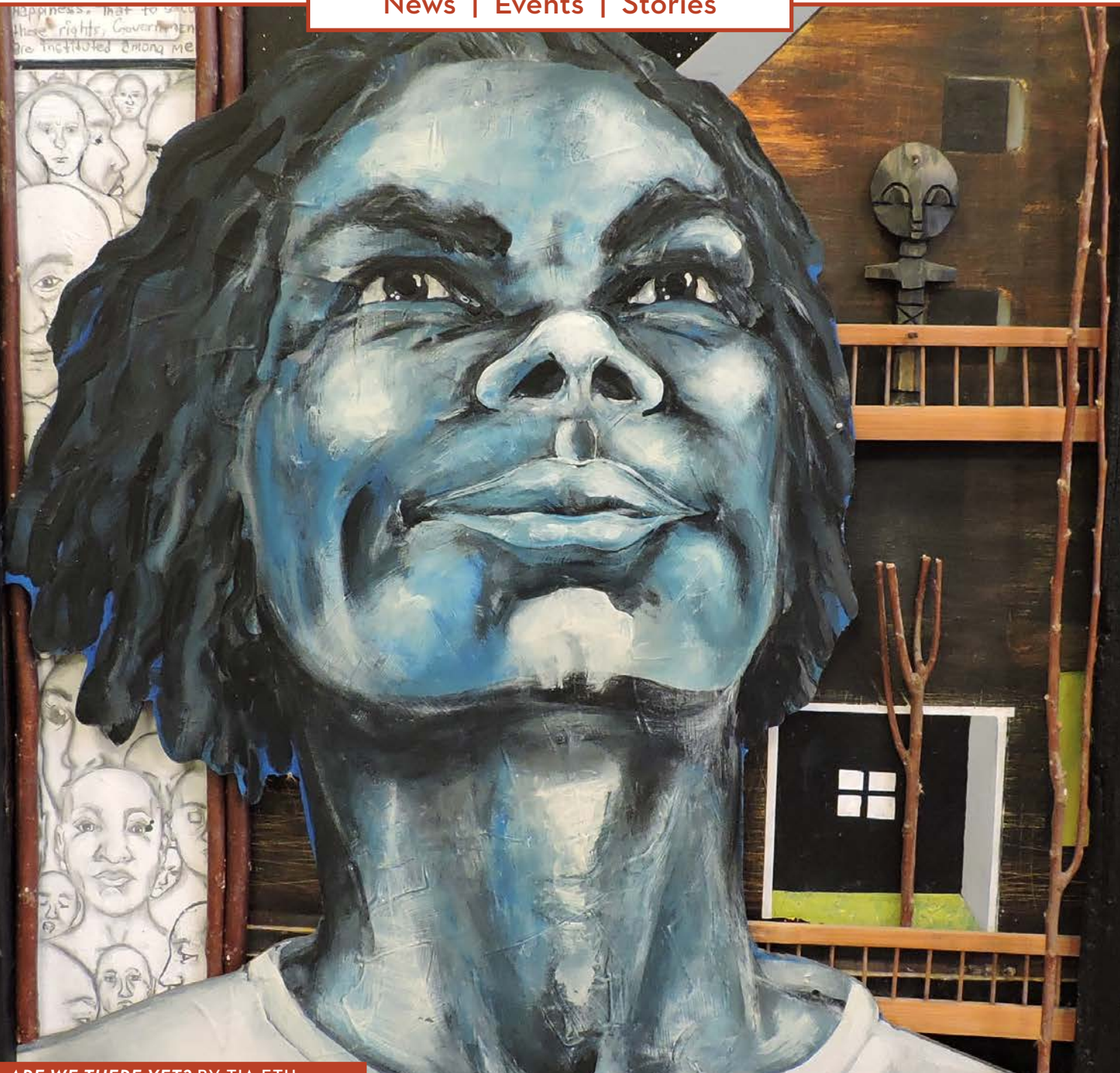


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### ON THE COVER

Tia Etu's *Are We There Yet?* is in this fall's exhibit *Crossing Borders* (pages 10–11). "African-Americans were brought here without their consent," Etu said. "This young man wonders, 'Are we there yet?' as far as being treated equal."



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**Did you know libraries** have a Bill of Rights? As committed as our nation's forefathers were to protecting "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," the American Library Association has pledged itself to specific philosophies to "affirm that all libraries are forums for information and ideas."

Read the rights at [oppl.org/rights](http://oppl.org/rights). You will find themes of equity, free access, unbiased expression, and civic cooperation.

The Oak Park Public Library offers opportunities based on these rights, with safe spaces to explore diverse perspectives. We will continue to strive to be intentional and accountable when honoring the Library Bill of Rights. We will also continue to put you as an individual and the collective benefit of our community at the center of all we pursue.

—David J. Seleb  
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## A BURST OF CREATIVITY

The six-word stories and digital comic shown below were developed in spring 2016 by Oak Park Elementary School District 97 middle school students. To see more student work, search Twitter with **#HackingHemingway** and visit [oppl.org/D97work](http://oppl.org/D97work). To learn more about the Hacking Hemingway digital learning grant that helped make this partnership, digital creativity, and local history learning possible, visit [oppl.org/hackinghemingway](http://oppl.org/hackinghemingway).

## DIGITAL COMICS



Left: Photograph of young Ernest Hemingway and his sister Marcelline now in the Illinois Digital Archives. Right: The photograph transformed into a digital comic by a D97 student.

## SIX-WORD STORIES

“Similar to how Hemingway used reflection, our students were able to gain creativity, wisdom, and a stronger understanding of self,” said Patricia Feierberg, International Baccalaureate Coordinator at Brooks Middle School.

“Ripped hands, broken bones, all gymnast.”

“Pretend I know everything—I don’t.”

“Adopted by the most loving family.”

“Life’s too complicated for six words!”



Dr. Carol Kelley,  
D97 Superintendent



## FULFILLING THE PROMISE: EVERY VOICE MATTERS A MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT DR. CAROL KELLEY, OAK PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 97

As the new superintendent of Oak Park Elementary School District 97, since July 2015, I have been pleased to have the support and partnership of the Oak Park Public Library

to bring exciting programs to our faculty members and students. Programs like Hacking Hemingway (see above) are just one of the many opportunities the school district/library partnership offers our students and staff.

Personally, the most memorable partnership experience was co-

facilitating my first Community Conversation about the book *Building School 2.0: How to Create the Schools We Need*. Not only did the library purchase and make available copies of the book for discussion participants to use, but their librarians also assisted in co-facilitating the conversation with the book’s co-author, Chris Lehman.

Due to the richness of the discussion, I knew I wanted to continue these series of conversations with our community to co-create a “clear, shared vision with a sustained focus.” Thus, beginning with that initial conversation in the Main Library Veterans Room, we held 13 additional Community Conversations and heard from 255 parents/guardians, community members, district staff members, teachers, administrators,

current students, and alumni. I did this work because of my belief that every voice matters as we work together to fulfill the promise of public education here in Oak Park. The partnership between Oak Park Elementary School District 97 and the Oak Park Public Library serves as an essential way to bring our community together.

As we plan action to achieve the shared vision for our schools, we will continue to seek support from the library, whether to host additional events in partnership with library staff or to serve as a vehicle for my ongoing conversations with our students, staff, and community. Indeed, this partnership will be at the cornerstone of our efforts to ensure success for all students attending our schools.

## SPOTLIGHT ON SERVICES



About 35 neighbors braved stormy weather to connect over Ta-Nehisi Coates' *Between the World and Me* and issues it raises at the Oak Park Regional Housing Center on June 22. The discussion was one in a series of dynamic One Book, One Oak Park conversations and drew twice the average number of discussion participants.

