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**Cover Image:** In Special Collections, the library owns several first editions of Hemingway works, including *For Whom the Bell Tolls* and *The Sun Also Rises* (pictured). Read more about our Special Collections and the Hacking Hemingway digitization grant starting on page 3.

## A message from the Executive Director

**A**t the Oak Park Public Library, we're committed to providing free and open access to information and the content our community wants.

To do those things well, we need reliable information to inform our decisions.

To begin to satisfy that need for information, the library has begun to use a number of data-gathering and assessment tools. One of these is called collectionHQ.

This industry standard for collection management helps us to answer essential questions regarding what materials and content are borrowed, when, and how often. The result? We use data to curate the library's collection from a more informed place.

Needing the right information to create exceptional library experiences is why we now also use Counting Opinions' LibSat survey, launched in January. We continuously welcome your opinions and suggestions through this open-ended customer survey. Take this customer satisfaction survey anytime at [oppl.org/experience](http://oppl.org/experience).

These two tools will help us collect open-ended customer feedback, track qualitative and quantitative data for trends, set benchmarks, measure

outcomes, and participate in peer library comparisons. Again, these are all essential tasks going on behind the scenes to ensure your library is the best it can be for all of Oak Park.

Yet when working to reach shared goals and support community aspirations, we know that quantitative data tells only part of the story. Qualitative data—stories about impact—tells the rest.

To that end, we've also joined Project Outcome, the Public Library Association's effort (supported by generous funding from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation) to help public libraries across the country understand and share their true impact. The work generated from our participation will continue to inform us from a national perspective about what's working best to foster more digital inclusion.

We hope you enjoy this issue of *The Storyline*. In it, we focus on the library's collection as well as the people and possibilities it inspires.

Thank you for reading, and for being a part of our story as it develops.

—David J. Seleb  
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Registration is necessary for some events. Register in person at any library location, at [oppl.org/calendar](http://oppl.org/calendar), or by calling the Main Library at 708.383.8200, Dole Branch at 708.386.9032, and Maze Branch at 708.386.4751.

Library programs and classes are often photographed and/or recorded for promotional purposes. Please let us know if you prefer not to be photographed or videotaped. Your name (and your child's name) will never be used without your written consent.

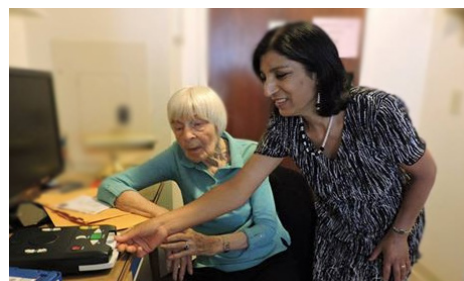


For accommodations at an event or class, please contact us, allowing seven days' notice to best serve you.

Learn more about access at [oppl.org/visit/accessibility](http://oppl.org/visit/accessibility).

# IN YOUR WORDS

Like these photos and the stories they tell? Find more #oakparkstories on the back cover and at [facebook.com/oakparkpubliclibrary](https://facebook.com/oakparkpubliclibrary).



## Q&A: Book donations

### Where and when can I donate my used books?

You can donate new or gently used books, movies, and music throughout the year at the Main Library. During open hours, bring your materials to any service desk. You can also call ahead and we can meet you outside or in the parking garage to help you bring in your materials. All donations are tax deductible. Unfortunately, we cannot accept magazines, textbooks, and condensed texts (such as *Reader's Digest*), and we can accept items only at the Main Library.

### What happens to my books after I donate them?

Most are sold by the Friends of the Oak Park Public Library at the Annual Book Fair, scheduled this year for July 29 and 30, in the south cafeteria at Oak Park and River Forest High School, 201 N. Scoville Ave., Oak Park. The fair typically offers more than 100,000 books in every conceivable category. Books not sold at the fair may be offered at a further reduced rate to area educators, or boxed and shipped to Better World Books, which funds literacy initiatives worldwide.

Have a question or comment? Ask us in person, on social media, and online at [oppl.org/contact](https://oppl.org/contact).



## A message from our partner on Hacking Hemingway

Hemingway researchers, scholars, and fans from all over the world are coming to Oak Park this summer to celebrate the American icon's 117th birthday at the 17th biennial International Hemingway Society Conference. Learn more about this local event with world-wide appeal at [bit.ly/1KXJkOZ](https://bit.ly/1KXJkOZ).



As part of the celebration, the Oak Park Public Library will make available treasures from the Oak Park Public Library, The Ernest Hemingway Foundation of Oak Park, and the Historical Society of Oak Park and River Forest through a grant received from Jesse White, Secretary of State, and the Illinois State Library. The items include artifacts from Hemingway's childhood and time in Oak Park. The treasures will be available to all through the Illinois Digital Archives ([idillinois.org](https://idillinois.org)) and the Digital Public Library of America ([http://dp.la/](https://dp.la/)).

—Allison Sansone  
Executive Director, The Ernest Hemingway Foundation of Oak Park

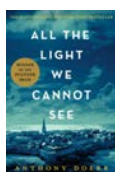
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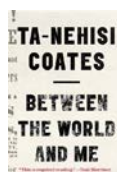
Can I just say – I love my library @oakparklibrary! Free tech training, awesome digital collections, cool staff. Tax dollars worth it!

## Your picks for best book of 2015

We asked, you answered. Here are some of your rave reviews!



"Beautiful writing; compelling story; historically interesting. I loved it, couldn't put it down!"



"Spot-on analysis of current institutional racism, from a historical and personal perspective."



"Beautifully written, dynamic characters and events so well realized you find yourself rooting for the win."

## What's your story?

Have a story to tell about how the library has touched your life recently? We'd love to hear it and share it with others! Tell us your story at [oppl.org/tell-us-your-story](https://oppl.org/tell-us-your-story).

# OPENING THE VAULT

## Improving access to Hemingway artifacts through digitization

Tucked inside the Main Library's Special Collections vault—a museum-grade, locked case of especially rare items—is a treasured baby book. Documenting the first 18 months of a baby girl born in Oak Park, it records the intimate details of a family welcoming its first child, carefully preserved by a caring mother.

There are infant milestones you'd expect in any baby book, and even a lock of her hair. "And, of course, there are plenty of photographs," said Emily Reiher, the grant's Resident Archivist.

Back in 1898, the year Marcelline Hemingway was born, this 120-page scrapbook may have been precious only to her parents, Grace Hall and Clarence Hemingway. But now, through

the Hacking Hemingway digitization grant, which is allowing unprecedented access to rare artifacts from both the Ernest Hemingway Foundation of Oak Park (EHFOP) and the library, its pages can be viewed and studied online by anyone, anywhere in the world, through the Illinois Digital Archives (IDA)—including Oak Park middle schoolers, who will use the digital artifacts in the classroom starting this spring with the grant's Digital Learning Resident, Alex Nall.

