TEEN WRITERS
Thursdays, 4:00-5:30 PM
Writers in grades 7-12 are invited to join in on a weekly hour and a half of socializing, discussion, and, of course, writing! Share your poems and stories in a supportive space or listen to others read.
KIDS WORLD

Registration begins on February 5th. Priority for Kids World programs goes to residents of Norridge and Harwood Heights. Others will be placed on the waiting list and contacted if there is room in the program.

- **IN-PERSON**
- **VIRTUAL**
- **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**PEN & PAPER TABLETOP ADVENTURE**
© Tuesdays, March 12, April 09 & May 07 6:00 PM. Ages 8-12
Grab your pencils and dice! We are going on an adventure without even leaving the library! Each session will be a different bite size story in these Dungeons and Dragons adventures.

**FREE PLAY**
Thursdays, March 07, April 04 & May 02, 9:30 - 10:30 AM. Ages 5 & under with an adult
Drop in to explore toys and games while interacting with other children and caregivers.

**HAND STENCILED TERRA COTTA POT**
© Saturday, March 09, 10:00 AM. Ages 12 & under (7 & under with an adult)
Do you want to prepare some pots before the flower season starts? Or are you looking for a great gift? Come to the library to make an easy and adorable stenciled flower pot.

**BUILD YOUR OWN DINO TERRARIUM**
© Monday, March 11, 6:00 PM. Ages 7-12
Let's get messy while we each build a hospitable habitat for miniature dino friends! The plants will be alive, the dinos molded plastic and extinct.

**KIDS WRITE AWAY**
© Thursdays, March 14, April 18 & May 16 4:00 PM. Grades 4-6
Want to become the next famous author? Join us for one or all of our fun writing classes this spring! Snack provided at the end of class.

**DAN GOGH’S MAGIC & ART SHOW**
© Saturday, March 16, 10:00 AM. Ages 12 & under (7 & under with an adult)
Artist Dan Laib presents an amazing show filled with magic tricks and comedy while exploring basic art techniques.

**BE DRAMATIC: DRAMA CLUB**
© Mondays, March 18, April 15 & May 20, 4:00 PM. Ages 8-12
All the world is a stage... learn how to act out in it! Perform quick scenes with your fellow actors and play some theater games.

**UMAKE A CLOCK**
© Wednesday, March 27, 2:00 PM. Grades 3-6 with an adult
Design and paint your very own working clock.

**BUILD TOGETHER**
© Thursdays, March 28, April 25 & May 23, 5:00 PM. Ages 4-7 with an adult
Using the Library’s Lego brick collection, let’s have fun building a display for the Kids World department.

**ISTVAN & HIS IMAGINARY BAND**
© Saturday, April 06, 10:30 AM. Ages 12 & under (7 & under with an adult)
Don’t miss this Parents Choice award-winning artist putting on a show that the whole family will enjoy. Istvan will share his big time enthusiasm, humor, and smart songwriting with us. Come ready to dance and play along!

**SPRING CLEANING CRAFT**
Saturday, April 13, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM. Ages 12 & under (7 & under with an adult)
It’s Spring Cleaning time! Drop in to help us clean out our craft closet by making mixed media art!
MAKE YOUR OWN LAVA LAMP
® Monday, May 06, 6:00 PM. Grades 3-5
Let’s have fun making Lava Lamps with this STEAM program.

ZACK PERCELL OF TNZ MAGIC
® Saturday, May 11, 10:00 AM.
Ages 12 & under (10 & under with an adult)
Zack is a full-time professional entertainer who uses visual magic, comedy, escape artistry, and sleight-of-hand to create unforgettable memories for the entire family! It is a show you won’t want to miss!

GLASS PAINTING
® Saturday, May 18, 10:00 AM. Ages 8-12
Reverse glass painting will make your art look like it jumped right out of a cartoon. Learn how to make simple art pieces with paint and a picture frame.

PARENT PROGRAMS
We’ve partnered with West40 to offer a series of parenting programs designed to help set your child on a path toward success. While you’re in the program, we’ll provide activities for your children to keep them safe and entertained.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT
® Tuesday, March 05, 6:30 PM
Learn how your child’s stage of development links to their behavior and how that knowledge can be used to make age-appropriate parenting decisions.

