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**Cover Image:** Branch Supervisor Larry Nance and his son Rahsaan discuss this summer's One Book, One Oak Park title at the Main Library. Learn more on page 15.

## A message from the Executive Director

**O**ak Park Public Library programs provide dynamic opportunities to learn, to discover resources, and to connect with friends, neighbors, and new acquaintances. That is a part of our mission: to provide opportunities for lifelong learning and to create spaces and opportunities to engage and connect.

“Program” is our internal word for what is happening—whether a workshop, class, storytime, author reading, panel discussion, concert, or another chance for learning and enjoyment. Read more about how we are all learning together and why that matters on page 4.

Through programs, we showcase our value as a community partner, offering a convenient and comfortable space to community members who have something to say, share, and learn. We also provide a path to discover more materials on specific topics, whether those are in our own collections or are easily accessible through connections with regional and national library systems.

We also believe library programs are about being inclusive and intentional.

### Inclusive

Access is key, whether that is access to items on our shelves or to library

programs. We never charge a fee to attend a program, and we want to include everyone. Due to limits on space and other resources, we sometimes require registration. Yet we continue to evolve, exploring how we can remove barriers and improve access for all.

### Intentional

As our strategic plan states, we value collaboration, compassion, gathering, and participation. We know you do also, because you have told us. Common themes from several library-led Community Conversations include diversity, inclusion, and participation.

That is why we strive to deliver partner programs with agencies such as the Collaboration for Early Childhood, Success of All Youth, and the Oak Park Homelessness Coalition. It is also why we continue to offer programs such as Read for the Win; More Than a Month; One Book, One Oak Park; and, returning for a third year this fall, Humanity 101.

Thank you for reading, and for being part of our story.

—David Seleb  
Executive Director  
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Learn more about access at [oppl.org/visit/accessibility](http://oppl.org/visit/accessibility).

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# IN YOUR WORDS



## A message from our partner on early literacy

“Baby can’t wait” is a phrase you hear often at the Collaboration for Early Childhood. A compelling body of research shows the vital role early experiences play in a child’s ability to grow up healthy and ready to succeed.

The Collaboration for Early Childhood, a public/private partnership, was born in 2002 out of the sense of urgency created by this research and in response to the nagging disparities in achievement between groups of children in our schools. We work with more than 65 early childhood service providers in Oak Park and River Forest because our children deserve access to high-quality early learning and care experiences; our parents should have the resources and supports they need to nurture their children’s development.

We train staff in early childhood programs, work with our partners to coordinate outreach and referrals between quality child care and

home-visiting programs and families, and work with health and early learning providers to screen children for developmental delays. We also provide parents and guardians with support and information and publish the Early Childhood Resource Directory.

The partnership between the Collaboration and the Oak Park Public Library is a great example of how we coordinate and leverage our resources.

The library supports the Collaboration’s annual symposium, which draws 350–400 participants, and co-sponsored a talk last November by Dr. Dana Suskind, author of *Thirty Million Words: Building a Child’s Brain*. This April, we partnered on the Baby Fair, an inaugural event offering new parents an easy way to learn about providers, groups, and businesses that support babies and parents.

To add resources for child care and preschool staff to its collection this year, items few can afford, the library turned to the Collaboration

for guidance and recommendations. The Collaboration also is drawing on library staff’s creativity and early literacy expertise to plan workshops for the early childhood workforce to earn professional development credit.

The library’s vibrant early literacy programs and resources are an important part of the fabric of early childhood in Oak Park. We are excited about our deepening relationship and the growing possibilities to improve supports for the early childhood community.

*Carolyn Newberry Schwartz*

—Carolyn Newberry Schwartz  
Executive Director,  
Collaboration for  
Early Childhood



Collaboration for  
Early Childhood  
*Strong Start. Bright Future*

## We appreciate your feedback, comments, and suggestions

Thanks for filling out the library’s customer satisfaction survey. Since launching it in January, we’ve received more than 350 responses with 550 comments both online and at all three library locations. It’s important for us to know what improvements and changes you want to see, as well as what is working. To take the survey anytime and learn about changes we’re making based on your feedback, plus improvements still in progress, visit [oppl.org/experience](http://oppl.org/experience).

“Staff is consistently friendly, professional, patient, and helpful. This library is absolutely top notch; I don’t know how we got so lucky!” —March 4, 2016

“Fines for children’s books should be lower. ... We have three kids and can easily check out 50 books or more books at a time, which is different from how most people use adult books.” —March 9, 2016



Participants in a Humanity 101 event in October 2014. This series, developed through Project Humanities, promotes robust dialogue between individuals and communities, and returns to the library this fall.



Last summer, families teamed up as designers and inventors in the Family Creative Learning workshop series. This August, families can learn together in another intergenerational digital learning series, Creation Lab. See page 9.

# THE TOTAL PACKAGE

## Learning at any stage

We're committed to lifelong learning, and we're not alone.

The Pew Research Center reported in March that, whether for work or play, 73% of American adults identify as lifelong learners. Of those who pursue personal interests, 81% said they do so in specific places, including libraries, and 58% said it makes them feel more connected to their community.\*

Whatever your style—Lynda.com online courses on your own, or workshops, classes, and events in person—you can pursue passions and possibilities with the library all year.

"There's always something going on here," Assistant Director Jim Madigan said. "Something for everyone."

That's especially true this summer, when you can participate in meaningful One Book, One Oak Park discussions (see page 15); support kids' learning through our action-packed summer reading program, Read for the Win (see page 7); and so much more.

## 'A richer experience'

For 15 years, film historian and Friends of the Library board member Doug

Deuchler has been leading library screenings and discussions on everything from films about great artists and immigrants to stars like Kirk Douglas and Barbara Stanwyck. This summer, look for his Cinematic Chicago series, plus two musicals (see page 19).

"I really enjoy providing movies that stimulate discussion and may lead us into deeper appreciation of acting, production values, and camera work," said Deuchler, who teaches at Facets and leads the First Tuesday Film Club at the Lake Theatre. "I think many people watch movies alone and don't always have a chance to talk about what they've seen. These film fests provide the perfect opportunity for comparing reactions and analyzing aspects of what we've just watched."

The library pays film licensing fees with support from the Friends, but Deuchler said he shares his expertise for free in return for "all the wonderful service and joy I have received over my nearly 50 years of living in Oak Park."

This opportunity to have meaningful discussions is what matters, said Lori Pulliam, the Manager of Experiences and Initiatives who focuses on library

programs. "It can be a richer experience because you gain more than just your own interpretation or perspective," she said.