The baby book belonging to Marcelline, who was 18 months older than her brother Ernest, shows what Oak Park was like at the turn of the 20th century, Reiher said. Owned by the EHFOP and housed at the library, it was

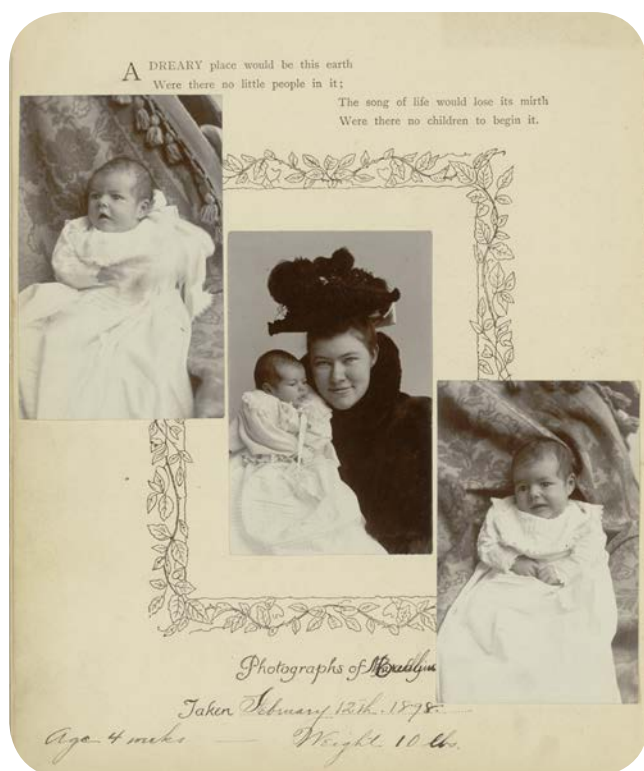
just one of 200 artifacts the library had digitized by LYRASIS, which works with libraries, archives, and museums to create, access, and manage digitized collections. "We're extremely pleased with how they chose to represent this three-dimensional object in the digital realm," Reiher said.

Library-owned items also were digitized by LYRASIS, including a sampling of Oak Park photographs taken by famous local Philander Barclay at a time when Ernest Hemingway also walked the streets of Oak Park. More library-owned items to be digitized and made available online as part of the grant, which runs through this summer, include essays Ernest wrote as a child, such as "A Trip to the Field Museum."

Until now, access to such artifacts had been available only by appointment, typically for scholars, at the Main Library. "It's all about letting these hidden treasures be seen more widely," said Leigh Tarullo, Assistant Manager of Adult and Teen Services and Special Collections Curator. "With digital access to these artifacts, students and researchers can now explore Oak Park's rich local history anywhere, anytime."

In all, at least 300 digitized artifacts from the library, the EHFOP, and the Historical Society of Oak Park and River Forest will be uploaded to the IDA in time for the Hemingway Society's 17th biennial international conference in Oak Park this July.

"Oak Park is fortunate to have multiple institutions with Hemingway-related and other historical collections," Reiher said. "By teaming together, we can help tell these stories about Oak Park and provide greater online access to these treasures. This not only will help Oak Parkers discover their own rich history, but it also will help others worldwide discover what makes Oak Park special."



Pages from the baby scrapbook of Marcelline Hemingway (Ernest's older sister), digitized through the library's Hacking Hemingway grant. Left: Photographs of Marcelline on her first outing at 4 weeks old, with mother Grace Hall Hemingway. Right: A lock of Marcelline's hair.

More: [oppl.org/hackinghemingway](http://oppl.org/hackinghemingway)  
See images: [idaillinois.org](http://idaillinois.org)  
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# THE RIGHT STUFF

## Reflecting community through collections

**Y**ou tell us you visit the library for many different reasons: to study, to work, to play. To connect with neighbors and friends. And, of course, to find what you want among the millions of books, movies, music, and more that can inspire moving moments, fresh ideas, and next steps.

"Oak Park is unique, with broad and diverse interests," says Elizabeth Marszalik, Manager of Library Experiences and Initiatives, Materials Services. "We want library collections—as curated content—to reflect our community, to be free and accessible to all, and to have measurable impact on the individual patron and the community as a whole."

Whether in print or digital form, collections are at the heart of the library. So how do we make sure we've got the right stuff?

### We curate

Librarian Stefanie Sikich has been selecting adult fiction since 2012. "I take it

seriously and am responsible with the community's resources," she says.

Sikich says she spends about a third of her budget keeping well-loved classics in good condition—*To Kill a Mockingbird*, anything by Ernest Hemingway, Isaac Asimov, and Agatha Christie, and "book club favorites" like *The Time Traveler's Wife*.

As for new books, she taps into reviews in professional journals like *Kirkus Reviews* and *Booklist*, plus popular sources like BuzzFeed and NPR. "However, books that are well reviewed don't always circulate well," she says. "And books that don't get good reviews, that's often what people want anyway."

So she works to strike the right balance, keeping library patrons in mind. "Oak Park loves cozy mysteries and world literature. People who like these genres really like them. I don't want them to go months without getting a new title," she says.

"Above all, we want to have a diverse collection," she says. "I want to find a good balance between the popular authors—the James Pattersons and the Nora Roberts—and someone who might be the next Gillian Flynn" (author of *Gone Girl*).

Librarian Eric Pasteur, who selects DVDs, Blu-rays, and CDs, says international and British films and TV shows, and Hollywood blockbusters, tend to be Oak Park favorites.

But Pasteur also has a special interest in local creators, including self-published authors, whose works form the homegrown collection called Oak Park Creates. Learn more at [oppl.org/creates](http://oppl.org/creates) and see page 15 in this issue for related events.

"Oak Park Creates celebrates our creative community," Pasteur says. "We also hope it inspires others."

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### Our collection cycle: Books, movies, music, and more

A lot happens to make sure we have the right stuff for you. Here's a quick overview of how we do it.

#### CHOOSE



Librarians Stefanie Sikich and Eric Pasteur use local expertise when working with vendors to get you the best stuff. Did you know you can place holds on items before they're even here, and request items not already in the catalog?

#### ADD



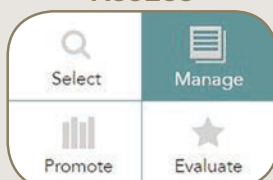
We receive new materials and put them on library shelves almost every day.

#### SHARE



To get you what you want, where you want it, we shuffle materials among all three locations twice daily. And every day we're open, we give and get materials from 76 other public, academic, and special libraries in the SWAN consortium.

#### ASSESS



New tools help us evaluate how you're using the collection and how we can improve its effectiveness.

## We assess

"Librarians today are deepening their knowledge of subjects, collections, and customers' wants," Manager of Library Assessment Sharon Comstock says.

With a software tool called collectionHQ, which provides an "evidence-based" approach for more than 8,000 public library branches worldwide, Comstock says the library can evaluate how well collections meet community needs.

"We track key performance indicators—demand, availability, findability, physical condition, and cost efficiency," she says. "Meaning having access to an item and content when you want it, where you want it, how you want it, in the condition you want it, at a cost that shows good stewardship."

From data gleaned through collectionHQ, the library was able to give branch collections "some needed TLC" last year, Comstock says. As a result, "We were eventually able to see that branch customers were checking out more items, more often, across formats."

The bottom line? With collectionHQ, "We can state that the library's collection indicators are trending upward—meaning a healthier, happier collection," she says.

## We listen

"We take feedback about library experiences very seriously," Marszalik says, adding that when patrons asked for shorter wait times on holds for new items, the library developed Hot Picks. This collection dedicates a certain number of trending titles to library shelves so that anyone who stops in has the opportunity to take home a new and popular book immediately.

Hot Picks has been so popular since launching last summer that it now includes children's materials.

