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The library's new Multicultural Collection includes books, music, and movies, as well as cultural objects like this 6-foot-tall statue inspired by the sarcophagus of Egyptian Pharaoh Tutankhamen. See pages 4–6 for more.



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Let's empower all youth to succeed

BY LINDA FRANCIS, DIRECTOR OF SUCCESS OF ALL YOUTH

Imagine a community in which all kids and their families are fully connected and all community organizations, institutions, and members are working together effectively to empower every child and youth in the community to reach her or his full potential.

Realizing that community is the mission of Success of All Youth (SAY).

SAY is the collective effort of the libraries, school districts, colleges and universities, social impact organizations, townships, village governments, park districts, faith-based institutions, businesses, and individuals of Oak Park and River Forest—basically everyone working together to improve outcomes for our kids. We have realized that many of the challenges we have cannot be tackled by a single institution, so we are working collectively to ensure the success of all youth.

We seek to be a community that meets the diverse developmental needs of all of our kids. This is no easy feat, and we don't have all of the answers just yet, but we are learning how to coordinate and align our priorities, efforts, and resources.

So what are we currently focused on?

- Improving how we communicate to reach and connect all families.
- Improving and increasing ways to engage parents and guardians.
- Ensuring that adults are connecting with kids in ways that reflect care, understanding, and support.
- Improving mental and behavioral supports to achieve better child/youth health outcomes—for example, through the library's Strengthening Your Child's "Mind Muscle" parent workshops this fall with Neuroscience and Mindset Educator Stefanie Frank.
- Figuring out how to connect more kids through activities, sports, the arts, and enrichment so that they can develop socially and emotionally and have a greater sense of belonging and self-efficacy.
- Improving cognitive outcomes, particularly for kids who are not operating at their full potential.

We will soon be sharing our status, community goals, and progress with you so that you can be a part of this journey as we work to make Oak Park and River Forest the best place to raise ALL kids.

HERE'S WHAT YOU TOLD US

On Parent Tech Night with Oak Park Elementary School District 97 in September, participants said:

"With the library's tech integration, you've proved that the public library is growing with the times."

"One highlight ... was learning that a lot of the memberships I pay for are free and easily accessible through library apps and partnerships."

On Neuroscience and Mindset Educator Stefanie Frank's workshops in September, participants said:

"[The workshops] were very informative and helpful. I have a lot of interest in learning more about neuroscience, mindfulness, and emotional intelligence because I am the parent of a son with ADHD and other challenges."

"I found your talk to be brilliant. ... You confirmed a number of findings I really needed the validation for. Thank you for bringing growth to my mind!"



"We seek to be a community that meets the diverse developmental needs of all of our kids." —Linda Francis, Director of Success of All Youth

Success of All Youth is part of the Oak Park-River Forest Community Foundation family. Learn more on Facebook @SAYopr

FIND MORE RESOURCES:
OPPL.ORG/KIDS

DEVELOPING GLOBAL CITIZENS

With the library's new Multicultural Collection, teachers, parents, and library cardholders now have expanded access to resources focusing on diversity and world cultures.

Established more than 30 years ago by Oak Park Elementary School District 97 and housed at Julian Middle School until early this fall, the Multicultural Collection has found a new home at the library.

The initiative provides needed classroom space at the middle school and gives future stewardship of the collection to the library.

"Thanks to this partnership, the community will enjoy greater access to the collection's

valuable resources," said District 97 Superintendent Carol Kelley. "It will also further foster critical conversations about topics such as race, ethnicity, and diversity, and help teach people of all ages about the importance of cultural sensitivity, tolerance, civic action, and mutual respect."

Most of the collection, which includes thousands of items—artifacts, traditional

clothing and costumes, games, books, posters, music, and films—will be available for cardholders to borrow from Dole Branch, with more fragile or rare items for display use only.

"This special collection was curated especially for teaching and with curriculum in mind," said Kathleen Spale, Assistant Manager of Materials Services. "Integrating it into our public library means it will be more accessible for families to learn together about different cultures around the world. Having access to unique, three-dimensional artifacts—tactile items families can interact with—will create memorable opportunities for learning, especially with children."

WHAT'S IN IT?

"A ton of books and really cool artifacts and objects," said Early Literacy Librarian Shelley Harris, who led the library team that assessed the condition of each item arriving from District 97. "There are Lithuanian Christmas ornaments, a Japanese tea set, baskets from different cultures, souvenir money, wall hangings, musical instruments, and dolls," she said. "So many dolls."

Many of those dolls and other fragile items will be for display use only, Harris said, such as an Aztec calendar stone, straw artwork from Afghanistan, and a 6-foot-tall statue inspired by the sarcophagus of Egyptian Pharaoh Tutankhamen.



With a dedicated budget and staff resources and expertise, the library will expand the collection as well.

HOW CAN CARDHOLDERS ACCESS THESE ITEMS?

"One fantastic thing about this collection is that it's browsable, so you can see its richness and uniqueness firsthand," Spale said.

"Most items are organized by continent as a starting point. We have a world category for items that cover multiple continents, plus categories like human rights, immigration, disabilities, and family diversity."

Circulating items in all formats can be borrowed for up to four weeks from Dole Branch, the collection's home base, with no holds and no renewals.