## Access to the total package

Access also matters. "Library programs are free and open to all, and they allow us to showcase related resources and local expertise that people might not be aware of," Pulliam said.

In other words, the total package.

For example, someone planning to visit Paris can join Maze Branch's monthly French Conversation Hour to brush up on their skills (see page 18).

"You could wind up talking with someone who gives you great tips," Pulliam said. "Or just meet people who share your interests."

While at the library, you also can check out a travel guide, learn how to download movies and music for the flight over, and get the Mango Languages app for more overseas support.

"That's a unique combination of experiences and resources," she said. "Library events are such great opportunities to connect with others and learn something new."

\* Pew Research Center, *Lifelong Learning and Technology*, March 22, 2016; [pewinternet.org/2016/03/22/lifelong-learning-and-technology](http://pewinternet.org/2016/03/22/lifelong-learning-and-technology).

## MORE ABOUT PROGRAMS



## How many?

In 2015, nearly 48,000 kids, teens, and adults came to 2,250 library events. And that's not including events hosted in the library's public spaces by local organizations like Rush Oak Park Hospital and the Forest Preserves of Cook County.

## When and where?

All year long at all three libraries, but also routinely outside the library. For example, storytimes are one of our strongest tools to support early childhood literacy, and we hold them almost every day at the library. We also take them to Oak Park preschools and daycares, plus popular community destinations like the Oak Park Farmers' Market and local parks (see page 6). Since spring, the library has been sending "satellite collections" to kid-centric places such as The Children's Clinic, Parenthesis Family Center, and Housing Forward.

## Who plans them?

We develop programs similar to how we curate collections: paying attention, listening, and asking the right questions. What are our neighbors asking for? What are their aspirations, and how can the library help achieve them? Are we successful? Learn more about some of our librarians and staff who plan programs starting on page 9.

# 'WE ARE LIBRARY PEOPLE'

**N**ow that he's a dad, English instructor and Oak Park Creates poet Russell Jaffe can't just hop in the car and go anywhere to do a reading or event.

"Having a kid means that any extra energy I have is immediately filtered into her," he said one Wednesday morning after a storytime at Maze Branch, following his 20-month-old daughter as she careened around the children's nook. "So anytime I can do a reading, I really appreciate that."

Jaffe, who has two books of poetry in Oak Park Creates, the library's local creators collection ([oppl.org/creates](http://oppl.org/creates)), will be the featured performer at Maze Branch's No-Shush Salon in June.

Since January, the library's No-Shush Salon has been an Oak Park outlet for all creative types who want to share their latest endeavors in a 10-minute time slot (see page 18 for more).

"It allows artists to share their works in progress and experience what other folks are working on in an open, accepting environment," said Library Assistant Jeanine Vaughn. "For the audience, it's a great place to see raw art growing before their eyes."

Vaughn, who organizes the series, said the monthly open mic night welcomes all kinds of artists, from comedians to bellydancers, with each month featuring a new theme or guest.

"It's also community driven, free to the public, and draws in folks who would otherwise not go to a louder venue like a bar," she said. "Being close to Chicago but not in the city is also a draw for folks who don't wish to make the trek downtown."



English instructor and Oak Park Creates poet Russell Jaffe (right) said he and his family participate in library programs to find community.

For Jaffe, the library is already a place where he spends a lot of time, along with his wife, fellow poet Carleen Tibbetts, and their daughter, Celestine. They've been bringing Celestine to all three library locations several times a week for storytimes and play since she was 10 months old. (See weekly library storytimes at [oppl.org/storytimes](http://oppl.org/storytimes).)

"The storytimes are interactive, we sing songs, and it's a chance for her to socialize with other kids," Tibbetts said. "It also reminds me of songs I knew as a kid, and we do sing some of them at home, especially at bedtime."

From storytimes to No-Shush Salon, Jaffe said being involved in library programs is all about deepening their ties to Oak Park, where they've lived since June 2014.

"I would just really like to be part of the community more," he said, eyeing his daughter as she headed for the stairs. "I'm hoping to get more involved in the creative community in Oak Park too, especially as this little one gets older."

# PEDALING OUR RESOURCES

## THE BOOK BIKE (AKA PAPERBACK RIDER)



\*Defined as the number of people engaging with the Book Bike and staff by asking questions and making conversation; listening to storytimes; applying for library cards; browsing, checking out, and renewing materials; and checking library accounts. Note that the Book Bike cannot accept returns.

### Book Bike: Stories & Spokes

Wednesdays, 12-2 pm. Celebrate the stories of our local parks' namesakes in this special lunchtime series of interactive read-aloud experiences across Oak Park, where great books meet the



PARK DISTRICT  
of OAK PARK

great outdoors (weather permitting)! After the read-aloud, visit the Book Bike to check out materials, sign up for library cards, and check in with your library summer reading logs on the spot. Ride your own bike for even more fun! In partnership with the Park District of Oak Park.

**June 22:** Carroll Park, 1125 S. Kenilworth Ave., featuring

a whimsical tale by Lewis Carroll  
**July 20:** Andersen Park, 824 Hayes Ave., featuring a Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale  
**August 17:** Longfellow Park, 610 S. Ridgeland Ave., featuring the poetry of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

To see where else the Book Bike is going in 2016, visit [oppl.org/bike](http://oppl.org/bike).

# KIDS' SUMMER READING

## READ FOR THE WIN: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1-FRIDAY, JULY 29



**R**ead for the Win runs eight weeks, from June 1 through July 29, and is open to all kids, from

birth through ninth grade. Stop in at any library location to get started.

In this summer's sports-themed reading program, said Children's Librarian Genevieve Grove, the youngest participants can work through a list of engaging early literacy-based activities, including puzzles, dancing, stories, and talking about the world around them. Emerging readers in early elementary grades will track how long they read, plus choose from sports-themed challenges.

And those big kids in grades 4 and up? "They'll select from tons of options to make their reading time fun,

like climbing a tree with their book, reading aloud in a sports-announcer voice, or exploring a biography of a famous athlete," Grove said.

"We recognize that older elementary and middle school students often stop reading for pleasure as their social schedules fill up. Summer is the perfect time to bring it back into their lives," she said. "New this year, kids will accumulate beads, charms, and dog tags on a necklace or keychain, a great visual reminder of all their hard work."