"We own about 30 copies of each book in the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series, but you'd never know it by going over to the shelves," says Children's Librarian Shelley Harris. "The series is so popular that we decided to put the latest one in our Hot Picks collection. So now we still have copies that can be put on hold, but you can also come into the Main Library and have more of a chance to check it out on the spot."

## We find it

Your Oak Park Public Library card gives you access to items beyond those on Oak Park shelves. Because we belong to the SWAN library network, you can

borrow from a collection of more than 1.4 million unique titles.

And if an item isn't in the catalog, the library still can help you find it. Patrons can make both interlibrary loan and purchase requests in person, over the phone, and at [oppl.org/collections-download/make-request](https://oppl.org/collections-download/make-request).

"Our intention is to acquire the titles that Oak Parkers want, assuming titles meet the library's new Collection Strategy Statement, are available to purchase in the format requested, and fit within the budget," Marszalik says. "We want to provide the materials that Oak Parkers want and need."

Sikich, the librarian who orders adult fiction, says she looks to her fellow librarians for recommendations, but especially wants to hear from readers. "We want patrons to feel that they are the ones choosing the books," she says.

More: [oppl.org/collections](https://oppl.org/collections)  
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## Digital Collections

Stream and download ebooks, audiobooks, movies, music, and magazines anytime, anywhere.

For a quick overview of what's compatible with your device, check our Digital Collections Grid at [oppl.org/downloads](https://oppl.org/downloads).



**Ebooks & Audiobooks**  
OverDrive, eRead Illinois, 3M Cloud Library



**Movies**  
Hoopla, IndieFlix



**Music**  
Freegal, Hoopla



**Magazines**  
Zinio

## Special Collections

The library curates specific cultural and heritage collections that reflect the values and enduring legacies of Oak Park. These include the works of local figures such as Edgar Rice Burroughs, Ernest Hemingway, Frank Lloyd Wright, and other local authors. Collections also include the Oak Park Open Housing Movement and original and unique items focusing on the people, architecture, and events that shaped Oak Park as a community.

More: [oppl.org/collections](https://oppl.org/collections)  
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These original photographs were generously donated to the library by local legend Philander Walker Barclay. Above: Dunlop Bros. Bank Building (1887). Below: Central School (1903).





**Meet Kathleen Spale**  
Materials Services Assistant  
Manager, [kspale@oppl.org](mailto:kspale@oppl.org)

Learn more at [oppl.org/about](http://oppl.org/about).



### Experience Collections

Did you know you can check out experiences from your library too? Learn about art, animals, science, languages, computer programming, and much more through a Discovery Kit backpack or a Museum Adventure Pass.



### Mobile Collections

"From storytimes and pop-up programming to mobile check-outs and reference services, the Book Bike will bring your favorite library services, and people, right to you," says Neighborhood Services Librarian Sarah Yale. Learn more and find out where the Book Bike will be next at [oppl.org/bike](http://oppl.org/bike).

# 'I COULDN'T EXIST WITHOUT LIBRARY BOOKS'

**A**t each stage in her life, Roselyn Gieschen has found a niche at the library. It's where she took her children to develop their love for books, where she's enjoyed exhibits by local artists, and where she found books to fuel a quilting hobby. "You could just stay in the library forever because there's so much to learn," she said.

Since Gieschen stopped driving, her visits to the Main Library have grown rarer. But thanks to the library's Home Delivery Service, this former schoolteacher and Oak Park resident since 1957 remains an avid library user.

"I couldn't exist without library books," she said. "They take me to whatever environment the book is set in, and I get to live in that part of the world for a while."

Gieschen's home is just one stop on the route that longtime library volunteers Bill Crozier and Donna Bobco (also a library employee in Materials Services) drive every Friday. They work as a team—one driving, the other lugging bags of books, DVDs, and magazines between the car's trunk and patrons' front doors. And while they make deliveries to Oak Park's north side residents, another two volunteers tackle the south side route.

Most often, new bags are exchanged for old ones at patrons' front doors. But at Gieschen's building that Friday, they delivered the items in person. After a warm welcome and offers of just-baked peanut brittle, Gieschen opened her bag and pulled out a hardcover book:



Oak Park resident Roselyn Gieschen (right) receives library books at home from Home Delivery Service volunteers Bill Crozier (left) and Donna Bobco (center).

*All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr. "I've been waiting for this one!" she said.

Gieschen said that while she had been waiting for the novel to arrive, which her book club was set to discuss the following week, a library assistant gave her a book of Doerr's short stories to read in the meantime.

"So I got a flavor of what the author is like," Gieschen said. "The suggestion was wonderful."

That library assistant was Ben Iglar-Mobley, who runs Home Delivery.

He said while some participants request specific titles, others describe authors or genres they enjoy, and staff and volunteers take it from there.

Each week, about 150 items—mostly print books, but also audiobooks and DVDs—go out to about 50 people.

The service is available to all Oak Park cardholders unable to come into a library location, either indefinitely or for a short time—for example, while recovering from surgery or caring for a newborn.

More: [oppl.org/homedelivery](http://oppl.org/homedelivery)  
Ben at [bimobley@oppl.org](mailto:bimobley@oppl.org)

# FAMILY

Family events are all ages unless otherwise noted.



**ONE EARTH  
FILM FESTIVAL**  
oneearthfilmfest.org

## One Earth Film Festival

Saturday, March 5 & Sunday, March 6, Main Library Veterans Room. Produced by Oak Park's Green Community Connections, the One Earth Film Festival creates opportunities for understanding climate change, sustainability, and the power of human involvement through sustainability-themed films and facilitated discussion.

See the complete festival schedule at [oneearthfilmfest.org](http://oneearthfilmfest.org), and library screenings for adults and teens on page 14.

## Film Screenings for Children and Families

**Saturday, March 5**

**10-11 am:** See and discuss short environmental films. Best for ages 3-6.

**11:30 am-1:30 pm:** See and discuss the acclaimed *Saving My Tomorrow* (2014, 60 minutes) by HBO Documentaries. Best for ages 7-11.

## Young Filmmakers Contest Awards and Screenings

**Sunday, March 6, 1:30-2:30 pm**

See world-premiere screenings of winning films in the elementary and middle school categories. All ages.



[OPPL.ORG/KIDS](http://OPPL.ORG/KIDS)

## Kid's Craft: Rabbits

Hop right over to the library to create this adorable bunny craft! Ages 3+.

Dole Branch	Thursday, March 3, 3:30-4:30 pm
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Maze Branch	Monday, March 7, 3:30-4:30 pm
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## Barbie Club

Come play! Dolls and accessories provided.

Main Library	Friday, March 4, 10 am-12 pm Friday, April 8, 10 am-12 pm Friday, May 13, 10 am-12 pm
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Dole Branch	Friday, March 18, 3-5 pm Friday, April 15, 3-5 pm Friday, May 20, 3-5 pm
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## Saturday Sensory Storytime

**Saturday, March 5, 2-2:30 pm, Main Library.** Classes are structured with Boardmaker schedules and include fun picture books, songs, and fine

and gross-motor movement activities. Special supports like lap weights and fidget toys are available. Designed for children with special needs ages 3+ with caregiver support. Siblings welcome.

## LEGO Club

Come play! LEGO and DUPLO provided.