"For items that can be checked out, staff will do condition ▶





“[This collection] will foster critical conversations about race, ethnicity, and diversity.” –District 97 Superintendent Carol Kelley

checks as they do for any other library materials, like how we check for torn pages or waterlogged books,” Spale said. “We’re already circulating items such as American Girl dolls and about 50 different Discovery Kit backpacks, so we have experience caring for items in nontraditional formats.”

WHY OFFER THIS COLLECTION AND PROGRAMMING?

“More and more, we’re a global society. Research has shown that talking about diversity and reading books about cultures different from our own has tangible benefits,” Spale said.

“We know the interest is there in our community, and not just for children. We’ve heard through Harwood Community Conversations, and from many responses to this summer’s One Book, One Oak Park program, that Oak Parkers want more resources and opportunities to talk about diversity.

“Oak Park is a community that cares about developing global citizens, and that’s why it’s so important for the library to provide educational opportunities. With this collection, these opportunities will be numerous.”



FINDING ITEMS

This browsable collection is searchable through the library catalog at **oppl.org**. Enter “Oak Park Multicultural Collection” into the catalog search field.

DONATIONS ON HOLD

As the library works to incorporate this collection, donations of materials (sellable books, movies, and music) are suspended until January 2017. Find alternative donation sites and learn more at **oppl.org/multicultural**.

FIRST-LOOK FRIDAY

See page 6 for related events and activities planned for the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, Nov. 25, and beyond!



**FIRST-LOOK
FRIDAY:
NOV. 25**

NUBAMBU



Thousands of new-to-the-library resources—focusing on diversity and world cultures—are now here, and we are thrilled to share them all with you! Join us at Dole Branch the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, Nov. 25, for special afternoon events and a first look at books, artifacts, traditional clothing and costumes, games, posters, and audiovisual recordings. All ages. Read more about this collection on pages 4–5 and learn more at oppl.org/multicultural.



GAMES AND ART FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Friday, Nov. 25, 10 am–6 pm, Dole Branch. Learn through play with Wee Bologne Man (a Welsh version of Simon Says); Chui, Chui, Simba (a Swahili version of Duck, Duck, Goose); and Statues (a Greek version of Freeze Dance). Stay to create art featuring Russian, Indian, Egyptian, and Finnish cultures.

NUBAMBU CONCERT

Friday, Nov. 25, 2–3 pm, Dole Branch. This musical group’s influences include reggae, salsa, cumbia, and merengue. Come celebrate with us and experience their energy and original songs with an eclectic blend of Latin and world beats.

STAY TUNED!

A formal **Multicultural Collection Grand Opening** will be held on Friday, Jan. 27, 2–4 pm, at Dole Branch. Everyone is welcome; more details coming soon!

CHINESE LANGUAGE STORYTIME

Enjoy a bilingual storytime! Jenny Chen from Paper Lantern Language and Cultural Center will share stories and songs in Mandarin. Ages 3–5.

Dole Branch | Wednesday, Dec. 7, 10:15–11 am

Main Library | Tuesday, Dec. 13, 10:15–11 am

ORNAMENTS AROUND THE WORLD

Wednesday, Dec. 7, 4–5 pm, Dole Branch. Learn about different cultures, all while creating unique works of art. Best for ages 5+.

LAJKONIK SONG AND DANCE ENSEMBLE

Sunday, Dec. 11, 2–3 pm, Main Library. Let’s celebrate Poland, one of many cultures represented in the library’s new Multicultural Collection.

Lajkonik will share a vibrant and colorful performance of national and regional dances, then showcase costumes and winter holiday traditions. All ages.

® SANTA LUCIA FEST

Tuesday, Dec. 13, 3:30–4:30 pm, Dole Branch. This Scandinavian festival celebrates light, warmth, and the spirit of giving during the winter darkness. Learn the Santa Lucia song, make a special craft, and enjoy a sweet Swedish treat. Best for ages 4+. Register now.

MORE THAN A MONTH



More Than a Month is the library's exploration of the African diaspora, revealing black history beyond its February traditions and placing it within American history at large. Learn more at oppl.org/more. All events listed here will be held at the Main Library.

BOOK TALK AND Q&A:

BORN OUT OF STRUGGLE

Wednesday, Dec. 7, 6–8 pm. David Stovall's new book focuses on a Chicago community's struggle to secure a local high school.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. FILM FESTIVAL

Mark the 31st anniversary of MLK Day, and celebrate King's life and legacy by viewing and discussing these films.

Jan. 4, 6–8:30 pm,
The Long Walk Home

Jan. 7, 1–2:30 pm: *Malcolm X*

Jan. 11, 2–4 pm: *Selma*

Jan. 14, 1–3:30 pm:

What Happened, Miss Simone?

Jan. 16, 2–4 pm: *Eyes on the Prize*

Jan. 18, 6–8:30 pm:

The Black Panthers: Vanguard of the Revolution

BOOK DISCUSSION:

TONI MORRISON, PLAYING IN THE DARK

Sunday, Feb. 5, 3–5 pm. Discuss Toni Morrison's life-changing novels and this work of literary criticism.

MOMMA KEMBA: "STRONG BLACK WOMEN" STORYTELLING

Sunday, Feb. 12, 2–3 pm. Traveling the United States and abroad, Momma Kemba keeps the spirit of strong black women in American history alive through dramatic storytelling and song.

