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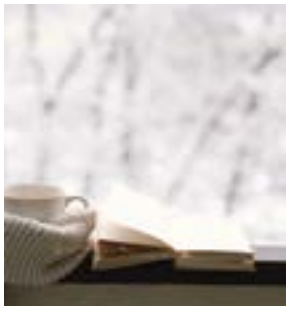
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- Anyone who lives in incorporated Tinley Park or Orland Hills
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Apply online:
You can sign up for your library card online at **tplibrary.me/card**.



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.

Online Resources to Explore

- **Biography Reference Ultimate**—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.



Black History Month Events

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 1–5 will be Black History Month-themed.

Bluestem Book Club: ***Sparkle*** by Lakita Wilson

Thu, Feb 4 | 4:30–5:30 pm

Grades 3–5: This month we will play Factile, a Jeopardy-style game, to test our knowledge of Lakita Wilson's book *Sparkle*, the library, and more.

Friday Films: ***You, Me & Tuscany***

Fri, Feb 5 | 11 am & 2 pm

Drop in

2026 | PG-13 | 115 min | CC |

Adults: Join us for a free daytime movie showing.

Too Good to Be Missed Book Group: ***We Don't Talk About Carol*** by Kristen L. Berry

Wed, Feb 10 | 1:30–2:30 pm

Drop in

Adults: Books are available at the Adult Reference Desk about one month before the discussion date in multiple formats.

Movie Discussion Group: ***Judas and the Black Messiah***

Wed, Feb 10 | 7–8 pm

Drop in

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

Caudill Book Club: ***Mid-Air*** by Alicia D. Williams

Bean N' Breek
17835 S 80th Ave

Thu, Feb 18 | 4:30–5:30 pm

Grades 6–8: We'll discuss the book while enjoying a snack and drink from a preselected menu. Permission slip required. See full description at **tplibrary.me/events**.

The History and Cultural Impact of Hip Hop

Fri, Feb 19 | 6:30–7:30 pm

Learn how a cultural movement transformed fashion, media, U.S. history, and race relations over the past 50 years. Presented by Daniel Ryan Davis, Associate Professor of Africana Studies.

Teen Paint Night: Alma Thomas

Fri, Feb 19 | 7–8 pm

Grades 6–12: Learn to paint in the vibrant style of Black American abstract artist and art educator, Alma Thomas.

Celebrate Your Love for Reading!



Winter Bingo Reading Challenge

January 4–February 28

All Ages

Get to know your library this winter in our Bingo Reading Challenge! Read books and complete different library-related activities to finish your Bingo card and earn a chance to win a prize! This challenge is open to all ages and is offered with both an online and paper bingo card.

Blind Date with a Great Book

February 1–28

Adults

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.

Bookmark Contest

February 1–20

Grades K–12

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 February 1–20. You may pick up an entry form at the library or print one out from **tplibrary.org**.

Community Picks

Ongoing Year-Round

Adults

Have you read a book you really enjoyed? Would you like to recommend it to other community members? Pick up a bookmark from the Community Picks display in the lobby. Fill it out and return it to any service desk and we'll put your recommendation on display!

Get Cozy at Home This Winter

Winter can be a time of rest and reflection as we spend more of our days inside. The library is here for you with resources and materials to add a little comfort and warmth to the coldest season. Whether you want to start a craft project, play a game with your family, or simply snuggle up on the couch with a good story, we have what you need to get cozy this winter!

Create

Craft, stitch, draw, cook, bird watch—the sky's the limit!

Creativebug—Experience the joy of making with thousands of online art and craft videos taught by top designers and artists.

App Available

Hobbies and Crafts Source—Search info on a variety of hobbies from bird watching to collecting to cooking and baking.

AtoZ World Foods—Explore food culture from around the world! You can find recipes from 174 countries.

Find these resources and more at **tplibrary.me/research**.

We have plenty of physical books in the library and digital books on Libby and Hoopla to help you with a project or increase your knowledge. Kanopy also features instructional videos, including The Great Courses series.

Read, Listen, Watch

The library building holds thousands of books (including large print), DVDs and Blu-rays, music CDs, audiobook CDs, and Playaways in all subjects and genres, for all ages. We have something for everyone!

Read, listen, and watch on your device

Libby (aka Media on Demand)—eAudiobooks, eBooks, magazines

App Available

Hoopla—eAudiobooks, eBooks, comics, music, movies, TV shows

App Available

Kanopy—Movies, documentaries, TV shows, instructional videos

App Available

Find these resources and more at **tplibrary.me/download**.

Play

Borrow video games for Xbox, Playstation, and Nintendo

Check out a Nintendo Switch or Nintendo Switch 2 from our Library of Things collection

Visit our Puzzle Exchange shelves on the first floor and feel free to take a puzzle and/or leave a puzzle. No checkout or library card required.