Main Library	Friday, March 11, 10 am-12 pm Monday, March 28, 2-4 pm Friday, April 15, 10 am-12 pm
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Dole Branch	Friday, March 11, 3-5 pm Friday, May 6, 3-5 pm
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Maze Branch	Tuesday, April 12, 3-5 pm
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## Crafty Kids

**Fridays, April 1, April 22 & May 6, 10 am-12 pm, Main Library.** Drop in and get crafty with your little ones. We'll have all sorts of supplies on hand; you bring the creativity and imagination. Best for ages 3+.

## Second Annual Summer Camp Expo

**Saturday, March 19, 2-4:30 pm, Main Library Veterans Room.** Learn about all the fun programs available this summer from a variety of local organizations. A full list of the participating camps will be available at [oppl.org/calendar](http://oppl.org/calendar) in March.



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### Drop Everything and Read Day

Tuesday, April 12

#### Drop Everything and Read... in Your PJs!

**9 am–9 pm, Main Library.** Join us to celebrate this annual event honoring Beverly Cleary's birthday and the importance of sharing books. Make it even cozier by coming in your PJs and building a bedsheet fort to cuddle up inside.

#### PJ Storytime

**7–7:30 pm, Main Library.** We cap off our celebration with a cozy evening storytime for all ages. Wear your PJs for even more fun!

[dropeverythingandread.com](http://dropeverythingandread.com)

#### Kid's Craft: Spring Garden

How does your garden grow? Join Miss Jenny as we use our imaginations to create this beautiful craft. Ages 3+.

Dole Branch | Thursday, April 7,  
3:30–4:30 pm

Maze Branch | Monday, April 11,  
3:30–4:30 pm

#### A Mid-Spring Night's Dream

**Saturday, April 9, 2–3 pm, Main Library.** Frolic with fairies, giggle over riddles, and get crafty! Have fun as we celebrate Shakespeare and the coming spring. Ages 3+.

#### Springtime Origami

**Thursday, April 14, 4–5 pm, Dole Branch.** Join us as we celebrate the arrival of spring by making origami birds, butterflies, and pinwheels. Instruction and paper will be provided.

#### Mother's Day Craft

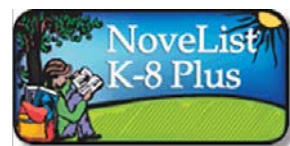
**Monday, May 2, 3:30–4:30 pm, Maze Branch.** Join Miss Linda and Miss Jenny as we create a beautiful gift to celebrate the special ladies in our lives. Ages 4+.

#### Swimmy Storytime and Craft

**Thursday, May 5, 3:30–4:30 pm, Main Library.** Celebrate Leo Lionni's birthday with a fun storytime and fish craft. Ages 3+.

#### Neverland Storytime and Craft

**Friday, May 13, 3:30–4:30 pm, Main Library.** Get ready to fly toward the "second star to the right and straight on 'til morning." Join Miss Jenny and Mr. Ian for this magical storytime and craft. And watch out for pirates! Ages 3–8.



#### What kinds of books are you in the mood for?

Use NoveList K-8 Plus to find book recommendations by age (babies through teens), genre, and mood, such as "Issue-oriented and Moving," "Quiet and Realistic," or "Funny and Cartoonish." Find this resource and more at [oppl.org/services/kids/homework-help](http://oppl.org/services/kids/homework-help).

# BABY, TODDLER, PRESCHOOL

## Why Storytimes Matter

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**W**e love storytimes at the Oak Park Public Library! We offer 13 classes every week, for babies straight up through preschoolers getting ready for kindergarten. (Yes, we've had week-old babies attend before!) Each of them is specially planned by age and development to help kids acquire pre-literacy skills in fun and age-appropriate ways.

Even those very littlest babies are learning about books—namely, that sharing them with their favorite grown-ups is a fun activity. As kids get older, they'll retain those positive associations. Plus, the more words they hear early on, the more words they'll recognize and understand when they're ready to read.

Every week, we highlight a way caregivers can bring storytime benefits home with them and help give their children the foundation needed to become readers later. We use the Very Ready Reading Program principles: share books, songs, rhymes, words, sounds, stories, and play! By sharing one every day, you're building literacy into your daily routines and giving your child the tools they'll need later.

End your day with a retelling of everything you did. Sing your directions to a task. See how tall a book tower you can make. It's all going to add up to creating a new reader.

Pick up a storytime brochure or visit [oppl.org/kids/storytimes](http://oppl.org/kids/storytimes) for our weekly schedule. No Maze Branch storytimes Feb. 29–March 4.



## Wee People Storytime and Craft

**Thursday, March 17, 10:30–11:30 am, Maze Branch.** Join Miss Jenny and Mr. Ian for a fun St. Patrick's Day celebration filled with stories, songs, and fun, plus a magical craft. Ages 3+.

## Building With Blocks

**Fridays, March 18 & May 20, 10 am–12 pm, Main Library.** Calling all budding engineers! Use our wooden blocks to build whatever your imagination can come up with.

## Springtime Storytime and Craft

**Friday, April 8, 10:30 am–11:30 am, Dole Branch.** Join Mr. Ian and Miss Jenny as we jump into spring with this fun storytime and craft. Ages 3+.

## Baby Fair

**Saturday, April 16, 10 am–12 pm, Off-site: Julian Middle School, 416 S. Ridgeland Ave., Oak Park.**

Expecting a new baby? Recently welcomed one? Learn what your library can offer even the youngest patrons, and meet representatives from organizations that support babies and parents.

## DigiTales: Languages Around the World

**Fridays, April 29 & May 27, 10–10:30 am, Main Library.** Hola! Bonjour! Ciao! Ni hao! Explore new apps to develop your little one's world language skills. Stories and songs are paired with apps and digital library tools. Best for ages 2–6.

## NEW! Bring storytimes and librarian expertise with you, wherever you are!

Sign up for Early Bird Readers, a new digital early learning program for parents, caregivers, and teachers. It's based on the Very Ready Reading Program, which we use in all library storytimes.

Each week, a children's librarian will text an activity to share with kids, from newborns up to age 5, with additional activity videos posted monthly. Sign up, and see previous texts and videos, at [oppl.org/readers](http://oppl.org/readers).



# ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE SCHOOL



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## After the Bell

Wednesdays, March 2–23 & April 6–May 25, 2–3:30 pm, Dole Branch. It's our weekly after-school program with crafts, movies, and games. Ages 8+.

## Curiosity Club

Wednesdays, March 2–23 & April 6–May 25, 3–4 pm, Main Library. Discover both new books and new friends in this hands-on session starring games, crafts, and activities. Best for ages 4–8.

## Homeschool Meet-Up

Thursdays, March 3–24 & April 7–May 19, 12–2 pm, Main Library. Drop in each week to socialize with other local homeschooling families. Sack lunches welcome. Best for ages 6+; younger siblings welcome.

## Pi Day Craft

Monday, March 14, 3:30–4:30 pm, Main Library. Join Miss Jessica as we celebrate Pi Day with an amazing skyscraper craft! Ages 5+.

## Princess in Black Book Party

Tuesday, March 15, 1:30–2:30 pm, Main Library. Defeat goat-eating monsters and celebrate the new Princess Magnolia and Goat Boy adventure with fun crafts and activities. Costumes (princess and/or ninja) encouraged. Best for ages 4–8.

## Kids' Improv Workshop

Mondays, March 21, April 18 & May 16, 6:30–7:30 pm, Maze Branch. Calling kids for improvisational drama games! Grades 1–4.

