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Sat | 9 am–5 pm

Sun | 12–5 pm

Ask a Librarian

Live chat available at
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Accessibility

ADA accommodation should be requested at least 10 working days prior to any library event.

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-  **Thousands** of films—including educational content for kids—through Kanopy
-  **90+** online resources—Ancestry, Consumer Reports, and Udemy—for research and learning
-  **One** library card that never expires unless you move away



Who can get a library card?

- Anyone who lives in incorporated Tinley Park or Orland Hills
- Anyone who owns or leases taxable residential or business property in incorporated Tinley Park or Orland Hills
- Individuals who live in unincorporated Tinley Park may apply for a non-resident fee card.

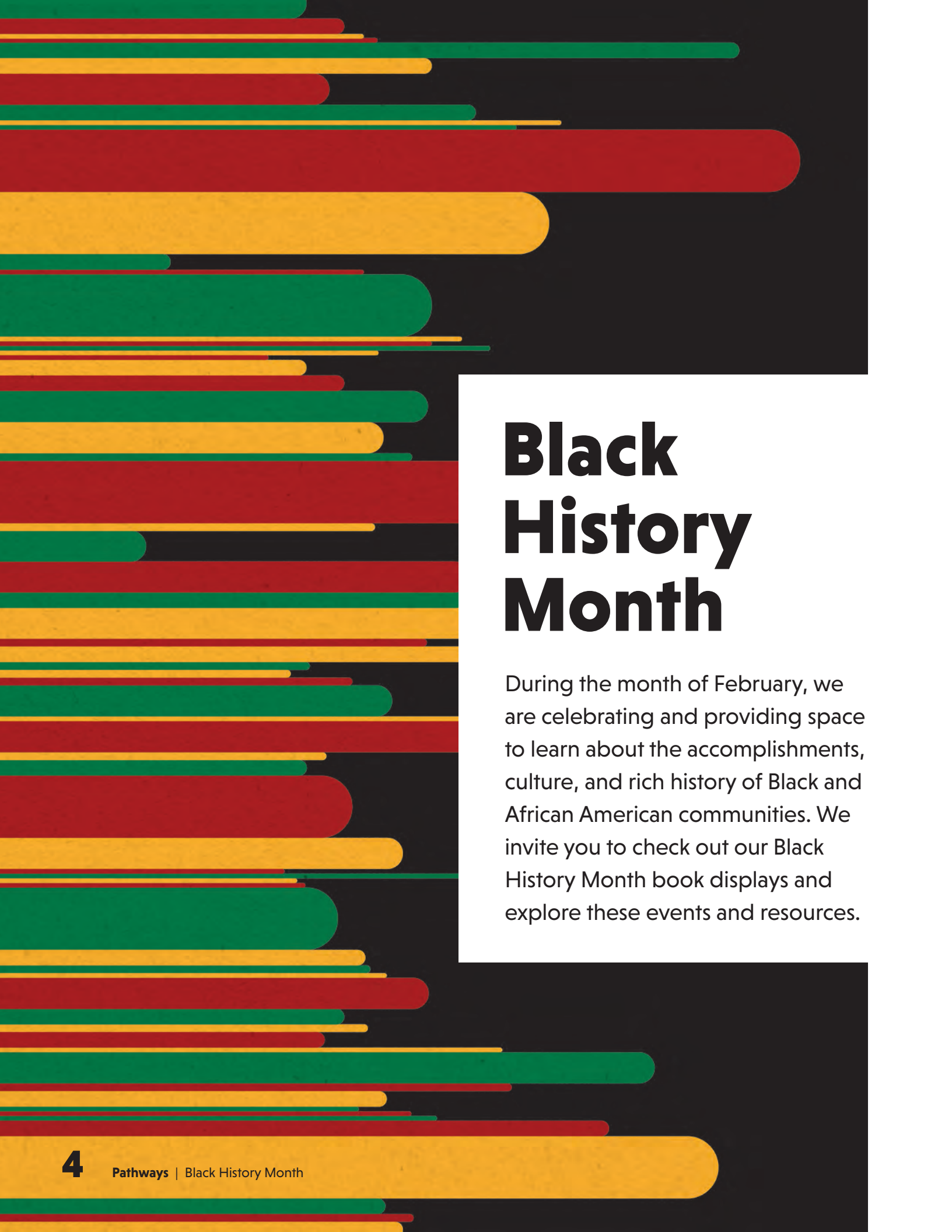
How to get your library card

Apply in person:

Stop by the Checkout Desk or visit the Bookmobile with your Illinois driver's license or state ID with your current address. A parent's or legal guardian's signature is required on the application and library card of anyone under the age of 18. For a complete list of acceptable forms of identification and proof of residency, visit tplibrary.me/circulation-policy or call 708.532.0160, x3.

Apply online:

You can sign up for your library card online at tplibrary.me/card.



Black History Month

During the month of February, we are celebrating and providing space to learn about the accomplishments, culture, and rich history of Black and African American communities. We invite you to check out our Black History Month book displays and explore these events and resources.

Black History Month Events

Too Good to Be Missed Book Group

Reel by Kennedy Ryan

Romance

Wed, Feb 11 | 1:30–2:30 pm

Led by **Dominique** |  Drop in

Movie Discussion Group

The Last Black Man in San Francisco

Wed, Feb 11 | 7–8 pm

 Drop in

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MLK Collage

Mon, Feb 23 | 7–8 pm

Grades 6–12: Celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. with an MLK collage portrait! Each participant will create their own collage to take home.

History on Wheels Museum: Honoring Heroes of Color

Sat, Feb 28 | 12–3 pm

 Drop in

Discover the often-overlooked stories of historical figures in the armed forces. Explore artifacts and hear powerful stories that bring history to life. Event sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Scavenger Hunt Feb 1–28

Enjoy an exciting Black History Month-themed scavenger hunt at the library! Pick up a flyer near the Youth Program Room to get started. Explore the Youth & Teen Services Department while you search for hidden images. Once you have located all the images, come to the Youth & Teen Services Desk with your completed hunt flyer for a special prize!

All Storytimes during the week of Feb 2–6 will be Black History Month-themed.

