

OFF THE SHELF

Newsletter of the HILLSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY

SEP/OCT/NOV 2023

Letter from the Director

As the leaves change and a crispness fills the air, we welcome you to the Fall season at the Hillside Public Library. It's a season of transformation and the library will be hosting exciting programs and events for all ages. We invite our young learners to stop by the Bookworm Bunch storytime, which promises to spark imagination, laughter, and unforgettable adventures for your 2 to 4-year-old. The Lego Club returns on Wednesdays, and budding scientists can learn to create their own dazzling crystals and science experiments on Sep 20.

Calling all gamers and creators! The Mario Tournament promises exhilarating battles on screen, or immerse yourself in the imaginative world of RPG Tabletop nights. Venture into the realms of mystery with the Supernatural Society and crafting aficionados will love our lineup of workshops, from DIY lava lamps to spooky terrarium crafts. We invite you to join us for the upcoming season of Illinois Libraries Present, where you'll have the opportunity to engage with brilliant and creative minds, including two-time Pulitzer Prize winner Colson Whitehead and *New York Times* bestselling author Stephen Graham Jones.

Our diverse range of workshops will help you learn and develop your skills, give back to your community, and even discover savings on your auto insurance! The library newsletter goes far beyond events. As you explore the pages, we hope you'll find moments to connect, engage, and learn. As the days grow shorter, we commit to fostering a sense of community and hope you join us at the library. -Amy Franco

ADULT *programs*

Monday Movie Matinee

Join us for a movie matinee at 2 pm

Each month we'll enjoy a classic film.

Snacks and beverages served. Registration encouraged.

Sep 11: *Storm Center* starring Bette Davis.

This 1956 drama centers on Davis as a small-town librarian standing up for the Freedom to Read.

Oct 9: *To Kill A Mockingbird* starring Gregory Peck and Mary Badham. Based on the classic book that is consistently listed on the Banned Book List.

Nov 13: *Room for One More* starring Cary Grant and Betsy Drake. November is National Adoption Month and this 1952 film features Grant and Drake (who were real-life spouses at the time) as foster parents.

AARP Smart Driver Class

Wed, Sep 27 & Thu, Sep 28 from 9:30 am-1:30 pm

Take the AARP Smart Driver course and you may be eligible for a multi-year auto insurance discount.

Cost: \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members.

Cash or check ONLY. Please bring payment along with a driver's license on the 1st day of class. **Participants must attend both sessions to be certified.** Limit: 24

Blood Drive: Mon, Oct 2 from 1:30-6 pm

It's always a great day to save a life!

Sign up today using this QR Code or by calling Camille from Versiti at (847)305-9998 for our blood drive. Registration is encouraged, but walk-ins will be accepted.



Chair Yoga: Wed, Sep 13 at 12 pm

Join us for some in-person gentle yoga done while sitting.

CPR and Safety Class: Sat, Sep 30 at 9:30 am

Come hear from one of Hillside's finest firefighters for a mini hands-ONLY CPR and safety informational session.

Registration required. Limit: 15

Retirement Security Savings Month Class:

Sat, Oct 21 at 10 am

This class, hosted by Elmhurst Bank, will focus on adults' savings strategies, creating a savings plan, and how to save for retirement. Refreshments provided courtesy of Elmhurst Bank. Registration required.

Narcan Training: Mon, Oct 23 at 6 pm

This 1-hour hands-on class is designed to educate the public on the use of Narcan to prevent deadly overdoses. A Community Health Educator from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign in partnership with the Cook County Health Department will conduct the training. Registration required.

Soundbath Meditation: Wed, Nov 1 at 12 pm

It's Stress Awareness Day! Adults can join us to relieve some anxiety with soothing and relaxing yoga using soundbath meditation.

JFK 60th Anniversary: Wed, Nov 22 at 2 pm

We're celebrating the life of John F. Kennedy on the 60th anniversary of his death. Come watch *PT 109* starring Cliff Robertson as a young JFK serving during World War II. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

Programs *for Youth*

Bookworm Bunch: Come join our storytime and read with Miss Niki. Ideal for ages 2-4 but all are welcome. Caregivers must be present. **Thu, Sep 7 and Oct 19 at 2 pm**

LEGO Club: Imagine and construct with our Lego bricks! **Wed, Sep 13 & 27; Oct 4 & 11, Nov 1 & 15 at 5:30 pm**

Grown Up and Me DIY Crystals: **Sep 20 at 5:30 pm**
Enjoy this science experiment by learning how to make your own crystals! Ideal for ages 5-10 years.
Registration required.



Stay for a movie afterwards! **Fri, Oct 27 at 1 pm**
Movie at 2 pm. Registration encouraged.