## Blissed Out Yoga

Thursday, March 31, 1:30–2:15 pm, Main Library Veterans Room. Join Kristen Mimplitz from Blissed Out yoga studio for a Spring Break yoga program. Best for ages 5+. Register now.

## Earth Day Craft

Friday, April 22, 4–5 pm, Main Library. Do you love crafts? Do you love recycling? Join Miss Adrienne for some crafty fun as we celebrate Earth Day! Ages 5+.

## Teen Improv

Thursdays, March 17, April 21 & May 19, 7–8 pm, Maze Branch. Calling tweens and teens for improvisational drama games! Grades 5+.

## Cupcake Wars

Thursday, March 24, 7–8 pm, Main Library. Your creativity + our cupcakes and decorating supplies = NOM NOM NOM. For kids in grades 5–8. Register now.

## Guys Read: Funny Stories

Friday, April 1, 4–5 pm, Main Library. We'll read some funny stories and work on writing our own jokes. No need to pre-read anything—just show up! Learn more at [guysread.com](http://guysread.com). For guys in grades 5–8.

## GEMS (Girls Excelling in Math & Science): Coding Party, Take Two

Wednesday, April 20, 4–5 pm, Main Library Computer Classroom. Our Coding Party in November was so much fun that we're having another! We'll be creating art, music, and dancing graphics with Google's Made with Code. No experience or attendance at previous GEMS events required. Find out more at [gemsclub.org](http://gemsclub.org) and [madewithcode.com](http://madewithcode.com). For girls in grades 5–8. Register now.

## T.O. Make: Sew the Night Away

Mondays, May 2–23, 6:30–7:30 pm, Main Library. Want to learn more about creating with fabric and a sewing machine? Get ready for four evenings of learning, designing, and having fun. No experience required; all materials will be supplied. For kids in grades 5–8. Register now for each session, as many as you like.

# HIGH SCHOOL

OPPL.ORG/TEENS



## Meet Rachael Bild Teen Services Librarian [rbild@oppl.org](mailto:rbild@oppl.org)

Get involved with the library and Rachael this summer! For more information, visit [oppl.org/teens](http://oppl.org/teens).

### Tournament of Abes

We've teamed up with Oak Park and River Forest High School to support learning, literacy, teen reading, and the importance of voting. Learn more and vote by March 4 at [oprfs.libguides.com/tournamentofabes](http://oprfs.libguides.com/tournamentofabes).

### Tournament of Abes Debate Showdown

Wednesday, March 9, 7-8:30 pm,  
Main Library Veterans Room.

OPRFHS teachers and community members will make the case for their picks for the 2016 Abraham Lincoln Awards. Plus, attendees will have a chance to win free books!

### Apply now! 2016 Teen Battle of the Bands

Saturday, June 18, 1-5 pm, Scoville Park. Teens! This is your chance to get your band heard. Apply by 5 pm on Friday, May 6 to compete at the annual Battle of the Bands, where you can win prizes and a chance to compete at regional and state levels. Apply at [oppl.org/teens](http://oppl.org/teens). Sponsored by the Park District of Oak Park, the Oak Park Public Library, and School of Rock.



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### Teen Volunteer Association

Tuesdays, March 1-May 17, 3:30-5 pm,  
Main Library Book Discussion Room.

Help with a variety of projects including planning teen events, crafting for local organizations, boxing books, and organizing materials on library shelves. Sign up today.

### Mess Hall

First and Third Thursdays, March 3-May 19, 3:30-5 pm, Main Library Veterans Room. This is not your teacher's study hall! Drop by for an afternoon of messing around and making stuff. We'll have art projects, video games and board games, robots to build, and space for you to unwind. Every week will be a new experience.

### Teen Improv

Thursdays, March 17, April 21 & May 19, 7-8 pm, Maze Branch. Calling tweens and teens or improvisational drama games! Grades 5+.

### Exam Cram

Monday, May 16-Wednesday, May 25, Main Library. Your table is reserved! Stop in while the library is open to find a quiet place to study. Ask us for space when you arrive.



### Financial Aid Letter Comparison Workshop

Wednesday, March 16, 7-8:30 pm,  
Main Library Computer Classroom.

Confused about which college you can afford? Get expert advice and tools to help you evaluate your options. Bring your financial aid award letters and leave prepared to make the best choice for your family. Especially for high school seniors and their families. Space is limited; register now.

### Heading to College

Monday, April 4, 7-8 pm, Main Library Veterans Room. You've mailed your acceptance letter to the school of your choice...now what? Join us for a practical discussion about transitioning from high school to college. You'll leave with concrete steps to take this summer to smooth your transition and ease your mind.

### Connect the Dots

Thursday, April 28, 4-5 pm, Main Library Veterans Room. What's after high school for you? Do you really need to go to college to get that paycheck? Explore your interests and possible careers as you play Connect the Dots, a game about the real world.

# DIGITAL LEARNING, CAREERS

## OPPL.ORG/TECH

### WORKSHOPS

Workshops are held in the Main Library Computer Classroom. To see all workshop descriptions and requirements, visit [oppl.org/tech](http://oppl.org/tech). Register in person, online, or by calling 708.452.3480. Walk-ins welcome as space permits.

#### **NEW! Internet Básico (en español)**

Tuesday, March 8, 7–8 pm

#### **LinkedIn Basics**

Tuesday, March 15, 7–8 pm

#### **NEW! Library Database Overview for Job Seekers**

Wednesday, March 23, 10–11 am

#### **Basic Microsoft Word 2010**

Tuesday, March 29, 7–8 pm

#### **Profile Photo Basics**

Wednesday, April 6, 7–8 pm

#### **NEW! How to Make a Website**

Tuesday, April 12, 7–8 pm

#### **Basic Microsoft Excel 2010**

Tuesday, April 19, 7–8 pm

#### **Intermediate Microsoft Excel 2010**

Tuesday, April 26, 7–8 pm

#### **Introduction to Computers**

Tuesday, May 3, 10–11 am

#### **Basic Microsoft PowerPoint 2010**

Tuesday, May 10, 7–8 pm

#### **Learn New Skills With Three Top Online Tools**

Wednesday, May 18, 10–11 am

#### **Basic Internet**

Tuesday, May 24, 10–11 am



#### **Meet Raleigh Ocampo Digital Content Strategist [rocampo@oppl.org](mailto:rocampo@oppl.org)**

Fully bilingual, Raleigh is excited to lead the library's first Spanish-language tech workshop, Internet Básico (left), on getting started with the Internet.

## FOR BUSINESS OWNERS

#### **Start, Manage, and Grow Your Business Using ReferenceUSA**

Monday, March 7, 12–1 pm,

Main Library. Entrepreneurs and business owners will learn how to use ReferenceUSA to find the mission-critical information to start, manage, and grow a business. Topics include searching for businesses, locating hard-to-find vendors, both locally and nationally, locating subject-matter experts and professional services, finding investors, venture capitalists, and angels, networking with other businesses in your area or industry, developing relationships, with related businesses for cobranding opportunities, and more.

#### **SCORE Small Business Counseling Sessions**

Tuesdays, March 8, April 12 &

May 10, 9:30 am–12:30 pm, Main Library Group Study Rooms. Free private, hourlong counseling/mentoring sessions for start-ups, small businesses, and budding entrepreneurs provided by SCORE, a nonprofit association and resource partner of the Small Business Administration. By appointment only at [scorechicago.org](http://scorechicago.org) (choose "Oak Park Public Library" from the drop-down list of locations) or by phone at 312.353.7724.