## CATALYST FOR CONNECTION

**A**t the October 1888 dedication of the Scoville Institute, which would become Oak Park's first public library five years later, one elected official shared his aspirations for the space to be more than "a mere place for keeping and reading books."

"I hope it will be a center of social as well as intellectual activity ... a place for forming and expressing public

opinion ... that not only literature, art and science will be discussed here, but politics as well," said U.S. Rep. George E. Adams.\*

More than a century later, those hopes still ring true. And as our world evolves, your library evolves with it, offering opportunities to support both community and individual aspirations through new and traditional services.

As your public library, we provide access to information and resources in multiple ways, and through various formats.

As a center of democratic engagement, we strive to be a catalyst for connection, offering opportunities to join neighbors and organizations who want to learn from each other to make positive, lasting change. ▶

*\*A Brief History of the Organization, Building, and Dedication of Scoville Institute (Chicago: John Morris, 1888): 40–41. Main Library Local History collection.*

### WHAT OUR STAFF MEMBERS SAY...

#### CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE



"Everyone has a story. I try to have an open mind and a willingness to listen. I want to give people something

useful and demonstrate that they matter. Including teens—I've learned to meet them where they are, and the value of reassuring them that they're worth the time and effort."

— Ben Young, Library Assistant

#### COMPUTER SUPPORT



"I help patrons at the Main Library with their computer and printing-related questions. When I'm

asked a technology question, my goal is to guide patrons through the answer and help them learn something new. I'm gratified when I can help patrons feel more empowered on the computer."

— Tatiana Swancy, Technology Assistant

#### IN-DEPTH RESEARCH



"To better support your needs, each of our librarians dedicates his or her talents for research, relationship-

building, and local expertise to a specific topic area. Questions or ideas about how the library can work with your local organization? Ask us!"

— Alexandra Skinner, Assistant Manager of Adult and Teen Services



Improving access to one-of-a-kind materials, celebrating diversity, and preserving local history are three goals the library and Oak Park Elementary School District 97 share by moving the D97 Multicultural Center's collection from Julian Middle School to the Dole Branch this fall.

### SAFE SPACES TO SHARE

While discussing Ta-Nehisi Coates' *Between the World and Me* at the library this summer, neighbors of diverse backgrounds, including the mother of a police officer, sat next to one another and shared their perspectives. "I feel a little more awake now," one said.

Coates' powerful, personal exploration of America's racially unjust past and present was the center of the library's One Book, One Oak Park community summer reading program. The program explores themes Oak Parkers have told the library matter

most to them—in this case, diversity, inclusion, and participation.

Through discussions and events both inside and outside the library, neighbors found opportunities to connect deeply with others "over conversations we might never bring up otherwise," said Assistant Manager of Materials Services Kathleen Spale. "It's clear from the community response that residents want more opportunities to have these conversations. They want spaces where they can talk about different experiences and perspectives."

Read more highlights on page 9.

### REACHING ACROSS BORDERS

This fall, the library brings more meaningful opportunities for learning with and from one another about issues that matter.

The National Endowment for the Arts Big Read joins Oak Park, River Forest, Forest Park, Berwyn, and Maywood in a series of discussions, concerts, films, and art related to immigration and dedicated to sharing experiences beyond Oak Park's borders. See more on pages 10–11.

The program centers around Luis Alberto Urrea's *Into the Beautiful North*, a novel that invites readers to think of the U.S.–Mexico border as more than a stark divide.

"Our hope is that neighbors in this group of racially and economically diverse communities will read *Into the Beautiful North* and take new opportunities to learn and connect through informative conversations with each other and local experts," said Executive Director David J. Seleb.

What opportunities do you want through your library? Please tell us, in person or online anytime at [oppl.org/experience](http://oppl.org/experience).

## WHAT OUR PARTNERS SAY...

### CAREER RESOURCES



"We've helped residents find new, meaningful career paths, develop better resumes, prepare for

interviews, and land a job. We love hearing: 'I've got a new job!' It's what makes my job and visiting the library so rewarding." — *Richard Williams, Director of Career Resources, Triton College, who offers job seminars at the library.* See page 8 for more.

### BUSINESS CONNECTIONS



"The library has made itself a business destination, with seminars for businesspeople and

as a host of the Chamber's Business After Hours." And for those who work outside a traditional office, the library now offers a monthly co-working space. See page 8 for more. — *Mark Walden, Program Coordinator, Oak Park-River Forest Chamber of Commerce*

### ACCESS TO HEALTH SERVICES

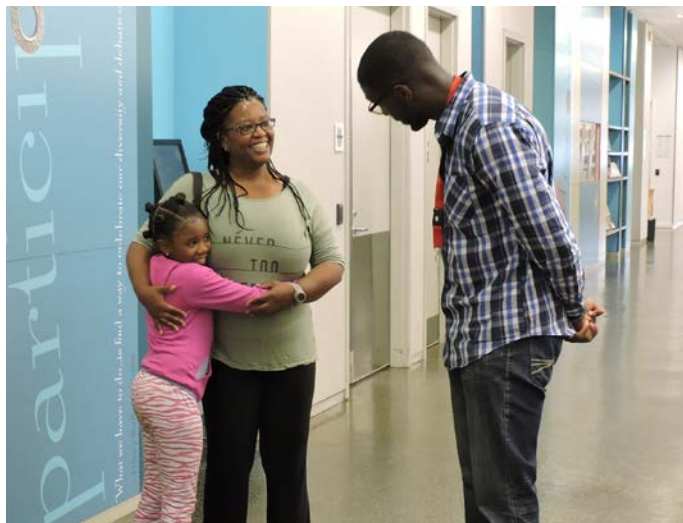


"We are dedicated to sharing information and providing resources that help improve quality of life in our community. Working

together just makes sense. We're thrilled to collaborate on educational programming about combating pain, high blood pressure, and childhood obesity, and look forward to working with the library more in the future." — *Jill Goldberg, Community Engagement Coordinator, Rush Oak Park Hospital*



Community Resources Manager Robert Simmons (*right*) draws on his local connections with community members like Holmes Elementary teacher Drew Finkbeiner (*left*).



Community Resources Specialist Stephen Jackson (*right*) talks with patrons and serves on the library's teen task force, working on a service philosophy to best meet the needs of local middle and high schoolers.

## A NEW EXPERIENCE MODEL

**I**n his first week as Community Resources Manager, Robert Simmons found the demand for his social work advocacy and referral services even greater than expected.

“The library provides a snapshot of the overwhelming discrepancy between the haves and the have-nots,” Simmons said. “Oak Park is only 4.7 square miles, yet we serve people from at least nine communities every day.”

Simmons’ February hiring was the first impact of the library’s effort “to rethink the ways we work with and engage with all of our patrons,” Executive Director David J. Seleb said. “Including those who are vulnerable, marginalized, or at-risk, who use our facilities on a daily basis, and for whom we should be providing services.”

Over the past few years, Seleb said, the library has expanded its understanding of how to serve such patrons, thanks to strengthening relationships with other organizations

that work with some of the same populations, like Oak Park Township and Housing Forward (formerly PADS), which operates homeless shelters in Oak Park.

“ WE’RE PRIORITIZING RESPECT AND DIGNITY. WE ASK ‘WHAT’S GOING ON WITH YOU?’ NOT ‘WHAT’S WRONG WITH YOU?’ ”

—ROBERT SIMMONS, COMMUNITY RESOURCES MANAGER

“The library is an open, accessible, welcoming, and generally very safe space to be. When shelters are closed, when schools are not in session, when people don’t feel safe in their own homes, we

are open,” Seleb said. “We decided we needed someone on staff who understands the challenges of working with at-risk, underserved populations, in a much better and deeper way.”