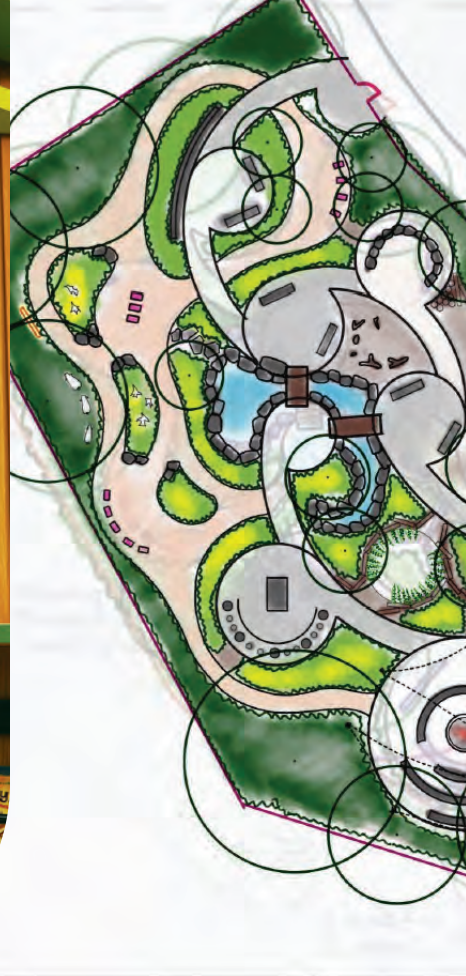


Online Resources to Explore

- **Biography Reference Center**—Find biographies of noteworthy individuals both past and present. Browse helpful categories or search by occupation, nationality, and more.
- **Kanopy**—Watch critically-acclaimed movies, documentaries, foreign films, and shows, including a curated collection for Black History Month in February.
- **HeritageQuest Online**—Learn more about your family history. Search census records from 1790 to 1950, military, immigration, and Freedman's Bank records, and the full text of 25,000 local histories and family histories.

Visit tplibrary.me/research to find these resources and more.





↑ Youth Play Area

Where Stories

The Tinley Park Public Library is entering an exciting new chapter! Our 2024–2025 Library Renovation is complete. Visitors can now enjoy cozy teen study areas, a colorful Lite-Brite wall, a dual-purpose nursing and sensory room, updated restrooms on both floors, and beautifully refreshed program spaces for youth and teens. The entire project was designed to create welcoming, inclusive environments where all ages can learn and play.

As we celebrate this transformation and look ahead to the library's 70th anniversary in 2026, we're turning our focus outdoors to our next major project: the Prairie Garden & StoryWalk®. Designed by *site design group, Ltd.* and constructed by *Electric One, Inc.* and *HMR Construction Company*, this new, inviting outdoor space will help families engage with nature, reading, and imagination.



↑ Prairie Garden concept



↑ Manufacturer's rendering of outdoor play kitchen

Grow Next

Located just behind the library, the Prairie Garden will feature:

- Native plantings
- Shaded seating
- Musical play elements
- A pollinator-friendly rain garden
- An accessible StoryWalk® trail

This project reflects our vision of environmental awareness and community investment, while supporting our strategic goals of enhancing user

experience, strengthening community connections, and practicing responsible stewardship of public resources.

Construction is expected to be completed by summer 2026. Stay up to date at tplibrary.me/prairiegarden or follow us on social media for photos and progress updates.

Together, we're cultivating spaces that inspire curiosity, connection, and care—inside and out.



GoPro



Nintendo Switch



Car Battery Tester



Gas Leak Monitor



Toniebox Audio Player



Chromebook Kit



Blood Pressure Monitor



Roku Preloaded with Streaming Services



Tire Inflator

Library of Things

The Tinley Park Public Library now has a Library of Things! This collection of nontraditional items gives you the chance to try before buying or to borrow instead of buying something you rarely need. Borrow an item to save money, reduce waste, and be a part of resource-sharing with our community!

Need to hang a picture frame? Have a tire that needs air? Planning a party? We've got you covered. Our collection includes useful "Things" such as:

- Leveling lasers for home projects
- A tire inflator for inflating items from car tires to air mattresses
- A portable speaker for events and gatherings
- And more!

We will continue adding items to check out that make your life easier or more fun. Visit tplibrary.me/lot to see the full collection and borrowing rules.

Note: The technology devices previously known as Take-Home Tech are now part of the Library of Things.

Checkout Guidelines

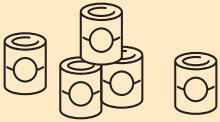
- For TPPL cardholders only, must be 18+.
- Loan period is three (3) weeks with no renewals.
- Must present TPPL card and photo ID to check out technology devices.
- An agreement form must be signed the first time you check out a Library of Things item.





Stirring Up Comfort & Community

Join us for a Community Soup Drive, where every ladle brings warmth, connection, and care. Beyond collecting soup items for those in need, we're offering cozy programs that celebrate the comfort of soup. Whether you're donating a can or sharing a bowl, there's a place for you at the table.



Soup Drive
January 2-19



Nonperishable soup items may be brought to the library from January 2-19. All items will be donated to the Tinley Park Food Pantry.



Join us for these deliciously fun soup-themed events!

Teen How-To: Ramen/Ramyeon Hacks

Fri, Jan 2 | 7-8 pm

Grades 6-12: Learn how to enhance your favorite instant noodle snack from Korea and Japan with a variety of mix-ins and sauces.

Soup for You!

Wed, Jan 7 | 6:30-7:30 pm

Colleen Bowden will share tips and techniques as she prepares two delicious and comforting winter soups. Samples and recipes provided. Signup begins Dec 1.

Souper Stories

Mon, Jan 19 | 4:30-5 pm

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Ages 3-8 years with adult(s): Join us for this soup-er storytime! We will be reading soup-themed books and will even make a soup-themed craft.

Shadow Puppet Theater: "Stone Soup"

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Celebrate Your Love for Reading This February

ADULTS

Library Lovers' Month Bingo Challenge

February 1–28

Get to know your library in the Library Lovers' Month Bingo Challenge! Read books and complete different library-related activities to finish your Bingo card and earn a chance to win a gift card. This challenge is open to adults and is offered with both an online and paper bingo card. Questions? See the Adult Reference Desk.

Blind Date with a Great Book

February 1–28

If you're stuck in a reading rut, try a blind date with a great book. Stop by to pick up your mystery "date" from our display on the first floor. They will be disguised in kraft paper with only a few details about the book listed! Check them out with your library card. Questions? See the Adult Reference Desk.

ALL AGES

Bookmark Contest

February 1–21

Preschool–Adult: Celebrate Library Lovers' Month by decorating a reading-themed bookmark for a chance to win a prize! Winning bookmarks will be displayed in the library. Entries accepted at the library between Feb 1–21. Pick up an entry form at the library or print one out from our website starting Feb 1.

Fairy Tale Theatre Presents

CHRISTMAS SHORTS

A HILARIOUS SELECTION OF HOLIDAY SKITS
FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES, FEATURING A
CAST & CREW OF LOCAL TEENS!

