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2016 Winter Reading Program
January 10 to February 14

Our love for you speaks volumes. We’re like bookends and bound for each other. This winter, won’t you please be our Valentine?

Join the all-ages Winter Reading Program! Registration begins on Saturday, January 10 with red-hot drawings available only to those who register in person. The program concludes, naturally, on Valentine’s Day, Sunday, February 14.

You can also register online using our new Winter Reading Program software: http://plainfield.readsquared.com/. Some of the great features of this new product include collecting badges at different levels, library-created reading lists and if you would like, registering as the whole family using just one password. This way, parents, you can track not just your reading, but the kids’ too!

See Page 15 for details about Winter Reading

Did you know...
To vote in the March 15 primary election, you must be registered by February 16? Visit the Library to register if you’ve moved recently or not registered previously. You can do it online too at: https://ova.elections.il.gov/.
Programs
Registration is required for all adult programs. Call the Reference Desk at 815.327.2515 or visit www.plainfieldpubliclibrary.org to register. Registration for adult programs begins January 2 unless otherwise noted in the online calendar.

Crafts
Digital Photo Organizing
Thursday, February 4, 7:00 PM
Are the photos on your computer out of control? Do you struggle with finding the ones you want? Professional organizer Beth Randall will walk you through simple steps to organize your photos so it’s easy to navigate them.

Tangled Snowflake: A Drawing Workshop
Saturday, February 13, 10:00 AM
Snowflakes are the inspiration for this meditative drawing program. Tangleing is a popular form of doodling that’s fun and relaxing... and produces amazing results. No art experience required! Find your inner peace and make a beautiful drawing with artist Christine Thornton’s guidance and your own creativity. Open to teens and adults.

Social Stitch
Tuesdays, 1:00 to 2:30 PM
Bring your current project or get ideas from others who share the love of knitting or crocheting. Drop in anytime, no registration needed. Beginners welcome.

Culinary
One-Pot Meals
Saturday, January 30, 10:30 AM
Winter is the ideal time for yummy one-pot meals. See Chef Rose Deneen demonstrate several hearty meals, including one recipe using an electric pressure cooker. Samples included.

Culture
A Glimpse of China in Celebration of the Chinese New Year
Sunday, January 24, 2:00 PM
This celebration of the Chinese New Year includes origins, customs and taboos, video clips of traditional dance and music, as well as calligraphy and Chinese lantern crafts for kids to do. For all ages and families.

Entertainment
Bobby Darin Tribute
Thursday, January 14, 11:00 AM
Unbeliveable true stories of entertainer Bobby Darin and singers Sandra Dee and Connie Francis are told through a slide-show. Songs by those performers sung by Ron and Sandie.

Finance
Morningstar for Investors
Monday, January 25, 7:00 PM
Kent Palmer, Business Librarian from Naperville Public Library, helps you navigate the world of the Morningstar Investment Research Center (MIRC). This financial tool, which offers easy access to comprehensive and independent financial analysis and data on stocks and funds, is available to all library cardholders from the Online Resources page on the Library’s website.

Can You Afford to Retire?
Tuesday, February 9, 7:00 PM
Evaluate your readiness for retirement. Find out the benefits of estate and financial planning and then learn about the nuances of Social Security. Presented by Greg Kurinec of Bentron Financial of Naperville.

Movies
Friday Movie Matinee
Doors open at 12:30 PM, movies begin at 1:00 PM. Popcorn, snacks and beverages served.

January 8
Age of Adaline, (PG-13)
February 5
The Intern, (PG-13)

Critics’ Choice Movie
Doors open at 12:30 PM, Thursday movies begin at 1:00 PM. Refreshments served.

January 28
Belle, (PG)
February 18
Far From the Madding Crowd, (PG-13)
Health & Lifestyle

How to Begin a Healthier Lifestyle
Wednesday, January 13, 7:00 PM

Want to live a healthier lifestyle but not sure where to begin? Eating well is certainly important, but it’s not the only aspect. These six tips will help you get started on a path that’s healthier for you and the environment. Healthy snacks will be provided by presenter Stefanie Rock, owner of Favor the Earth.