## OPPL.ORG/JOBSEARCH

All Job Seeker Seminars are at the Main Library. Register now.

#### **Things About the Job Search You May Not Know But Should**

Thursday, March 24, 2–4 pm

#### **Uncovering the Hidden Job Market: Career Search Strategies Using ReferenceUSA**

Friday, April 29, 2–3:30 pm

#### **Tips for Submitting Online Job Applications**

Thursday, May 19, 2–3:30 pm

#### **Have you tried Business Source Complete?**

Provides peer-reviewed, full-text coverage for the most important scholarly business journals. Learn more at [oppl.org/jobsearch](http://oppl.org/jobsearch).

# FILM, ARTS & CRAFTS

## DOUG DEUCHLER PRESENTS

Join local film historian Doug Deuchler for film screenings and discussions this spring.

### Kirk Douglas:

#### Midcentury Movie Idol

**Wednesdays, 1:30–3:30 pm, Main Library.** Watch and discuss the final two films in this series starring Kirk Douglas, one of the last living legends from the golden age of Hollywood.

**March 2:** *Paths of Glory*  
(1957, 88 min.)

**March 9:** *Lonely Are the Brave*  
(1962, 107 min.)

### Funny Lady: A Celebration of Rosalind Russell

**Wednesdays, 1:30–4:30 pm, Main Library.** Watch and discuss six of the most popular films featuring Rosalind Russell, who had a wide career from the 1930s through the 1970s and a great gift for comedy.

**March 30:** *The Women*  
(1939, 133 min.)

**April 6:** *His Girl Friday*  
(1940, 92 min.)

**April 13:** *My Sister Eileen*  
(1942, 96 min.)

**April 20:** *Picnic* (1955, 115 min.)

**April 27:** *Auntie Mame*  
(1958, 143 min.)

**May 4:** *Gypsy* (1962, 143 min.)

### Celebrating Seniors Week Special Screening:

**Harry and Tonto** (1974, 115 min.)

**Wednesday, May 18, 1:30–3 pm, Main Library.** Art Carney plays a retired teacher and widower who travels across the country, accompanied by his pet cat Tonto. See more Celebrating Seniors Week events on page 16.



Carole Harrison's *Unity Growth* (1966, brass and copper sculpture) in the Main Library's vestibule.

## One Earth Film Festival

Produced by Oak Park's Green Community Connections. See more for children and families on page 8.



**Sunday, March 6, 3:30–6 pm, Main Library.** See and discuss *A Farmer's Road* (2015, 74 min.) and meet an Illinois goat farmer.

## Picturing the Past

**Wednesdays, 1–3:15 pm, Maze Branch.**

Join us for this series featuring films with a historical context, plus discussion after the film.

**March 16:** *Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom* (PG-13, 2013, 141 min.)

**April 20:** *Shakespeare in Love*  
(R, 1998, 123 min.)

**May 18:** *Argo* (R, 2012, 120 min.)

## Suffragette

**Saturday, March 26, 2–4:15 pm, Main Library.** For Women's History Month, see this film (2015, 106 min.) about securing equal voting rights for women.

## Pleasant Home Lecture Series

**Thursdays, 7–9 pm, Main Library.**

**March 3:** "Silsbee in Polo: A Chicago Architect in a Prairie Town"

**March 10:** "The Lakefront Transformed: George W. Maher in Gary"

## aMAZEing Art: Assemblage Workshop

**Saturday, March 12, 1–2:30 pm, Maze Branch.**

Nancy Fong leads a hands-on art workshop using found objects. Dress for messy work. Supplies will be provided. Register now.

## Essential Forms: Ceramic Sculpture

**Sunday, April 17, 3–4 pm, Maze Branch.**

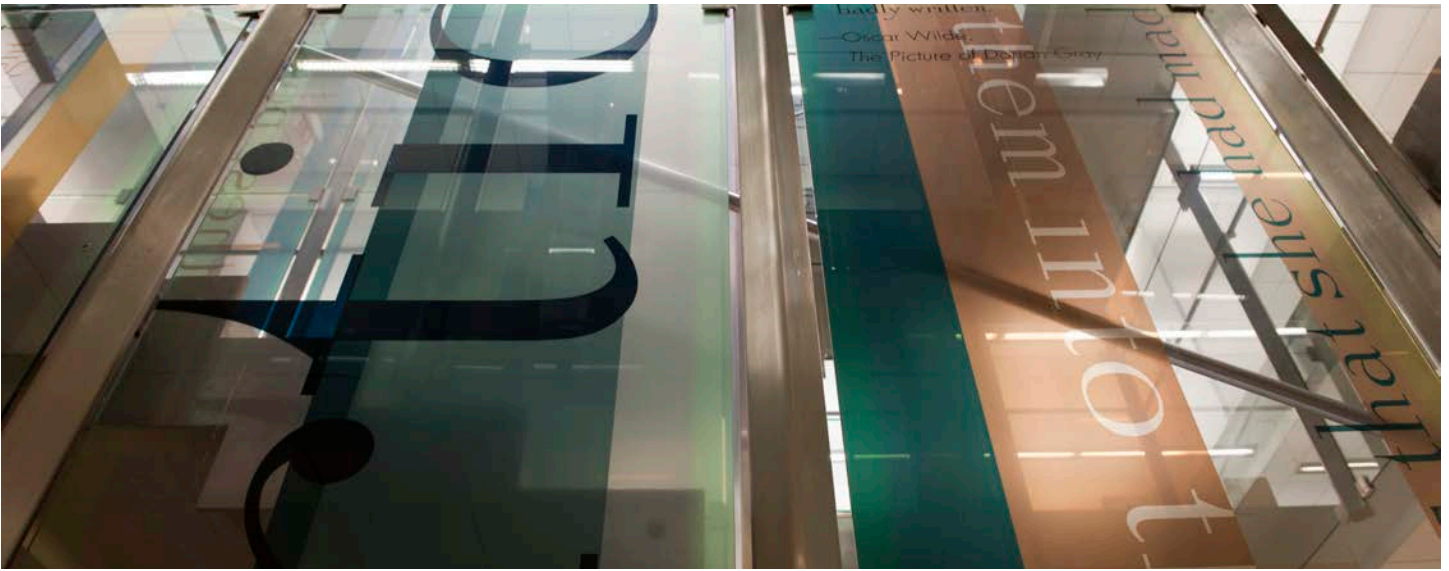
Join artist Gina Lee Robbins to learn what inspires her to push, pull, stack, and carve clay in three dimensions.

## Money Smart Craft Swap

**Saturday, April 30, 10 am–12 pm, Main Library Community Space.**

Recycle unwanted craft supplies and find "new-to-you" materials. Donate items at the library on Saturday, April 23 from 10 am to 11:30 am to get first pick at the swap.

# AUTHOR EVENTS



## Author Derek Cressman: *When Money Talks*

Monday, March 7, 7–9 pm, Main

Library. Meet Derek Cressman, who in his book provides the tools to fight back against the use of special-interest money in political campaigns.

## Historian Leslie Goddard: Rachael Carson

Saturday, March 12,  
2–4 pm, Main Library.