WRITTEN BY LUCY WILLIAMS AND PRODUCED BY SPECIAL
ARRANGEMENT WITH PIONEER DRAMA SERVICE, DENVER, COLORADO

DECEMBER 13 | 11 AM & 2 PM

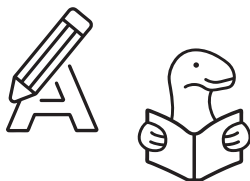
FREE TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE YOUTH & TEEN
SERVICES DESK STARTING DECEMBER 1



Preschool Fair

Saturday, February 7 | 10 am–12 pm

Families: Stop by to chat with staff from several of our local preschools. They will be on hand to answer questions to help you decide what experience will work best for your child.



Children

Signup is required unless noted as **Drop in**. Signup begins on the 15th of the month prior to the event's listed date.

Storytimes

Family Pajamarama

Fri, Dec 5, Jan 23, Feb 27 | 6:30–7:15 pm

Drop in

Ages 3–8 years with adult(s): Participate in stories, fingerplays, games, crafts, and songs.

Afternoon Storytime at Orland Hills Community Center

Thu, Dec 11, Jan 22, Feb 12 | Storytime: 4:15–4:45 pm
Bookmobile: 4:45–5:15 pm

Orland Hills Community Center

16553 S Haven Ave

Drop in

Families: Enjoy themed stories, songs, and rhymes. Afterwards, visit the Bookmobile to check out books and pick up a special treat!

Stories Around Town at Crema Coffee

Mon, Dec 15, Jan 19, Feb 16 & Sat, Jan 3, Feb 7 |

Bookmobile: 10–11 am

Storytime: 10:15–10:45 am

Oak Park Ave Train Station—Crema Coffee
6700 South St

Drop in

Families: Enjoy themed stories, songs, and rhymes. Visit the Bookmobile to check out books and pick up a special treat!

Arabic Storytime

Sat, Dec 20, Jan 31 | 10:30–11 am

Drop in

Ages 3–8 years with adult(s):

Enjoy children's stories and songs in Arabic.

قصص و اغاني باللغة العربية مع المعلمة منى جرار

Supported Storytime: A Quiet New Year's Celebration

Sat, Dec 27 | 10:30–11:15 am

Ages 3–8 years with adult(s):

A visual schedule and sensory supports will be available in this adaptive storytime as we celebrate the New Year with a variety of low-key, fun activities.

Storytimes during the week of Feb 2–6 will be Black History Month-themed.

Preschool Stories

Tue, Jan 6–Feb 10 | 10–10:30 am

Wed, Jan 7–Feb 11 | 11–11:30 am

Drop in

Preschoolers with adult(s):

Designed to promote early literacy and fine motor skills for preschoolers.

Bouncing Babies

Tue, Jan 6–Feb 10 | 11–11:30 am

Thu, Jan 8–Feb 12 | 10–10:30 am

Drop in

Ages Birth–23 months with adult(s):

Stories, songs, and rhymes for caregiver and child to share.

Toddler Tales

Wed, Jan 7–Feb 11 | 10–10:30 am

Fri, Jan 9–Feb 13 | 10–10:30 am

Drop in

Toddlers with adult(s): Build early literacy skills through stories, fingerplays, songs, and more.

Evening Storytime

Thu, Jan 8–Feb 12 | 6:30–7 pm

Drop in

Ages 3–8 years with adult(s): Join us each week for themed stories, songs, activities, and a craft!

Bilingual Storytime: Spanish and English

Sat, Jan 10, Feb 14 | 10:30–11 am

Drop in

Ages 3–8 years with adult(s):

Enjoy stories and songs in both Spanish and English. Disfruten de cuentos y canciones para niños en español e inglés.

Polish Storytime

Sat, Feb 28 | 10:30–11 am

Ages 3–8 years with adult(s):

Enjoy stories and songs in both Polish and English. Ciesz się opowieściami i piosenkami w języku polskim i angielskim.

Souper Stories

Mon, Jan 19 | 4:30–5 pm

Drop in

Ages 3–8 years with adult(s): Join us for this soup-er storytime! We will be reading soup-themed books and will even make a soup-themed craft.

Wiggleworms

Wed, Jan 21 | 6–6:30 pm

Ages 2–3 years with adult(s):

Enjoy stories, songs, and crafts.

Supported Storytime

Sat, Jan 24, Feb 21 |

10:30–11:15 am

Ages 3–8 years with adult(s): A visual schedule and sensory ►

Youth & Teen Subscriptions

Children, families, and teens can sign up for monthly subscription services with books or movies that are curated and chosen based on their preferences.

Ready Readers Subscription Bag | Grades K–2

Junior Reads Subscription Bag | Grades 3–5

Teen Reads Subscription Box | Grades 6–12

Signup: December 1–20

Pickup: January 5, February 2, March 2

Baby's First Book Bag | Birth–23 months

Family Movie Subscription Bag

Families with children ages 3–8 or 9–12

Signup: begins on the 15th of the month prior

Pickup: December 1, January 5, February 2

supports will be available in this adaptive storytime. Join us for stories, songs, movement, and sensory activities.

Families

Jolly Good Stories

Wed, Dec 10 | 6:30–7 pm

Ages 3–8 years with adult(s):

Enjoy humorous stories about Santa and Rudolph! Sign up each child separately.

Family Activity Night

Fridays | 6:30–7:30 pm

Dec 19: *Winter Crafts*

Jan 9: *LEGO*

Feb 20: *Cosmic Bingo*

Drop in

Families: Come to the library and spend some quality time together!

Noon Years Eve

Tue, Dec 30 | 11:30 am–12:30 pm

Families: Ring in the New Year with us as we create crafts, play games, dance, and count down our way into 2026!

Preschool Fair

Sat, Feb 7 | 10 am–12 pm

Families: Meet representatives from local preschools to help you find the right experience for your child.

Babies & Toddlers

Baby's Winter Wonderland

Wed, Dec 10 | 11–11:45 am

Ages 3–23 months with adult(s):

Bundle up and join us for a cozy and fun-filled Winter Wonderland experience!

Baby Loves Hugs and Kisses

Wed, Feb 4 | 6–6:30 pm

Ages 3–23 months with adult(s):

Join us for a hugs-and-kisses-themed program.

Movin' and Groovin' Indoors

Wed, Feb 18 | 11–11:30 am

Drop in

Ages 2–3 years with adult(s):

Kids will engage with interactive stories and move to upbeat rhythms.

Preschool

STEAMers at Work

Wed, Jan 7 | 6:30–7:15 pm

Ages 4–5 years with adult(s): Is there magic behind colors? Join us for play-based STEM activities.