Activities *for Middle Grade & YA*

Supernatural Society: Come spend time with your peers talking about all things creepy! Call or come into the library for more details! Grades 6-12 only.

RPG Tabletop: Once a month we'll get together to play some games! Call or come into the library for more details. Grades 6-12 only.

DIY Lava Lamp: Create your own lava lamp during this craft hour. **Mon, Sep 11 at 5:30 pm**
Registration encouraged.

Terrorium Craft: Skeleton, spiders, ghosts, oh my! Make this spooky craft in a jar! **Wed, Oct 18 at 6 pm**
Registration encouraged.

Scary Movie Night: Spend some time at the library watching a spooky movie! Snacks will be included. Feel free to bring your own cozy items to get comfortable! **Wed, Oct 25 at 6 pm**
Movie will be posted online and at the library.

DINO PAINT NIGHT: We're painting dinosaurs! Come choose a craft to do and celebrate *DINOVEMBER*. Grades 6-12 only. **Wed, Nov 8 at 6 pm**
Registration encouraged.

Mario Tournament: We'll choose either *Super Smash Bros* or *Mario Kart* to play against each other on the Nintendo Switch. Ages 7-11. **Fri, Nov 3 from 2-3 pm**
Registration encouraged.

Thanksgiving Storytime: **Sat, Nov 18**
Storytime at 11 am and Movie at 11:30 am
Read all about Thanksgiving with Miss Niki. We'll also have a showing of *A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving* after stories!

Children's Yoga/Movement Class: **Mon, Nov 27 at 6 pm**
Children can come get their bodies moving in this fun class. Ideal for ages 6-12. Children must be able to follow directions and caregiver must stay at the class. Registration required.

Ongoing Programs *for Adults*

Adult Book Discussion

Visitors and new members are always welcome.

Meets the first Wed of the month at 2 pm:

Sep 6: *Violeta* by Isabel Allende

Oct 4: *Educated* by Tara Westover

Nov 1: *The Sentence* by Louise Erdrich

Mixed Stitchers: Every Thu at 6 pm

Bring your own project and come knit or crochet with this fun group.

Mid-Day Yoga: Every Fri from 12:30-1:30 pm

Take a midday break and join us for some in-person gentle yoga. Bring your own mat or borrow one from the library. Registration encouraged. Limit: 12

Senior Tech Help

Call the library to make an appointment for one-on-one assistance with computer basics or your electronic devices.

Illinois Libraries Present

Enjoy these virtual events brought to you through our partnership with Illinois Libraries Present. You can view them at home on your own device. The link to register will be on our website at www.hillsidelibrary.org before each event:

Wed, Sep 6 at 7 pm | The Power of Story with Colson Whitehead.

Wed, Oct 4 at 7 pm | Chills and Thrills with Stephen Graham Jones

★ **Tue, Oct 17 at 7 pm** | Food, Family, and Folktales: A Conversation with Children's book author and illustrator Grace Lin. **Join us at 6:30 for a fun craft beforehand and stay to watch the presentation!**

Wed, Nov 8 at 7 pm – A Taste of Love with Maya-Camille Broussard of Justice of the Pies



Community Events *for All Ages and Families*

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month!

★ Once again, we will be participating in the community-wide **Passport to Proviso Challenge** during the month of September. Sign up for your first card, visit all 10 libraries in Proviso, and you'll be entered in a raffle for a chance to win a \$100 Amazon gift card.

★ If you sign-up for a library card in September, you will receive a FREE pair of solar eclipse glasses to use at our *Eclipse Watch Party Event* on Oct 14.

★ **It's Juggling Time!** In celebration of Library Card Sign-Up Month, **Jason Kollum** will dazzle everyone with interactive juggling and balancing routines using cool and wacky objects. You won't want to miss the finale that will have you on the edge of your seat! Outdoors (weather-permitting). **Sat, Sep 16 at 11 am**

Book Treasure Hunt! Saturdays in September

On Sep 9, 16, 23, and 30 come search the library stacks for a gold wrapped book in foil! 4 winners each week (one winner per age group.)

Geocaching 101: Mon, Sep 11 from 4-5:30 pm

Interested in learning about the free and fun family "treasure-hunting" activity of Geocaching? Come listen to Jim Kouba, a local Hillside resident and geocaching expert, as he shares his knowledge.

Sticker Book Party: Sat, Sep 23 at 2 pm

Come decorate a notebook with stickers and more! Feel free to bring in stickers to share and your own notebook. General supplies will be provided. Registration encouraged.

College Savings Month Class: Mon, Sep 25 at 6 pm

Do you have a teen or young child and want to learn how to save for college? This class, hosted by Elmhurst Bank, will talk about tips for teens and parents on how to start planning for paying for college. Coffee and donuts will be provided courtesy of Elmhurst Bank. Registration required.