With 16 years of social service experience, most recently as Youth Interventionist for Oak Park Township, Simmons was able to dive right in.

“My role is a product of all the hard work the library has been doing around the strategic priorities of learning, engagement, and stewardship,” Simmons said. “I’m building an infrastructure within the library to provide a continuum of care, and one of my main goals is to demonstrate the impact of the work we’re doing.”

Since March, Simmons has helped about 15 patrons per month, connecting them with resources like mental health care, substance abuse recovery, veterans’ benefits, and domestic abuse assistance. He partners with organizations like Housing Forward and

Oak Park school districts 97 and 200, and trains library staff in ways to serve at-risk populations.

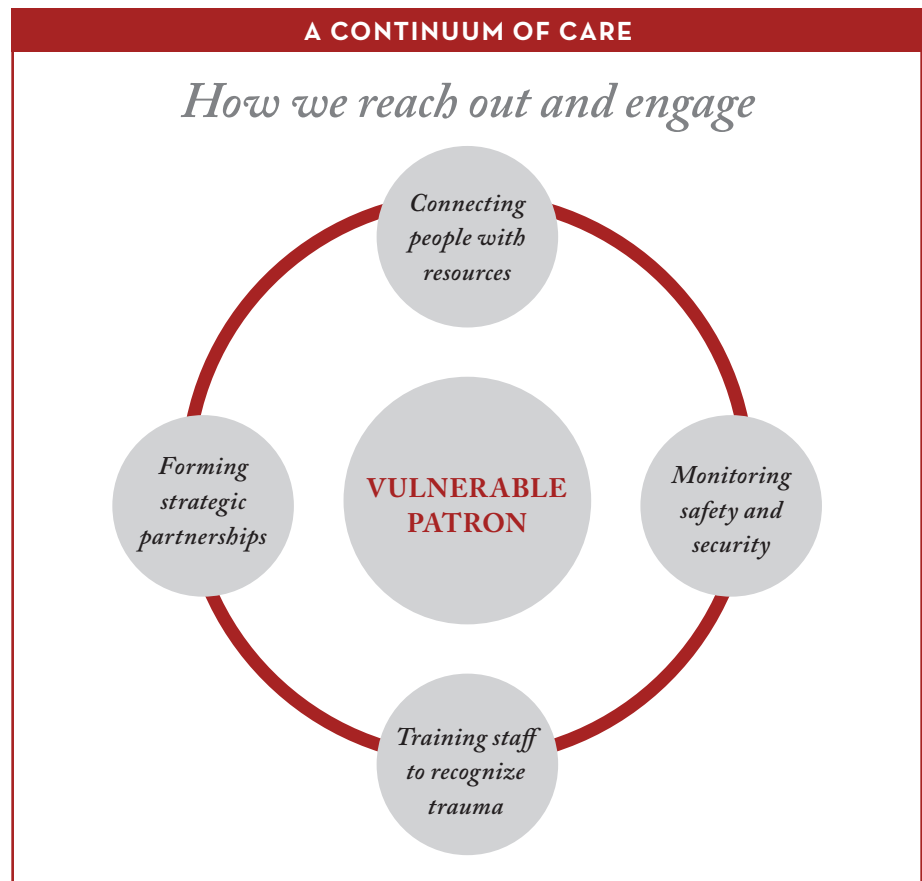
“About 35–40 percent of the individuals and families we’ve engaged with are experiencing homelessness,” Simmons said. “I’ve also helped people with Medicare, Medicaid, and immigration issues—working through paperwork and processes to get people the outside services and support they need. The library is all about access, and I love that we can provide the resources and information that our patrons need.”

Between reaching out to patrons and responding to calls from library staff, Simmons often holds impromptu group sessions with teens on resolving conflicts. “We’ll call their moms up on the spot and talk something through,” he said.

In June, the library hired three part-time Safety and Security Monitors to replace security guards who had previously been contracted from an external firm.

The monitors, who provide security about 68 percent of the time the library is open, including every afternoon through closing time, are trained by Village of Oak Park police and the library using a “trauma-informed care” approach that Simmons also presented to library staff in May.

“Now when we see someone not following the library’s rules of behavior, we can ask, ‘What’s going on with you?’ as opposed to ‘What’s wrong with you?’” Simmons said. “We’re prioritizing respect and dignity.”



In July, Stephen Jackson joined the team as Community Resources Specialist. Jackson has been heavily involved in youth development, including as an Oak Park Township community youth advocate and student mentor at Oak Park and River Forest High School.

The presence of Simmons’ team helps the library be “a safer, more welcoming place for everyone,” said Jake Bradley, Outreach and Engagement Manager at Housing Forward.

“In some ways, library staff have functioned as social work clearinghouses, in addition to providing traditional reference services,” Bradley said. “The front-line staff are seeing people all day, every day, who may benefit from having social work support in the library. Having Rob and his team there as a resource for library staff to do good customer service and support library patrons is a big boon for the library as well as the people of Oak Park.”

## ACCESS TO LEARNING

Other public libraries that employ social workers include those in San Francisco, Denver, and Washington, DC. In July, Simmons joined the DC Public Library to present an American Library Association webinar detailing the front lines of social work, and how libraries can better support patrons in need. More at [oppl.org/resources](https://oppl.org/resources).

# DIGITAL LEARNING, CAREERS



Providing programs and services such as Family Creative Learning and Creation Lab is key to encouraging greater family and intergenerational learning.

## ® PARENT TECH NIGHT WITH D97

Wednesday, Sept. 21, 6–8 pm, Main Library. Oak Park Elementary School District 97 teacher librarians and Oak Park Public Library children’s librarians partner to explore and explain educational apps, online research databases, and more for grade-school and middle-school students. Bring your own device if possible. Register now with an Oak Park Public Library card.



## OPPL.ORG/TECH

All workshops are held in the Main Library Computer Classroom. Register now.

® LIBRARY DATABASE OVERVIEW FOR JOB SEEKERS  
Thursday, Sept. 1, 10–11 am

® BASIC MICROSOFT WORD 2010. Tuesday, Sept. 13, 7–8 pm

® GOOGLE DRIVE BASICS  
Tuesday, Sept. 27, 7–8 pm

® HOW TO MAKE A WEBSITE  
Tuesday, Oct. 11, 7–8 pm

® BASIC MICROSOFT EXCEL 2010. Tuesday, Oct. 18, 7–8 pm

® BASIC INTERNET  
Tuesdays, Oct. 25 & Nov. 22, 7–8 pm

® INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS. Tuesday, Nov. 8, 7–8 pm

® INTERMEDIATE MICROSOFT WORD 2010. Tuesday, Nov. 15, 7–8 pm

## ® SCORE SMALL BUSINESS COUNSELING SESSIONS

Tuesdays, Sept. 13, Oct. 11 & Nov. 8, 9:30 am–12:30 pm, Main Library. Free private, hourlong counseling/mentoring sessions provided by SCORE, a nonprofit association and resource partner of the Small Business Administration. By appointment only at [scorechicago.org/request-meeting](http://scorechicago.org/request-meeting) (choose “Oak Park Public Library” from the list of locations) or by phone at 312.353.7724.



## OPPL.ORG/JOBSEARCH

® THINGS ABOUT THE JOB SEARCH YOU MAY NOT KNOW, BUT SHOULD  
Thursday, Sept. 1, 2–4 pm, Main Library. Led by Richard Williams, Career Services, Triton College (pictured on page 5).

® THE IMPORTANCE OF A STRONG RESUME  
Thursday, Oct. 27, 2–3:30 pm, Main Library. Led by Joselyn Rollerson, Chicago Federation of Labor Workers Assistance Committee.

® PREPARING FOR A JOB INTERVIEW  
Thursday, Nov. 17, 2–3:30 pm, Main Library. Led by David Preciado, Chicago Federation of Labor Workers Assistance Committee.