Grades K–1

Gingerbread Play Dough

Mon, Dec 15 | 5–5:45 pm

Grades K–1: Run, run, run, as fast as you can to the library for a reading of *The Gingerbread Man*. Then create some gingerbread play dough.

Make It with Paper Cups

Wed, Feb 18 | 6–6:45 pm

Grades K–1: Make your paper cup creation and play a game with paper cups.

Grades K–2

Monarch Madness

Thu, Dec 18, Jan 15, Feb 19 |

1–2 pm

Grades K–2: Are you ready to battle a few of the 2026 Monarch nominees? Join us as we read a few books, choose our favorite, and complete fun activities. ►

This program is during early afternoon to accommodate families with children who are homeschooled or attend school remotely.

Valentine's Day Crafts

Thu, Feb 12 | 4:30–5:15 pm

Grades K–2: Love is in the air!

Join us in making a Valentine's Day decoration as well as a card for that special someone!

I Can Be a Ballerina

Thu, Feb 19 | 6–6:45 pm

Grades K–2: Calling all budding ballerinas! Twirl and whirl your way through this program as we dance, create a craft, and more!

Grades K–3

Reading Buddies

Thu, Feb 26 | 6–7 pm

Grades K–3: Beginning readers can read aloud for up to 20 minutes to a teen volunteer. Please sign up for one time slot.

Grades K–5

Greyt Readers

Mon, Dec 8, Jan 12, Feb 9 |

6:30–8 pm

Grades K–5: Readers practice their developing skills out loud to a greyhound dog for up to 15 minutes. Please read full description at tplibrary.me/events.

Grades 2–3

Sew with Me!

Sun, Dec 28 | 2–3 pm

Grades 2–3: Join us for a very basic sewing class and make an adorable project to take home.

Books and Cooks

Mon, Jan 5 | 5–6 pm

Grades 2–3: 'Tis the season for lots of snow and yummy treats. Join us for some frosty good tales and create a delicious snowman pudding pie.

Kahoot! Kick-Off

Mon, Jan 26 | 5:30–6:30 pm

Grades 2–3: Ready to play? Test your trivia skills while playing Kahoot!, the game where speed counts! iPads will be provided.

Snack Attack

Tue, Feb 3 | 4:30–5:30 pm

Grades 2–3: Learn how to make some tasty treats to celebrate National Snack Food Month.

Slime Party

Wed, Feb 11 | 6–7 pm

Grades 2–3: Games, challenges, snacks, photoshoot, a slime bar! Yes, it is definitely a party!

Grades 3–5

Bluestem Book Club

Thursdays | 4:30–5:30 pm

Dec 4: *Millionaires for the Month* by Stacy McAnulty

Jan 8: *A Plate of Hope* by Erin Frankel

Feb 5: *Escape at 10,000 Feet* by Tom Sullivan

Grades 3–5: Each month, we'll discuss a different nominee from the 2026 Bluestem Readers' Choice List while enjoying a snack. We'll conclude with fun activities!

Shadow Puppet Theater: "Stone Soup"

Mon, Jan 19 | 6:30–7:30 pm

Grades 3–5: Retell the classic story of "Stone Soup" using shadow puppets that you create!

Winter Events

Crochet Corner

Thu, Jan 29 | 4:30–5:30 pm

Grades 3–5: Learn the basics of crocheting and make your own craft. Experts and beginners alike are welcome.

Grades 4–5

It Takes a Team

Wed, Dec 10 | 4:30–5:30 pm

Grades 4–5: Join us for some team-building games.

Disney Lorcana Club

Mon, Dec 15, Jan 12 |

6:30–7:30 pm

Grades 4–5: Play Lorcana, a popular trading card game with Disney characters. Bring your own deck or learn how to play using a provided starter deck.

Videogame Club

Tue, Dec 16, Jan 13, Feb 10 |

4:30–5:30 pm

Grades 4–5: Play a variety of video games on the library's Nintendo Switches.

"Sew" Simple

Mon, Feb 16 | 6:30–7:30 pm

Grades 4–5: Learn a few simple stitches and create a pocket love monster. All supplies provided.

Beaded Buddies

Wed, Feb 18 | 4:30–5:30 pm

Grades 4–5: Join us as we make an adorable, beaded buddy keychain.

Game On! Mancala

Tue, Feb 24 | 4:30–5:30 pm

Grades 4–5: Learn to play Mancala, a game that has been played for over 3,000 years!

Grades 4–8

King Me!

Sat, Dec 20, Jan 17, Feb 14 |

2–3 pm

Grades 4–8: Show off your skills and join us for chess and checker fun! Beginners and experts alike are welcome.

Teens

Signup is required unless noted as  Drop in. Signup begins on the 15th of the month for next month's events.

Grades 6–8

Caudill Book Club

Thursdays | 4:30–5:30 pm

 Bean N' Breek

17835 S 80th Ave

Dec 18: *Medusa: The Myth of Monsters*

by Katherine Marsh

Jan 15: *Parachute Kids* by Betty C. Tang

Feb 19: *The Swifts: A Dictionary of Scoundrels* by Beth Lincoln

Grades 6–8: Each month we'll discuss a nominee from the 2026 Caudill Readers' Choice List. Permission slip required. See full description at tplibrary.me/events.

Potato Fashion Show

Mon, Feb 9 | 7–8:30 pm

Grades 6–8: Mr./Mrs. Potato Head meets *Project Runway* in this unique crafting experience.

Grades 6–12

Teen Volunteering Opportunities

Grades 6–12: Volunteer to help out at children's programs! Check our calendar regularly for new opportunities: tplibrary.me/programvolunteers.

Teen Game Night: *Wheel of Fortune*

Tue, Dec 2 | 7–8 pm

Grades 6–12: Spin the wheel and solve the puzzle! Join us to play a version of the popular game show *Wheel of Fortune*.

Teen How-To: Destress

Wed, Dec 3 | 7–8 pm

Grades 6–12: Feeling stressed? Learn different ways to release your stress, make a stress ball, and more!

"Sew" Simple

Mon, Dec 8 | 7–8 pm

Grades 6–12: Learn a few simple stitches and create a felt evergreen tree. All supplies provided.

Zen Gardening

Tue, Dec 9 | 7–8 pm

Grades 6–12: Create your own portable Zen garden! All supplies provided.

Cozy Winter Day

Fri, Dec 19 | 7–8 pm

 Drop in

Grades 6–12: Sip on hot chocolate while working on jigsaw puzzles with your friends.