Search our online catalog to find and place holds on video games and more at **tplibrary.me/catalog**.



Spread the Cheer: Teen Craft Donations

Saturday, December 5 | 1–3 pm

Sunday, December 6 | 1–3 pm

Grades 6–12

Spread holiday cheer by painting and decorating holiday crafts to be donated to local senior residences. Please arrive between 1–2 pm to allow at least 60 minutes to complete the project.

Pictures with Santa

Sunday, December 13 | 2–4 pm

Drop in

Families

Celebrate the holiday season at the library with a special visit from Santa! Families will have the opportunity to take a photo with Santa and Mrs. Claus.





The Whodunits Present: A Golden Girls Mystery

Tuesday, February 23 | 7–8 pm

Adults

Oh no! A murder at the Golden Girls lookalike contest! Interrogate the suspects during this interactive performance featuring local actors. Attendees will move throughout the program.



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

Afternoon Storytime at Orland Hills Community Center

Thu, Dec 3, Jan 14, Feb 4 & 25 |
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, rhymes, and a craft. Afterwards, visit the Bookmobile to check out books and pick up a special treat!

Family Pajamarama

Fri, Dec 4 | 6:30–7:15 pm
Drop in
Ages 3–8 years with adult(s): Participate in stories, fingerplays, games, crafts, and songs.

Dobranocka: Polish Evening Storytime

Tue, Dec 8, Jan 26, Feb 16 | 6:30–7 pm
Families: Enjoy traditional and modern stories in Polish. Only register the child attending.
Dla rodzin: Bierz udział w tradycyjnymi i współczesnymi opowieściami po polsku. Zarejestruj tylko dziecko, które bierze udział w zajęciach.

Jolly Good Stories

Sun, Dec 13 | 1–1:30 pm
Ages 3–8 years with adult(s): Enjoy humorous stories about Santa and Rudolph! Sign up each child separately.

Stories Around Town at Krema Coffee

Mon, Dec 21, Jan 18, Feb 15 & Sat, Jan 2, Feb 6 |
Bookmobile: **10–11 am**
Storytime: **10:15–10:45 am**
Oak Park Ave Train Station–Krema 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!

Supported Storytime: Get "Yeti" for a Quiet New Year's Celebration!

Sat, Dec 26 | 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.

Supported Storytime

Sat, Jan 23 & Feb 20 | 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. Join us for stories, songs, movement, and sensory activities.

Preschool Stories

Tue, Jan 5–Feb 9 | 10–10:30 am
Wed, Jan 6–Feb 10 | 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 5–Feb 9 | 11–11:30 am
Thu, Jan 7–Feb 11 | 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 6–Feb 10 | 10–10:30 am
Fri, Jan 8–Feb 12 | 10–10:30 am
Drop in
Toddlers with adult(s): Build early literacy skills through stories, fingerplays, songs, and more.

Evening Storytime

Thu, Jan 7–Feb 11 | 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!

Wiggleworms

Wed, Feb 10 | 6–6:30 pm
Ages 2–3 years with adult(s): Join us for some fun activities, stories, songs, and crafts to celebrate Valentine's Day.

Families



Pictures with Santa

Sun, Dec 13 | 2–4 pm
Drop in
Families: Celebrate the holiday season at the library with a special visit from Santa! Families will have the opportunity to take a photo with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Family Activity Night

Fridays | 6:30–7:30 pm
Dec 18: Kahoot!
Jan 22: LEGO
Drop in
Families: Come to the library and spend some quality time together!

Preschool Fair

Sat, Feb 6 | 10 am–12 pm
Drop in
Families: Meet representatives from local preschools to help you find the right experience for your child.

Babies & Toddlers

Baby Sleepover

Wed, Dec 16 | 11–11:45 am
Ages 3–23 months with adult(s): Join us for a special sleepover celebration filled with smiles, surprises, and a little bit of sleepy-time fun. Pajama attire is optional.

Jump and Jive

Wed, Jan 27 | 6–6:30 pm
Drop in
Ages 2–3 years with adult(s): Kids will engage with interactive stories and move to upbeat rhythms.

Baby Loves Hugs and Kisses

Wed, Feb 24 | 6–6:30 pm
Ages 3–23 months with adult(s): Families will explore toys, books, music, and movement.

Preschool

STEAMers at Work

Wed, Feb 3 | 6:30–7:15 pm
Ages 3–5 years with adult(s): Join us for play-based STEAM activities. Come ready for some super sticky fun!

Create with Me
Mon, Feb 22 | 5:30–6 pm
Ages 3–5 years with adult(s): Your child and their favorite adult will create a keepsake art project.