With lots of active challenges, kids can get pumped for the Olympics in Rio de Janeiro this August. For another active twist, the library teamed up with the Park District of Oak Park to plan programs like the Book Bike's Stories & Spokes series (see page 6).

Park District Special Events Supervisor Karyn DeYoung said the collaboration is only natural and leads into a new program the Park District is launching this fall, Power of Play.

"The library and the parks have similar interests for our community, and collaborating can only assist in the success of those goals," DeYoung said. "All-around health for both mind and body is key to good living."

Sign up for Read for the Win at any Oak Park Library location and start your quest for the gold!



Find more Read for the Win themed programs for kids and families on pages 6, 8-11, and at [oppl.org/calendar](http://oppl.org/calendar).

## SPECIAL ALL-AGES EVENTS



### ® Smartypants Big Balloon Show

Friday, June 10, 2-3 pm, Main Library.

In this theatrical balloon show, the audience will become part of a hilarious summer Olympic games. This show features magic, comedy, and giant balloon props. Register now.

### 4th of July Concert: Jim Gill

Monday, July 4,

12-1 pm, Dole

Branch. All

library buildings

are closed for

the holiday, so

we're celebrating

outside! After the Village of Oak Park's July 4 parade, join us outside Dole Branch for a special concert at the end of the parade route. Jim Gill, an Oak Park resident and award-winning musician, will perform family favorites such as "Spin Again" and "Silly Dance Contest."



### ® The Rope Warrior

Thursday, July 21, 7-8 pm, Main

Library. David Fisher has been

performing this interactive and engaging jump-rope show all over the world for 22 years. Come and see him jump rope while sitting on the ground! Register now.

® Some events require registration. Call 708.383.8200 or visit [oppl.org/calendar](http://oppl.org/calendar).

# FAMILY

Family events are all ages unless otherwise noted.

## Sporty Sports Storytime and Craft

Friday, June 3, 10:30-11:30 am, Dole Branch. Explore stories, sing funny songs, play games, and create a craft! Best for ages 3+.

## LEGO Club

Come play! LEGO and DUPLO provided.

Maze Branch | Tuesday, June 7, 3-5 pm  
Wednesday, July 6, 3-5 pm  
Tuesday, August 9, 3-5 pm

Main Library | Friday, July 15, 10 am-12 pm  
Friday, August 26, 10 am-12 pm

## Morning Yoga Series

Mondays, June 13, 20, 27 & July 11, 18, 9:15-9:45 am, Main Library. Start your week right with stretching and relaxation! We'll show kid-friendly beginning yoga videos to follow along with. Best for ages 3+.

## Barbie Club

Come play! Dolls and accessories provided.

Dole Branch | Friday, June 17, 3-5 pm  
Friday, July 15, 3-5 pm  
Friday, August 19, 3-5 pm

Main Library | Friday, July 22, 10 am-12 pm  
Friday, August 12, 10 am-12 pm

## Kid's Craft: Race Cars

Thursday, June 30, 3:30-4:30 pm, Dole Branch. Join us as we enter the speed zone to make this fun craft. Best for ages 3+.

## Cars Film Screening

Thursday, June 30, 5-7 pm, Dole Branch. (G, 2006, 117 min.)



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## Kid's Craft: Ice Skates

Thursday, July 7, 3:30-4:30 pm, Dole Branch. Create a pair of unique skates with this fun sponge-paint activity. Best for ages 3+.

## Ice Princess Film Screening

Thursday, July 7, 5-7 pm, Dole Branch. (G, 2005, 98 min.)

## Block Party!

Friday, July 8, 10 am-12 pm, Main Library. Use our wooden blocks to build whatever your imagination can come up with.

## Maze Block Party

Sunday, June 12, 1-2:30 pm, Maze Branch. We will be bursting with excitement between the games, bicycles, and bubbles! The Book Bike (see page 6) will also be stopping by for a bicycle-themed storytime.

## Backyard Sports and Games

Wednesday, July 13, 3-4 pm, Main Library. In Scoville Park, play some good old-fashioned backyard games like badminton and bags, along with jumping rope and hula hooping. We'll

even get a rousing game of Red Light, Green Light going. Best for ages 3+.

## Dino-Olympics

Monday, July 18, 4-5 pm, Maze Branch. Exercise your mind and your Jurassic motor skills at the same time! Join us as we play dino-themed Olympic games. Triceratops Ring Toss, anyone? Best for ages 4+.

## Patriotic Crafts with Seniors at the Oak Park Arms

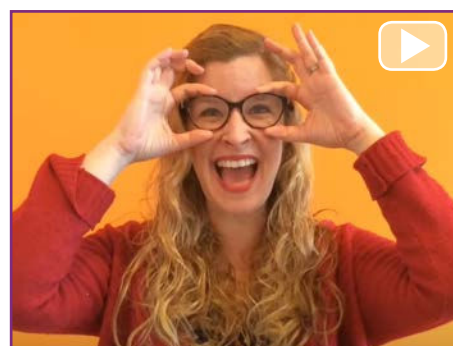
Monday, August 1, 4-5 pm, Off-site: Oak Park Arms, 408 S. Oak Park Ave., Oak Park. Kids and their caregivers are invited to the Oak Park Arms to hear stories and make patriotic crafts to celebrate the Summer 2016 Olympics with seniors. Studies have shown that kids and older adults benefit from intergenerational connections, and it's fun for all! Best for ages 3+. Register now.

## Snorkel Storytime and Craft

Friday, August 5, 10:30-11:30 am, Dole Branch. Join us for this aquatic-themed storytime, filled with swimmingly wonderful songs, dancing, and crafting. Best for ages 3+.



# BABY, TODDLER, PRESCHOOL



Meet Jenny Jackson,  
Children's Outreach,  
[jjackson@oppl.org](mailto:jjackson@oppl.org)

**Unicorn Storytime and Craft**  
Tuesday, August 9, 10:30–11:30 am, Main Library & Friday, August 12, 10:30–11:30 am, Dole Branch. Join us for a mystical storytime filled with laughter, fun, and imagination! Followed by a unicorn-themed craft. Best for ages 3+.

**Creation Lab Series**  
Wednesday, August 10 & Thursday, August 11, 6:30–8 pm, Main Library. Learn how to use creative technologies like Scratch and Makey Makey in a two-part series of exploratory workshops modeled after MIT's Family Creative Learning workshops for the whole family! No tech knowledge required, just a willingness to learn. Spaces are limited. Please commit to attending both workshops. For kids ages 7–12 and their caregivers. Register now for each session.