BLACK HISTORY QUIZ SHOW

Saturday, Feb. 18, 12–3 pm. Test your knowledge of black history facts, events, and historic sites at this fast-paced quiz show party.

CTVN TEEN SOCIAL JUSTICE FILMMAKERS

Thursday, Jan. 19, 6:30–8:30 pm. Celebrate films developed by Chicago teens about issues of homelessness, teen violence, friendship, and family dynamics in classes taught by instructors at CTVN (Community Television Network).

LET'S KEEP TALKING



Community response to this summer's One Book, One Oak Park pick was so positive that we're continuing the conversations about race, class, and democracy sparked by Ta-Nehisi Coates' *Between the World and Me*.

Of 55 participants surveyed at nine events, which drew record attendance, 87% said they learned something useful. "It's not easy to address hard and necessary subjects, but this series makes it a little easier," one said.

MORE OPPORTUNITIES

Thursday, Feb. 16, 7–9 pm, Main

Library. Explore unconscious biases with Corrie Wallace, Director of Equity and English Language Learning at Niles North High School.

Thursday, February 23, 6–9 pm, Main

Library. Panel discussion with author George Bailey; journalist, teacher, and filmmaker Stan West; and Nakisha Hobbs, principal and co-founder of Village Leadership Academy in Chicago.



INTERGENERATIONAL CONNECTIONS

OAK PARK ARMS

IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Off-site: Oak Park Arms, 408 S. Oak Park Ave., Oak Park

Studies have shown that kids and older adults benefit socially and emotionally from intergenerational relationships. Register to join us at the Oak Park Arms, 408 S. Oak Park Ave., to hear stories and create something beautiful. Ages 3+.

R SNOWFLAKE CRAFTS WITH SENIORS

Monday, Dec. 12, 4–5 pm

R VALENTINES WITH SENIORS

Monday, Feb. 13, 4–5 pm

Old Town School of Folk Music

NEW YEAR'S EVE EVE

Friday, Dec. 30, 5–6 pm, Main Library. Dance and sing in the new year with Old Town School of Folk Music early childhood musical performers Maryanne Johnson and Diana Laffey.

R MLK DAY FREEDOM SONGS

Monday, Jan. 16, 10:30–11:15 am, Main Library. Sing along with Old Town School of Folk Music performer and “Zen Guitar Teacher” Bill Brickey in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Register now.

R GOOD HAIR DAY

Thursday, Dec. 29, 2–3 pm, Main Library. Dads, grandpas, big brothers, uncles, and others: make lopsided pigtails a thing of the past. LaToya Gibbs of Hair on the Go will teach you the basics to boost your confidence with a brush. Girls ages 2+ and male caregivers. Register now.

KIDS & TWEENS BOOK SWAP

Tuesday, Jan. 3, 4–7 pm, Main Library. Trade your gently used books. Extras will be donated to the Friends of the Oak Park Public Library for the Annual Book Fair.

SATURDAY SENSORY STORYTIME

Saturdays, Jan. 7 & Feb. 4, 2–2:30 pm, Main Library. Designed for children with special needs ages 3+ with caregiver support, this class features books, songs,

and movement, with lap weights and fidget toys available. Siblings welcome.

CRAFTERNOON WITH A CAUSE

Monday, Jan. 16, 2–3 pm, Main Library. Create, write, and decorate thank-you letters for police officers, firefighters, soldiers, and others in service.

FAMILY WINTER READING: READING IS OUR THING

Monday, Dec. 12–Sunday, Jan. 8.

Stop into any library location to sign up and track your family's reading progress. Read together as a family 10 times—for any length of time during the period.



FAMILY CLUBS



BABY, TODDLER & PRESCHOOL



BARBIE CLUB

Come play! Dolls/accessories provided.

Maze Branch | Mondays, Dec. 5, Jan. 2,
Feb. 6, 3–5 pm

Main Library | Wednesday, Dec. 28,
10 am–12 pm
Fridays, Jan. 6 & 27,
Feb. 24, 10 am–12 pm

LEGO CLUB

Come play! LEGO/DUPLO provided.

Maze Branch

3–5 pm | Tuesdays, Dec. 13,
Jan. 10, Feb. 14

Main Library

2–4 pm | Monday, Dec. 26,
Friday, Feb. 17

10 am–
12 pm

Thursday, Dec. 29,
Wednesday, Jan. 4,
Fridays, Jan. 13 & Feb. 3

BUILDING WITH BLOCKS

Fridays, Dec. 23, Jan. 20, Feb. 17,
& Monday, Jan. 2, 10 am–12 pm, Main
Library. Use our wooden blocks to build
what your imagination can come up with.

DIGITALES: BEST APPS AND YOUTUBE CHANNELS OF 2016

Friday, Dec. 16, 10–10:30 am, Main
Library. Discover some of the best
apps and YouTube channels from 2016
that will keep your kids engaged and
learning all year long. Stories and songs
are paired with apps and digital library
tools. Ages 2–6 and their caregivers.



Find more great
reading readiness
support at
oppl.org/kids.

SNOWY STORYTIME & CRAFT

Read books, play games, sing songs, and
make a unique snowflake craft. Ages 3–5.

Dole Branch | Friday, Dec. 16,
10:30–11:30 am

Main Library | Tuesday, Dec. 27,
10:30–11:30 am

PENGUIN STORYTIME & CRAFT

Read, sing, and create as we wonder at
the magic of penguins. Ages 3–5.

