

# Off the Shelf

Newsletter of the HILLSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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2022



## LIBRARY HOURS

M-TH

9:00 am-8:00 pm

Fri & Sat

9:00 am-5:00 pm

Sundays

Until May 22

12:00-4:00 pm

CLOSED

April 17

May 8, 30

Hello, Hillside! I'm Amy, the new director of the Hillside Public Library. I'm very excited to start working on some new and exciting projects happening at your library. As a lifelong library user I've always been grateful for all the tools and resources libraries can offer. During the last two years my family has relied on our library to keep us busy and connected and it feels great to begin contributing to the Hillside Public Library's mission to connect community members with resources for lifelong learning and personal growth.

For the last ten years I worked at the Glen Ellyn Public Library doing many different things. While working in Glen Ellyn, I revamped many of the library's programs and outreach services, and I loved making sure that the library became a great place to visit and work. Aside from attending library school in Texas, I am a lifelong Illinoisan and I have lived in Proviso Township for many years.

One of my favorite things about libraries is having the opportunity to try something new. Did you know that we have a wiffle ball set and pitching machine? A bocce ball set? Maybe you want to stop by and pick up a bean bag game for your next family cookout. Don't forget to grab a hotspot so you can stream your favorite music from Freegal or Kanopy, all free with your library card! If you don't know how to access these services, any of our friendly staff members would be happy to help you.

Over the next few months we will be embarking on a journey to research and write our next strategic plan, which will guide our vision for the library through the next several years. If you have a great idea about what you would like to see at your library, contact me anytime at [director@hillsidelibrary.org](mailto:director@hillsidelibrary.org) or 708-449-7510.



Please join us in congratulating **Sandy Martinez**, who has accepted the position of **Circulation Manager**! Sandy has worked for the Hillside Public Library for 22 years; first as a page, then as a circulation clerk, and assistant circulation manager. A graduate of Hillside School and Proviso West High School, Sandy is excited to begin this new role at the library, bringing new ideas along with her customer service and leadership skills.



## ADULT *programs*

All library programs and activities are free of charge.

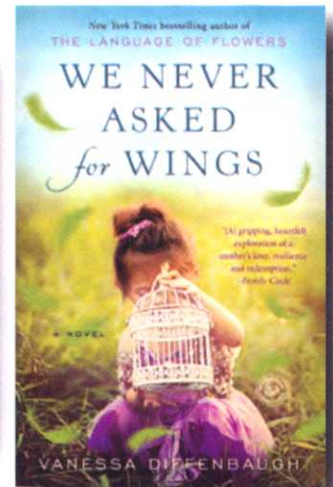
### **Adult Book Group: Meets the first Wednesday of the month at 2:00 pm**

If you have a passion for reading, or just want to make new friends-check out the library's book discussion group. Visitors and new members are always welcome! Books are available at the Circulation Desk one month before each meeting.

**April 6:** *Ginny Moon* by Benjamin Ludwig

**May 4:** *We Never Asked for Wings* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh

**June 1:** *The Ride of Her Life* by Elizabeth Letts



### **Mixed Stitchers**

**Thursdays from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.**

Bring your project and come out to knit or crochet with this fun and friendly group. Don't forget to bring your own project along. Any form of needlecraft is welcome in this group.

### **Mid-Day Yoga**

**Fridays from 12:30 to 1:30 pm**

Take a mid-day break and join us for some in-person gentle yoga. Bring your own mat or borrow one from the library. Registration is requested. Limit 12.

Call the library for more information.

### **"Celebrate Spring" Day!**

**Sunday, April 24 from 1:30 to 3:00 pm**

The whole family is invited to come out and blow bubbles and make chalk sidewalk drawings in the library's front yard. The bowling and the tic tac toe games will also be outside and available for playing. In the event of rain, there will be a craft to make indoors at the library.



### **Adult Summer Reading Challenge**

**Begins Monday, June 6**

Have a blast this summer by joining

***Read Beyond the Beaten Path*** at the Hillside Public Library!

Adults can choose to log their reading either in the Beanstack app or on paper. After reading four books, you will earn a final prize and an entry into the grand prize drawing. Along with reading, there will be fun activities and programs for you to participate in. More information to come!



## Library Spirit Week! (Celebrating National Library Week)

### April 4-8

**Monday:** Favorite Book, Author, or Character Day!

**Tuesday:** Library Card Selfie Day! \*Show us your selfies with your library card on social media or in person

**Wednesday:** Colorful Day!

**Thursday:** Family Reading Night! \*Share a post on our social media of you or your family members reading a library checkout

**Friday:** Library Gear Day! \*Hillside Summer Reading Shirts, Library Themed Shirts, or Bookish Shirts



*Participate all week and get entered into a raffle for a prize!*



### Family Crafternoon: Upcycle Tin Flower Pots

**Saturday, April 16 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm**

Come to the library to paint recycled tin cans and plant some seeds in them. Supplies will be given. Registration Encouraged.

All Ages- Families, Couples, and Individuals Welcome

### YA Cricut Project

**Thursday, May 5 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm**

Design your own Graduation Cap! For 8th and 12th grade students  
Come check out our new Cricut machine and get a chance to design your own graduation cap! *Registration Required. Max 10 Students*

### April Take & Make Craft: Spring Animals

Create cute animals for some springtime fun.

Limited supply will be available. Please call the library at (708)-449-7510 to check availability.

### Find the Flowers Scavenger Hunt

**April, All Month**

Find all the flowers hidden in the library for a small prize.

Pick up your scavenger hunt list at either the Youth Services Desk or the Circulation Desk.



### Star Wars Celebration

**Wednesday, May 4 from 5:30 to 6:30pm**

May the force be with you! Come celebrate all things Star Wars with stories, crafts, & coloring. If there are not enough registrations the craft will be made available to take home. All Ages.

*Registration Required. Minimum 5. Maximum 15.*



**Summer Reading is coming this June & July! Check the library for more updates later this spring!**



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## DATABASE HIGHLIGHTS

### Mango Languages

Want to learn how to start a basic conversation in Spanish, Hindi or Polish? Traveling soon and need to brush up on a foreign language? Check out Mango Languages! The lessons are self-paced so you decide how much time you wish to dedicate to learning a new language. All you need to get started is your Hillside Library card. Download the Mango Languages app from your device and start learning a new language today! To learn more, please see a librarian.

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## We have a new library catalog!

The library has a new library catalog through Aspen. The catalog has some exciting new features. One of the new features highlights the best sellers we have in our collection on the catalog's home page. This makes it easier to locate and place holds on these books. Also, the catalog is linked to our e-resources such as e-books and movies. You can now access movies on Kanopy through the catalog. To learn more about the new catalog, please see a librarian.