

OFF THE SHELF

Newsletter | Winter 2025-26



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TECH SERVICES



To serve you better, we have updated our policy so you can now borrow a **mobile hotspot** for 2 full weeks!

Hotspots provide unlimited wireless internet access wherever there's a cell signal and are **FREE** for HPL cardholders in good standing—just in time for winter travel needs.

Do you have paperwork you need to fax to finish year-end tasks?

Come use the library's **ScanEZ** machine.

You can email, fax, and scan for **FREE**. It also restores old photos!



BEYOND BOOKS



The library is much more than just books. We have a wide variety of items that can be checked out including:

- Blood Pressure Monitor
- Car Diagnostic Tester
- DVD/VCR Combo
- Instax Mini Camera
- Launch Pads
- Puzzles



LICENSE PLATE RENEWAL

We now offer **Illinois license plate sticker renewal** at the Circulation Desk! Skip the DMV and renew here for a \$9.50 convenience fee plus the state fee. We can process most passenger vehicle, trailer, and motorcycle stickers—and you leave with your sticker!

Call us or scan the QR code for more details.

Bonus Gift: Receive a free car air freshener with your renewal.



YOUTH PROGRAMS

Take and Make Craft Kits are available every month.

These special events are the perfect time to get out this winter and meet new families or gather with old friends.

HOLIDAY STORYTIME:

Miss Niki will share holiday-themed books and songs. Ages 2-4.

Saturday, December 20
10:30 AM

LETTER TO SANTA:

Fill out a form and submit your child's letter to Santa. Each child will receive a personalized letter back from Santa Claus!

Submit letter:

December 1-15

Letter pick-up:

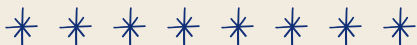
December 19-23



WINTER HAT DECORATING:

We'll provide all the supplies to decorate winter gear. You may also bring your own extra items.

Thursday, January 8
6:00 PM



OREO CLASH & MOVIE:

Taste test various Oreo cookies and vote for your favorite. Enjoy a movie afterwards.

Thursday, January 22
5:30 PM

VALENTINE SLIME LAB:

Make slime just for the holiday!

Thursday, February 12
5:30 PM

CAT AND DOG B-I-N-G-O:

Spend a cold winter night playing B-I-N-G-O! Prizes awarded!

Thursday, February 19
5:30 PM



Zap!
Winter Storytime

Ms. Niki and the Brookfield Zoo staff will lead the kids in an interactive winter animal craft with stories, singing and snacks.



Monday, February 2
10:00 AM

YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS (Grades 6 - 12)

Sign up for a **Beyond the Book Box** subscription.



Did you know we recently welcomed a **Young Adult (YA) Librarian Specialist?**

While Ms. Allison has been a staff member for many years, she is now dedicated to the YA area.

Scan the code to read the new Teen Blog. Learn about everything happening in the world of YA and share your feedback.



DIY Bath Creations

Create bath bombs and scrubs to use for self-care.

Saturday, January 3 (Bombs)
1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 10 (Scrubs)
6:30 PM



Clothing Pop-Up Shop

Proviso area students can shop for business attire at the Maywood Public Library.

Begins: January 31
Last Day: February 7

Resumé Help

Teens and young adults can bring their resumé to the Maywood Public Library for a **FREE** professional review.

Saturday, January 31
12:00 - 5:00 PM



FAFSA COMPLETION WORKSHOP:

Calling All Students! Come to the library and have an ISACorps member help you finish your FAFSA.

Bring your own personal device and have your Studentaid.gov account information ready.

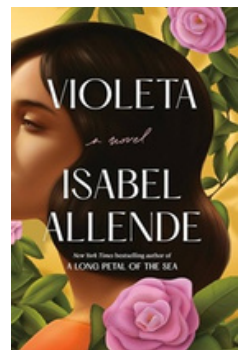
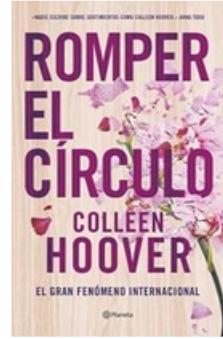
Tuesday,
December 2
5:30 PM

PROGRAMAS EN ESPAÑOL



Le invitamos a formar parte de nuestro club de lectura en español para adultos. Cada mes nos reuniremos para hablar de un libro y compartir opiniones.

Los libros son cortos y de fácil lectura y estarán disponibles para préstamo en el escritorio de circulación. Segundo miércoles del mes a las 12:00 PM



Diciembre 10 – *Romper el círculo* de Colleen Hoover es una novela romántica que cautiva por su trama absorbente, pero también por sus profundas reflexiones sobre el amor, el perdón y la capacidad de liberarse de patrones dañinos.
Enero 14 – *Volver a empezar* de Colleen Hoover, continuación de Romper el círculo, se sigue abordando el tema de violencia de género y surge uno nuevo, la irresponsabilidad parental.
Febrero 11 – *Violeta* de Isabel Allende. La épica y emocionante historia de una mujer cuya vida abarca los momentos históricos más relevantes del siglo XX.