Grades K–1

Penguin Palooza
Mon, Jan 18 | 5–6 pm
Grades K–1: Waddle on over and enjoy some fun-filled penguin stories, make a penguin craft, and even take home your very own stuffed penguin!

Valentine's Day Crafts
Thu, Feb 11 | 4:30–5:15 pm
Grades K–1: Love is in the air! Join us in making a Valentine's Day decoration as well as a card for that special someone!

Grades K–5

Greyt Readers
Mon, Dec 14, Jan 11, Feb 8 | 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

Fun with Tangrams
Tue, Dec 1 | 4:30–5:30 pm
Grades 2–3: Discover what you can create using only seven specific shapes.

Snowflake Fun
Mon, Jan 25 | 6–7 pm
Grades 2–3: Let it snow! Learn how snowflakes form, discover cool science facts, and create your own winter-inspired masterpiece!

Sew with Me!
Sun, Feb 21 | 2–3 pm
Grades 2–3: Join us for a very basic sewing class and make an adorable project to take home.

Grades 3–5

Bluestem Book Club
Thursdays | 4:30–5:30 pm
Dec 3: ***The Very, Very Far North*** by Dan Bar-el
Jan 7: ***The Undead Fox of Deadwood Forest*** by Aubrey Hartman
Feb 4: ***Sparkle*** by Lakita Wilson
Grades 3–5: Each month, we'll discuss a different nominee from the 2027 Bluestem Readers' Choice List while enjoying a snack. See online event calendar for details.

Video Game Club
Tue, Dec 15, Jan 12, Feb 9 | 4:30–5:30 pm
Grades 3–5: Play a variety of video games on the library's Nintendo Switches.

Grades 4–5

"Sew" Simple
Mon, Dec 7 | 6:30–7:30 pm
Grades 4–5: Learn a few simple stitches and create holiday felt candies. All supplies provided.

Grades 4–8

King Me!
Sat, Dec 19, Jan 16, Feb 13 | 2–3 pm
Grades 4–8: Show off your skills and join us for chess and checker fun! Beginners and experts alike are welcome.

Exploring Ancient Egypt
Fri, Jan 8 | 1–2 pm
Thu, Jan 14 | 4:30–5:30 pm
Grades 4–8: Come learn about Ancient Egypt through a hieroglyph activity, mini pyramid building, mummy science, and more.

Create a Paper Dumpling Squishy
Mon, Feb 15 | 6:30–7:30 pm
Grades 4–8: Celebrate Lunar New Year by creating your very own paper squishy!

Mobile Chem Lab: Presented by Griffin MSI
Thu, Feb 25 | 4:30–5:30 pm
Grades 4–8: Combine chemicals and witness amazing reactions! Participants will actively participate in hands-on chemistry experiments.

School Day Programs

These programs are during early afternoon to accommodate families with children who are homeschooled or attend school remotely.

Monarch Madness
Fri, Jan 15 & Feb 12 | 1–2 pm
Grades K–2: Are you ready to battle a few of the 2027 Monarch nominees? Join us as we read a few books, choose our favorite, and complete fun activities.

Youth & Family Subscriptions

Children and families 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

Signup: December 1–20
Pickup: January 4, February 1, March 1

Baby's First Book Bag | Birth–23 months
Picture Book Subscription Bag | Ages 2–5
Family Movie Subscription Bag
Families with children ages 3–8 or 9–12

Signup: begins on the 15th of the month prior
Pickup: December 7, January 4, February 1

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

Bean N' Breek
17835 S 80th Ave
Thursdays | 4:30–5:30 pm
Dec 17: ***365 Days to Alaska*** by Cathy Carr
Jan 21: ***Weirdo*** by Tony Weaver, Jr.
Feb 18: ***Mid-Air*** by Alicia D. Williams
Grades 6–8: Participants read a title from the Caudill 2027 Young Readers' Book Award nominee list each month. Permission slip required. See full description at **tplibrary.me/events**.

Throwback Weekends: Jenga Craft and Play

Sun, Feb 28 | 2–3 pm
Grades 6–8: Have a free weekend afternoon? Come hang out and learn to make something new. This month we'll play the classic game, Jenga, and also create new things using the blocks.

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**.

Spread the Cheer: Teen Craft Donations

Sat, Dec 5 | 1–3 pm
Sun, Dec 6 | 1–3 pm
Grades 6–12: Spread holiday cheer by painting and decorating holiday crafts to be donated to local senior residences. Please arrive between 1–2 pm to allow at least 60 minutes to complete the project.

Teen Game Night: Tabletop Games and Hot Cocoa

Fri, Dec 18 | 7–8 pm
Grades 6–12: Enjoy playing a variety of tabletop games while sipping on hot cocoa.