Creating Your Next Chapter: No Midlife Crisis Here
Thursday, January 21, 7:00 PM

Do you feel stuck? Are the kids grown and you’re wondering what to do? Midlife can be filled with uncertainty and a sense of now what. If you are open to a little inspiration, you might just find that spark you are seeking.

History

Jane Addams: Humanitarian and Peace Advocate
Thursday, February 11, 11:00 AM

Through historical portrayal, meet the incredible woman who founded Hull House in Chicago in 1889 and won a Nobel Peace Prize. Among the first generation of college-educated women, Addams became one of America’s and history’s most respected and admired women.

Graceland Cemetery: An Armchair Tour
Sunday, February 28, 2:00 PM

One of the oldest and most historic spots in the city, Graceland Cemetery is the final resting place for many of Chicago’s founding fathers. The cemetery is bursting with a rich history of Chicago stories. Librarian Joe Collier—author and co-creator of the official map of Graceland Cemetery—takes you on an armchair tour of this wonderful resource with an array of colorful slides and details on many of its most famous residents.

Green Village Series

In partnership with the Village of Plainfield

Winter Birds
Monday, January 11, 7:00 PM

Make it easier for our feathered friends to find food by crafting edible garlands and simple feeders. Bring life to your winter garden by providing a friendly, tasty atmosphere for your yard creatures.

Just the Facts: Understanding Food Labels
Monday, February 8, 7:00 PM

Heard of GMO’s, but not sure what they are? Uncertain when to choose organic over conventional? Are sugar substitutes really safe? This class, brought to you by Stefanie Rock of Favor the Earth, will help you decode labels and choose safer products.

Volunteer Fair

Saturday, February 6, 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

You can make a difference in your community when you become a volunteer, join a local service organization or both. Gather information while talking with representatives from more than 20 different organizations that do things like feed the hungry, nurture the environment, shelter animals, support veterans, donate blood and so much more. This fair gives you an opportunity to match your interests with your desire to help others.
Services for Writers

Get Published with SELF-e!
Monday, January 18, 7:00 PM

Are you a self-published author looking to gain readership? Maybe you have a book finished, but you don't know what to do next. Why not promote your work through SELF-e, the e-book publishing partnership between BiblioBoard and Library Journal? SELF-e gets your book into libraries at no cost to you, while protecting your future publishing rights. Anyone with a library card can find your work in the Library catalog and access it via BiblioBoard.

Revision Workshop with Local Author Denise Baran-Unland
Monday, February 29, 7:00 PM

Now that you've written your novel, what's next? Rewriting it, of course. In this interactive workshop, learn some practical tips for self-editing and revising that you can apply to your work. Bring writing samples to share.

Plainfield Writers Group
Third Tuesdays, 7:00 pm

All writers are welcome to get together and share ideas and writings each month. No registration needed. New faces are always welcome.

Looking for the 2016 Writing Tutor(s)!

If you are a new college graduate eager to gain experience, a retired English teacher with time to give back to the community or someone with editing and revision know-how... we want you! Last year's tutor was featured in local media and used her time here to help get into the graduate writing program of her dreams. We desire an enthusiastic volunteer who is capable of working one-on-one with adult patrons to help them with everything from college application essays to short stories to cover letters. If interested, please fill out this online volunteer form: http://plainfieldpubliclibrary.org/about/volunteer.aspx. In the section called “Tell us about your skills,” please mention your interest in becoming a writing tutor.

New Daytime Book Discussion:
Cover to Cover Book Club

Join us for a new monthly book discussion, Cover to Cover Book Club, for those available during the day. We will read mostly fiction, with a few nonfiction titles sprinkled in throughout the year. January’s selection, A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman, is the tale of a curmudgeonly Swedish man forced to reckon with a rapidly changing world, and the nosy neighbors that reside in it. Books are available at the Reference Desk.