Main Library | Thursday, Jan. 5,
10:30–11:30 am

Dole Branch | Friday, Jan. 6,
10:30–11:30 am

WHY DOES POOH LOVE HONEY?

Thursday, Jan. 19, 3:30–4:30 pm, Maze
Branch. Mark A.A. Milne's birthday
with a sweet *Winnie the Pooh*-themed
party. Join the Sugar Beet Food Co-op
to learn about honeybees, taste honey,
and make a craft. Ages 3+.

VALENTINE'S DAY STORYTIME AND CRAFT

Friday, Feb. 10, 10:30–11:30 am, Dole
Branch. Come read, sing, play, and
create as we recall the many things we
love. Ages 3–5.

MAKE SURE TO VISIT
OPPL.ORG/STORYTIMES
for the weekly storytime schedule
at all library locations.

BABY, TODDLER & PRESCHOOL



WORLD READ ALOUD DAY: STORYTIME FROM SPACE

Thursday, Feb. 16, 1–2 pm, Dole Branch. Support international literacy and the power of words with a special storytime from space. Listen in as an astronaut on the International Space Station reads a story aloud for children as the world rotates below. Then stay for games and crafts. Ages 4+.

WORLD READ ALOUD DAY

Every year World Read Aloud Day calls global attention to the importance of reading aloud and sharing stories. Learn more at litworld.org/wrad.

PEACE DOVE CRAFT

Celebrate Black History Month with a harmony- and love-inspired craft. Ages 4+.

Dole Branch | Friday, Feb. 17, 2–3 pm

Maze Branch | Monday, Feb. 20, 2–3 pm

FAIRYTALE STORYTIME & CRAFT

Friday, Feb. 24, 10:30–11:30 am, Dole Branch. Rediscover the wonder of fairytales and stay for a fanciful craft. Ages 3–5.

BRING STORYTIMES AND LIBRARIAN EXPERTISE WITH YOU, WHEREVER YOU ARE!

Early Bird Readers is a new digital early learning program for parents, caregivers, and teachers. Each week, you'll receive texted tips or activities for your kids, from newborns up to age 5. Sign up, and see all previous texts and videos, at oppl.org/readers.



MAKING AN IMPACT: LITERACY

Early Bird Readers, Oak Park's early literacy tip-sharing service for parents, teachers, and caregivers, turns 1 in January.

Since the service launched, 155 subscribers have signed up to receive weekly texts and emails. We've shared 55 tips and have posted 12 YouTube

videos with nearly 2,000 views.

We've seen one boy's very special dance inspired by the picture book character Pete the Cat, and one mom told us she now brings her daughter to more storytimes—for even more pre-literacy skill-building in person.

We've even had a librarian share that she's using the videos in her storytime classes in Ireland.

Do you have a favorite way to easily build literacy into your child's day? Share with us and your neighbors on Facebook with **#EarlyReaders!**

ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL



HOMESCHOOL PROGRAMS

MEET-UPS

Thursdays, Dec. 1–22, Jan. 12–26, Feb. 2–23, 12:30–2:30 pm, Main Library. Socialize with local homeschooling families. Best for ages 6+. Younger siblings welcome.

BUTTON-MAKER BONANZA

Thursday, Jan. 26, 12:30–2:30 pm, Main Library. Create your own pin-backed masterpieces.

KIDS' IMPROV WORKSHOP

Mondays, Dec. 19, Jan. 16, Feb. 20, 6:30–7:30 pm, Maze Branch

WINTER SOLSTICE CRAFT

Wednesday, Dec. 21, 4–5 pm, Maze Branch. Celebrate the Winter Solstice with a craft. Ages 5+. Register now.

FILM SCREENING: *ELF*

Thursday, Dec. 22, 4:30–6 pm, Dole Branch

FILM SCREENING: *FINDING DORY*

Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2–4 pm, Main Library

FAMILY CREATION LAB

Wednesday, Jan. 4, 6:30–8 pm, Main Library. Learn how to use creative technologies in this family workshop, modeled after MIT's Family Creative Learning. No tech knowledge required. Register yourself and children ages 7–12.

FILM SCREENING: *JUNGLE BOOK*

Thursday, Jan. 5, 3–5 pm, Main Library

GEMS JR.: CODING PARTY

Saturday, Jan. 7, 3–4 pm, Main Library. Join local computer programmer Laura Zinthefer for an hour of coding fun. For girls in grades 2–4. Register now.

MINECRAFTEDU MEET-UPS

Thursdays, Jan. 19, Feb. 16, 4–5 pm, Main Library. Share your skills with other players. Grades 2–4. Register now.

YOU BE THE CALDECOTT JUDGE!

Friday, Jan. 20, 4–5 pm, Main Library. We've pulled the top titles getting buzz for the 2016 Caldecott Award, and want to hear what you think. See if your favorite wins the real award on Monday, Jan. 23. Ages 5+.

GROUNDHOG DAY CRAFT

Thursday, Feb. 2, 3:30–4:30 pm, Maze Branch. Celebrate Groundhog Day, recycling, and reading. Ages 7+.

AUTHOR MIKE GROSSO: *I AM DRUMS*

Saturday, Feb. 11, 3–4 pm, Main Library. How do you get writing published? Learn from Mike Grosso's experience overcoming obstacles and 420 rejections! Grades 4–8.