Teen Art Studio: Realistic Portraits

Tue, Dec 29 | 7–8 pm
Grades 6–12: Follow step-by-step directions to learn the principles of drawing a realistic human face.

Teen Video Game Night

Tue, Jan 5 | 7–8 pm
Grades 6–12: Play a friendly game of Mario Kart on the library's Nintendo Switches.

YAC: Youth Advisory Council

Tue, Jan 12 & Feb 9 | 6–7 pm
Grades 6–12: Help plan teen programs at the library. Pizza and pop are served.

Café Olé

Tue, Jan 12 & Feb 9 | 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.

Crochet Mania

Wed, Jan 13 | 7–8 pm
Grades 6–12: Learn the basics of crocheting and make your own craft. Experts and beginners alike are welcome.

Teen Scrapbook Jam

Wed, Jan 20 | 7–8:30 pm
Grades 6–12: Join us for a hands-on scrapbooking session! Design a unique scrapbook page that will become part of our Library Teen Scrapbook. All supplies provided.

Cozy Coloring Day for Teens

Fri, Jan 22 | 7–8 pm
Grades 6–12: Spend an evening coloring cozy scenes and sipping on hot cocoa.

Teen Storytime

Wed, Feb 3 | 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!

"Sew" Simple

Mon, Feb 8 | 7–8 pm
Grades 6–12: Learn a few simple stitches and create felt macaron cookies. All supplies provided.

Teen Digital Art: Design a Button

Fri, Feb 12 | 6–8 pm
Grades 6–12: Design and create custom buttons using the library's iPads and buttonmaker.

Teen Paint Night: Alma Thomas

Fri, Feb 19 | 7–8 pm
Grades 6–12: Learn to paint in the vibrant style of Black American abstract artist and art educator, Alma Thomas.

Teens & Adults

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Cricut 101: Card Making

Wed, Dec 2 | 6–7:30 pm
Grades 9—Adults: Learn how to make cards from the Cricut.

Explore Together: Supported Activities for Adults and Teens

Thursdays | 6–7:30 pm
Dec 17: Gingerbread and Hot Cocoa Bar
Jan 28: Board Games and Puzzles
Feb 25: Dance Party
Grades 9–Adults: This engaging monthly event is designed for those with intellectual, developmental, or physical disabilities and their friends and families. Signup recommended.

Cricut 101: Using Vinyl

Wed, Feb 17 | 6–7:30 pm
Grades 9–Adults: Learn how to cut and apply vinyl with the Cricut.

Romantasy Trivia

Fri, Feb 26 | 6:30–8 pm
Grades 9–Adults: Calling all riders, fae, rebels, and dreamers! Test your knowledge of the worlds, characters, and more from popular romantasy reads.

Adults

Signup is required unless noted as **Drop in**. *You may sign up beginning now unless otherwise noted.*

Seasonal Events

Holiday Hors d'Oeuvres

Wed, Dec 2 | 2–3 pm

Enjoy an inspiring cooking demo by Chef Susan Maddox. Samples and recipes provided. Limited to TPPL cardholders, signup begins Nov 15. If space allows, others may sign up beginning Nov 29.



Friends Concert

Old Gold

Sun, Dec 6 | 2–3 pm

Get into the holiday spirit as Old Gold performs Christmas classics plus hits from the '50s, '60s, '70s, and beyond. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Signup begins on Nov 15.

The Dark Side of Christmas

Mon, Dec 7 | 6–7 pm

Short days and long dark nights are the perfect setting for ghost stories at Christmas! Bob Trzeciak explores the interesting origins of many holiday traditions from around the world.

To Bataan and Back: How the NFL Survived WWII

Sat, Jan 9 | 2–3 pm

Hear stories of the heroism and bravery of pro football players serving in the armed forces during WWII. Presented by local author and NFL enthusiast Joe Ziemba.



Friends Concert

Elvis Birthday Celebration

Sun, Jan 10 | 2–3:30 pm

Elvis impersonator and fan favorite Hugo Colin is back! Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Signup begins on Dec 15.



Illinois Libraries Present

Funny on Purpose with Sasheer Zamata

Tue, Jan 19 | 7–8 pm

TPPL cardholders only

Attend online

Discover how comedy has the power to challenge, connect, and bring people together. Join us for a virtual discussion. Few voices do that as effortlessly as Sasheer Zamata. Signup required by 5 pm on event date.

Amateur Jigsaw Puzzle Challenge

Sat, Jan 23 | 11 am–2 pm

Teams formed the day of the event. We kindly ask experienced puzzle teams to refrain from signing up. Signup required, begins Dec 15 for Tinley Park cardholders, others may sign up beginning Jan 5. Ages 18+. Puzzles donated by Ravensburger.