Banned Books Week

Let Freedom Read Week: October 2-7

We'll have raffle drawings all week for prizes for every age group as we celebrate our Freedom to Read! Call us for more details.

Banned Books Week Webinar

Mon, Oct 2 at 7 pm listen to a webinar moderated by columnist Heidi Stevens. You'll hear a panel of experts including Alexi Giannoulas, Illinois Secretary of State and State Librarian, and Monica Harris, Executive Director, Reaching Across Illinois Library System discuss how to effectively support intellectual freedom. A link to the webinar will be posted on our website.



Pumpkin Party: Mon, Oct 9 at 11 am

Come celebrate everything pumpkin! We'll have activities, crafts, and a movie. Crafts and activities at 11 am. Movie at 11:30 am. Registration encouraged.

Career Help for Adults and Teens

Come learn about career coaching, resume assistance, job training, and other career-related support services through West Suburban American Job Centers. Special program for ages 18-25. Registration required.

Thu, Oct 12 from 6:30-7:30 pm

Mon, Oct 23 from 3:30-4:30 pm

Nocturnal Animals: Thu, Oct 12 at 5 pm

The Cook County Forest Preserve will be getting us in the mood for spooky season by talking about nocturnal animals! Registration encouraged.

Annular Eclipse Celebration: Sat, Oct 14 at 11:30 am

We'll be celebrating the eclipse with activities, crafts, and space-themed food creations all about outer space. We'll have a few seats available, but we encourage participants to bring their own chair or picnic blanket. Crafts and activities will be as supplies last. Registration required.

Family and Friends Yoga: Mon, Oct 16 at 6 pm

Bring the whole family or some friends to enjoy yoga. Most poses are done in pairs. Sound bath meditation will also be used. Registration for EACH participant is required. Children must be able to follow directions, and a caregiver must be present. Limit: 20

Haunted Hemingway: Ghost Stories Off-site Event! Fri, Oct 20 from 7-9 pm

Join us for an off-site trip to the birthplace of Ernest Hemingway in Oak Park. We'll hear literary ghost stories read by Chicago area writers. For ages 15 and up. Limit: 12. Please call for registration deadline details and to reserve your spot. Cost: \$10.00 (Cash only) will cover cost of your ticket and round-trip transportation.

DINOVENBER

We're all about dinosaurs this month! Send us pictures of your dinosaurs doing something silly or book-related and get entered into a raffle for a *dino-myte* prize!

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LIBRARY HOURS

M-TH

9 am-8 pm

FRI & SAT

9 am-5 pm

Closed on Sundays

CLOSED

Mon, Sep 4 Labor Day

Fri, Sep 29 Staff Training

Thu, Nov 23 Thanksgiving

Fri, Nov 24

CLOSE at 5 pm

Wed, Nov 22

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Sep 20, Oct 18, Nov 15 at 7 pm

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Thanksgiving Food Drive: Nov 1-18

All items will be donated to the Immanuel-Hillside Food Pantry and distributed locally. Biscuit and cornbread mix, canned fruit and vegetables, cranberry sauce, instant potatoes, stuffing mix, and turkey gravy are suggested.

Mini Library Parade

Pick up a DIY mini float kit and turn it in for display in the Youth area. **Kits available starting Nov 1 and due by Nov 18.** While supplies last. Patrons can vote for their favorite float from Nov 19-30.

Fall Reading Challenge: Nov 13-26

Track your reading on the ReaderZone app between Nov 13-26. Those who participate will win a prize.

Family Reading Night: Thu, Nov 16 from 5:30-7 pm

Celebrate all things literary with the library for Family Reading Night. We'll have games and activities, and you can register for a Read-to-the-Dogs 15-minute time slot! Costumes are encouraged as your favorite book or book character! Registration for Read-to-the-Dogs required.

Christmas Ornament Drop-In:

Sat, Nov 25 and Mon, Nov 27 all day

Help us get ready for Christmas by decorating ornaments for our tree that will be on display on the Prairie Path in December.

Outreach Events

Find us out and about at community and school events this Fall including:

Autumnfest!

Come check out our booth at Autumnfest on the Prairie Path (Oct 7 & 8) and sign up for our Scarecrow Contest on Sat, Oct 7. Limit: 7 families/groups

Eventos en Español

Día de Los Muertos:

Decoración de Calaveritas de Azúcar
lunes, 30 de octubre 5:30-7 pm

Para celebrar el Día de Muertos estaremos decorando calaveritas de azúcar. Este evento es para todas las edades.
Registración requerida. Límite: 25

Noche de Lotería

jueves, 9 de noviembre 6-7 pm

¡Únete a nosotros para jugar este juego tradicional mexicano! Este es un evento para toda la familia.
Registración requerida. Límite: 35

Escanee el código QR para obtener la versión en español de este boletín.