ALL-DAY AFRICAN-AMERICAN AUTHOR READ-IN

Monday, Feb. 20, 9 am–9 pm, Main Library. Explore titles by African-American authors and about African-American characters. Come in your PJs, build a bedsheet fort, and find new favorites.

MEET PRESIDENT LINCOLN

Monday, Feb. 20, 10:30–11 am, Maze Branch. Learn about one of our nation's most beloved historical figures, portrayed by Oak Park's own Kevin Wood, and his experiences growing up on the frontier. Ages 6+.

HIGH SCHOOL



TEEN VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION

Tuesdays, Dec. 6 & 13, Jan. 10–Feb. 28, 3:30–5 pm, Main Library. Help with a variety of projects, which include working with library materials, crafting for displays, and completing service projects for local organizations.

CORNER STORE

Thursdays, Dec. 8, Feb. 9 & 23, 3:30–5 pm, Main Library. Stop by for an afternoon of messing around and being creative with art, technology, and hip-hop.

EXAM CRAM

Dec. 9–22, during open Main Library hours. Studying for finals? Your table is reserved. Stop in and find a quiet place to prepare for exams.

NEW! MAKING DOLLARS MAKE CENTS WORKSHOPS

Thursdays, Jan. 12, 19 & 26, Feb. 2, 6–7 pm, Main Library. Learn to manage college expenses, avoid first-job pitfalls, keep, and grow the money you make. In collaboration with Suburban Unity Alliance and GoBuddle.com.

MORE THAN A MONTH: CTVN TEEN SOCIAL JUSTICE FILMMAKERS

Thursday, Jan. 19, 6:30–8:30 pm, Main Library. Celebrate films developed and created by Chicago teens in classes taught by instructors at CTVN (Community Television Network). Film subjects include documentaries, dramas, poetry, and music and tackle issues of homelessness, teen violence, friendship, and family dynamics. See page 7 for more More Than a Month events.

MAKING AN IMPACT: INCLUSION

After graduating from Oak Park and River Forest High School in May and spending the summer volunteering with the library, Vann Harris (pictured above) joined the library this fall as a Shelving Aide.

She's one of the "awesome young people" bringing new experiences to regular patrons as

well as those who rarely visit the library, said High School Services Librarian Rachel Bild.

In September, Harris led a pop-up workshop on the history of poetry and rap for teens and tweens.

"My mentors in high school helped me grow into an amazing writer," Harris said. "I feel that doing programs like this are my way of giving back."

Bild said the library is aiming to be "agile and responsive" by listening to young people's ideas for programs.

"The gold standard for us is to give teens the space to create and lead programs that suit their interests," Bild said. "This builds leadership skills while also making the experience more fun for everyone."

Learn more at oppl.org/teens.



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CO-WORKING COMMONS

Mondays, Dec. 19, Jan. 16, Feb. 20, 9 am–5 pm, Main Library.
Monthly, we're turning the Veterans Room into a co-working space. Bring your own computer and lunch.



OAK PARK-RIVER FOREST CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WOMEN IN BUSINESS GROUP

Fridays, Dec. 16, Jan. 6 & 20, Feb. 3 & 17, 9–10:30 am, Main Library.
Biweekly gatherings of chamber members interested in networking, fellowship, and relevant programming.

Did you know...

- Entrepreneurs, new businesses, and nonprofit organizations have access to expert services and resources, free training and spaces, and local community connections?
- You can rent a meeting room and borrow a laptop for on-site use?
- You have access to subscription-based competitor and industry information from Business Source Complete, Illinois Legal Aid, ReferenceUSA, and more? Learn more at oppl.org/business.

SCORE SMALL BUSINESS COUNSELING SESSIONS

Tuesdays, Dec. 13, Jan. 10, Feb. 14, 9:30 am–12:30 pm, Main Library.
Free private, hourlong counseling/mentoring sessions provided by SCORE, a nonprofit association and resource partner of the Small Business Administration. By appointment only at scorechicago.org/request-meeting (choose “Oak Park Public Library” from the list of locations) or 312.353.7724.



JOB SEEKER SEMINARS

All workshops are held in the Main Library Veterans Room.
Register now.

THE IMPORTANCE OF A STRONG RESUME

Thursday, Jan. 26, 2–4 pm. Led by David Preciado, Chicago Federation of Labor Workers Assistance Committee.

TIPS FOR SUBMITTING ONLINE JOB APPLICATIONS

Thursday, Feb. 23, 2–4 pm. Led by David Preciado, Chicago Federation of Labor Workers Assistance Committee.

THINGS ABOUT THE JOB SEARCH YOU MAY NOT KNOW, BUT SHOULD

Thursday, March 16, 2–4 pm. Led by Richard Williams, Career Services, Triton College.

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DIGITAL LEARNING



PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES | OPPL.ORG/TECH

DIGITALES: BEST APPS AND YOUTUBE CHANNELS OF 2016

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R GEMS JR.: CODING PARTY

Saturday, Jan. 7, 3–4 pm, Main Library Computer Classroom. For girls in grades 2–4. Register now.