**Star Wars Storytime and Craft**  
Friday, August 26, 10:30–11:30 am, Dole Branch. Join us for an action-packed storytime filled with spaceships, stormtroopers, and lightsabers! May the force be with you! Best for ages 3+.

**Dance for the Win: A Special Shake, Rattle, and Read**  
Tuesday, June 14, 10–10:30 am, Main Library. Explore the basics of ballet with up-and-coming Salt Creek Ballet company members and get a chance to learn what it takes to be a ballet dancer! Kids will get an opportunity to interact with male ballet dancers and learn some basic ballet training. Ages 3–6.

**Storytime Dance Series**  
Fridays, June 17, June 24 & July 1, 10–10:45 am, Main Library. Natalia Alarcon will help your young dancer bring their favorite stories and characters to life as they learn basic ballet and other dance concepts. Ages 3–6. Register now for each session.

**DigiTales: Kindergarten Readiness!**  
Friday, August 19, 10–10:30 am, Main Library. Learn about new apps to help your child be prepared for the first day of kindergarten and beyond. Stories and songs are paired with apps and digital library tools. Best for kids entering kindergarten.

In one **Early Bird Readers** video, Jenny Jackson shares a favorite storytime activity. Pretending to look through binoculars into the woods, she asks children to guess each animal she describes and then act out its behavior. Squeaking, hopping, and nibbling acorns, she shows different ways caregivers can engage kids' imaginations.

"Play is the integral part that gets kids excited about learning," said Jackson, a Branch and Access Services Supervisor.

Whether she's offering a storytime at the library or at the local daycares and preschools she visits, she said, "We have so much fun that, by the time we're done, the kids don't even realize that they were learning."

Parents, caregivers, and teachers who sign up for the library's **Early Bird Readers** program get weekly text messages full of tips and activities to share with babies, toddlers, and preschoolers, plus links to monthly videos starring Jackson and Children's Librarian Shelley Harris. Learn more and sign up at [oppl.org/readers](http://oppl.org/readers).

Looking for our weekly storytime schedule?  
[oppl.org/storytimes](http://oppl.org/storytimes)

# ELEMENTARY



## Read for the Win

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**Y**ou'll be a winner when you read, explore, and play at your library this summer, and everyone is welcome to join the team! Sign up June 1–July 29.

Find inspiring reading and viewing choices, entertaining events, sporty activities, and drop-in fun here all summer. We want to share our love of reading with you and encourage lifelong learning throughout our community with motivating experiences for all ages.

In addition to being a fun way to engage the entire family, research shows that students who read over the summer keep their reading skills sharp, and are better prepared for school in the fall. Summer reading = better grades.

Need help choosing a title? Our staff will help you find the books you love so you can reach the finish line without breaking a sweat. Have a long car ride coming up? Audiobooks are fantastic entertainment for the whole family and another way to bring reading into your life. When you listen to a book, you build the world in your mind, absorb new words and invest yourself in characters, just like traditional reading.

More: [oppl.org/summer-learning](https://oppl.org/summer-learning)



[OPPL.ORG/KIDS](https://oppl.org/kids)

## 📖 MinecraftEdu: Sports Edition

**Monday, June 13 & Tuesday, June 14, 4–5 pm, Main Library.** Explore our sports-themed MinecraftEdu map with several Olympic-inspired challenges, in teams. Spaces are limited, so please register for only one session. For kids entering grades 2–4.

## 📖 Storytime Dance Series

**Wednesdays, June 15, 22 & 29, 4–4:45 pm, Main Library.** Natalia Alarcon will help you make your favorite stories come to life as you learn basic ballet and other dance concepts. Ages 6–12. Register now for each session.

## Kid's Improv Workshop

**Mondays, June 20, July 18 & August 15, 6:30–7:30 pm, Maze Branch.** For kids entering grades 1–4.

## Games Around the Globe

**Friday, June 24, 4–5 pm, Dole Branch.** Create crafts and discover favorite pastimes played throughout the world. Best for ages 5+.

## Minute to Win It Games

**Monday, June 27, 4–5 pm, Main Library.** Let the hilarity begin, as we play fun and unique games with a 60-second time limit. Best for ages 8+.

## Battle of the Sports Drinks

**Thursday, June 30, 4–5 pm, Main Library.** Think you know your Arctic Blitz from your Icy Charge? Or a Citrus Cooler from a Fruit Punch? Prove it in a blind taste test! It's all in the name of fun...and electrolytes. Best for ages 8+.

## Bead-Making Workshop

**Wednesday, July 6, 4–5 pm, Main Library.** Make a one-of-a-kind clay bead. No experience is necessary. Best for ages 8+ (ages 5–7 welcome with adult assistance).

## Avengers Assemble!

**Friday, July 8, 4–5 pm, Main Library.** Learn archery with Hawkeye and other cool moves with superheroes and the Edge of Orion troupe. Ages 5+. Come early to reserve your spot.

# MIDDLE SCHOOL



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## Homemade Bouncy Ball Craft

**Monday, July 11, 3:30–4:30 pm, Maze Branch.** Make your own colorful bouncy ball(s) in this fun and interactive craft session. Best for ages 5+ (or younger with a grown-up helper).

## Roller Girls:

### DuPage Derby Dames Visit

**Tuesday, July 12, 7–8 pm, Main Library.** Derby skaters will talk with kids about what it takes to play roller derby, show off some moves on the plaza, and help kids come up with their own derby names. Best for ages 8+.

## Fusible Bead Fun

**Wednesday, August 10, 3:30–4:30 pm, Main Library.** Create fun pixel art with perler beads! Use patterns and templates or create your own art. Best for ages 8+.

## Shrinkydink Art

**Wednesday, August 17, 3:30–4:30 pm, Main Library.** Draw, color, cut, and bake! Your art will magically shrink down. Best for ages 8+.

## One Nation Divisible Film Screening

**Friday, June 24, 4–5:15 pm, Main Library.** Let's explore how sports and society are connected. We'll watch and discuss a documentary about events leading up to the Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier 1971 boxing match. For kids entering grades 5–9.

## Ⓡ MinecraftEdu: Sports Edition

**Monday, July 11 & Tuesday, July 12, 4–5 pm, Main Library.** Explore our sports-themed MinecraftEdu map with several Olympic-inspired challenges, in teams. Spaces are limited, so please register for only one session.

**July 11:** For boys and girls entering grades 5–9.

**July 12:** A GEMS (Girls Excelling in Math and Science) class for girls entering grades 5–9. Learn more at [gemsclub.org](http://gemsclub.org).