Teen How-To: Ramen/Ramyeon Hacks

Fri, Jan 2 | 7–8 pm

Grades 6–12: Learn how to enhance your favorite instant noodle snack from Korea and ►

Japan with a variety of mix-ins and sauces.

YAC: Youth Advisory Council

Tue, Jan 13, Feb 10 | 6–7 pm

Grades 6–12: Help plan teen programs at the library. Pizza and pop are served.

Café Olé

Tue, Jan 13, Feb 10 | 7–8 pm

Grades 6–12: Hang out with your friends, eat cookies, sip on a hot or cold drink, and enjoy a different activity each time.

Teen Craft Night: Modular Origami

Fri, Jan 16 | 7–8 pm

Grades 6–12: Learn simple origami folds to build elaborate creations.

Crochet Mania

Wed, Jan 21 | 7–8 pm

Grades 6–12: Learn the basics of crocheting and make your own craft. Experts and beginners alike are welcome.

Percy Jackson: Camp Half-Blood

Tue, Jan 27 | 7–8 pm

Grades 6–12: Calling all demigods! Join us for an epic program inspired by *Percy Jackson and the Olympians*.

Teen Video Game Night

Fri, Jan 30 | 7–8 pm

Grades 6–12: Play a variety of retro video games on the library's classic NES consoles.

Cozy Reading Day

Sat, Jan 31 | 10 am–2 pm

Grades 6–12: Bring a book and get cozy as we spend the day reading, snacking, and making bookish crafts.

Teen Random Acts of Kindness

Tue, Feb 3 | 7–8 pm

Grades 6–12: Create inspirational posters that will be donated to assisted living and memory care facilities.

Teen Storytime

Wed, Feb 4 | 7–8 pm

Grades 6–12: Celebrate World Read Aloud day with your favorite pastime—storytime! There will be stories, songs, bubbles, crafts, and more!

Teen Digital Art

Fri, Feb 13 | 7–8 pm

Grades 6–12: Design your own vinyl stickers using the ProCreate app and cut them out on the Cricut.

Lunar New Year

Tue, Feb 17 | 7–8 pm

Grades 6–12: Learn how the Lunar New Year is celebrated throughout the world with games, crafts, and a snack.

Teen Video Games

Fri, Feb 20 | 6:30–8 pm

Grades 6–12: Sharpen your mini-game skills and join fellow gamers to play Mario Party on the library's Switch consoles.

MLK Collage

Mon, Feb 23 | 7–8 pm

Grades 6–12: Celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. with an MLK collage portrait! Each participant will create their own collage to take home.

Teen Art Studio

Fri, Feb 27 | 7–8 pm

Grades 6–12: Learn how to blend and create textures with alcohol markers to color in a cozy winter scene.

Grades 9–12

Stitch and Sip

Mon, Jan 5 | 6:30–8 pm

📍 Drop in

Grades 9–Adult: Bring your craft project and work while socializing with other crafters. Handwork projects only please.

Stranger Things

Tue, Jan 6 | 7–8:30 pm

Grades 9–Adult: Meet with fellow fans and celebrate the TV series *Stranger Things* with trivia, crafts, and snacks.

Cricut 101: Using Canva with the Cricut

Wed, Jan 14 | 6–7:30 pm

Grades 9–Adult: Learn how to use Canva to make designs for the Cricut.

Explore Together: Supported Activities for Adults and Teens

Thursdays | 6–7:30 pm

Jan 22: **Puzzle and Game Night**

Feb 26: **Love Song Sing-Along**

📍 Drop in

Grades 9–Adult: This engaging monthly event is designed for those with intellectual, developmental, or physical disabilities and their friends/families.

Cricut 101: Using Print Then Cut

Wed, Feb 11 | 6–7:30 pm

Grades 9–Adult: Learn how to Print Then Cut using the Cricut.

Adults

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Seasonal Events

Martina Mathisen Presents: LIFT

Mon, Dec 1 | 6:30–7:30 pm

📍 Attend in person or view recording

An inspiring and heartwarming program about staying positive, finding joy, and drawing strength from within.

Pebble Art Holiday Craft with Nikki

Fri, Dec 5 | 11:30 am–1:30 pm or 6–8 pm

📍 TPPL cardholders only

Join Nikki Torres to create your own wooden ornament layered with colorful pebbles, sea glass, and stones. Ages 18+. Signup begins Nov 1.

Unwrapping the Charms of German Holiday Traditions

Wed, Dec 10 | 7–8 pm

📍 Attend online or view recording

Historian Anette Isaacs explores beloved customs, from Advent calendars and Christkindlmarkt to festive treats like lebkuchen and stollen.

Christmas on State Street

Fri, Dec 12 | 11 am–12 pm

Leslie Goddard will fill your heart with memories of celebrations, ►

the Christmas parade, and animated window displays. Based on her book *Lost Chicago Department Stores*.

History of the Chicago Auto Show, 1901–2025

Mon, Dec 15 | 2–3 pm

Auto historian Mitch Frumkin's fast-paced presentation features archival photos, film clips, and audio recordings, immersing the audience in the Auto Show's excitement and grandeur.

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Colleen Bowden will share tips and techniques as she prepares two delicious and comforting winter soups. Samples and recipes provided. Signup begins Dec 1.

Discover What's Yours: I-Cash

Thu, Jan 8 | 10 am–2 pm

Fri, Jan 16 | 12–4 pm

Thu, Feb 12 | 10 am–2 pm

📍 Drop in

The State Treasurer is holding five billion dollars in unclaimed funds for Illinoisans. Find out if there is any unclaimed property owed to you! Searches are done by name and address.



Friends Concert The Chris White Trio Featuring Vocalist Abigail Riccards

Sun, Jan 11 | 2–3 pm

Join us for an afternoon of elegant jazz standards and timeless popular songs. Sponsored by the Friends of the Tinley Park Public Library. Signup begins Dec 15.



Illinois Libraries Present Jonathan Eig: Bringing History to Life

Tue, Jan 13 | 7–8 pm

 TPPL cardholders only
Jonathan Eig shares *King: A Life*, his 2024 Pulitzer Prize-winning biography of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Mark Bazer will join in conversation.

The British Invasion

Fri, Jan 16 | 2–3:15 pm

Join Dave Rudolf for a nostalgic journey through the British Invasion as he shares stories and performs hits from The Beatles, The Kinks, The Who, Peter and Gordon, and more!

Project Management 101: Part 1

Thu, Jan 22 | 7–8 pm

 Attend online

Explore key tools through sample projects and discover resources for certifications like PMP, ACP, and CAPM. Beginner-friendly class taught by Michael Spilg, PMI-certified instructor.