INDEPENDENT WRITERS OF CHICAGO: LIFE IN THE FREELANCE LANE  
Monday, Sept. 19, 7–9 pm, Main Library. Learn the business basics for building a freelance writing career from members of the Independent Writers of Chicago.

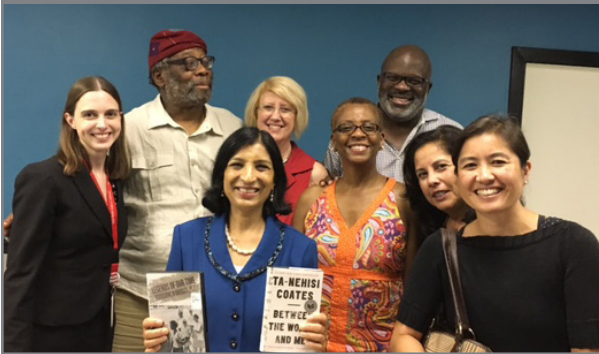
NEW! CO-WORKING COMMONS  
Mondays, Sept. 19, Oct. 17 & Nov. 21, 9 am–5 pm, Main Library. Monthly, we’re turning the Veterans Room into a co-working space. Bring your own computer and lunch.

The Oak Park-River Forest Chamber of Commerce’s Mark Walden (pictured on page 5) worked with the library to start this new program. “It’s a space for the community, but also a space that builds community,” he said.



# MORE THAN A MONTH

## ONE BOOK, ONE OAK PARK RECAP



Epitomizing the spirit of One Book, One Oak Park, the Village of Oak Park Community Relations Commission hosted a July Diversity Dinner in which neighbors discussed race, family, religion, capitalism, history, and many more issues raised by *Between the World and Me*.

**“We want to thank the community for** making One Book, One Oak Park such an inspiring and thought-provoking program this summer,” said Assistant Manager of Materials Services Kathleen Spale. “To come together and have provocative, honest conversations in safe spaces around Ta-Nehisi Coates’ book was very special.”

More than 500 people checked out the title from May to July, and attendance was higher than average for discussions both inside and outside the library. “It’s not easy to address hard and necessary subjects, but this series makes it a little easier,” one participant said.

“Oak Parkers’ courage and willingness to share their stories and personal experiences, as well as their thoughts on the book, truly made it a meaningful summer of learning from one another, appreciating different perspectives, and ultimately growing more connected as a community,” Spale said.

The book, chosen based on community feedback, was especially relevant given national events and discussions on race relations.

“It was more personal and pressing than ever for the library to bring people together,” Spale said. “So many told us the series changed their own perspectives on race.”

This fall, we’ll continue the conversations as we discuss immigration issues through the NEA Big Read (see pages 10–11).



Shukree Tilghman, director of *More Than a Month*, the documentary that inspired the library’s More Than a Month series. Find the DVD in the library’s catalog at [oppl.org](http://oppl.org). To hear about upcoming programs, sign up for our new More Than a Month email at [oppl.org/news](mailto:oppl.org/news).

More Than a Month is the library’s yearlong health, wellness, and black aesthetics-focused exploration of the African diaspora, revealing black history beyond its February traditions, and placed within American history at large. **All events are at the Main Library and open to all.**

### ZUMBA WITH BFIT FITNESS

Saturdays, Sept. 3 & 10,  
11 am–12 pm. Get moving with  
a heart-healthy and fun workout  
led by instructors from BFit  
Fitness Center in Oak Park.

### FITNESS BOOTCAMP WITH COACH WEBBER

Saturday, Sept. 24,  
11 am–12 pm. Get moving with  
Coach Webber, a motivational  
health coach who specializes in  
how to stay active at work.

### RAINBOW COALITION PANEL DISCUSSION

Thursday, Sept. 29, 7–8:30 pm.  
Learn about the history of  
grassroots organizing around  
health care and social reform in  
late 1960s Chicago.

### BOOK DISCUSSION: AMERICANAH

Saturday, Oct. 15, 2–3 pm.  
Discuss Chimamanda Ngozi  
Adichie’s novel, a story of love  
and race centered around a  
young man and woman from  
Nigeria and the difficult  
choices and challenges they  
face in the countries they come  
to call home.

### IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Sunday, Nov. 13, 2–5:30 pm.  
We’ll revisit several of this  
year’s programs, book  
discussions, and events and  
screen the documentary *More  
Than a Month*. You’ll also get a  
sneak peek at 2017’s programs  
in this series.

# NEA BIG READ: INTO THE BEAUTIFUL NORTH

## ABOUT THE NEA BIG READ

The NEA Big Read offers grants to support innovative community-wide reading programs designed around a single book, encouraging reading and participation by diverse audiences. For the first time ever, five area public libraries and Dominican University are working together to explore the immigration-related themes and issues described in *Into the Beautiful North*. The collective hope is that community members in neighboring racially and economically diverse communities will connect to discuss their experiences and perspectives, learning with and from each other and local experts through these new experiences. **All events are free and open to all.**

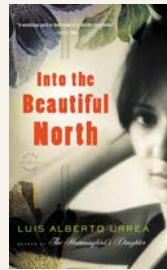


## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Hailed by NPR as a “master storyteller with a rock ‘n’ roll heart,” Luis Alberto Urrea is a 2005 Pulitzer Prize finalist for nonfiction, a member of the Latino Literary Hall of Fame, and a University of Illinois at Chicago professor of creative writing. He has written 16 books and won numerous awards for his poetry, fiction, and essays.

## ABOUT THE BOOK

In *Into the Beautiful North*, Urrea transcends the “us against them” discourse of immigration and writes with compassion, complexity, and humor about the people and places caught up in the U.S.–Mexico border wars. He invites us to think of the border as more than a stark divide between nations: he reminds us that it is a place of convergence where meaningful conversations, and even love, between cultures begin.



## LUIS ALBERTO URREA AT DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY

Wednesday, Sept. 28, 7 pm, Off-site location: Dominican University, Martin Recital Hall, 7900 W. Division St., River Forest. Learn how this acclaimed author uses his dual-culture life experiences to explore themes of love, loss, and triumph. Born in Tijuana to a Mexican father and an American mother, Urrea is most recognized as a border writer, yet has said, “I am more interested in bridges, not borders.”

## CROSSING BORDERS EXHIBIT

Main Library Art Gallery

On display: Sept. 4–Oct. 30

Artist reception: Sunday, Sept. 4, 2–4 pm

Immigration-inspired art by local artists.

## BOOK DISCUSSIONS:

**INTO THE BEAUTIFUL NORTH**

Sept. 7, 12–1:30 pm, Dole Branch

Sept. 21, 1–2:30 pm, Main Library

Oct. 11, 1–2:30 pm, Maze Branch

Oct. 18, 7–8:30 pm, Maze Branch

## CONCERT:

**SUENOS LATIN JAZZ**

Wednesday, Oct. 19, 7–9 pm,

Main Library. Composed of some of Chicago’s finest jazz and Latin musicians and led by bassist/composer Steven Hashimoto, the group has been active in Chicago’s vital jazz scene for 10 years and combines jazz improvisation with Latin and Caribbean rhythms.



NEA  
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NATIONAL ENDOWMENT  
for the ARTS

FILM SERIES  
PRESENTED BY  
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Wednesdays, 1:30–4:30 pm,  
Main Library

Sept. 14: *The Magnificent Seven*.

The film that inspires *Into the Beautiful North*’s main character to head to the United States.

Sept. 21: *Brooklyn*. A heart-warming story about a young, homesick Irish immigrant in the 1950s.

Sept. 28: *The Namesake*. A story about the son of Indian immigrants who wants to break free from his family’s traditions.