Book Discussions

Not Your Mama’s Book Club
First Monday, 7:00 PM

January 4: A Study in Scarlet & The Sign of Four by Sherlock Holmes
February 1: A Free Man of Color by Barbara Hambly

A Novel Idea
Second Thursday, 7:00 PM

January 14: Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee
February 11: The Poisoner’s Handbook by Deborah Blum

Cover to Cover
Third Wednesday, 1:00 PM

January 20: A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman
February 17: Longbourn by Jo Baker
Services for Business

Strictly Business
Lunch & Learn Series
First Thursday, 12:00 to 1:00 PM
In partnership with the Plainfield Area Chamber of Commerce
Programs are specially designed for the small business owner, manager or entrepreneur. Bring your lunch; we’ll supply drinks and dessert.

January 7: Facebook Ads
Learn why Facebook advertising is important for your business. Facebook Ads are affordable and effective and when done right, will connect you to your customers, increase local sales or drive online sales and increase your brand awareness. Taught by Laura Donovan of The Word Pro.

February 4: LinkedIn for Professionals
A representative from the Illinois Small Business Development Center will be presenting LinkedIn for Business Professionals.

SCORE: Small Business Mentoring
SCORE is a national, non-profit association composed of retired and semi-retired executives and business owners dedicated to helping the owners of existing and start-up businesses assure that their businesses grow and prosper. The members of the local Fox Valley Chapter offer small business mentoring at the Library on the 2nd and 4th Monday evenings of the month.

Space is limited and registration is required through the SCORE website. Go to foxvalley.score.org, click on Book Now and follow the steps to register at the Plainfield Public Library. There is no charge for the service and all information is confidential.

Online Library Resources

Lynda.com: Take Your Online Learning to the Next Level
Lynda.com is a leading online learning company that helps anyone learn business, software, technology and creative skills to achieve personal and professional goals. As a Plainfield Library cardholder, you can access their video library of engaging, top-quality courses taught by recognized industry experts for free. With new courses added weekly and 24/7 access, Lynda.com is a great resource to support your learning goals for the new year. Look for a link to Lynda on the Online Learning & Tutorial page under the Resources tab on the home page.

The Joliet Herald News in America’s Newspapers
The Library can now offer online full-text access to the past 18 years of current event coverage from The Herald News, which serves nearly 40 local-area communities. Look for the link to this research tool in Online Resources under the Resources tab on the Library’s home page. If you are looking for additional historic Herald News issues, the Library has a small collection on microfilm from May, 1904 to April, 1940 and can direct you to other sources for years outside our holdings.
Technology Training

How to Make Your Phone Work for You
Saturday, January 9, 10:00 AM
Tuesday, February 2, 7:00 PM

So you have a smartphone... now how can it make your life easier? We’ll explore a variety of apps for Apple and Android devices that can help you be organized, productive and creative! Bring your smartphone, your questions and maybe a favorite app or two to share.

Library Appy Hour
January 18: Tap House Grill
February 17: Blu
6:00 to 7:00 PM

A happy hour for device users to gather, relax with a drink and discuss all things app-related, including apps for downloading FREE music and books. Don’t forget it is BYOD, or bring your own device.

Take Great Photos on Your Phone
Wednesday, January 20, 7:00 PM
Saturday, February 13, 10:00 AM

Discover how to capture good-looking, polished photos with your phone or tablet. We’ll share some helpful tips and demonstrate easy photo editing programs like PicMonkey, Aviary and more that can help take your smartphone pictures to the next level.

How to Use the Cloud
Wednesday, January 27, 7:00 PM

You can use cloud computing tools to save time, acquire new skills and simplify your digital life. Discover where to find free tools in this presentation/demonstration from Paul Rak of PJR Computing. Then sign up for one of two hands-on classes in our computer lab on Saturday, January 30 at either 10:00 AM or 11:30 AM for an hour of cloud instruction.

Online Learning at Your Library and Beyond
Thursday, February 25, 7:00 PM

Interested in new subjects? Trying to master a new technology? It’s always the right time to learn something new! Join us to discuss online learning resources like Lynda.com, Gale Courses, Khan Academy and more.