Project Management 101: Part 2

Tue, Feb 3 | 7–8 pm

 Attend online

Gain an overview of AI tools and how to utilize them to enhance project productivity. Beginner-friendly class taught by Michael Spilg, PMI-certified instructor.

Jigsaw Puzzle Challenge

Sat, Jan 24 | 11 am–2 pm

Teams will be formed the day of the event with a maximum of four per team. Signup required, ages 18+. Tinley Park cardholder signup begins Dec 15. If space allows, others may sign up beginning Jan 5.

Prepare to Care

Sat, Jan 31 | 11 am–12:30 pm

Certified Elder Law Attorney Helen Mesoloras presents valuable information and legal advice every caregiver needs when a loved one becomes ill, disabled, or loses cognitive function.

Galentine's Day Paint 'n' Sip

Wed, Feb 4 | 6–8 pm

Fri, Feb 6 | 1:30–3:30 pm

 TPPL cardholders only
Unleash your creativity while enjoying light refreshments! Ages 18+.

Heart Health Awareness

Wed, Feb 18 | 2–3 pm

 Attend in person or view recording

Learn the signs of hypertension and heart disease, how to manage it, and reduce your risk. Presented by a rep from the American Heart Association.

Home Cheesemaking

Sat, Feb 21 | 11 am–12:30 pm

 TPPL cardholders only

Mark Lyons will demonstrate how to make a simple soft cheese and teach you about ingredients, equipment, and techniques. Samples and recipes provided.

The Whodunits Present: Your Book or Mine

Tue, Feb 24 | 7–8 pm

Romantasy fans, use your best detective skills to interrogate the suspects during this interactive performance featuring local actors. Attendees will move throughout the program.



Illinois Libraries Present

R.L. Stine: Still Afraid of the Dark

Tue, Feb 24 | 7–8 pm

 TPPL cardholders only
Join us with *The Guinness Book of World Records* "most prolific author of children's horror novels," R.L. Stine, to discuss his illustrious and still-expanding body of work.

History on Wheels Museum: Honoring Heroes of Color

Sat, Feb 28 | 12–3 pm

 Drop in

Discover the often-overlooked stories of historical figures in the armed forces. Explore artifacts and hear powerful stories that bring history to life. Event sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Ongoing Events

Posture, Balance, and a Little Cha-Cha

Mon, Dec 1, Jan 5, Feb 2 |

10–10:45 am

Increase strength, flexibility, and endurance for living a healthy lifestyle. Led by Elaine Gotfryd Noonan, exercises can be done standing or in a chair. Signup begins on the 15th of the month prior to the dates listed.

Mah Jongg Club

Tue, Dec 2 & 16, Jan 6 & 20, Feb 3 & 17 | 11 am–1 pm

Mon, Dec 29, Jan 26, Feb 23 | 6–8 pm

 Drop in

Players of all skill levels are welcome. An instructor will be on hand to teach those new to the game. No instructor Jan 6.

Stitch Club

Thu, Dec 4 & 18, Jan 15, Feb 5 & 19 | 11 am–1 pm

 Drop in

Open to anyone who wants to meet, mingle, and share tips on needlecraft projects. Supplies not provided.

Ageless Grace (Brain and Body Fitness)

Mon, Dec 8 & 22 | 10–10:45 am

 Attend online or in person

Work out your brain as well as ►

your body in this fun, creative, and playful chair exercise program. Signup begins on the 15th of the month prior to the dates listed.

Wits Workout for Older Adults

Tue, Dec 9, Jan 13, Feb 10 | 10:30–11:30 am

Give your brain the workout it needs to stay sharp! Join us for fun brain-teasers, games, and puzzles that get you thinking. Made possible through a grant from AgeOptions.

Chair Yoga

Thu, Dec 11, Jan 8, Feb 12 | 11 am–12 pm

Instructor Kathy Ruiter will guide you in gentle, non-strenuous chair exercises and meditation. Signup begins on the 15th of the month prior to the dates listed.

English as a Second Language: Conversation Group

Tue, Dec 16, Jan 13, Feb 10 | 7–8 pm

Chat in conversational English with other members of the community who speak English as a second language.

Evening Yoga

Wed, Dec 17, Jan 21, Feb 18 | 6:30–7:30 pm

Through guided instruction from Kathy Ruiter, combine gentle yoga poses with breathing awareness to relax the mind. Bring a yoga mat and a firm blanket. Signup begins on the 15th of the month prior to the dates listed.

Memory Café

Tue, Dec 23, Jan 27, Feb 24 | 10:30–11:30 am

A comfortable social gathering ►

for people living with dementia to attend with a family member or care partner. Includes creative engagement activities, music, and refreshments.

League of Aspiring Writers

Mon, Dec 29, Jan 19, Feb 16 | 6–8 pm

Connect with other local writers who are eager to improve their craft and help you improve yours.

Chair Fitness

Mon, Jan 12 & 26, Feb 9 & 23 | 10:30–11:15 am

Attend online or in person. Have fun exercising while sitting in a chair! Led by instructor Karen Zegarinski. Signup required for each in-person session. Signup begins on the 15th of the month prior to the dates listed.

Explore Together: Supported Activities for Adults and Teens

Thursdays | 6–7:30 pm

Jan 22: Puzzle and Game Night
Feb 26: Love Song Sing-Along

Drop in. Grades 9–Adult: This engaging monthly event is designed for those with intellectual, developmental, or physical disabilities and their friends/families.

Movie Discussions

Movies are available at the Adult Reference Desk about one month before the discussion date. Watch at home and join us for the discussion.

The Thin Man

Wed, Dec 10 | 7–8 pm

Drop in. 1934 | TV-PG | 91 min | Mystery, Crime, Comedy

Hell or High Water

Wed, Jan 14 | 7–8 pm

Drop in. 2016 | R | 102 min | Western, Crime, Thriller

The Last Black Man in San Francisco

Wed, Feb 11 | 7–8 pm

Drop in. 2019 | R | 121 min | Drama

Movie Showings

Events are Drop in. Signup not required.

Friday Films

Drop in and join us for a free daytime movie showing.

Dear Santa

Fri, Dec 19 | 11 am & 2 pm

Drop in. 2024 | PG-13 | 107 min | CC | Comedy

Superman

Fri, Jan 9 | 11 am & 2 pm

Drop in. 2025 | PG-13 | 129 min | CC | Action, Adventure, Science Fiction

Materialists

Fri, Feb 13 | 11 am & 2 pm

Drop in. 2025 | R | 115 min | CC | Romantic Comedy

Technology Classes

Signup is required for events and begins on the 15th of the month for the next month's events.