The Animals of the Chinese Zodiac and You

Wed, Jan 27 | 2–3 pm

Celebrate Lunar New Year! Discover your Chinese zodiac animal and learn why the Year of the Goat is not so baaad! Presented by Yvonne Wolf, founder of Chinese Intercultural, LLC.

The Trials of Mrs. Abraham Lincoln

Mon, Feb 8 | 2–3 pm

In this dramatic portrayal, storyteller Lynn Rymarz presents Mary Todd Lincoln's side of the story regarding her controversial 1875 insanity trial.

Galentine's Day

Thu, Feb 11 | 6–8 pm

Fri, Feb 12 | 11 am–1 pm

TPPL cardholders only

Unleash your creativity while enjoying light refreshments and a craft. Limited to TPPL cardholders ages 18+. Sign up for one time slot only beginning Jan 15.

Library After Dark: Trivia at sip. Wine Bar

Tue, Feb 16 | 7–9 pm

sip. Wine Bar
17424 Oak Park Ave

Come with a team or come alone and answer some general knowledge trivia questions while enjoying your favorite drink! Food and beverages are available for purchase. Ages 21+.



Illinois Libraries Present

Navigating Hallowed Ground with David Grann

Thu, Feb 18 | 7–8 pm

TPPL cardholders only

Attend online

Join us for a virtual conversation with author and journalist David Grann, known for popular history books such as *Killers of the Flower Moon*. Signup required by 5 pm on event date.

The History and Cultural Impact of Hip Hop

Fri, Feb 19 | 6:30–7:30 pm

Learn how a cultural movement transformed fashion, media, U.S. history, and race relations over the past 50 years. Presented by Daniel Ryan Davis, Associate Professor of Africana Studies.

The Whodunits Present: A Golden Girls Mystery

Tue, Feb 23 | 7–8 pm

Oh no! A murder at the Golden Girls lookalike contest! Interrogate the suspects during this interactive performance featuring local actors. Attendees will move throughout the program.

State's Attorney's Office 101: The Criminal Justice Process

Wed, Feb 24 | 2–3 pm

Learn how the Cook County State's Attorney's Office operates, from the criminal justice process to prosecutor duties.



Friends Concert

DynamiX

Sun, Feb 28 | 2–3 pm

Enjoy a dynamic horn section and relive the sound of classic hits from the '50s, '60s, '70s, and '80s. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Signup begins on Jan 15.

For Educators

TPPL is an Approved Professional Development Provider through ISBE. Earn CPDUs for attending these events.

Canva for Educators

Thu, Feb 4 | 4–5:30 pm
Mon, Feb 22 | 1–2:30 pm

Educators can join us for a professional learning workshop focused on using Canva for classroom needs. Please bring your school laptop if able to.

Digital Citizenship and Media Literacy in the Age of AI

Thu, Feb 18 | 4:30–6 pm

Educators can join us for a professional learning presentation focused on navigating digital citizenship and media literacy with confidence.

Ongoing Events

Mah Jongg Club

Tue, Dec 1 & 15, Jan 5 & 19, Feb 2 & 16 | 11 am–1 pm
Mon, Dec 28, Jan 25, Feb 22 | 6–8 pm

Sign up for one of two skill levels. Signup begins the 15th (TPPL cardholders) and the 22nd (non-TPPL cardholders if space permits) of the month prior to the dates listed. Please arrive on time to guarantee your seat. **Beginner Level:** An instructor will teach those new to the game. No instructor available on Jan 19. **Open Play:** For experienced players.

Stitch Club

Thu, Dec 3 & 17, Jan 7 & 21, Feb 4 & 18 | 11 am–1 pm

Drop in

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

Posture, Balance, and a Little Cha-Cha

Mon, Dec 7, Jan 4, Feb 1 | 10–10:45 am

Increase strength, flexibility, and endurance with Elaine Gotfryd Noonan. Exercise either standing or in a chair. Signup begins on the 15th of the month prior to the dates listed.

Wits Workout for Older Adults

Tue, Dec 8, Jan 12, Feb 9 | 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 10, Jan 14, Feb 11 | 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.

Ageless Grace (Brain and Body Fitness)

Mon, Dec 14 | 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 required for each in-person session. Signup begins on Nov 15.

English as a Second Language: Conversation Group

Tue, Jan 19, Feb 16 | 7–8 pm

Come and practice conversational English with other members of the community who speak English as a second language.

Evening Yoga

Wed, Dec 16, Jan 20, Feb 17 | 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.