Computer Classes

Free, 90-minute classes are offered in a lab setting on computers featuring the Windows 7 operating system and Microsoft Office 2013. Check the Library’s online calendar for specific dates and times.

Sessions available on a rotating basis include the following: Introduction to PCs, Internet Basics, Email, MS Word, MS Excel, MS PowerPoint, MS Publisher, Facebook and LinkedIn. Registration is required.

Extra Help for Tech and Beyond: Book a Librarian

Designed for those requiring one-on-one instructional or research assistance. One-hour sessions held in the Library, with the time determined by you and the librarian. Reservations require 48 hour advance notice and are dependent upon staff availability. Call the Reference Desk at 815.327.2515 for details, or book your session online: http://www.plainfieldpubliclibrary.org/library-info/book-a-librarian.aspx.

Tuesday Tech

Now every Tuesday night at the Library is drop-in technology night. Stop by one of these sessions on Tuesday nights at 6:00 PM to get help with your tech questions. No registration required.

Open Lab

Instructors will help you use the Windows 7/Microsoft 13 computer lab PCs to get answers to your software, Internet and related questions. Creating business cards using a Word template? Need to make a PowerPoint presentation for work? We are here to help.

BYOD: Bring Your Own Device

Have you received a new tablet, smartphone or eReader and need help getting started? Our team can help you maximize the use of your device by introducing you to the downloadable eBook, eAudio, music and magazines available to you for check out with your library card.

Get Social

Drop in for help and tips addressing all of your social media needs: from Facebook to Flickr, Tumblr to Twitter and beyond.

Clases de Computadora para Adultos

Se ofrecerán clases básicas de computación en español para adultos. Se requiere registración.
For English Language Learners

Reading Club
Tuesdays, 10:00 to 11:30 AM

Reading is a great way to increase your English language skills. Get together with others to read books and articles that are perfect for learning vocabulary in context, practicing pronunciation and sharing ideas.

Grammar Club
Mondays or Wednesdays
10:00 to 11:30 AM

The principles of English grammar relevant to an adult learning English are covered in this weekly group. Learn grammar and writing skills in a practical yet fun way.

Conversation Club
Thursdays, 10:00 to 11:30 AM or 6:30 to 8:00 PM

Practice speaking English while making friends. Share ideas and culture, play games, discuss current events, family life and anything relevant to life in the United States.

For More Information
These weekly programs are provided for adults with English-speaking skills at all levels. For more information contact Tania at 815.263.8145 or thess@plainfieldpubliclibrary.org. Se habla español.

Services for Job Seekers

Job Club
Third Wednesday, 12:00 to 1:30 PM

Network, share and learn from guest speakers in a friendly and helpful atmosphere. Bring your lunch; dessert is on us.

January 20: “How-to” Search and Apply for Federal Jobs
Becky Brillon, Community Career Center in Naperville

Completing an application for the federal government is more involved than a typical job application. Learn to decipher the language in job announcements, write your resume towards qualifying for these positions and demystify the rating and grade process.

February 17: “Wow” an Employer with Your Personal Website
Paul Rak, PJR Computing

Stack the job search deck in your favor. You can easily create a resume or portfolio website, even build a blog for free in less than an hour. The skills you learn will work even if you can’t tell a LAN from a laptop.

Mobile Workforce Center
Wednesdays, 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM
1:00 to 3:30 PM

The Mobile Workforce Center travels to communities throughout Will County assisting residents who are looking for a job. Visit the Center in the Library parking lot. Job seekers can take advantage of the following services: information on job openings in Will County, assistance creating/revising a resume, keyboarding lessons, internet access for job searching and trained staff to assist you.
# Storytimes and More

January 11 to February 18

All programs in the calendar below are drop-in unless they are highlighted. These programs require registration. Registration begins December 28. Please register for one class only. All you need to register is a valid Plainfield Public Library card. Visit www.plainfieldpubliclibrary.org or call the Youth Services Desk at 815.439.2877 for more information or to register.