### Did you know?

Kids entering grades 4–9 can check out and use Internet-connected Chromebooks at all library locations.

## Guys Read: NBA Ballin'

**Friday, July 22, 4–5 pm, Main Library.** Have fun reading and learning about your favorite NBA stars. No need to pre-read anything; just show up! Learn more at [guysread.com](http://guysread.com). For guys entering grades 5–9.



**Meet Jose Cruz, Librarian, Middle School Services, [jacruz@oppl.org](mailto:jacruz@oppl.org)**

On planning programs with middle schoolers: "I try to not underestimate what they can do. I always tend toward giving them more responsibility and letting them know this is yours—take ownership of it."

# HIGH SCHOOL



## BATTLE OF THE BANDS

**Saturday, June 18, 1-5 pm, Scoville Park (next to the Main Library).** Watch local teens compete for prizes and a chance to advance to regional and statewide competitions in July. Rain location: School of Rock (219 Lake St., Oak Park). Sponsored by the library, the Park District of Oak Park, and School of Rock Oak Park.



## TEENS LEARNING WITH THE LIBRARY THIS SUMMER

**H**ere's a quick look at how teens are learning with us this summer, and why that matters. Questions? Contact High School Services Librarian Rachael Bild at [rbild@oppl.org](mailto:rbild@oppl.org).

### As entrepreneurs

In the Entrepreneur Academy, 20 teens are meeting weekly in small groups with library staff mentors and community business leaders to develop business ideas, create plans, and figure out how to fund their concepts. At the end of this all-new six-week program, groups will pitch their ideas at a public competition for a share of \$3,500 in seed money. Representatives from the Oak Park-River Forest Chamber of Commerce, SCORE, and other local businesses will serve as team mentors and resources.



"I look forward to working with teens to help them explore what they are passionate about," said Cheryl Munoz, co-founder of Sugar Beet Food Co-op. Munoz will lead a business pitch workshop, and plans to "use my experience

from building Sugar Beet Food Co-op to help them communicate their ideas with conviction, since even the best ideas and plans fall flat if you don't know how to communicate them."

The program's goal is to connect teens with new knowledge, with each other, and with adults in the community who can help support the process—now and in the future.

"We want to get participants thinking about the real world and what they can do," said Librarian Bridget Opholt, who focuses on local business and government. "It's about building confidence and developing abilities to grow an idea and bring it to fruition."

The chance to win real money provides an extra incentive, Opholt said. "If you're in it to make money, that's fine," she added. "You can learn a lot thinking that way. You still have to come up with a viable idea and pitch it."

High School Services Librarian Rachael Bild is hopeful the new program benefits go both ways, and library staff will gain more ways to "better connect with teens all year long, and become

more familiar with local resources for entrepreneurs and new businesses."

### As Rising Reader Mentors

Twice weekly at the Main Library, Maze Branch, and with students in the Hephzibah summer program at Longfellow Elementary School, teens are helping students entering grades 3-5 build confidence and sharpen academic skills in reading, science, and math, with direction from teachers.

### As volunteers

On Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings, teens are helping to keep the library functioning and performing work for the community too!

### As Paper HeART participants

Teens are learning more about social change and the arts on Saturday afternoons in July. Learn more at [paperheartprogram.org](http://paperheartprogram.org).

See page 18 for fun film screenings and find awesome pop-up events all summer long at [oppl.org/teens](http://oppl.org/teens).

# DIGITAL LEARNING, CAREERS

## OPPL.ORG/TECH

### WORKSHOPS

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

**R Google Drive Basics**

Thursday, June 2, 7-8 pm

**R Intermediate Microsoft Excel 2010**

Tuesday, June 7, 7-8 pm

**R Basic Internet**

Wednesday, June 15, 7-8 pm

**R Introduction to the Cloud and Privacy**

Tuesday, July 12, 7-8 pm

**R Introduction to Computers**

Wednesday, July 20, 7-8 pm

**R Online Learning Tools**

Thursday, July 28, 7-8 pm



**Meet Bridget Optholt, Librarian, Business & Government,**  
[boptholt@oppl.org](mailto:boptholt@oppl.org)

“I work on making community connections and providing better resources for our small-business patrons here at the library. Whether you’re an entrepreneur just starting out or an established business looking to grow, we have resources that can help fulfill your needs, including monthly counseling sessions provided by SCORE, a resource partner of the Small Business Association.”



**Meet Rashmi Swain, Librarian, Adult Education & Job Seekers,**  
[rswain@oppl.org](mailto:rswain@oppl.org)

“Whether I’m serving community members in the library or elsewhere in Oak Park, I engage adult learners through targeted programs and services like the monthly Job Seeker Seminars and tech workshops. I also provide digital literacy training and run the library’s summer reading program with older adults who live in local retirement communities, and I lead the Words on Wednesdays book group at the Oak Park Arms and at the Main Library. I firmly believe in providing library programs and services beyond the walls of the library.”

## OPPL.ORG/JOBSEARCH

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

**R The Importance of a Strong Resume**

Thursday, June 16, 2-4 pm. Led by Deborah Wright, Illinois WorkNet.

**R Preparing for a Job Interview**

Thursday, July 21, 2-3:30 pm. Led by Joselyn Rollerson, Chicago Federation of Labor Workers Assistance Committee.

**R Tips for Submitting Online Job Applications**

Thursday, August 18, 2-3:30 pm. Led by David Preciado, Chicago Federation of Labor Workers Assistance Committee.

### Check out Brainfuse JobNow

With live interactive help, this online tool guides you through the necessary tasks to get a job. Learn more at [oppl.org/jobsearch](http://oppl.org/jobsearch).

## FOR BUSINESS OWNERS

**R SCORE Small Business Counseling Sessions**

Tuesdays, June 14, July 12 & August 9, 9:30 am-12:30 pm, Main Library Study Rooms. Free private, hourlong counseling/mentoring sessions for start-ups, small businesses, and budding entrepreneurs provided by SCORE, a nonprofit association and resource partner of the Small Business Administration. By appointment only at [scorechicago.org/request-meeting](http://scorechicago.org/request-meeting) (choose “Oak Park Public Library” from the list of locations) or by phone at 312.353.7724.



# MORE THAN A MONTH



Shukree Tilghman, director of *More Than a Month*, the documentary that inspired the library's More Than a Month series, which started in February. Find the DVD in the library's catalog at [oppl.org](http://oppl.org).