SECURE ATTACHMENT AGES BIRTH-5
® Tuesday, April 02, 6:30 PM
Caregivers will learn key components of attachment to ensure their child feels safe, secure, and ready to learn when entering kindergarten.

POSITIVE PARENT INTERACTIONS
® Tuesday, April 30, 6:30 PM
Learn about your role as your child’s first teacher and how to nurture, guide, respond, communicate, and support learning during daily activities.

ADAPTIVE HOUR
® Sundays, March 17 & April 14, 12:00–1:00 PM. Ages 12 & under
Families with children 12 and under who have a diagnosis or disability are invited to visit Kids World for a special hour exclusively for you! Kids will be able to do crafts, explore Kids World, and meet other families in this special before-hours program!

TOTS & PRE-K FUN DAYS
Come in for a morning of activity and exploration! Each session will have a different activity!

NAME BANNER
® Friday, March 01, 10:00 AM. Ages 2–5 with an adult

WATERCOLOR CRAFTS
® Friday, April 26, 10:00 AM. Ages 2–5 with an adult

RAINBOWS
® Friday, May 03, 10:00 AM. Ages 2–5 with an adult

STORYTIME
Kids World offers story-based programs for different age groups and for families. Norridge and Harwood Heights residents can register for Storytime sessions in Kids World.
Call 708-867-2298 or visit us online for the current schedule.
eisenhowerlibrary.org/storytime
With so many great books to choose from, it can be hard to pick your next read. Reader suggestions and recommendation resources available at Eisenhower can help make the decision easier.

**FICTION**

- **THE GOLDEN SPOON**
  by Jessa Maxwell
  *The Great British Baking Show* meets Agatha Christie in this puzzle-filled mystery.

- **PINEAPPLE STREET**
  by Jenny Jackson
  A funny, sharply observed novel of love, class, and the women of a wealthy Brooklyn family.

- **THE ONLY ONE LEFT**
  by Riley Sager
  The caregiver for a woman accused of a Lizzie Borden-like massacre seeks the truth.

**NONFICTION**

- **WHAT AN OWL KNOWS**
  by Jennifer Ackerman
  A scientific investigation into owls and why they exert such a hold on human imagination.

- **SURE, I’LL JOIN YOUR CULT**
  by Maria Bamford
  A comedian explores her own mental illness, self help programs, and U.S. health care.

- **SAY NOTHING**
  by Patrick Radden Keefe
  A mother’s 1973 murder is used to tell the story of the Troubles, the conflict in Northern Ireland.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

At Eisenhower, we offer many resources to help you find your next great read. Find these tools and a lot more at eisenhowerlibrary.org/class/books.

- **BOOK MATCH**
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  Answer a few quick questions about your favorite reading experiences and we’ll get to work on a personalized book recommendation just for you.

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  The monthly print magazine is available while supplies last, but the digital editions of recent issues are always available.

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In 1989, we published Island Within a City: A History of the Norridge-Harwood Heights Area by Tom McGowen. In 2019, for the book’s 30th anniversary, we began planning an update, exploring more recent history. Those plans were derailed by COVID-19. But now we’re back on track and, this time, we’re asking for your help.

History comes alive when we hear directly from those that experienced it. So we’re offering an opportunity for you, the community, to shape future historical understanding of Norridge and Harwood Heights by writing short stories about your connections to the area.

Below you’ll find writing prompts to spur your memories. Write a 250-500 word essay inspired by one or more. While we welcome all of your stories, the published book will contain only those related to local history since 1990. Stories outside of that scope may be made available to read online.

NEED WRITING PROMPTS?
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- Family Life | Gone But Not Forgotten | Changes You’ve Witnessed | The Park District
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For and in consideration of being allowed to participate in and submit essays (“Participant”) to the Eisenhower Public Library District (“Library”), and as a condition of my own voluntary participation in submitting an essay to be considered for publication in the Library’s Island Within a City (the “Book”) and/or the Library’s Website (“Website”), I acknowledge and agree to the following:

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Museum Adventure Passes offer discounts at the Brookfield Zoo, Cantigny Park, the Chicago Botanic Garden, and more. For a list of participating museums visit museumadventure.org. Passes are available on a first come, first served basis at the Library Services Desk.

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