R HEALTH AND FITNESS WEBSITES AND APPS

Wednesday, Jan. 11, 7–8:30 pm, Main Library Computer Classroom. Explore some of our favorite fitness websites and apps in this interactive class. Bring your favorite device or use our computers. For adults and teens. Register now.

R MINECRAFTEDU MEET-UPS

Thursdays, Jan. 19, Feb. 16, 4–5 pm, Main Library Storytime Room. Share your skills with other players in group play. Grades 2–4. Register now.

R DATING WEBSITES

Wednesday, Feb. 8, 7–8:30 pm, Main Library Computer Classroom. Explore the world of online dating. We'll look at popular websites, create profiles, and offer tips on safety and security. Familiarity with Internet basics required. For adults and teens. Register now.

LEARNING LABS

Learning Labs give everyone the opportunity for one-on-one support and assistance with technical topics of their choice.

- Further explore topics from library tech workshops, or other tech topics of your choice.
- Bring your laptop or tablet, or use a library computer.
- Device repair not available.
- Appointments are required, and available times and days are determined by library location.

MAIN LIBRARY

To reserve your space, visit oppl.org/tech and fill out the online form. We will contact you to confirm your appointment.

AT THE BRANCHES

Available only for Oak Park Public Library cardholders. Call at least 24 hours ahead of time to reserve your space.

Maze Branch: Available Mondays from 1–3 pm. Call 708.386.4751.

Dole Branch: Available Fridays from 2–4 pm. Call 708.386.9032.

Did you know...

- Dedicated technology assistants are available during busy times on the Main Library's third floor to answer basic computer and printing questions?
- You can learn at your own pace with online tutorials? Tutorials are available in the library for everyone, and outside of the library for Oak Park Public Library cardholders. Learn more at oppl.org/tech.



ART RECEPTION: MICHAEL BRACEY'S AFRICANS WITHIN THE AMERICAS

Sunday, Jan. 8, 3–5 pm, Main Library. Meet photographer/author Michael Bracey and see photographs from his book, *Africans Within the Americas: An Enlightening Visual Voyage*. Scholars estimate that between 15 and 20 million Africans were shipped to the Western Hemisphere as slaves in the 14th and 15th centuries.

- ▶ Interested in related programs? See page 7 for More Than a Month, the library's exploration of the African diaspora, revealing black history beyond its February traditions and placing it within American history at large.

GOLD & STEEL: A PREVIEW OF THE ART INSTITUTE'S NEW ARMS & ARMOR GALLERIES

Sunday, Jan. 22, 2–4 pm, Main Library. Jonathan Tavares, associate curator of arms and armor, Art Institute of Chicago, shares a sneak peak into the galleries of Medieval and Renaissance art, arms, and armor, reopening in March. This is a collaboration with the Oak Park-River Forest Community Associates of the Art Institute of Chicago.

ART RECEPTION: TYE JOHNSON

Saturday, Feb. 4, 2–4 pm, Main Library. Tye Johnson is a critically acclaimed artist with a studio in Chicago's Zhou B Art Center, an educator in Oak Park Elementary School District 97, and a founder of Paper heART, a social justice and arts camp for students in grades 6–9 based in Oak Park.

Don't miss First-Look Friday! Stop by Dole Branch on Nov. 25, the day after Thanksgiving, and preview the library's new Multicultural Collection. See pages 4–6.



BIOPICS

FILM SERIES
PRESENTED BY
DOUG DEUCHLER

Mondays, 1:30–4:30 pm,
Main Library

Jan. 23: **42**. Jackie Robinson signs with the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947, breaking the color barrier in Major League Baseball.

Jan. 30: **Defiance**. The Jewish Bielski brothers in Nazi-occupied Eastern Europe violently fight back.

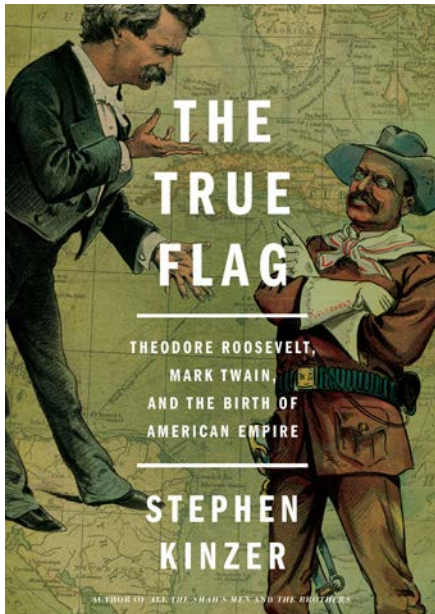
Feb. 6: **The Queen**. Elizabeth II struggles with events after the death of Princess Diana.

Feb. 13: **Trumbo**. Hollywood's top writer is jailed and blacklisted in the 1940s for left-leaning political beliefs.

Feb. 20: **Suffragette**. Meryl Streep plays outlaw fugitive Emmeline Pankhurst in the story of the early English feminist movement.

Feb. 27: **Milk**. Sean Penn portrays assassinated San Francisco politician and gay-rights leader Harvey Milk.

AUTHOR EVENTS



AUTHOR GERALYN HESSLAU MAGRADY: *LINES*—
Sunday, Dec. 4, 2–4 pm, Main Library.
Meet local author and hear stories from the Great Chicago Fire in 1871.