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.**

## Chicago Caribbean Film Festival

See and discuss films showcasing Caribbean directors and screenwriters, in the second annual Chicago Caribbean Film Festival. Held in conjunction with the Caribbean American Heritage Council and Diaspora Filmworks.

Sunday, June 5, 2-5 pm

*Dreadlocks Story*

Wednesday, June 8, 6-8:30 pm

*The Story of Lover's Rock*

Tuesday, June 14, 6-8:30 pm

*Jamaican Mafia Movie*

Thursday, June 16, 2-4 pm

*Diary of a Badman*

Sunday, June 18, 1-5 pm

*Chrissy and The 1Closest2U*

## Film Screening: *State of Denial*

Sunday, July 10, 2-4 pm. This 2003 documentary film about AIDS in Africa follows the stories of HIV-positive

South Africans and the careers of AIDS activists in that country. It shines a light on the harrowing statistics of the AIDS epidemic, and captures the desperation and growing discontent of average South Africans infected with and affected by the disease.

## Book Discussion:

### *Between the World and Me*

Saturday, July 16, 2-3 pm. Discuss Ta-Nehisi Coates' award-winning title, this summer's One Book, One Oak Park selection. See page 15 for all related programs.

## Film Screening: *Out of Darkness*

Sunday, August 7, 2-4 pm. African-American adults are 20 percent more likely to report serious psychological distress than white adults, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. In this made-for-TV



Meet Niki Yeldell,  
Branch Supervisor,  
and Susan McClelland,  
Health & Wellness Librarian

"The More Than a Month series is about taking Black History Month past February to celebrate the diverse, rich, and important culture of the people of the African diaspora all year. We are so excited to be able to do this, especially in Oak Park, a place that prides itself on promoting diversity."

Niki at [nyeldell@oppl.org](mailto:nyeldell@oppl.org)  
Susan at [smccllland@oppl.org](mailto:smccllland@oppl.org)

movie, a former medical student becomes ill with paranoid schizophrenia. After losing 18 years to the sickness, she is released from a mental ward and struggles to rebuild her life with help from doctors, nurses, family, and a new experimental drug.

## Book Discussion: *72-Hour Hold*

Saturday, August 20, 2-3 pm.

Frightened by her 18-year-old daughter suffering from bipolar disorder, a mother searches for help and learns that the mental health community can only offer a 72-hour hold: the time limit a person can be held against their will in a designated psychiatric inpatient facility. This novel by late author Bebe Moore Campbell echoes her family ties to bipolar disorder struggles via her own daughter, who suffered with mental illness.

# ONE BOOK, ONE OAK PARK

## CONNECTING COMMUNITY

**T**he community reading program returns for its third summer, with the goal of bringing us all together and exploring a theme Oak Parkers have told us matters most to them and to this community's future.

Ta-Nehisi Coates' *Between the World and Me*, a #1 New York Times best-seller and winner of the National Book Award, is this summer's One Book, One Oak Park title. Written as an especially personal and compelling letter to his adolescent son, the book tackles the biggest questions about America's racial past and present. It was

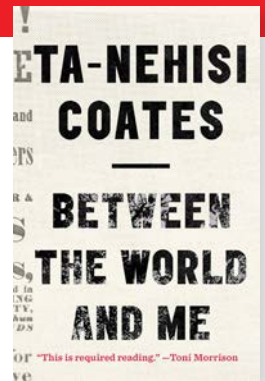
selected by a library team that considered results from staff and patron surveys asking for the best books of 2015. Both digital and print copies are available at the library.

"I implore all of you to go and read this book," said Kathleen Spale, Assistant Manager, Materials Services. "This is a powerfully fantastic book, and we want the whole community and the library to be inspired by it."

In June and July at all three library buildings, you'll find related book and panel discussions, new book discussion kits featuring convenient canvas bags that you can keep, and more dynamic events both inside and

outside the library.

"Please read it, and please participate," Spale said. "With all of our combined efforts, let's make this a summer of inspiring reading, thought-provoking discussion, and profound connection."



More: [oppl.org/summer-learning](http://oppl.org/summer-learning)  
Kathleen at [kspale@oppl.org](mailto:kspale@oppl.org)



## OPPL.ORG/SUMMER-LEARNING

### Read & Reflect Book Discussion

Friday, June 17, 12-1 pm, Dole Branch.

See page 19 for all library-led book groups. Book discussion open to all.

### Book Discussion

Wednesday, June 22, 7-8 pm,

Off-site: Oak Park Regional Housing Center, 1041 South Blvd., Oak Park

### Book Discussion

Tuesday, June 28, 8-9 pm,

Maze Branch

### Bring Your Own Baby (BYOB) Book Discussion

Wednesday, July 6, 10:30-11:30 am, Main Library. Babies and toddlers can play with toys and books while grown-ups participate in a book discussion.

### Diversity Dinner Discussion

Monday, July 11, 6:30-7:30 pm,

Off-site: Serenitea, 1046 Pleasant St., Oak Park. Led by the Village of

Oak Park's Community Relations Commission. Space limited; RSVP to [karingrimes@att.net](mailto:karingrimes@att.net).

### Book Discussion

Saturday, July 16, 2-3 pm, Main Library.

A partnership with the library's More Than a Month series (see page 14).

### What Is the Future of Integration in Oak Park?

Tuesday, July 19, 7-9 pm, Main Library.

What will Oak Park become if residents assume that integration is a given? Join Rob Breymaier, Executive Director of the Oak Park Regional Housing Center, and others to review current research.

### Steve James Film Screening and Discussion: No Crossover: The Trial of Allen Iverson

Saturday, July 23, 2-4 pm, Main Library.

Steve James, an Oak Park resident and the award-winning director of *Hoop Dreams*, *The Interrupters*, and *Life Itself*, screens



and discusses his film exploring a 1993 brawl in Virginia involving NBA star Allen Iverson, a high school basketball player at the time. The incident sharply divided the city along racial lines and marked a serious turning point in Iverson's life.

### Celebration & Panel Discussion

Thursday, July 28, 7:30-8:30 pm, Main Library.

With Chicago State University assistant professor Dr. Lionel Kimble; author and Columbia College professor emeritus George Bailey; journalist, Columbia College professor, and filmmaker Stan West; and *Chicago Sun-Times* columnist and professor John Fountain.