Oct. 5: *El Norte*. The story of a teenage indigenous Mayan brother and sister who flee war-torn Guatemala and attempt to slip into California without documentation.

Oct. 12: *Avalon*. A Polish Jewish family build a better future for themselves in Baltimore in the late 1940s and 1950s.

Oct. 19: *In America*. An undocumented Irish family struggles to start a new life in New York City.

# NEA BIG READ AT PARTNER LIBRARIES

## BERWYN PUBLIC LIBRARY

*2701 Harlem Ave., Berwyn*

### CONCERT: JAROCHICANOS

Saturday, Sept. 17, 2 pm. Explore the Jarochico music of Veracruz, Mexico, which has a mixture of Spanish and African indigenous influences. Register now: 708.795.8000 ext. 6300.

### FAMILY LOTERÍA GAME DAY

Saturdays, Sept. 24 & Oct. 15, 2 pm. Lotería, or Mexican bingo, is an old picture-based game played by every age. For families/all ages. This game will be presented bilingually. No Spanish skills needed! Register now: 708.795.8000 ext. 3088.

### BOOK DISCUSSION:

#### *INTO THE BEAUTIFUL NORTH*

In Spanish: Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2 pm  
In English: Thursday, Oct. 6, 2 pm

### COMMUNITY OFRENDIA

Oct. 11–Nov. 2. Remember your loved ones and visit the ofrenda (altar) during open library hours.

### STUDENT ART EXHIBIT

Oct. 17–Nov. 6. View artwork by Berwyn middle school students. The artwork featured will be in celebration of el Día de los Muertos.

### DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS PARTY

Tuesday, Nov. 1, 7 pm. Join us for a celebration with treats and a live dance performance! Please register: 708.795.8000 ext. 3088.



**CONCERT: SONES DE MÉXICO ENSEMBLE.** Friday, Sept. 16, 7 pm, Dominican University Performing Arts Center, 7900 W. Division St., River Forest. Celebrate Mexican Independence Day with the Sones de México Ensemble.

## FOREST PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

*7555 Jackson Blvd., Forest Park*

**CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE: INCREDIBLE JOURNEY**  
Wednesday, Sept. 21, 4 pm.

What if you and your family had to start over in a completely new place? What decisions would you have to make? What might your challenges be? We'll work together to meet the challenge in teams and will share books about kids who faced their own incredible journeys. Ages 7–12.

**READ/CREATE BOOK GROUP**  
Monday, Sept. 26, 7 pm. Join us for a twist on the traditional book group. Discuss and dabble in a simple art project.

## MAYWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY

*121 S. 5th Ave., Maywood*

### BOOK DISCUSSION:

#### *INTO THE BEAUTIFUL NORTH*

Saturday, Sept. 17, 11:30 am–12:30 pm

### MEET NEW IMMIGRANTS

Saturday, Oct. 22, 11:30 am–12:30 pm. Explore what it's like to leave your home and come to the United States of America. Meet immigrants who will share their stories of their homeland, the journey, and what they have found here in Chicago. Everyone is invited to come and hear their stories. If you have stories of your own immigrant experience to share, please join in.

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### TRUE-LIFE STORIES FROM YOUNG ADULT IMMIGRANTS

Sunday, Sept. 25, 2 pm. Join us for a discussion on the immigration and deportation of women and children. Moderated by Dr. Lisa Petrov, PhD, Assistant Professor of Spanish and Director of Latin and Latino American Studies at Dominican University.

## INSPIRING CONNECTION OUTSIDE LIBRARY WALLS

Thanks to the NEA Big Read grant, Urrea will meet with students at Morton West High School in Berwyn. The author will lead an open discussion about the book, which was on the school's summer reading list, and how related issues affect students, their families, and their lives in west suburban Chicago.

## MUSIC, ART



Listen to music from September's folk music artist and learn more at [annehills.com](http://annehills.com).

**FOLK MUSIC CONCERTS**  
7–9 pm, Main Library

Thursday, Sept. 22: Anne Hills  
Monday, Oct. 10: Claudia Nygaard

**PERFORMANCE: NOTEWORTHY SHOW CHOIR**  
Wednesday, Nov. 30, 7–8 pm, Main Library. Listen to and cheer for Noteworthy, Oak Park and River Forest High School's award-winning show choir, a highly selective group of singers, dancers, and live band members.

**JEWELRY MAKING WORKSHOP**  
Sunday, Oct. 16, 2–3:30 pm, Main Library. Create your own beaded jewelry with Library Assistant Megan Ulczak. Supplies provided.

**WANT MORE ART, MUSIC & FILM?**  
See pages 10–11 for NEA Big Read events and visit [oppl.org/art](http://oppl.org/art) to learn more about art in the library.

## LIBRARY-LED BOOK GROUPS



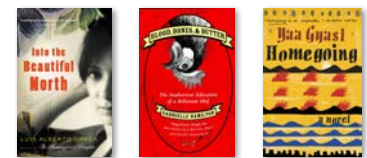
Seniors at the Oak Park Arms told discussion leader Librarian Rashmi Swain that they truly enjoyed reading and talking about *Between the World and Me* in June. Swain brings her expertise to the Arms monthly to lead on-site discussions and offer one-on-one technical support with ebooks, audiobooks, and talking books.

Titles are available at the library one month before the discussion. All are welcome; no registration is required. Sign up for our monthly book groups email at [oppl.org/bookgroups](mailto:oppl.org/bookgroups).

**DETECTION BY DAYLIGHT**  
Tuesdays, 12–1 pm, Maze Branch  
Sept. 6: *Farewell, My Lovely*  
Oct. 4: *Death of a Gossip*  
Nov. 1: *Postmortem*



**WORDS ON WEDNESDAY**  
Wednesdays, 1–2:30 pm, Main Library  
Sept. 21: *Into the Beautiful North*\*  
Oct. 19: *Blood, Bones & Butter*  
Nov. 16: *Homegoing*



▲ \*The NEA Big Read title (page 10).

**BROWN BAG**  
Tuesdays, 12–1 pm, Dole Branch  
Sept. 20: *Raiders of the Nile*  
Oct. 18: *Let the Dead Lie*  
Nov. 22: *Blood Wedding*



**READ & REFLECT**  
Fridays, 12–1 pm, Dole Branch  
Sept. 16: *The Oregon Trail*  
Oct. 21: *The Wright Brothers*  
Nov. 25: *On Gold Mountain*



**THE LIVES THEY LIVED**  
Tuesdays, 7:30–8:30 pm, Maze Branch  
Sept. 20: *When Breath Becomes Air*  
Nov. 15: *H Is for Hawk*

## AUTHOR EVENTS, LECTURES

**JULIA KELLER: SORROW ROAD**  
Thursday, Sept. 1, 7–9 pm, Main Library. Learn how the author, a long-time *Chicago Tribune* writer, wove together two stories—one set in the turbulent era of World War II and one in the present day—to create a piercingly poignant tale of memory, family, love, and murder.

**ELIZABETH BERG: MAKE SOMEONE HAPPY**  
Wednesday, Sept. 7, 7–9 pm, Main Library. Facebook fans and readers of author Elizabeth Berg asked her to gather a collection of her favorite posts—and she did. Join us for a reading of *Make Someone Happy*.

**WHAT DO YOU SEE WHEN YOU LOOK AT ME? WOMEN AND AGING**  
Saturday, Sept. 10, 2–4 pm, Main Library. Explore thorny issues of gender and aging, including ageism, cultural expectations, body image, caring at the end of life, chronic illness, Social Security, caregiving, and more with Martha Holstein, author of *Women in Late Life*.