AUTHOR STEPHEN KINZER:
THE TRUE FLAG
Sunday, Jan. 29, 2–4 pm, Main Library.
Best-selling author recounts an angry struggle among prominent Americans at the dawn of the 20th century.

AUTHORS BILL DAL CERRO & DAVID ANTHONY WITTER:
BEBOP, SWING, AND BELLA MUSICA
Saturday, Feb. 11, 2–4 pm, Main Library.
Listen to music, see photos, and hear stories about the Italian-Americans who used music to break racial and musical barriers.

AUTHOR ROBERT ELDER:
HIDDEN HEMINGWAY
Sunday, Feb. 19, 3–5 pm, Main Library.
Oak Park author reads from his book that features never-before-seen items.

OAK PARK READS



LIBRARY-LED BOOK GROUPS | OPPL.ORG/BOOKGROUPS

DETECTION BY DAYLIGHT
Tuesdays, 12–1 pm, Maze Branch
Dec. 6: *The Cater Street Hangman*
Jan. 3: *No More Dying Then*
Feb. 7: *Murder in the Marais*

BROWN BAG
Tuesdays, 12–1 pm, Dole Branch
Dec. 20: *Eye of the Red Tsar*
Jan. 17: *A Beautiful Blue Death*
Feb. 21: *The Crocodile*

THE LIVES THEY LIVED
Tuesday, Jan. 17, 7–8:30 pm, Maze Branch.
All Creatures Great and Small

WORDS ON WEDNESDAY
Wednesdays, 1–2:30 pm, Main Library
Jan. 18: *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle*
Feb. 15: *Circling the Sun*

READ & REFLECT
Fridays, 12–1 pm, Dole Branch
Dec. 16: *First Women: The Grace and Power of America's Modern First Ladies*
Jan. 20: *The Autistic Brain: Thinking Across the Spectrum*
Feb. 17: *The Suspicions of Mr. Whicher*

OAK PARK WRITERS READ! Saturday, Dec. 3, 2–4 pm, Main Library

Did you know...

- Titles are available at the library one month before the discussion, all are welcome, and no registration is required?
- You can subscribe to our monthly book groups email to discover what future titles we will be reading at oppl.org/bookgroups?
- You can find our Maze Branch library staff recommendations on goodreads.com?

NEW! READ TO ORDER



Looking for what to read next? Read to Order is a new team (pictured above) and a free service for Oak Park Public Library cardholders 18 years and older in search of customized title suggestions. To get started, fill out an online form to answer a few simple questions about what you like—and what you don't. We will respond with titles for you to review and borrow through the library catalog. To submit your request, visit oppl.org/ReadToOrder.

THE TEAM SHARES THEIR FAVORITES FROM 2016

DARK MATTER
BY BLAKE CROUCH

"Leaves you pondering the role choices and actions play in the world."
—Barbara Fitzgerald, Materials Services Librarian

FATES AND FURIES
BY LAUREN GROFF

"A fantastic work of literary fiction."
—Rose Barnes, Adult and Teen Digital Learning Librarian

SWEETBITTER
BY STEPHANIE DANLER

"Love food and a New York setting? Try out this book, which follows a Midwestern transplant as she navigates her job at a Manhattan restaurant."
—Margita Lidaka, Arts and Culture, Reader's Advisory Librarian

MARCH: BOOK THREE
BY JOHN LEWIS, ANDREW AYDIN, AND NATE POWELL

"This graphic novel brought me to tears when I realized what courage it took to confront injustice on the Selma bridge." —Donna Ioppolo, Library Assistant

HELP US PLAN SUMMER 2017'S

One Book, One Oak Park COMMUNITY READING PROGRAM

In summer 2016, around 80 copies of our One Book, One Oak Park title—Ta-Nehisi Coates' *Between the World and Me*—were checked out each week. That's more than 800 checkouts from May through July. Also, during June and July, book discussion attendance nearly doubled.



Help us plan another successful One Book, One Oak Park program in 2017! Tell us about the best book you read in 2016: <http://bit.ly/OPbest16>

LEARN & CONNECT



OAK PARK WRITERS READ!

Saturday, Dec. 3, 2–4 pm, Main Library.
Join this annual celebration to hear writers read from new work.

TOM HANKS: ORDINARY MAN... EXTRAORDINAIRE

Thursday, Dec. 8, 7–9 pm, Main Library.
Explore the extraordinary career of Tom Hanks. Bob Burton, Broadcasting Professor Emeritus, Oakton Community College, shares how Hanks' personal dramas have shaped the award-winning actor, producer, and director.

BOOKMARK CRAFT

Thursday, Dec. 15, 7–8 pm, Maze Branch.
Use vintage stamps, ribbons, and cardstock to make a bookmark gift for the holidays.

TOM WENDT: JUMP-START YOUR LIFE

Saturday, Jan. 21, 2–4 pm, Main Library.
Are you mired in boredom, malaise, discomfort, or unhappiness? This certified DreamBuilder coach and motivational speaker's interactive seminar will help you discover new tools to reenergize your life.