Explore Together: Supported Activities for Adults and Teens

Thursdays | 6–7:30 pm
Dec 17: Gingerbread and Hot Cocoa Bar
Jan 28: Board Games and Puzzles
Feb 25: Dance Party

Adults and Grades 9+: This engaging monthly event is designed for those with intellectual, developmental, or physical disabilities and their friends and families. Signup recommended.

League of Aspiring Writers

Mon, Dec 21, Jan 18, Feb 15 | 6–8 pm

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

Memory Café

Tue, Dec 22, Jan 26, Feb 23 | 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.

Chair Fitness

Mon, Jan 11 & 25, Feb 8 & 22 | 10:30–11:15 am

Attend online or in person

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

Movie Discussions

Events are **Drop in**. *Signup not required. Movies are available at the Adult Reference Desk about one month before the discussion date. Watch at home and join us for the discussion.*

Miracle on 34th Street

Wed, Dec 9 | 7–8 pm

Drop in

1947 | Approved | 96 min | Comedy, Drama

Apocalypse Now
Wed, Jan 13 | 7–8 pm
Drop in
1979 | R | 147 min | War, Drama

Judas and the Black Messiah
Wed, Feb 10 | 7–8 pm
Drop in
2021 | R | 126 min | History, Crime, Drama

Friday Films

Events are **Drop in**. *Signup not required. Join us for a free daytime movie showing.*

The Sheep Detectives
Fri, Dec 18 | 11 am & 2 pm
Drop in
2026 | PG | 108 min | CC | Comedy, Mystery

Project Hail Mary
Fri, Jan 15 | 11 am & 2 pm
Drop in
2026 | PG-13 | 156 min | CC | Sci-Fi Epic, Adventure

You, Me & Tuscany
Fri, Feb 5 | 11 am & 2 pm
Drop in
2026 | PG-13 | 115 min | CC | Comedy, Romance

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
Tue, Dec 8 | 6–7:30 pm
Thu, Feb 4 | 2–3:30 pm
Familiarize yourself with the basic features of your iPad or iPhone.

Apple Devices: Advanced
Tue, Dec 15 | 6–7:30 pm
Thu, Jan 7 | 10–11:30 am
Thu, Feb 25 | 2–3:30 pm
Learn about some of the advanced features of your iPhone or iPad.

Create Professional Presentations with Canva
Thu, Dec 17 | 2–3:30 pm
Sun, Jan 24 | 2–3:30 pm
Learn how to use the free graphic design tool Canva to create presentations for school or work.

Cut the Cable Cord
Sat, Jan 23 | 3–4 pm
Mon, Feb 8 | 6–7 pm
Learn about streaming services, like Netflix and Hulu, and streaming devices, like Apple TV and Roku.

eBay and Facebook Marketplace: How to Sell Stuff Online
Wed, Jan 20 | 2–3:30 pm
Wed, Feb 10 | 10–11:30 am
Learn how to sell items on eBay and Facebook Marketplace.

Excel: Basics
Sat, Dec 5 | 10 am–12 pm
Thu, Jan 7 | 2–4 pm
Tue, Feb 2 | 6–8 pm
Learn the fundamentals of Microsoft's spreadsheet application.

Excel: Intermediate
Wed, Dec 16 | 6–8 pm
Thu, Jan 14 | 2–4 pm
Mon, Feb 15 | 10 am–12 pm
Learn functions and formulas, including IF and XLOOKUP.

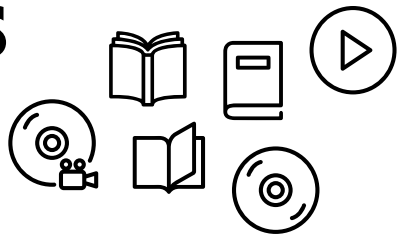
Excel: Advanced
Thu, Jan 28 | 2–4 pm
Mon, Feb 22 | 10 am–12 pm
Learn advanced level Excel skills, including charts, pivot tables, and advanced filtering.

How to Listen to Podcasts
Sun, Jan 10 | 2–3 pm
Thu, Feb 4 | 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
Mon, Jan 11 | 10–11 am
Learn how to identify misinformation and content created by artificial intelligence on social media.

Introduction to AI
Tue, Dec 15 | 3–4 pm
Sun, Feb 21 | 2–3 pm
Learn about artificial intelligence technology innovations and how AI can influence various aspects of our lives.

Adult Subscription Bags



Sign up for a media subscription bag with a new theme every month! Each subscription bag will include an assortment of films, books, and themed surprises. Ages 18+. TPPL cardholders only. Films and books must be returned.

December | Cozy Night In
January | New Year, New Series
February | All You Need Is Love

Signup: 1st–23rd of the month prior
Pickup Begins: December 1, January 2, February 1

Introduction to Android Devices
Fri, Dec 4 | 2–4 pm
Sat, Jan 9 | 2–4 pm
Thu, Feb 25 | 10 am–12 pm
Bring your phone or tablet to learn the basics of using your Android devices.