To celebrate Women's History Month, actress and historian Leslie Goddard portrays biologist and author Rachel Carson, who launched the modern ecology movement with her best-selling 1962 book, *Silent Spring*.



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## Author Maggie Kast: *A Free, Unsullied Land*

Saturday, April 9, 2–3:30 pm, Main

Library. Meet Maggie Kast, whose debut novel explores a little-known bit of American history—the unjust and widely protested Scottsboro Boys trials, in which nine African-American men were convicted of raping two white women. Books available for sale and signing.

## From the Shadow of JFK: The Rise of Beatlemania in America

Thursday, May 12, 7–9 pm, Main

Library. Did the assassination of JFK cause the Beatles' sudden popularity in the U.S in 1964? This multimedia program with Beatles scholar and author Aaron Krerowicz examines the band's popularity and staying power.



## Meet Eric Pasteur, Adult and Teen Services Librarian epasteur@oppl.org

Eric established Oak Park Creates, which aims to recognize the accomplishments of Oak Parkers and provide inspiration for activities that foster future creations.

## OAK PARK CREATES

Learn more about our local creators collection at [oppl.org/creates](http://oppl.org/creates).

## Author Gerald Butters

Thursday, March 31, 7–9 pm, Main

Library. Meet Oak Park author Gerald Butters and hear him discuss his book, *From Sweetback to Super Fly: Race and Film Audiences in Chicago's Loop*, with local film historian Doug Deuchler.

## Author Panel: Learn How to Self-Publish

Sunday, April 17, 2–4 pm, Main

Library. Learn important tips from local authors who have self-published books, including E. C. Diskin, Jeremy Falcon, and Indya Mcgrone.

## Author Indya Mcgrone

Saturday, May 7, 2–3 pm, Main

Library. Meet Oak Park author Indya Mcgrone and see her new children's book, *Zoey and Cloey's Big Fruit Juice Adventure*.

# MUSIC, WELLNESS

## CONCERT & WORKSHOP

### Sigma Alpha Iota Fraternity Concert

Sunday, March 13, 2-4:30 pm, Main Library. Members of Sigma Alpha Iota, a professional music fraternity, perform with two flutes and a piano.

### Oak Park Concert Chorale Early Music Workshop

Saturday, May 14, 10 am-5 pm, Main Library. Interested in singing madrigals, canons, and other early choral music? Join Oak Park Concert Chorale Director Paul Lindblad for an all-day workshop, plus a public performance in the library. No experience required. For more program details, see [oppl.org/calendar](http://oppl.org/calendar).



## FOLK MUSIC CONCERTS



### Chris Walz and Eric Lambert

Tuesday, March 29, 7-9 pm, Main Library. Stunning and spontaneous musical conversations from the Americana Songbook including bluegrass, blues, old-time, folk, and original tunes.

### Heather Pierson

Thursday, April 21, 7-9 pm, Main Library. New Orleans-style jazz and blues, plus rousing Americana and poignant folk narratives.

### Cassie and Maggie MacDonald

Thursday, May 5, 7-9 pm, Main Library. Original compositions and arrangements with traditional Celtic roots.

### Talk to Your Kids About Sex

Thursday, March 17, 6:30-7:30 pm, Main Library. Dr. Stephanie L. Brown, Public Health Specialist at the Oak Park Department of Public Health, will provide you with the tools and info you need to talk to your kids about sex.

### Alzheimer's Association: Having Honest Conversations

Wednesday, April 6, 11 am-12 pm, Main Library. Representatives from the National Alzheimer's Association, Greater Chicago Chapter, will discuss how to have honest and caring conversations with family members about going to the doctor, deciding when to stop driving, and making legal and financial plans. Register now.

### Have you tried Consumer Health Complete?

Covers topics from mainstream to holistic and integrated medicine. More at [oppl.org/online-tools](http://oppl.org/online-tools).



### Celebrating Seniors Week

Find more info and all programs at [celebratingseniors.net](http://celebratingseniors.net).

### Dr. Michelle Levan: What's Food Got to Do With It?

Monday, May 16, 2-3:30 pm, Main Library. Learn what foods you should be eating to stay healthy, plus homeopathic practices recommended for better health.

### Steve Darnall: Radio and the Great American Songbook

Tuesday, May 17, 2-4 pm, Main Library. Join the host of *Those Were the Days* for an audiovisual look at the role radio played in the Great American Songbook, with samples of performances by Cole Porter, George Gershwin, and Irving Berlin.

Also see page 14 for a Celebrating Seniors film screening at the library.

# MORE THAN A MONTH



Kehinde Wiley's *Easter Realness #2* (2004, oil on canvas) on the Main Library's third floor.

More Than a Month is the library's yearlong health, wellness, and black aesthetics-focused exploration of the African diaspora and its imprint on the contemporary black experience across cultures and continents.

## **Book Discussion:**

### ***Black Man in a White Coat***

**Saturday, March 19, 2-3 pm, Main Library.** Discuss Dr. Damon Tweedy's passionate and profound memoir of his experience grappling with race, bias, and the unique health problems of black Americans.

### **"The Art of Architecture: Africa's 21st Century Black Diaspora Architects"**

**Sunday, March 20, 2-4 pm, Main Library.** Carolyn Armenta Davis explores the different cultures, economics, politics, and geography informing the designs of African-American, Afro-Latino, Afri-European, and African architects, and the lives of the 1.3 billion black people across the trans-Atlantic African Diaspora.

### **Natural Hair Meet-Up**

**Saturday, April 2, 2-4 pm, Main Library.** A look at the history of natural hair care

and the growing global Natural Hair Movement with a snapshot of contemporary natural hair maintenance and international style trends. Register now.

### ***Something the Lord Made***

**Sunday, April 3, 2-4:30 pm, Main Library.** See and discuss this film about black cardiac pioneer Vivien Thomas (played by Mos Def), who defied racial restrictions starting in the 1930s to become a foremost infant heart specialist. (2004, 117 min.)

### **National Minority Health Month**

**Friday, April 15, 11 am-1 pm, Main Library Community Space.** The CDC marks National Minority Health Month in April by raising awareness about the health disparities that continue to affect minority populations. Come to this info session and learn more about community initiatives in your neighborhood, including REACH (Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health).

### **Zumba With BFit Fitness**

**Saturdays, April 23 & 30, 11 am-12 pm, Main Library Veterans Room.** Get moving with this heart-healthy and fun workout led by instructors from BFit Fitness Center in Oak Park. Zumba is a Latin-inspired cardio-dance workout that uses music and choreographed steps to create a fitness party atmosphere using African beats. Register now.

### **Book Discussion: *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks***

**Saturday, May 21, 2-3 pm, Main Library.** Discuss Rebecca Skloot's book about an ordinary woman's extraordinary legacy and how medical science can sometimes exploit society's most vulnerable people.

More: [oppl.org/news](http://oppl.org/news)  
Susan at [smcclelland@oppl.org](mailto:smcclelland@oppl.org)

# LEARN & CONNECT



## NEW! Ongoing Groups

### NEW LOCATION! Zeitgeist: Passionate About Pop Culture

Second Wednesdays,  
7:30-8:30 pm, Off-site: Beer Shop,  
1026 North Blvd., Oak Park. Join us to  
connect over popular movies, music  
and podcasts, and books. No advance  
reading or watching is required. Just  
show up and dive in!