ONGOING GROUPS & CLUBS

CHESS OPEN PLAY

Mondays, Dec. 5–19, Jan. 9–Feb. 27,
5:30–9 pm, Main Library

ADULT IMPROV WORKSHOP

Tuesdays, Dec. 6, Jan. 3, Feb. 7,
7–8 pm, Maze Branch

WEDNESDAY WRITERS' WORD FEAST

Wednesdays, Dec. 7, Jan. 4, Feb. 1,
10 am–1 pm, Main Library

OPEN BOARD-GAME PLAY

Wednesdays, Dec. 7 & 21,
Jan. 4 & 18, Feb. 1 & 15,
6:30–9 pm, Main Library

YARNS & YARN

Thursdays, Dec. 8 & 22, Jan. 12 & 26,
Feb. 9 & 23, 2–4 pm, Dole Branch

OAK PARK PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Mondays, Dec. 12 & 26,
Jan. 9 & 23, Feb. 13 & 27,
7–9 pm, Main Library

COLOR ME RELAXED

Wednesdays, Dec. 14, Jan. 11,
Feb. 8, 6–7 pm, Dole Branch

FRENCH CONVERSATION HOUR

Wednesdays, Dec. 21, Jan. 25,
Feb. 22, 7–8 pm, Maze Branch

NO-SHUSH SALON

Thursdays, 6:30–8:30 pm,
Maze Branch
Jan. 26: Bring in the New
Feb. 23: Fantastic February

GENEALOGY MEET-UP

We're taking a break this winter, but our monthly meet-ups will start up again in March. Sign up for emails at oppl.org/news.



THE FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT FAMILY on the porch of their Oak Park residence on the corner of Forest and Chicago Ave. The photo taken in 1904 at about the time Wright designed the River Forest Tennis club, Unity Temple and the E.H. Cheney residence in the village and the Larkin Co. administration bldg. and D.D. Martin residence in Buffalo, N.Y. Wright (at left) is shown with his mother-in-law Mrs. Samuel Tobin, Llewellyn, John, Catherine, Frances, Maginel Wright, David, Mrs. Wright and Lloyd. The photo was sent to the Oak Park Public Library by John Lloyd Wright last week. He requested that it be published in OAK LEAVES and then put in the Oak Park Library as a gift.

OakLeaves, August 6, 1969

FOLLOWING FRANK IN 2017

In 2016, a quarter of the middle schoolers in Oak Park Elementary School District 97 got involved with the library's Hacking Hemingway digital initiative, which delivered unprecedented access to rare archives from both The Ernest Hemingway Foundation of Oak Park and the library, now online in the Illinois Digital Archives.

BUILDING ON SUCCESS

Helping preserve and promote Oak Park's rich local history is a strategic priority for the library, and the foundation has been laid for new projects with the library's Special Collections, said Archivist Emily Reiher.

"We want to keep the momentum going," she said, "creating more programming that ties into our collection, and collaborating with new

and current partners, especially District 97."

With the 150th anniversary of Frank Lloyd Wright's birthday in June, the timing is right to focus next on this prominent Oak Parker.

"So much will be happening locally, as well as nationally and internationally, to celebrate Wright, whom many consider to be the 20th century's greatest architect," said Leigh Tarullo, Curator of Special Collections.

Wright moved to Oak Park and constructed his home in 1889. Later he built an adjoining studio and developed his Prairie style there. Both are operated now by the Frank Lloyd Wright Trust.

The library's Frank Lloyd Wright collections include a first edition of Wright's autobiography, letters, photographs of his architecture in Oak Park and beyond, and newspaper clippings like the one shown above.

PRAIRIE-STYLE PIXELS?

Building on the success of a Hemingway MinecraftEdu program for tweens and teens in 2016, the library is planning a Frank Lloyd Wright MinecraftEdu program in 2017.

"The kids liked the guided experience and the ability to share as much as the actual act of building," Reiher said. "We're hoping to make the Frank Lloyd Wright experience even more collaborative."

Learn more about the collections at oppl.org/specialcollections.

#TBT



#ThrowbackThursday
#OPSpecialCollections

Through spring, we're sharing throwback favorites from Special Collections on Twitter. Follow us @oakparklibrary for all the archival action!

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MAIN LIBRARY

834 Lake St. | 708.383.8200
Monday–Thursday: 9 am–9 pm
Friday: 9 am–6 pm
Saturday: 9 am–5 pm
Sunday: 1–6 pm

DOLE BRANCH

255 Augusta St. | 708.386.9032
Monday: Closed
Tuesday–Thursday: 10 am–9 pm
Friday: 10 am–6 pm
Saturday: 10 am–5 pm
Sunday: 1–6 pm

MAZE BRANCH

845 Gunderson Ave. | 708.386.4751
Monday–Thursday: 10 am–9 pm
Friday: Closed
Saturday: 10 am–5 pm
Sunday: 1–6 pm

REGISTRATION

Some events require registration.
Call 708.383.8200 or visit
oppl.org/calendar for the latest
information.

ACCESSIBILITY

For accommodations at an event or
class, please contact us, allowing
seven days’ notice to best serve you.
See oppl.org/visit/accessibility

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search for, renew, and reserve materials; stream and
download books, movies, and music; and access
multiple online resources.

FRIDAY, DEC. 2 (STAFF INSTITUTE DAY)

- Main Library open 2–6 pm
- Dole Branch open 2–6 pm
- Maze Branch closed

SATURDAY, DEC. 24 & SUNDAY, DEC. 25:

All library buildings will be closed.

SATURDAY, DEC. 31: All library buildings will
close at 5 pm.

SUNDAY, JAN. 1: All library buildings will be closed.

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