# A HEMINGWAY SUMMER

## Reading in Cuba: Oak Park Connections

Thursday, June 30, 7-9 pm, Main Library. Library Trustee Ted Foss shares photos and stories from his February trip with an American Library Association delegation to explore a sister library relationship with the National Library of Cuba. This program will highlight the many connections, past and present, between Oak Park and Cuba. More at [oppl.org/calendar](http://oppl.org/calendar).

## Kay Smith: Paintings of Hemingway's Cuba

On display: July 2-29, Main Library. See page 17 for details.

## Book Discussion: A Moveable Feast

Monday, July 11, 7-8:30 pm, Off-site: Oak Park Art League, 720 Chicago Ave., Oak Park. Explore Ernest Hemingway's memoir detailing his years in Paris, the city that sparked his writing. David Seleb, Executive Director of the Oak Park Public Library and president of The Ernest Hemingway Foundation of Oak Park, will lead the discussion. The book also inspired the Art League's July exhibit featuring artwork by Grace Hall Hemingway.



Digital Learning Resident Alex Nall constructs a model of this summer's Main Library Idea Box installation.

[OPPL.ORG/HACKING-HEMINGWAY](http://OPPL.ORG/HACKING-HEMINGWAY)

In July, the Hemingway Society hosts its 17th biennial international conference in Oak Park, "At Home in Hemingway's World."

All year, the library has encouraged everyone to make themselves at home in Hemingway's world, with initiatives to inspire connections between Hemingway's time in Oak Park and our own.

## #HackingHemingway

This year, the library has taken Hemingway family artifacts from the early 1900s into the 21st century, by digitizing and sharing images online through the Illinois Digital Archives and library social media, with a grant from the Illinois Secretary of State and State Librarian.

The artifacts from the library's Special Collections and The Ernest Hemingway Foundation of Oak Park include photos of young Ernest and his family.

"We're uncovering the past in a way people can easily access, share, and comment on," said Digital Learning Resident for the Hacking Hemingway grant Alex Nall.

## Walking back in time

Through July, the Main Library Idea Box displays *A Walk in Hemingway's Oak Park*, which recreates three historic buildings with cardboard and recycled materials: the Scoville Institute (Oak Park's first public library), the Hemingway Birthplace Home on Oak Park Avenue, and the Hemingway Boyhood Home on Kenilworth Avenue.

## Writing six-word stories

Inspired by Hemingway's famously choppy style, Oak Park Elementary School District 97 middle schoolers are writing their own succinct masterpieces, in partnership with the library. Jamie Winchell, Teacher Librarian at Percy Julian Middle School, said students are looking through Hemingway's lens to "tap into their creativity to reflect on their own experiences in Oak Park." Their six-word stories will be collected in an anthology, *In Your Time*; unveiled at the July conference; and added to Oak Park Creates, the library's collection of works by local creators.



## After-Hours Fundraiser

Saturday, July 23, 7-10 pm, Main Library. Learn more at [ehfop.org](http://ehfop.org).



# ARTS & CRAFTS



**Meet Debby Preiser,**  
Community Relations  
Coordinator,  
dpreiser@oppl.org

## HANDS-ON PROGRAMS

### **Color Me Relaxed**

Wednesdays, June 8, July 13 & August 10, 6-7 pm, Dole Branch.

Rediscover the relaxing art of coloring. Each month, different themed coloring pages and coloring supplies will be provided, as well as refreshments.

### **Sculptor Margot McMahon: The Gift of Art Workshop**

Saturday, June 25, 10 am-12 pm, Main Library. Learn to provide young artists with the materials, time, and space to free their creative spirits. Accomplished Oak Park sculptor Margot McMahon will host this workshop for teachers and parents based on her new book, *The Gift of Art: Sculpture Ventures for Young Artists*.

### **Adult Coloring Time**

Sunday, July 31, 2-4 pm, Main Library. Cool off and unwind with some adult coloring. We'll provide the snacks and supplies; you provide the fun. Participants are also welcome to bring their own supplies.

## MAIN LIBRARY EXHIBITS

### **Nick Bridge: Guatemalan Sojourn**

On display: June 5-29.

Reception: Sunday, June 5, 2-4 pm.

Lecture: Sunday, June 19, 2-3 pm.

Bridge shares his artwork, photographs, and observations about Guatemala. Twice in recent years, Bridge has spent several weeks in Antigua, Guatemala, studying Spanish, living with local families, and visiting sites like the Mayan temples at Tikal and Lake Atitlan in the Guatemalan Highlands of the Sierra Madre mountains.

### **Kay Smith: Paintings of Hemingway's Cuba**

On display: July 2-July 29. Smith's travels to Cuba in 2000 with The Ernest Hemingway Foundation of Oak Park inspired this collection of paintings of Cuban scenes familiar to Hemingway. Smith was named Artist Laureate of Illinois in 1994 for her American Legacy collection of paintings.

**H**aving community connections comes in handy. When a power outage unexpectedly closed the Main Library one Tuesday afternoon in March, Debby Preiser scrambled to find a new location for a Friends of the Library folk music concert that evening.

"I arrived only to find folk musicians Chris Walz and Eric Lambert, guitars in hand, on the sidewalk outside on Lake Street," she said. "I really didn't want to have to cancel and disappoint anyone."

So she ran next door to First United Church, which she's attended for years, and found a solution. "And the show went on with their lovely chapel filled to the brim with 66 music fans," she said.

### **Paul Neumann: MADE MANIFEST**

On display: August 2-30.

Reception: Sunday, August 7, 2-4 pm. Oak Park artist Neumann examines the illusions of history through collage and spatial investigation. His first solo exhibition is about the interplay of things, people, and places. Where do protagonists go when they feel lost? How do objects gain meaning? *MADE MANIFEST* is an exhibition of visual questions.

# LEARN & CONNECT, FILM



**Meet Julie Meo,**  
Branch & Access Services  
Supervisor,  
[jmeo@oppl.org](mailto:jmeo@oppl.org)

On helping individuals, organizations, and businesses reserve the Main Library Lobby Community Space: "I've seen a real upswing this year in people wanting to use this no-cost space to host their meetings and events." Learn more at [oppl.org/spaces](http://oppl.org/spaces).

## Wednesday Writers' Word Feast

Wednesdays, June 1, July 6 & August 3,  
10 am-1 pm, Main Library

## Open Board-Game Play

Wednesdays, June 1 & 15,  
6:30-9 pm, Main Library

## Chess Open Play

Mondays, June 6 & 20,  
5:30-9 pm, Main Library

## Adult Improv Workshop

Tuesdays, June 7 & August 2,  
7-8:30 pm, Maze Branch

## Ed White: U.S. Presidential Libraries

Thursday, June 9, 7-9 pm, Main Library. Join Oak Parker Ed White for an armchair tour of 13 U.S. presidential libraries in nine states. In this personal odyssey, White reflects on what you can see in these libraries and what is missing, what is real and what is spin, and what citizens get for their money.