**LECTURE: BETH ISAACS: WOMEN AND INCARCERATION**  
Saturday, Sept. 17, 2–4 pm, Main Library. Hear from the founder of Illinois Birth Justice, whose mission is to support incarcerated pregnant women and new mothers to help them build positive futures for themselves and their families.



Over 100 residents attended a July 19 Main Library panel discussion about the future of integration in Oak Park, listening to leaders from the Oak Park Regional Housing Center, the Oak Park Residence Corporation, and Success of All Youth, and making their voices heard.

**CO-EDITORS WILLIAM AYERS AND JANISE HURTIG: EVERY PERSON IS A PHILOSOPHER**  
Sunday, Sept. 25, 2–4 pm, Main Library. Learn about Hal Adams, a legendary radical educator who organized writing workshops with people who had been written off during much of their lives.

**BARBARA BROTMAN: FINDING GOD IN JOURNALISM**  
Thursday, Oct. 6, 7–9 pm, Main Library. Writer Barbara Brotman, formerly of the *Chicago Tribune*, will talk about using journalistic techniques to explore such subjects as people's relationships to God. She will discuss using journalism techniques in stories ranging from the decision of whether to become a priest to a man's crisis of faith in the face of death.

**VINCENT PITISCI: THE ESSENTIAL TAROT**  
Saturday, Oct. 8, 2–4 pm, Main Library. Explore the secrets of the Tarot with Master Tarot reader and author of *The Essential Tarot: Unlocking the Mystery*.

**PAT ALLEN: CRONATION**  
Sunday, Oct. 23, 2–4 pm, Main Library. This former long-time Oak Park resident and artist shares stories from her novel, which is set in the near future and populated by characters whose mission is to midwife the birth of a new era of creative partnership and community collaboration.

**WILLIAM HAZELGROVE: MADAM PRESIDENT**  
Saturday, Oct. 29, 2–4 pm, Main Library. Hear about the newest book, *Madam President: The Secret Presidency of Edith Wilson*, by a former Oak Park resident and writer-in-residence at the Ernest Hemingway Birthplace Home.



**BARBARA BALLINGER LECTURE: AUTHOR WENDY MCCLURE**  
Friday, Oct. 28, 7–9 pm, Main Library. Wendy McClure is an author, a columnist, and a children's book editor. She is the author of *The Wilder Life: My Adventures in the Lost World of Little House on the Prairie*, which won the Midwest Booksellers Choice Award for nonfiction in 2011. See back cover for more information.

# LEARN & CONNECT

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## ADULT IMPROV WORKSHOP

Tuesdays, Sept. 6, Oct. 4 & Nov. 1,  
7–8 pm, Maze Branch

## WEDNESDAY WRITERS’ WORD FEAST

Wednesdays, Sept. 7, Oct. 5 &  
Nov. 2, 10 am–1 pm, Main Library

## OPEN BOARD-GAME PLAY

Wednesdays, Sept. 7 & 21,  
Oct. 5 & 19, Nov. 2 & 16,  
6:30–9 pm, Main Library

## YARNS & YARN

Thursdays, Sept. 8 & 22, Oct. 13 &  
27, Nov. 10, 2–4 pm, Dole Branch

## CHESS OPEN PLAY

Mondays, Sept. 12–Nov. 28,  
5:30–9 pm, Main Library

## OAK PARK PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Mondays, Sept. 12 & 26, Oct. 24,  
Nov. 14 & 28, 7–9 pm, Main Library

## GENEALOGY MEET-UP LECTURES

Fridays, Sept. 16, Oct. 21 & Nov. 18,  
2–3:30 pm, Main Library

## FRENCH CONVERSATION HOUR

Wednesdays, Sept. 28, Oct. 26 &  
Nov. 30, 7–8 pm, Maze Branch

## NO-SHUSH SALON

Thursdays, 6:30–8:30 pm,  
Maze Branch

Sept. 29: Kilty Pleasure

Oct. 27: Cemetery Guardians

Nov. 10: Sheila Johnson



From a Collaboration for Early Childhood community survey targeted at parents with kids ages 0–5, we learned local families want more resources and support helping to manage kids’ behavior, address children’s social-emotional needs, and help new parents discover local connections. Our response? Offer more family-centered learning opportunities. More at [oppl.org/kids](http://oppl.org/kids).

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## REINFORCING YOUR CHILD’S “MIND MUSCLE”: A TWO-PART PARENT WORKSHOP

Tuesdays, Sept. 20 & 27, 7–8:30 pm,  
Main Library. Neuroscience and  
Mindset Educator Stefanie Frank will  
share executive functioning strategies to  
try at home. For parents and caregivers  
of children from toddlers to teens.  
Register for one or both sessions.

**Session 1, Sept. 20:** Learn about how to  
support children’s executive functioning  
skills, including self-regulation, focus,  
and flexible thinking.

**Session 2, Sept. 27:** Frank will give  
parents and caregivers a quick review  
of Session 1 on executive functioning  
skills and will lead an open discussion/  
question and answer session.

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## What is executive function?

“Executive function and self-regulation skills are the mental processes that enable us to plan, focus attention, remember instructions, and juggle multiple tasks successfully. Just as an air traffic control system at a busy airport safely manages the arrivals and departures of many aircraft on multiple runways, the brain needs this skill set to filter distractions, prioritize tasks, set and achieve goals, and control impulses.”

—Center on the Developing Child, Harvard University,  
<http://developingchild.harvard.edu/science/key-concepts/executive-function/>



Stefanie Frank is a psychologist specializing in neuroscience and child and adolescent development. Her work focuses on the cross-section of neuroscience, mindfulness, and social-emotional development to help people uncover the mind’s natural ability to manifest highly desirable outcomes in all aspects of life.



After five weeks honing their ideas with library staff mentors and local business experts, 11 teens in this summer's Teen Entrepreneur Academy pitched their business plans to judges in July. All won a share of seed money, including a designer who plans to use his first-prize winnings to expand his brand and create a new clothing line.

## TEEN VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION

**Tuesdays, Sept. 6–Nov. 29, 3:30–5 pm, Main Library.** Help with a variety of projects, which include working with library materials, crafting for programs and displays, and completing service projects for local organizations.

## CORNER STORE (TEENS ONLY)

**Thursdays, Sept. 8 & 22, Oct. 13 & 27, Nov. 10, 3:30–5 pm, Main Library.** Stop by for an afternoon of messing around and being creative with art, technology, and hip-hop.

## ® FAFSA WORKSHOP

**Thursday, Oct. 13, 7–8:30 pm, Main Library.** A financial aid professional will answer questions and help you complete your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Bring your 2015 tax forms. Register now.

## INTERNATIONAL GAMES DAY

**Saturday, Nov. 19, 1–4 pm, Main Library.** Connect with your community and the rest of the world through games.

## PERFORMANCE: NOTEWORTHY SHOW CHOIR

**Wednesday, Nov. 30, 7–8 pm, Main Library.** See page 12.

## FREE PRACTICE TESTS WITH KAPLAN TEST PREP

We're teaming up with River Forest Public Library and Kaplan Test Prep to offer free, full-length ACT and SAT practice tests. See [oppl.org/teens](http://oppl.org/teens) for dates and times.

Visit [oppl.org/teens](http://oppl.org/teens) for new arrivals in teen fiction and direct links to online homework help resources.

## WHAT OUR PARTNERS SAY...



Amber Hooper,  
OPRFHS Librarian

### As one of the librarians

at Oak Park and River Forest High School (OPRFHS), Amber Hooper instructs students in research strategies and recommends books to both students and teachers, among other services. Since fall 2015, she's been supported by Rachael Bild, the Oak Park Public Library's High School Services Librarian, who visits OPRFHS once a week to connect with faculty and support their teaching of teens—"effectively bridging services between the public and school libraries," Hooper said.