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Ages 2 to 3 years
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| 10:45 to 11:15 AM | Preschool Storytime
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| 5:00 to 5:45 PM | Fun with Music
Ages 9 months to 4 years with caregiver |                                           |                                           |                                           |                                             |

## Registration Required

Panera Bread Presents:
Storytime, Milk and Cookies
Ages 3 to 5
10:00 to 11:00 AM
Tuesday, January 5, 19
(Registration begins December 22, January 5)
Tuesday, February 2, 16
(Registration begins January 19, February 2)

Enjoy a storyline and craft as well as milk and cookies at the Panera Bread located at Route 59 and 127th Street.

**Peter Rubi Storytime**
Ages 3 to 5
10:00 to 10:30 AM
Tuesday, January 12 (Registration begins December 29)
Tuesday, February 9 (Registration begins January 26)

Enjoy a story as well as a fruit or veggie snack at Peter Rubi Produce, 15412 S. Route 59 in Plainfield.

## Drop In

**Rock-a-bye Baby**
Ages newborn to pre-walkers
9:15 to 9:45 AM
Friday, January 15, 29
Friday, February 5, 12, 19

Bond with your baby and others, too, in motion – all good for you! Children ages 4 and up are welcome only if they “parent” their own doll/stuffed animal.

**Sensory Storytime**
Ages 3 to 9
3:00 to 4:00 PM
Saturday, January 23: Dreaming UP: Building Stations and Community
Saturday, February 27: Rock Around the Clock Dance & Craft

Free play, socializing, tactile activities and storyline designed for children of all abilities. Friends and siblings are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
Programs

All you need to register for the programs below is a valid Plainfield Public Library card. Visit www.plainfieldpubliclibrary.org or call the Youth Services Desk at 815.439.2877 to register.

Tech Take Apart Tuesday
Ages 9 to 12
Tuesday, January 12
(Registration begins December 29)
6:00 to 7:00 PM
Take apart old keyboards, phones and other electronic devices to see what everything is made of. Find out what’s inside the technology we use every day.

Dreaming UP: Building Stations and Community on MLK Day
Ages 3 to 9
Monday, January 18
(Registration begins January 4)
2:00 to 3:00 PM
Meet and build with Legos, gum drops, blankets and chairs on Martin Luther King Day. Children ages 3 to 5 must be accompanied by an adult. Bring a new pair of mittens for those in need.

Nintendo Club Jr
Ages 6 to 11
Tuesday, February 16
(Registration begins February 2)
6:00 to 7:30 PM
Play Wii U Mario Kart on the big screen. Bring your Nintendo DS and multi-player games too.

Minute to Win It for Kids
Ages 9 to 12
Wednesday, February 17
(Registration begins February 3)
6:00 to 7:00 PM
Do you have what it takes? Kids will participate in fun 60 second challenges using everyday objects. Put your game face on! Inspired by the hit TV show.

Winter Fun Fest
Ages 5 to 8
Thursday, February 18
(Registration begins February 4)
6:00 to 6:45 PM
Books, games and activities to chase away the winter doldrums.

Not a Box
Ages 3 to 6
Monday, February 22
(Registration begins February 8)
10:30 to 11:30 AM
When is a box not a box? Inspired by Antoinette Portis’s book, Not a Box, children will imagine, create and build with cardboard boxes.

Family Movie: Hotel Transylvania 2 (PG)
All Ages
Thursday, January 28
(Registration begins January 14)
6:00 to 7:30 PM
Enjoy the movie Hotel Transylvania 2 with your family at the Library.

Winter Reading Grand Finale: Chris McBrien’s Very Merry Valentine’s Day Show!
All Ages
Sunday, February 14
(Registration begins January 31)
2:00 to 3:00 PM
Jaw-dropping illusions, tons of audience participation, hysterically funny ventriloquist characters and family friendly comedy!

Sing Song & Yoga with Gina Marie
All Ages
Tuesday, January 5
(Registration begins December 22)
10:00 to 11:00 AM OR 6:30 to 7:30 PM
Families join yoga instructor Gina Marie for songs, storytelling and creative yoga.