Introduction to Cloud Storage
Mon, Jan 11 | 6–7:30 pm
Learn the benefits and drawbacks of cloud storage. Informational, no individual technology support provided.

Introduction to Google Apps
Tue, Jan 12 | 2–3 pm
Sun, Feb 28 | 3–4 pm
Learn how to use various Google apps on your smartphone.

Introduction to Windows 11
Wed, Dec 9 | 10 am–12 pm
Tue, Jan 19 | 2–4 pm
Sat, Feb 20 | 2–4 pm
Familiarize yourself with Microsoft's Windows 11.

Password Management
Tue, Jan 19 | 10–11 am
Thu, Feb 18 | 2–3 pm
Learn to create and store secure passwords.

PowerPoint: Basics
Fri, Feb 19 | 2–4 pm
Learn how to create Microsoft PowerPoint slideshows with dynamic features to spice up your presentations.

PowerPoint: Advanced
Wed, Jan 27 | 10 am–12 pm
Fri, Feb 26 | 2–4 pm
Learn some of the more advanced features of Microsoft PowerPoint.

Spot the Scam: Stay Safe Online
Mon, Dec 21 | 3–4 pm
Wed, Feb 3 | 10–11 am
Learn tips to identify and avoid common online scams.

Using Zoom
Mon, Jan 4 | 6–7 pm
Learn how to use the video conferencing platform Zoom on your computer or mobile device.

Word: Basics
Fri, Jan 29 | 6–8 pm
Wed, Feb 24 | 10 am–12 pm
Learn the fundamentals of Microsoft's word-processing software.

Word: Advanced
Tue, Dec 8 | 2–4 pm
Learn how to format tables and work with document templates, images, and graphics.

Genealogy

Ancestry.com Library Edition: Research Your Family History
Sat, Jan 30 | 2–3 pm
Start your genealogy research with the library's edition of the popular database.

Introduction to Genealogy: Uncover Your Family's Past
Sat, Feb 27 | 2–3 pm
Learn about the many genealogy resources in the library and beyond with this introductory course.

Career Building

Create a Professional Profile with LinkedIn
Tue, Feb 23 | 1–2:30 pm
Enhance your professional presence with a LinkedIn profile.

Interview Essentials: Strategies for Standing Out
Wed, Jan 20 | 6–7 pm
Learn tips to help you succeed at your next job interview.

Résumé Tips and Tricks
Wed, Feb 24 | 2–3 pm
Learn techniques to help your résumé get seen by a human.

Digital Media Studio

Adobe Photoshop: Basics
Wed, Jan 6 | 10–11:30 am
Learn to enhance your photos with Adobe Photoshop.

Cricut 101: Card Making
Wed, Dec 2 | 6–7:30 pm
Adults and Grades 9+: Learn how to make cards from the Cricut.

Cricut 101: Using Vinyl
Wed, Feb 17 | 6–7:30 pm
Adults and Grades 9+: Learn how to cut and apply vinyl with the Cricut.

Conversion Station

Digitize It: Photos and Slides
Fri, Feb 12 | 6–7 pm
TPPL cardholders only
Learn to digitize your photos and slides.

Digitize It: Reel-to-Reel Films
Tue, Feb 2 | 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 12 | 10–11 am
Tue, Jan 26 | 2–3 pm
Tue, Feb 9 | 10–11 am
TPPL cardholders only
Learn to digitize your VHS tapes.

Digitize It: Vinyl Records
Tue, Jan 12 | 10–11 am
TPPL cardholders only
Learn to digitize your vinyl records and cassette tapes.

Online Resources

Creativebug: Learn Crafting Projects Step by Step
Wed, Jan 6 | 3–3:30 pm
TPPL cardholders only
Learn how to use Creativebug to discover professionally curated arts and crafts projects including videos and step-by-step guides.

GALE Legal Forms: Access Legal Resources
Thu, Feb 11 | 10–10:30 am
Learn how to access legal forms and other resources using the GALE Legal Forms database.

How to Stream Movies on Kanopy
Sat, Feb 6 | 2–2:30 pm
TPPL cardholders only
Learn how to access the library app Kanopy to watch movies.

How to Use eAudiobooks and eBooks
Wed, Feb 3 | 6–7 pm
TPPL cardholders only
Learn how to remotely access the library's collection of eAudiobooks and eBooks on your favorite devices.

Library Resources for Your Business
Mon, Jan 18 | 10–11 am
TPPL cardholders only
Discover library resources that can help your small business.

LinkedIn Learning: Online Courses to Learn a New Skill
Thu, Jan 21 | 3–4 pm
TPPL cardholders only
LinkedIn Learning offers self-paced training to enhance or develop your skill set.