In turn, Bild said she's able to provide better service to teens who visit the public library: "We can speak the same language, and I can better direct them to resources."



Anthony Clark,  
OPRFHS Teacher

### Since Special Education

Teacher Anthony Clark started Hip-Hop Club at OPRFHS in 2013 to help minority students get involved and feel more ownership in the school, the club has expanded, bringing together dancers, choreographers, and fledgling music producers and rap artists.

This summer, the club expanded into Rhymes, Beats & Life at the library, joining an even wider range of tweens and teens. "We provided kids with a place to be, being productive and constructive," Clark said.

Working together, the library and high school create greater impact, Clark said. "For me, it goes back to that old saying, 'It takes a village.' We come together collectively with what we have to offer. We need to raise our students to be engaged in society and become global citizens, and that does take a village."



**SOCKTOBER**

Oct. 1–31, All library locations

Socks are among the most requested items at shelters.



To benefit our neighbors at Housing Forward, we're collecting new socks all month. Learn about more ways to help at [housingforward.org/give](http://housingforward.org/give).

**KID'S CRAFT: SOCK PUPPETS**

Celebrate Socktober and get your creative juices flowing as we fashion our very own sock puppets! Bring a pair of used socks to act as your puppets and a pair of new socks to donate to Housing Forward. Best for ages 4–8.

Maze Branch | Monday, Oct. 24, 3:30–4:30 pm

Dole Branch | Wednesday, Oct. 26, 3:30–4:30 pm

**PRESCHOOL DANCE PARTY: SOCK HOP!**

Friday, Oct. 28, 10:30–11:30 am, Main Library. Put on your dancing shoes and celebrate the success of Socktober! Costumes encouraged. Best for ages 2–6.



**BUILDING WITH BLOCKS**

Fridays, Sept. 2 & 30, Nov. 4, 10 am–12 pm, Main Library. Calling all budding engineers! Use our wooden blocks to build whatever your imagination can come up with.

**LEGO CLUB**

Come play! LEGO and DUPLO provided.

Dole Branch | Fridays, Sept. 2 & Nov. 4, 3–5 pm

Main Library | Fridays, Sept. 16, Oct. 7 & Nov. 11, 10 am–12 pm

Maze Branch | Tuesday, Oct. 11, 3–5 pm

**KID'S CRAFT: DREAM JARS**

Monday, Sept. 12, 3:30–4:30 pm, Maze Branch. You don't need to be asleep to discover fantastic dreams: explore your greatest delights with this imaginative craft! Best for ages 4–10.

**BARBIE CLUB**

Come play! Dolls and accessories provided.

Dole Branch | Fridays, Sept. 16, Oct. 21 & Nov. 18, 3–5 pm

Main Library | Fridays, Sept. 23 & Oct. 21, 10 am–12 pm

**STRENGTHENING YOUR CHILD'S "MIND MUSCLE": A TWO-PART PARENT WORKSHOP**

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**AUTUMN AT THE ARMS**

Monday, Oct. 3, 4–5 pm, Off-site: Oak Park Arms, 408 S. Oak Park Ave., Oak Park. Intergenerational connections benefit both kids and adults. Join us at the Oak Park Arms to make autumn crafts with seniors. Best for ages 3+. Register now.

**SATURDAY SENSORY STORYTIME**

Saturday, Oct. 8, 2–2:30 pm, Main Library. Designed for children with special needs ages 3+ with caregiver support, this class features books, songs, and movement, with lap weights and fidget toys available. Siblings welcome.



## BABY, TODDLER, PRESCHOOL

### CALLING ALL UNDERAGE WIZARDS



#### MAGICAL CONGRESS OF THE USA (MACUSA) ELECTION

Tuesday, Nov. 1–Friday, Nov. 11.  
At all library locations during open hours. Cast your vote in the most important election happening in the magical world this year.

#### MACUSA ELECTION PARTY

Saturday, November 12, 2–3:30 pm, Main Library. Celebrate all things magical as we crown the victor in our MACUSA election, make crafts, enjoy snacks, and challenge your mind with games and trivia. Costumes encouraged.

#### IMPROV PLAYHOUSE PRESENTS: *LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD*

Monday, Oct. 10, 10–11 am, Main Library. Join us for a wacky and entertaining exploration of the classic story, filled with music and merriment. Register now.

#### PUMPKIN PAINTING

Thursday, Oct. 20, 3:30–4:40 pm, Main Library. B.Y.O.P.: Bring Your Own Pumpkin! We supply paint and decorating supplies, plus take care of the mess.

#### ENCHANTED HALLOWEEN

Saturday, Oct. 22, 6–7:30 pm, Dole Branch. Join us for games, crafts, stories, and refreshments in a family-friendly atmosphere. Costumes encouraged but not required. Ages 4–10, with an adult. Register now with an Oak Park Public Library card.



#### TIME FOR LUNCH: MUSIC AND PLAY

Friday, Sept. 9, 10–11 am, Main Library. With Kindermusik teacher Pat Larson, we'll use fun songs, rhymes, stories, vocal play, instrument play, and focused listening activities to explore the theme of food, food, food. So get your musical appetite ready.

#### MONKEY BUSINESS STORYTIME AND CRAFT

Friday, Sept. 16, 10:30–11:30 am, Dole Branch. Sing, dance, read, and laugh with this fun storytime and craft. Best for ages 3–5.

#### DIGITALE: ROBOTS!

Fridays, Oct 14 & Nov. 18, 10–10:30 am, Main Library. Learn about robots in this digital storytime. Stories and songs are paired with apps and digital library tools. Best for ages 2–6. For ages 4–6, stay to learn and play with hands-on Bee-Bot robots for a short, age-appropriate introduction to coding.

#### SPOOKY STORYTIME & CRAFT

Friday, Oct. 21, 10:30–11:30 am, Dole Branch. Have a spooky good time as we celebrate Halloween with stories, songs, and a craft that is sure to be a real scream! Costumes encouraged, but not required. Best for ages 3–5.

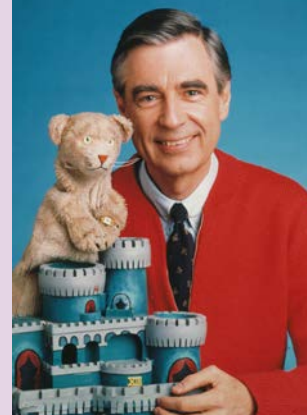
#### "IT'S A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD!"

This fall, check out our brand-new class based on the classic TV show *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*!

Be Our Neighbor, for preschoolers ages 4+ with a caregiver, will help kids gain important social-emotional and executive functioning skills that will support their achievements when they start school.

Visit [oppl.org/kids/storytimes](http://oppl.org/kids/storytimes) to learn more about this new program, as well as the 15+ weekly storytimes we offer at our three library locations.

Also see page 14 to learn about our two-part parent workshop on executive functioning.



# ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL

## WHAT OUR PARTNERS SAY...

*About tech resources  
and know-how*



Kathryn Rolfes,  
Mann Elementary  
Teacher Librarian

**Kathryn Rolfes**,  
Teacher Librarian  
at Mann  
Elementary,  
said Parent Tech  
Night with Oak  
Park Elementary  
School District  
97 makes

parents aware of the great wealth of resources, both ebooks and electronic databases, that D97 students are using in school and that are available to all Oak Park residents through the library.

“We focus on the resources that are geared to our students and show how they are being taught in our schools,” she said. “Another great side benefit is that parents walk out knowing how to download music, videos, and magazines for their own enjoyment.”

“Now that so many of our students have access to electronic devices, the collaboration between our libraries is even more relevant,” she added. “Our D97 teacher librarians can now access and teach the significant resources available from the Oak Park Public Library in our schools. The district and the library work together in making decisions on what resources are most important to purchase to support the curriculum in our schools.”