Short Story Contest
Grades 3, 4 and 5
Now accepting entries for the Annual Short Story Contest through January 31. A copy of the complete rules can be found on the Library’s website or at the Youth Services Desk.

Save the Date
Star Wars Day
Saturday, March 5
9:00 AM to Noon
Crafts, trivia, prizes and more.

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Teen Activities

Building with STEAM
Grades 6 to 12
Wednesday, January 6
USB Flash Drive Bracelets
(Registration begins December 23)
Wednesday, February 3
Simple Circuit Pizza Box
(Registration begins January 20)
7:00 to 8:30 PM

Budding scientists, grab your lab coats because we’re about to get technical. Make different STEAM-based creations at these fun educational classes for teens.

Teen Writers Group
Grades 6 to 12
Wednesday, January 13
(Registration begins December 30)
Wednesday, February 10
(Registration begins January 27)
4:30 to 6:00 PM

This is a group for middle and high school students to come together and share their writing. We’ll start off each meeting with a writing exercise and each participant will be able to share their own writing.

ROBLOX Club
Grades 4 to 10
Wednesday, January 13
(Registration begins December 30)
Wednesday, January 27
(Registration begins January 13)
Wednesday, February 10
(Registration begins January 27)
Wednesday, February 24
(Registration begins February 10)
6:00 to 7:30 PM

ROBLOX is online game and scripting platform. Attendees learn how to make their own games as well as play other people’s creations. Space is limited to eight players.

Nintendo Wii-U Tournament
Grades 6 to 12
Friday, January 15
(Registration begins January 2)
Friday, February 12
(Registration begins January 29)
2:00 to 4:00 PM


College Prep: Practice ACT
Grades 9 to 12
Saturday, January 16
(Registration begins January 2)
1:00 to 4:30 PM

A Kaplan representative will proctor a practice ACT in a simulated testing environment. Students are required to create a free account with Kaplan to receive their test results. Open to all high school students. Please bring two pencils and a calculator. Snacks are allowed during breaks between tests.

Magic: the Gathering Free Play
Grades 6 and Up
Sunday, January 17
(Registration begins January 3)
Sunday, February 21
(Registration begins February 7)
2:00 to 4:00 PM

A casual event for Magic: the Gathering players of all skill levels. Please bring your own deck (the Library will not provide cards). Make sure your cards are protected and sleeve your deck before you attend. The Library will provide dice, paper and pens. Bring your own playmats and accessories if needed.
**Lip Sync Showdown**  
*Grades 6 to 12*  
*Monday, January 18*  
*(Registration begins January 4)*  
*7:00 to 8:30 PM*

Pick your favorite song and put on your best lip sync performance. For complete rules, visit the event calendar on the Library’s website.

**Teen Drama Club**  
*Grades 6 to 12*  
*Tuesday, January 19*  
*(Registration begins January 5)*  
*Tuesday, February 16*  
*(Registration begins February 2)*  
*4:00 to 5:00 PM*

Learn a variety of acting techniques from Devon Ford, local actress and director of the Library’s Teen Murder Mystery.

**CrafTEEN**  
*Grades 6 to 12*  
*Tuesday, January 26*  
*(Registration begins January 12)*  
*Tuesday, February 23*  
*(Registration begins February 9)*  
*6:00 to 7:00 PM*

Love to craft? We supply the materials, you supply the creative touch. Visit the Library’s website for details on each month’s craft.

**Decoding the Financial Aid Letter**  
*High School Students and Parents*  
*Monday, February 1*  
*(Registration begins January 18)*  
*7:00 to 8:00 PM*

So you’ve received a financial aid letter, what’s next? Thomas Jaworski of Quest College Consulting, provides high school families with information on the meaning behind the financial letter.

**Hidden Star Wars**  
*Grades 6 to 12*  
*Friday, February 26*  
*(Registration begins February 12)*  
*11:00 AM to 12:30 PM*

Experience Star Wars like never before with this thrilling insider’s peek at one of the most treasured film series in the galaxy! Hear inside jokes, learn secret references and dozens more exciting moments in this fantastic collection of film clips.