Manualidad

Únase a nosotros para hacer manualidades cada mes. Todos los materiales serán proporcionados.

Diciembre 17

Enero 21

Febrero 18

12:00 PM



Taller financiero informativo

Esta presentación ayudará a explicar cómo funciona el dinero, cómo desenvolverse en el sistema financiero y cómo alcanzar objetivos.



Diciembre 10

1:00 PM

ADULT PROGRAMS

Tech Help available by request. Disponible en español.



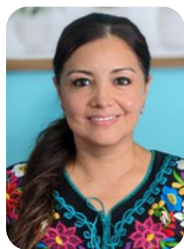
Unleash your inner creative side at these DIY craft and art classes. Bring a friend for even more fun! All sessions are on Monday evenings.

December 8 at 6:00 PM

January 12 at 5:30 PM

February 9 at 5:30 PM

FREE Gift Wrapping: Bring your gifts. We'll have all the supplies and elves from both Proviso High Schools wrap them!
Monday, December 15 at 4:00 PM and Saturday, December 20 at 10:00 AM



Cooking Demo

Chef Violeta makes the perfect apple pie and shares samples. Yum!

**Wednesday, February 4
1:00 PM**



Handwriting Analysis

Graphologist Ms. Lorrissa explains celebrity writing samples and YOURS too.

**Saturday, January 24
10:00 AM**



Black History Month

Chicago historian Clarence Goodman presents: *Emancipation to Inauguration.*

**Wednesday, February 25
6:00 PM**

LINE DANCING: Put on your steppin' shoes and get moving in 2026 with Ms. Belynda from Lines N' Motion.
Monday, January 5 at 4:00 PM and Thursday, February 19 at 9:30 AM
 Visit our website for registration deadlines.



OFF-SITE TRIP: We're seeing the play, *12 Angry Jurors*, that inspired the film at the Western Springs Theatre.
Cost: \$10 Saturday, January 31 at 1:00 PM



Tuesday, January 13 – Bringing History to Life with Jonathan Eig

Tuesday, February 24 – Still Afraid of the Dark: An Evening with R.L. Stine

These **1-hour virtual events** are made possible through our partnership with ILP and the Illinois Library Association. View them at **7:00 PM** wherever you are on your own device. Register on our website.



Hillside Public Library

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Thursday

9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Friday & Saturday

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Geneva Allen

Sandra Barge

Yolada Bindert

Donna Kassar

William Spain

Maureen Sypkens

Shirley Wachowski

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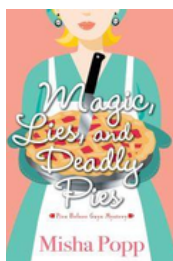
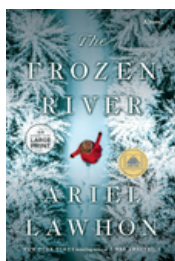


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ONGOING ADULT ACTIVITIES

Get cookin' this winter with our new **SPICE CLUB**.

ADULT BOOK CLUB: Visit our lively monthly group at 2:00 PM to enjoy snacks, beverages, and great conversation.



December 3: *West with Giraffes: A Novel* by Lynda Rutledge

Based on the true story of two giraffes during the Great Depression.

January 7: *Frozen River* by Ariel Lawson

A historical fiction novel set in 1789 on the life of midwife Martha Ballard.

February 4: *Magic, Lies, and Deadly Pies* by Misha Popp

Daisy Ellery's pies have a secret ingredient: the magical ability to avenge.

(Come at **1:00 PM** for a baking demo by Chef Violeta. Enjoy apple pie!)

Visit our website to register for other adult programs including Mixed Stitchers, Soundbath, Yoga, and Zumba.

MONDAY MOVIE MATINEE: Snacks at 1:45 PM and the movie at 2:00 PM.

December 15: Enjoy a special holiday luncheon at 1:30 PM before ***Christmas in Connecticut*** (1945)

starring Barbara Stanwyck and Dennis Morgan.

January 12: *12 Angry Men* is a 1957 legal drama with a stellar cast led by Henry Fonda.

January 26: 40 years ago, Da Bears' won the Super Bowl. We're watching ***Brian's Song*** (1971).

(Come at 1:00 PM for a talk on funeral planning and wear your Bears gear for a special treat.)

February 9: *Now, Voyager* (1942) is a classic romantic drama with Bette Davis and Paul Henreid.

February 23: Celebrating Black History, ***Imitation of Life*** (1959) depicts the pain and anguish of racism.



COMMUNITY EVENTS (Multi-Age and Families)



Warming Project 2025

is giving **FREE** winter coats to our community! All ages.

Enjoy a hot cocoa bar, a visitor from the North Pole, the Hillside School choir, Loteria, perler beads, and more!

Generously sponsored by **Mike Agruss Law**

December 6  **9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**



Winter Reading Adventure

January 1 - February 28

How much can you read this winter?

Prizes for all age groups!