**FIND MORE TECH RESOURCES  
AND KNOW-HOW AT  
[OPPL.ORG/HOMEWORK](http://OPPL.ORG/HOMEWORK)**



Fifteen local students ages 6–12 learned more about local history and Ernest Hemingway through MinecraftEdu and the Hacking Hemingway grant. More at [oppl.org/hackinghemingway](http://oppl.org/hackinghemingway).

### **R** PARENT TECH NIGHT WITH D97

**Wednesday, Sept. 21, 6–8 pm, Main Library.** Oak Park Elementary School District 97 teacher librarians and Oak Park Public Library children’s librarians partner to explore and explain educational apps, online research databases, and more for grade-school and middle-school students. Bring your own device if possible. Register now with an Oak Park Public Library card.



### **R** HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY, ROALD DAHL!

**Tuesday, Sept. 13, 4–5 pm, Main Library.** Help us celebrate the 100th birthday of Roald Dahl, author of such favorites as *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and *The BFG*. Best for ages 6+. Register now.

### **RAINA TELGEMEIER BOOK PARTY**

**Friday, Sept. 16, 4–5 pm, Main Library.** Celebrate the release of Raina Telgemeier’s new book, *Ghosts*, by meeting like-minded graphic novel readers, making buttons to show your pride, and decorating your own *Smile-*inspired cookie. Raina won’t be here, but we hope you will. Best for ages 8+.

### **KIDS’ IMPROV WORKSHOP**

**Mondays, Sept. 19 & Oct. 17, 6:30–7:30 pm, Maze Branch.** For kids entering grades 1–4.

### **CRAFTERNOON**

**Friday, Sept. 30, 3:30–4:30 pm, Main Library.** Drop in and get crafty! We’ll have all sorts of supplies on hand; you bring the creativity and imagination. Best for ages 5+.

### **R** SEW THE NIGHT AWAY

**Thursdays, Oct. 6, 13 & 20, 6:30–7:30 pm, Dole Branch.** Ever wondered how a sewing machine works? Interested in learning how to put fabric together to make a scarf or bag? No experience required; all materials supplied. For kids in grades 5–8. Register now.



### GOOSEBUMPS FILM SCREENING

**Saturday, Oct. 8, 2–4 pm, Maze Branch.** A teenager teams up with the daughter of young adult horror author R.L. Stine after the writer's fears become a reality. (PG, 2015, 103 min.)

### ® GEMS JR.: CODING PARTY

**Saturday, Oct. 8, 3–4 pm, Main Library.** Have fun with coding skills! Join local computer programmer Laura Zinthefer for an hour of coding fun. This GEMS (Girls Excelling in Math and Science) program is for girls in grades 2–4. Register now.

### ZOOTOPIA FILM SCREENING

**Monday, Oct. 10, 3–5 pm, Main Library.** All is not as peaceful as it seems in a city inhabited by animals who have abandoned their traditional predator/prey roles. (PG, 2016, 108 min.)

### CORALINE BOOK DISCUSSION AND FILM SCREENING

**Friday, Oct. 21, 2–4:30 pm, Main Library.** We'll talk about Neil Gaiman's best-selling book (also available as a graphic novel), decorate some deliciously creepy button-eye cookies, and then

check out the animated film. (PG, 2009, 100 min.) Best for ages 8+.

### KID'S CRAFT:

#### PRESENTS FOR POOCHES

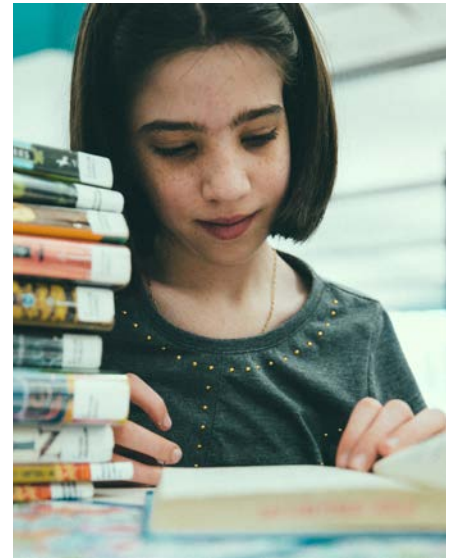
**Friday, Nov. 18, 4–5 pm, Main Library.** Celebrate an attitude of gratitude as we create some crafts for some lovely pups. We will be donating our crafts to the Animal Care League. Best for ages 5–10.

#### GIVING THANKS STORYTIME AND CRAFT

**Saturday, Nov. 19, 2–3 pm, Main Library.** What are you thankful for? Celebrate the season as we share songs and stories and create a thoughtful gift for a friend. Best for ages 4–7.

#### ALICE THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS FILM SCREENING

**Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2–4 pm, Main Library.** Years after her first adventure, Alice stumbles upon a looking glass that magically transports her back to Underland, where she is reunited with her beloved childhood friends. (PG, 2016, 118 min.)



### HOMESCHOOL PROGRAMS

#### MEET-UPS

**Thursdays, Oct. 6–Nov. 17, 12–2 pm, Main Library.** Drop in each week to socialize with other local homeschooling families. Bring your sack lunch too! Best for ages 6+. Younger siblings welcome.

#### LIBRARY TOUR

**Thursday, Oct. 6, 12:30–1:30 pm, Main Library.** Welcome, homeschoolers! We'll kick off our first week of Homeschool Meet-Ups with a behind-the-scenes tour just for you. Grown-ups are encouraged to come along, although kids ages 7+ may participate on their own.

#### PUMPKIN PAINTING

**Thursday, Oct. 20, 12:30–1:30 pm, Main Library.** B.Y.O.P.: Bring Your Own Pumpkin! We supply paint and decorating supplies, plus take care of the mess. All ages.

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**MAIN LIBRARY**

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

**DOLE BRANCH**

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

**MAZE BRANCH**

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

**REGISTRATION**

Some events require registration. Call 708.383.8200 or visit [oppl.org/calendar](http://oppl.org/calendar) for the latest information. Unfortunately, programs may need to be rescheduled or cancelled unexpectedly.

**ACCESSIBILITY**

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).

**PROMOTION**

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.



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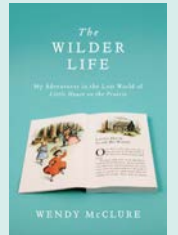


Register to vote at the library anytime through Oct. 11 for the Nov. 8 Presidential Election. We offer trained deputy registrars ready to register eligible voters who reside anywhere within Illinois. Please call ahead of your visit (708.383.8200) to make sure that one of our registrars will be available to help you. After Oct. 11, register at the office of the election authority ([cookcountyclerk.com](http://cookcountyclerk.com)) through Grace Period Registration and voting. **Learn more and check eligibility requirements at [oppl.org/vote](http://oppl.org/vote).**

**2016 PRESENTER: WENDY MCCLURE**



Friday, Oct. 28, 7–9 pm, Main Library Veterans Room. Wendy McClure is a columnist, a children’s book editor, and the author of *The Wilder Life: My Adventures in the Lost World of Little House on the Prairie*, which won the Midwest Booksellers Choice Award for nonfiction in 2011. Her titles will be available for purchase from The Book Table the evening of the event.



Each year, the Barbara Ballinger Lecture brings an accomplished author to speak in Oak Park. Hosted by the Friends of the Oak Park Public Library, this public event is free, honoring Ms. Ballinger and her 32 years of library service in Oak Park, including 24 years as head librarian. **More at [oppl.org/ballinger](http://oppl.org/ballinger).**

**LIBRARY CLOSINGS**

All library buildings will be closed Monday, Sept. 5 and Thursday, Nov. 24. All library buildings will close at 5 pm on Wednesday, Nov 23.

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