**Monthly Teen Writing Contest**  
*Grades 6 to 12*

Middle and high school students are encouraged to enter the Teen Writing Contest.

Every month all the entries received in the previous month are published. Library users then read the stories and vote. Gift cards are awarded to the three entries that receive the most votes.

**To be eligible each entry must:**
- Be submitted via email to: [teenwritingcontest@plainfieldpubliclibrary.org](mailto:teenwritingcontest@plainfieldpubliclibrary.org)
- Be submitted as a Word document.
- Be no more than 1500 words.
- Not include graphic language or extreme violence.
- Include author’s name, grade, school and phone number.
The Friends of the Plainfield Library invite you to the first meeting of 2016. There will be refreshments and the opportunity to meet the current members and to explore the ways the Friends contribute to the Library and its community. New members and new ideas are always welcome to this “friendly” group.

Who are the Friends?

The Friends of the Plainfield Library are community members who financially support, advocate and volunteer for the Library. It’s through their efforts that the Library can often purchase materials or equipment that may not be included in the Library’s general operating budget. You can choose to help this non-profit organization in any or all of the following ways:

- **Contribute** your financial support
- **Plan, promote and host** fundraisers by attending monthly meetings
- **Volunteer** to enhance the awareness of the Library, its programs and services to the community

**Welcome to 2016! Get to Know Your Friends Night**

**Wednesday, January 27, 7:00 PM**

Please make checks payable to: Friends of the Plainfield Public Library, 15025 S. Illinois St., Plainfield, IL 60544

Or join online via credit card: plainfieldpubliclibrary.org/library-info/join-us.htm.
Building and Expansion Plans

Be on the lookout in your mail for two special editions of the newsletter regarding the Library’s Building and Expansion Plan. A multi-page informational flyer will be arriving in homes in early January outlining the process the Library Board of Trustees has taken over the past year in planning for the Library’s future, include architectural renderings for the exterior and general floor plans. A second newsletter will contain an FAQ to help answer questions you have about the plans for this community’s 21st Century library.

In an effort to share the planning process with our community, you can find all the information, including renderings, videos, timelines and more, on the Library’s Building and Expansion Planning page of the website: http://plainfieldpubliclibrary.org/about/building-expansion-planning.aspx/.

Meet the Newest Library Trustee

Lisa Schmidt

Greetings Plainfield,

My name is Lisa Schmidt. It is such a privilege to be the newest member of the Plainfield Public Library District Board of Trustees. As a Plainfield resident for more than fourteen years, I would like to assist in the growth and prosperity of one of our community staples. I hope to lend my professional knowledge to offer value in areas of building maintenance, infrastructure concerns and any future building planning or renovation initiatives.

Quick Facts

Born: Monroe, Michigan
Family: Husband: David Schmidt
Children: Daniel, 14 and Emmaline, 10
Occupation: Architect / Interior Designer
Education: Bachelor of Science in Architecture University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (Go Blue!)

I look forward to working with my fellow Board members to continue the successful connection the Library has with our community.

Public Q&A Sessions

Get your questions answered by Library Director Julie Milavec. Julie will be in the Library’s lower level lobby during the following times to answer any questions you may have regarding the Library’s building and expansion plans.

- Sunday, January 10
  1:00 to 5:00 PM
- Monday, January 11
  4:30 to 7:00 PM
- Thursday, February 4
  6:00 to 9:00 PM
- Saturday, February 6
  10:30 AM to 2:30 PM
- Sunday, February 14
  1:00 to 5:00 PM

This image, put together by Nagle Hartray Architects, demonstrates what a new building for the Plainfield Public Library could look like.
The 2016 Great Read: Made in Illinois

This year’s community read is all about celebrating the wonderful people, resources, traditions, films, authors and businesses that have made Illinois great. The program runs from Saturday, February 20 through Saturday, April 30, and will begin with a delicious kick-off here at the Library, presented by author Leslie Goddard.