Classes & Workshops

Apple Devices: Basics

Thu, Dec 4 | 2–3:30 pm

Tue, Jan 6 | 6–7:30 pm

Fri, Feb 6 | 2–3:30 pm

Familiarize yourself with the basic features of your iPad or iPhone.

Apple Devices: Advanced

Thu, Jan 15 | 2–3:30 pm

Fri, Feb 13 | 2–3:30 pm

Learn about some of the advanced features of your iPhone or iPad.

Create Professional Presentations with Canva

Tue, Jan 27 | 6–7 pm

Thu, Feb 5 | 6–7 pm

Learn how to use the free graphic design tool Canva to create presentations for school or work.

Cut the Cable Cord

Mon, Dec 15 | 7–8 pm

Sat, Jan 24 | 2–3 pm

Learn about streaming services, like Netflix and Hulu, and streaming devices, like Apple TV and Roku.

Deepfake: ChatGPT and AI

Wed, Dec 3 | 10–11 am

Mon, Feb 2 | 2–3 pm

Learn about Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology innovations and how AI can influence various aspects of our lives and industries.

Winter Events

eBay and Facebook Marketplace: How to Sell Stuff Online

Thu, Dec 18 | 2–3 pm

Sun, Feb 8 | 3–4 pm

Learn how to sell items on eBay and Facebook Marketplace.

Excel: Basics

Wed, Jan 7 | 6–8 pm

Tue, Feb 10 | 10 am–12 pm

Learn the fundamentals of Microsoft's spreadsheet application.

Excel: Intermediate

Wed, Jan 21 | 6–8 pm

Tue, Feb 17 | 10 am–12 pm

Learn to format and arrange data to improve the functionality and analysis of your dataset.

Excel: Advanced

Wed, Jan 28 | 6–8 pm

Tue, Feb 24 | 10 am–12 pm

Learn advanced level Excel skills, including charts, pivot tables, and advanced filtering.

How to Listen to Podcasts

Fri, Feb 27 | 6–7 pm

Learn how to find and listen to podcasts on your favorite devices.

Information Literacy in the Age of AI and Social Media

Sat, Jan 3 | 2–3:30 pm

Learn how to identify misinformation and content created by AI on social media.

Introduction to Android Devices

Tue, Dec 9 | 10 am–12 pm

Sun, Jan 11 | 2–4 pm

Fri, Feb 27 | 2–4 pm

Bring your phone or tablet to learn what makes Android unique.

Introduction to Cloud Storage

Thu, Feb 26 | 2–3:30 pm

Learn the benefits and drawbacks of cloud storage. Informational, no individual technology support provided.

Introduction to Google Apps

Mon, Jan 12 | 3–4 pm

Tue, Feb 3 | 10–11 am

Learn how to use various Google apps on your smartphone.

Introduction to Windows 11

Mon, Dec 15 | 2–4 pm

Thu, Jan 22 | 6–8 pm

Thu, Feb 5 | 2–4 pm

Familiarize yourself with Microsoft's Windows 11.

Password Management

Tue, Jan 20 | 10–11 am

Sat, Feb 21 | 10–11 am

Learn to create and store secure passwords.

PowerPoint: Basics

Mon, Jan 5 | 6–8 pm

Learn how to create Microsoft PowerPoint slideshows with dynamic features to spice up your presentations.

PowerPoint: Advanced

Mon, Jan 12 | 6–8 pm

Learn some of the more advanced features of Microsoft PowerPoint.

Spot the Scam: Stay Safe Online

Fri, Jan 16 | 2–3 pm

Learn tips to identify and avoid common online scams.

Tech Time: Apple Devices

Thu, Jan 29 | 2–3:30 pm

Bring any questions you may have about your Apple device for one-on-one support. Sessions are limited to 15 minutes per person.

Tech Time: Android Devices

Fri, Jan 30 | 10 am–11:30 am

Bring any questions you may have about your Android device for one-on-one support. Sessions are limited to 15 minutes per person.

Word: Basics

Mon, Jan 5 | 2–4 pm

Fri, Feb 13 | 6–8 pm

Learn the fundamentals of Microsoft's word-processing software.

Genealogy

Ancestry.com Library Edition: Research Your Family History

Wed, Feb 18 | 2–3 pm

Start your genealogy research with the library's edition of the popular database.

Introduction to Genealogy: Uncover Your Family's Past

Wed, Dec 17 | 10–11:30 am

Mon, Feb 16 | 3–4:30 pm

Learn about the many genealogy resources in the library and beyond with this introductory course.

Career Building

Interview Essentials: Strategies for Standing Out

Tue, Dec 2 | 7–8 pm

Tue, Feb 24 | 6–7 pm

Learn tips to help you succeed at your next job interview.

Résumé Tips and Tricks

Thu, Jan 8 | 2–3 pm

Tue, Feb 3 | 6–7 pm

Learn techniques to help your résumé get seen by a human.

Digital Media Studio

Adobe Photoshop: Basics

Wed, Feb 4 | 10–11:30 am

Learn to enhance your photos with Adobe Photoshop.

Cricut 101: Using Canva with the Cricut

Wed, Jan 14 | 6–7:30 pm

Grades 9–Adult: Learn how to use Canva to make designs for the Cricut.

Cricut 101: Using Print Then Cut

Wed, Feb 11 | 6–7:30 pm

Grades 9–Adult: Learn how to Print Then Cut using the Cricut.

Conversion Station

Digitize It: Photos and Slides

Wed, Feb 11 | 10–11 am

 TPPL cardholders only

Learn to digitize your photos and slides.

Digitize It: Reel-to-Reel Films

Wed, Jan 7 | 10–11 am

 TPPL cardholders only

Learn to digitize your 8 mm, Super 8, or 16 mm reel-to-reel films.

Digitize It: VHS Tapes

Sat, Dec 13 | 2–3 pm

Sat, Jan 10 | 2–3 pm

Mon, Jan 19 | 10–11 am

Thu, Feb 12 | 6–7 pm

 TPPL cardholders only

Learn to digitize your VHS tapes.

Digitize It: Vinyl Records

Wed, Jan 21 | 10–11 am

Sat, Feb 7 | 10–11 am

 TPPL cardholders only
Learn to digitize your vinyl records and cassette tapes.

Online Resources

GALE Legal Forms: Access Legal Resources

Mon, Feb 9 | 2–2:30 pm

Learn how to access legal forms and other resources using the GALE Legal Forms database.

How to Use eAudiobooks and eBooks

Thu, Dec 11 | 6–7 pm

 TPPL cardholders only
Learn how to remotely access the library's collection of eAudiobooks and eBooks on your favorite devices.