Morningstar: Research Stocks with Confidence
Wed, Jan 27 | 2–2:30 pm
Mon, Feb 8 | 10–10:30 am
An introduction on how to use Morningstar to help you research investment opportunities and build your investment knowledge.

Using Consumer Reports
Thu, Jan 14 | 10–10:30 am
Learn how to use Consumer Reports to access articles and product reviews.



Genealogy Assistance

Genealogy Assistance is an hour-long appointment dedicated to assisting you with your genealogy questions and needs. We can help you form a research plan, start a family tree, or find and analyze records.

Visit **tplibrary.me/genealogy-assistance** for more information and to book an appointment.



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Get creative! Make an appointment to use our Digital Media Studio equipment to make or edit a video, record or edit an audio project, retouch your digital photos, and so much more. We can help you get started with your project—you just need to bring your ideas. Call 708-845-5738 to speak with a Computer Assistant and reserve a time slot.

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Call for Poetry



Local writers are invited to submit poems for our sixth 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 13

The 99th annual Academy Awards will air live March 14, 2027, at 6 pm on ABC and Hulu. You are invited to make your predictions on who will win an Oscar that night for a chance to win a prize. Our annual contest begins February 1 and ends on Saturday, March 13 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.

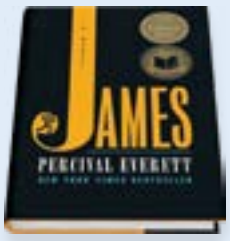
Book Groups

Books are available at the Adult Reference Desk about one month before the discussion date in multiple formats.

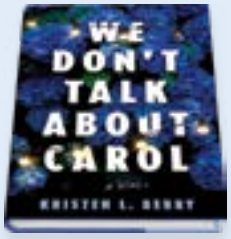
Too Good to Be Missed Book Group



The Mad Wife
by Meagan Church
Historical Fiction
Wed, Dec 9 | 1:30–2:30 pm
Led by **Kate** | Drop in

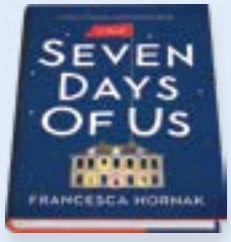


James
by Percival Everett
Historical Fiction
Wed, Jan 13 | 1:30–2:30 pm
Led by **Rosemarie** | Drop in



We Don't Talk About Carol
by Kristen L. Berry
Thriller
Wed, Feb 10 | 1:30–2:30 pm
Led by **Dominique** | Drop in

Out of the Ordinary Book Group



Seven Days of Us
by Francesca Hornak
Humorous Fiction
Thu, Dec 17 | 7–8 pm
Led by **Cindy** | Drop in



Pew
by Catherine Lacey
Literary Fiction
Thu, Jan 21 | 7–8 pm
Led by **Jenn** | Drop in



The Wedding People
by Alison Espach
Humorous Fiction
Thu, Feb 18 | 7–8 pm
Led by **Cindy** | Drop in

Outreach Services & Bookmobile



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

For more information:

tplibrary.me/outreach

Contact:

708-532-0160, x6

outreachservices@tplibrary.org

Senior Community Lobby Stops

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

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

Hanover Place
Dec 10, Jan 14, Feb 11

Fulton Commons
Dec 17, Jan 21, Feb 18

Community Events

Stories Around Town Tinley Park

Mondays
Dec 21, Jan 18, Feb 15

Saturdays
Jan 2, Feb 6

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 3, Jan 14, Feb 4 & 25

Orland Hills Community Center
16553 S Haven Ave
Storytime: **4:15–4:45 pm**
Bookmobile: **4:45–5:15 pm**

Neighborhood Stops

Tinley Park South

Thursdays
Dec 17, Jan 7 & 28, Feb 18

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 10, Jan 21, Feb 11
No Stop Dec 31

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

Tinley Park Downtown

Mondays
Dec 21, Jan 18, Feb 15

Saturdays
Jan 2, Feb 6

Oak Park Ave Train Station
6700 South St
10–11 am

Orland Hills

Thursdays
Dec 3, Jan 14, Feb 4 & 25
No Stop Dec 24

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

Home Delivery

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**.

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Thank you for your ongoing support. With proceeds from memberships and Bookstore sales, the Friends sponsor special events throughout the year like Fall Fandom Fest and concerts.

Friends of the Library meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 1:30 pm. All Friends members are welcome to attend.

Become a Member!

Whether you are new or renewing, cut out and use the form below to make a donation and support the Friends or even volunteer! To apply online, visit **tplibrary.me/friends**.



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Preschool Fair!

Saturday, February 6
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.

Drop in



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