**March 9:** Passionate About  
*Downton Abbey*

**April 13:** Passionate About *Outlander*

**May 11:** Passionate About Anime



### NEW! No-Shush Salon

Thursdays, 6:30-8:30 pm, Maze  
Branch. A monthly open mic for all  
creative types who want to share their  
works in progress or newly finished  
endeavors in one of our 10-minute  
time slots. Every month features a new  
theme or guest.

**March 31:** Theme: The Wisdom of  
the Fools

**April 28:** Featured performer:  
Bellydancer Paula Ngo

**May 26:** Featured reader: Jude  
W. Mire

## Ongoing Groups, Clubs, and Meet-Ups

### Oak Park Photography Club

Second and Fourth Mondays,  
7-9 pm, Main Library

### Adult Improv Workshop

Tuesdays, April 5 & May 3, 7-8:30 pm,  
Maze Branch

### Open Board-Game Play

First and Third Wednesdays,  
6:30-9 pm, Main Library

### French Conversation Hour

Wednesdays, March 30, April 27 &  
May 25, 7-8 pm, Maze Branch

### Yarns & Yarn

Second and Fourth Thursdays,  
2-4 pm, Dole Branch

### Genealogy Meet-Ups

Fridays, March 18, April 15 & May 20,  
2-3:30 pm, Main Library

## NEW! Wednesday Writers' Word Fest

Wednesdays, March 2, April 6 &  
May 4, 10 am-1 pm, Main Library.

A group for adult and teen fiction writers of all types and genres. Bring your lunch, your words to share, and your words yet to be written. To introduce yourself to the group, bring a bit of flash fiction you are proud of (1,000 words or less).

## How Much Are Your Old Coins and Gold Jewelry Worth?

Tuesday, March 8, 7-9 pm, Main Library. Learn about the value of old coins and gold jewelry and have yours appraised (not including precious stones) for free. No buying or selling at the program.

## Second Annual Summer Camp Expo

Saturday, March 19, 2-4:30 pm, Main Library Veterans Room. See page 8 for more information.

## Volunteer Meet and Match

Wednesday, April 13, 4-8 pm, Main Library. Looking for the perfect local volunteer activity? Meet your match at this one-stop volunteer fair featuring organizations that need people like you. In partnership with the Oak Park-River Forest Community Foundation.



## Baby Fair

Saturday, April 16, 10 am-12 pm, Off-site: Julian Middle School. See page 10 for more information.

# LIBRARY-LED BOOK GROUPS

OPPL.ORG/BOOKGROUPS

Titles are available at the library one month before the discussion. All are welcome; no registration is required. For more information and to sign up for our monthly book discussion groups email, visit [oppl.org/bookgroups](http://oppl.org/bookgroups).

## Detection by Daylight

Tuesdays, 12-1 pm, Maze Branch

**April 5:** *The Black Echo*

**May 3:** *Chocolate Chip Cookie Murder*



## Brown Bag

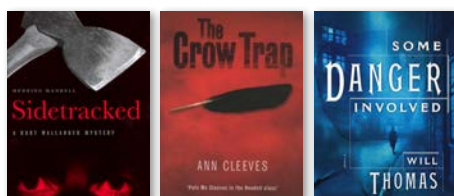
Tuesdays, 12-1 pm, Dole Branch

**March 15:** *Sidetracked*\*

\*Off-site: Eastgate Cafe  
102 Harrison St., Oak Park

**April 12:** *The Crow Trap*

**May 17:** *Some Danger Involved*



## The Lives They Lived

Tuesdays, 7:30-8:30 pm, Maze Branch

**March 22:** *M Train*

**May 17:** *The Boy Who Harnessed The Wind*



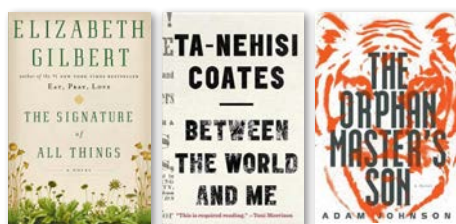
## Words on Wednesday

Wednesdays, 1-2:30 pm, Main Library

**March 16:** *The Signature of All Things*

**April 20:** *Between the World and Me*

**May 18:** *The Orphan Master's Son*



## Read & Reflect

Fridays, 12-1 pm, Dole Branch

**March 18:** *A Backpack, a Bear, and Eight Crates of Vodka*

**April 15:** *The Third Coast*

**May 20:** *The Bill of the Century*

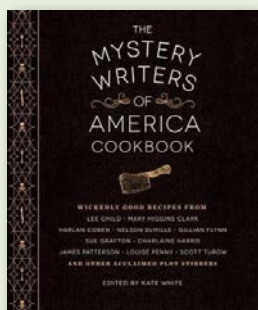
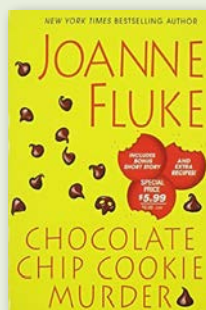


## What's Cooking?

Sundays, 2-3 pm, Maze Branch

**March 13:** *Chicago Homegrown Cookbook*

**April 10:** *Chef Paul Prudhomme's Louisiana Kitchen*



## NEW! Crossover Event: Cooking by Daylight

Sunday, May 1, 2-3 pm, Maze Branch. We're combining two book discussions this month (Detection by Daylight and What's Cooking?) for a thrilling culinary mashup. Our selections are *Chocolate Chip Cookie Murder* by Joanna Fluke and *The Mystery Writers of America Cookbook* edited by Kate White. Read one or both, and choose a recipe to make and bring to our discussion. We'll have a potluck of tasty treats!



### Contact Us

**oppl.org/contact**

Main Library: 708.383.8200

Dole Branch: 708.386.9032

Maze Branch: 708.386.4751

### Board of Library Trustees

Open to the public, meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Find board meeting dates and locations at [oppl.org/board](http://oppl.org/board), and get in touch at [board@oppl.org](mailto:board@oppl.org).

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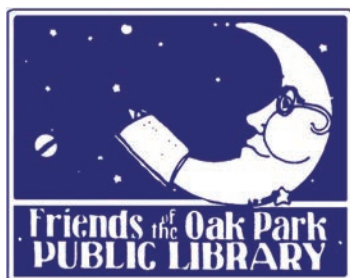
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### #OAKPARKSTORIES

For the past three and a half months—since his wife passed away—Fancher stops in to check out a DVD player, an X-Men movie and a comfortable chair on the second floor, but what he's really after is what he calls "peace of mind." He finds that too.

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**Due to lower-level floor installation, Maze Branch Library will be closed Feb. 29–March 4. More: [oppl.org/news](http://oppl.org/news). All library buildings will be closed Sunday, March 27 and Monday, May 30.**

### OPPL.ORG/VISIT

Main Library	Dole Branch Library	Maze Branch Library
834 Lake St. 708.383.8200	255 Augusta St. 708.386.9032	845 Gunderson Ave. 708.386.4751
Mon–Thurs: 9 am to 9 pm Friday: 9 am to 6 pm Saturday: 9 am to 5 pm Sunday: 1 pm to 6 pm	Monday: Closed Tues–Thurs: 10 am to 9 pm Friday: 10 am to 6 pm Saturday: 10 am to 5 pm Sunday: 1 pm to 6 pm	Mon–Thurs: 10 am to 9 pm Friday: Closed Saturday: 10 am to 5 pm Sunday: 1 pm to 6 pm