Morningstar: Research Stocks with Confidence

Mon, Dec 8 | 2–2:30 pm

Tue, Jan 6 | 11–11:30 am

An introduction on how to use Morningstar to help you research investment opportunities and build your investment knowledge.

PressReader: How to Access eNewspapers

Thu, Jan 8 | 6–6:30 pm

Mon, Feb 2 | 6–6:30 pm

 TPPL cardholders only
Learn how to remotely access the library's collection of eNewspapers on PressReader on your favorite devices.

Udemy: Online Courses to Learn a New Skill

Wed, Jan 14 | 10–11 am

Tue, Feb 17 | 6–7 pm

 TPPL cardholders only
Learn how to use the library database Udemy to learn new skills.

Using Consumer Reports

Mon, Jan 26 | 10–10:30 am

Fri, Feb 20 | 6–6:30 pm

Learn how to use Consumer Reports to access articles and product reviews.



Online Resources for Job Seekers

Cypress Resume—Create professional-quality, organized résumés in three quick and simple steps. Great for individuals without résumé-writing experience.

Peterson's Test & Career Prep—Prepare for standardized exams, including entry exams for undergraduate or graduate school and vocational exams for a variety of industries. Explore a career advice library, utilize a résumé builder tool, and more.

Brainfuse: JobNow—Access a résumé builder, live job interview coaching, and other helpful online resources for job seekers, including personality and career assessments.

Call for Poetry

Local writers are invited to submit poems for our fifth annual Poetry Walk and celebration of National Poetry Month in April.

Send us your original poems on any topic, written in any style. Content of poems should be suitable for all ages but can appeal to different age groups from children to adults. Submissions will be accepted online February 1–20. Poem length limit is 24 lines. Poems will be posted on our website with a select few featured on our Poetry Walk along the Boardwalk. For details and submission guidelines, visit tplibrary.org/poetrywalk or contact Outreach Services at 708.532.0160, x6.



Oscar Fever Contest

Feb 1–Mar 14

The 98th annual Academy Awards will air live March 15, 2026, at 7 pm on ABC and will broadcast in more than 200 territories worldwide. You are invited to make your predictions on who will win an Oscar that night for a chance to win a movie-themed basket. Our annual contest begins February 1 and ends on Saturday, March 14 at 5 pm. Ballots and additional details will be available in the library and on our website closer to the contest. Limited to TPPL cardholders.



Book Groups

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Too Good to Be Missed Book Group



Unspeakable Things

by Jess Lourey
Mystery, Thriller

Wed, Dec 10 | 1:30–2:30 pm

Led by **Rosemarie** | ⬇ Drop in



Sweetness in the Skin

by Ishi Robinson
Coming of Age

Wed, Jan 14 | 1:30–2:30 pm

Led by **Kate** | ⬇ Drop in



Reel

by Kennedy Ryan
Romance

Wed, Feb 11 | 1:30–2:30 pm

Led by **Dominique** | ⬇ Drop in

Out of the Ordinary Book Group

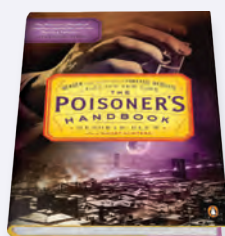


The Last Party

by Clare Mackintosh
Mystery, Thriller

Thu, Dec 18 | 7–8 pm

Led by **Cindy** | ⬇ Drop in



The Poisoner's Handbook

by Deborah Blum
True Crime

Thu, Jan 15 | 7–8 pm

Led by **Doug** | ⬇ Drop in



The Perfect Marriage

by Jeneva Rose
Thriller, Suspense

Thu, Feb 19 | 7–8 pm

Led by **Cindy** | ⬇ Drop in

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Our Bookmobile is a mobile branch of the library for all ages. Look for us at neighborhood stops, special events, parks, and senior communities throughout Tinley Park and Orland Hills.

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Contact:

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Request a Bookmobile Visit

Request a Bookmobile visit to your organization, neighborhood meet and greet, block party, or other special event.

Senior Community Lobby Stops

Residents: Meet us in the lobby for Chats and Checkouts.

Thursdays | 10:30–11:30 am
Once per month.

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Dec 11, Jan 8, Feb 12
Fulton Commons
Dec 18, Jan 15, Feb 19

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If you are unable to come to the library or the Bookmobile, you may qualify for our home delivery service. This service is free for Tinley Park cardholders who are ill, injured, physically challenged, or confined to their home. Visit tplibrary.me/homedelivery.



Neighborhood Stops

Tinley Park South

Thursdays

Dec 4, Jan 15, Feb 5 & 26
No Stop Dec 25

Brookside Glen

Glenbrook Pl & Glenbrook Ln
4:30–4:55 pm

Brookside Glen

Monaghan Dr & Fairfield Ln
5–5:30 pm

Tinley Park East & West

Thursdays

Dec 18, Jan 8 & 29, Feb 19

Parkside (East)

Glenview Dr & Ravinia Dr
3:45–4:15 pm

Fairmont Village (West)

Salem Ct & 170th Pl
4:25–4:50 pm

Radcliffe Place (West)

Radcliffe Rd & Harper Rd
5–5:30 pm

Orland Hills

Thursdays

Dec 11, Jan 22, Feb 12
No Stop Jan 1

Pheasant Ridge/Hunter Apts.

Hunter Dr & 94th Ave
3:15–4 pm

Apartments of Orland

Applewood Ln & 88th Ave
4:10–4:40 pm

Orland Hills Community Center

16553 S Haven Ave
4:45–5:15 pm

Community Events

Stories Around Town Tinley Park

Mondays

Dec 15, Jan 19, Feb 16

Saturdays

Jan 3, Feb 7

Oak Park Ave Train Station—Krema Coffee

6700 South St
Bookmobile: 10–11 am
Storytime: 10:15–10:45 am

Afternoon Storytime Orland Hills

Thursdays

Dec 11, Jan 22, Feb 12

Orland Hills Community Center

16553 S Haven Ave
Storytime: 4:15–4:45 pm
Bookmobile: 4:45–5:15 pm

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- ☐ Sunday Concerts
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- ☐ Large Library Events
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Winter Bingo Reading Challenge
Jan 3–Feb 28

Birth–Grade 12: Are you Yeti to read this winter? Join the Bingo Challenge! Read books and complete different library-related activities to finish your Bingo card and earn a chance to win a prize basket. Earn a drawing ticket for completing the first row, column, or diagonal on the bingo card and earn a second for completing all the badges on your card! This challenge is open to children and teens and is offered with both an online and paper bingo card.

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Tinley Park
Wed, Dec 3
Wed, Jan 28
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Mon, Jan 19

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