Chicago’s Sweet Candy History
Saturday, February 20, 2:00 PM

Were you aware that for most its history, Chicago produced about one-third of the nation’s candy? The city has called itself the Candy Capital of America since the turn of the century. You probably know some of the candies made or invented here: Brach’s caramels, Mars Snickers bars, Wrigley’s gum, Cracker Jack, Tootsie Rolls, Frango Mints and Dove chocolates.

Learn the history behind these tasty treats and explore what made Chicago such a powerful location for candymakers. Win prizes, including a signed-copy of Chicago’s Sweet Candy History. Try some candy samples from a variety of local manufacturers. Yummy!

Graceland Cemetery: An Armchair Tour
Sunday, February 28, 2:00 PM

One of the oldest and most historic spots in the city, Graceland Cemetery is the final resting place for many of Chicago’s founding fathers. From architects Daniel Burnham and Ludwig Mies van der Rohe to business legends Potter Palmer and Marshall Fields, the cemetery is bursting with a rich history of Chicago stories. Librarian Joe Collier—author and co-creator of the official map of Graceland Cemetery—takes you on an armchair tour of this wonderful resource with an array of colorful slides and details on many of its most famous residents.

More on The Great Read

Look for more information in the next newsletter and online at The Great Read website (http://greatread.org/) including:

- Reading Lists
- Events Calendar
- Art Contest
- Free Drawings for Reading and Attending Programs
- Grand Finale

The Great Read is sponsored by the Library in conjunction with and support from the following groups: Plainfield School District 202; Joliet Public Library; Fountaindale Public Library District; Shorewood-Troy Public Library District; White Oak Library District; Lemont Public Library District; Joliet Junior College; Plainfield Township; Voyager Media and Plainfield Foundation for Excellence.
Winter reading registration and festivities ignite on Sunday, January 10 between 1:00 and 5:00 pm, where you can also enter red hot drawings available only to those who sign up that day. But don’t be blue if you can’t make it, you can still join through February 7.

Over the course of this five-week program, simply record what you’ve read either online or on the paper form you receive at registration. Adults read and count books, pages or hours for anything you read for yourself or to the kids, and any books you listen to online or on the go. Prizes for adults include a ceramic soup mug, in addition to new books and gift cards to local restaurants and retailers.*

Express your passion for reading in the Valentine Contest and win a Kindle. To enter, grab a paper heart at the display and tell us why you love your Library. Some hearts may be displayed and a lucky winner will be drawn at random at the end of the program.

Don’t look for love in all the wrong places. Begin the best chapter of your life with a mystery reading choice from our “Blind Date with a Book Display,” or purchase a “Bundle of Love,” gently-used romance books all tied up in red, from the ongoing Friends of the Library Book Sale benefitting the Library.

You’re never too young to show your love for the Library. There are reading programs for children from birth through high school as well. Reading requirements for each program will be included with the registration materials.

No plans for Valentine’s Day? We’ve got you covered! Register to attend the family-friendly finale, Chris McBrien’s Very Merry Valentine’s Day, on Sunday, February 14 at 2:00 pm.

*while supplies last

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Grand Finale

Chris McBrien’s Very Merry Valentine’s Day Show!
All Ages
Sunday, February 14, 2:00 to 3:00 pm
(Registration begins January 31)

Jaw-dropping illusions, tons of audience participation, hysterically funny ventriloquist characters and family-friendly comedy!

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Love the Library T-Shirts for Sale

Sunday, January 10 to Sunday, February 14

Love our theme? Then you’ll love our t-shirts! On sale at the Check-Out Desk on the main floor. Cash, check or credit accepted.

Adult sizes: $12 each

Child sizes: $6 each
Holiday Lights Recycling

For the fourth straight year the Library is partnering with Elgin Recycling in collecting holiday lights that have lost their twinkle. In the previous three years the community has donated more than 7,000 pounds of non-working holiday lights. The lights are re-purposed by Elgin Recycling and the Library receives a small amount of money for collecting; all the proceeds are used to fund future green events at the Library.

WHERE TO DROP OFF:
The collection bins are in front of the Library, near the book returns and can be accessed at any time for your convenience. Don't throw those lights away, recycle them! Collection continues through February 22.