## Yarns & Yarn

Thursdays, June 9 & 23, July 14 & 28,  
August 11 & 25, 2-4 pm, Dole Branch

## Oak Park Photography Club

Mondays, June 13 & 27, July 11 & 25,  
August 8 & 22, 7-9 pm, Main Library

## Genealogy Meet-Up

Fridays, June 17, July 15 & August 19,  
2-3:30 pm, Main Library

## French Conversation Hour

Wednesdays, June 29, July 27 &  
August 31, 7-8 pm, Maze Branch

## No-Shush Salon

Thursdays, 6:30-8:30 pm, Maze Branch. A monthly open mic for all who want to share their latest creative endeavors in 10 minutes or less. Each month features a new theme or guest. No need to register; just drop in and share your talents!

**June 30:** Oak Park Creates Poet

Russell Jaffe

**July 28:** Author Nathan Beauchamp

**August 25:** What Is Family?

## 30th Anniversary

### Film Screening:

### *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*

Saturday, June 11, 2-4 pm, Maze Branch. Celebrate the 30th anniversary of the movie release. Snacks will be provided.

### Film Screening:

### *10 Things I Hate About You*

Friday, July 29, 3:30-5:30 pm, Main Library. In this interactive film screening inspired by Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew*, we supply props, hijinx, and popcorn; you bring enthusiasm and energy. In collaboration with Oak Park Festival Theatre, which stages *The Taming of the Shrew* in Austin Gardens July 23-August 27.

### Picturing the Past

Wednesdays, 1-3:15 pm, Maze Branch.

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

**June 15:** 1776

**July 20:** *All the President's Men*

**August 17:** *Milk*

# FILM, BOOK GROUPS

OPPL.ORG/BOOKGROUPS



**DOUG DEUCHLER PRESENTS**

Join local film historian Doug Deuchler for film screenings and discussions this summer. Learn more on page 4.

## Film Screening: *My Fair Lady*

Wednesday, June 8, 12-3 pm, Main Library. This 1964 American musical film traces its roots to the 1913 stage play *Pygmalion* by George Bernard Shaw. Presented in collaboration with Oak Park Festival Theatre, which stages *Pygmalion* in Austin Gardens June 18-July 16.

## Film Screening: *Kiss Me, Kate*

Thursday, July 28, 12:30-3 pm, Main Library. This 1953 film was adapted from the Broadway musical of the same name, which was inspired by Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew*. Presented in collaboration with Oak Park Festival Theatre, which stages *The Taming of the Shrew* in Austin Gardens July 23-August 27.

## Cinematic Chicago

Wednesdays, 12:30-3 pm, Main Library. Out of more than 700 movies that have been made in Chicago, film historian Doug Deuchler screens six select films that feature landmarks and neighborhoods, capturing aspects of the gritty Windy City in iconic, evocative, and often magical ways.  
**June 15:** *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*  
**June 22:** *Barbershop*  
**June 29:** *Medium Cool*  
**July 6:** *In the Good Old Summertime*  
**July 13:** *Save the Last Dance*  
**July 20:** *The Untouchables*

## Detection by Daylight

Tuesdays, 12-1 pm, Maze Branch

**June 7:** *The Dante Club*  
**July 5:** *Presumed Innocent*  
**August 2:** *Devil in a Blue Dress*



## Words on Wednesday

Wednesdays, 1-2:30 pm, Main Library

**June 15:** *The King's Grave*  
**July 20:** *March*  
**August 17:** *The Boys in the Boat*



## Brown Bag

Tuesdays, 12-1 pm, Dole Branch

**June 21:** *Fatal Enquiry*  
**July 19:** *The Fatal Touch*  
**August 16:** *I Remember You*



## Read & Reflect

Fridays, 12-1 pm, Dole Branch

**June 17:** *Between the World and Me\**  
**July 15:** *Dead Wake*  
**August 19:** *Never a City So Real*

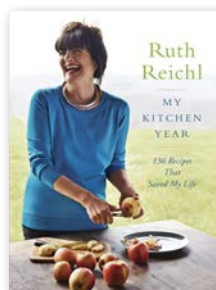


▲ \*This year's One Book, One Oak Park title. See page 15.

## The Lives They Lived

Tuesday, July 19, 7:30-8:30 pm,

Maze Branch. *My Kitchen Year: 136 Recipes That Saved My Life*



## AUTHOR EVENT

### Mystery Author Kathleen Anne Fleming: *Canary in the Coal Chute*

Saturday, June 11, 2-4 pm, Main Library. Meet accomplished mystery writer Kathleen Anne Fleming and hear about her latest thriller. Interwoven with factual chapters of the Lizzie Borden trial of 1893, *Canary in the Coal Chute* is a historical, feminist, and true-crime mystery novel.

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**46TH ANNUAL BOOK FAIR**

Friday, July 29, 6-10 pm & Saturday, July 30, 9 am-5 pm, Oak Park and River Forest High School, 201 N. Scoville Ave., Oak Park.



**T**he Friends of the Oak Park Public Library Annual Book Fair typically offers more than 100,000 books in every conceivable category.

With funds raised, the Friends continue a local tradition that supports literacy, learning, and community connections. Proceeds support kids' summer reading (page 7), Doug Deuchler's Film Series (page 19), the spring and fall Folk Music Concert Series, and the an-

nual Barbara Ballinger Lecture, typically held each fall featuring an accomplished author and recognizing the former head librarian's many years of dedicated service to the library and the Oak Park community.

**Volunteer to support the fair**

Before the sale, volunteers help sort materials at the high school. During the sale, volunteers help as counters (people who bill customers) and as cashiers. Others help restock and move materials. Want to volunteer? Email the Friends at [foppl-aa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:foppl-aa@sbcglobal.net).

Donate materials year-round only at the Main Library. All donations are tax deductible. More: [oppl.org/friends](http://oppl.org/friends)

**OPPL.ORG/FRIENDS**

**All library buildings will be closed Monday, July 4.** After the Village of Oak Park's parade, join us for a special concert outside Dole Branch. See page 7 for more details.

**OPPL.ORG/VISIT**

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