Classes and programs

**Adults**

**Antiques**

**What's it Worth?**
Wednesday, January 18, 6:30 PM

Check that money jar for old coins, and bring your antique gold and silver pieces for a lesson on evaluating like a pro. Up to three pieces per person will be evaluated by the certified appraiser, time-permitting. No guns or weapons allowed. This is not considered a formal appraisal.

**Cooking**

**The Miracle of Chocolate**
Thursday, February 9, 11:00 AM

Cathy Bouchard from Le Chocolat Du Bouchard in Naperville, shares the history, health benefits and secrets of cooking with chocolate. Samples served.

**Children**

**Creative Cartooning with Mark Anderson**
Ages 8 to 12
Wednesday, January 4
(Registration begins December 21)
1:00 to 2:00 PM

Professional cartoonist Mark Anderson teaches how to create expressive faces, sketch bodies in motion and write jokes for your own cartoons.

**Elephant and Piggie Thank-o-rama!**
Ages 3 to 6
Friday, January 6
(Registration begins December 23)
10:00 to 10:45 AM

Spin the Thank-o-rama Wheel, do crafts and party with Elephant and Piggie.

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**LIBRARY CLOSINGS:**

January 2
New Year’s Day
Observed

February 20
Presidents Day

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**THE GREAT READ**

Look for The Great Read programs listed throughout this newsletter, identified by this symbol.

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**Did you know...**

*the last day to register to vote for the April 4 Consolidated Election is March 7? Staff can help you register to vote at the Library. You can also register online at https://ova.elections.il.gov.*
Classes and 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 is now open, unless otherwise noted in the online calendar or below.

Harry Potter Inspired Edibles
Wednesday, February 15, 7:00 PM
Chef Rose demonstrates foods based on Harry Potter books. Learn to make Cornish Pasties, edible Broomsticks, Butterbeer and more. Space is limited to the first 40 adults and teens. (Registration begins January 3 at 9:00 AM)

Make and Take Potter Potions
Monday, February 6, 7:00 PM
Essential oils can improve your daily life. Learn to make toxin-free products you’ll feel safe using. Space is limited to the first 20 attendees. (Registration begins January 3 at 9:00 AM)

Social Stitch
Every Tuesday, 1:00 to 2:30 PM
Bring your current project or get ideas from other patrons that share the love of knitting or crocheting. Drop-in anytime, no registration. Beginners are welcome.

Crafts
Painting Party
Wednesday, January 25, 6:30 PM
Create a work of art on canvas with step-by-step instruction from local artist Shane Rotkis. All supplies included. Space is limited to the first 20 attendees. (Registration begins January 3 at 9:00 AM)

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Entertainment
Timeless Trivia
Thursday, January 12, 11:00 AM
Film clips, historic photos and trivia questions bring back memories of iconic faces and places. Come alone or bring a friend for fun and giveaways.

History
When Football was Football
Thursday, January 19, 7:00 PM
Local author Joe Ziemba will take a humorous look at the early days of professional football including the Chicago Cardinals and the birth of the National Football League.

Movies
Movies begin at 1:00 PM. Doors open at 12:30 PM. You are welcome to bring snacks.

Friday Movie Matinee
January 6
Sully (PG-13)
February 3
Florence Foster Jenkins (PG-13)

Thursday Critics’ Choice
January 26
Me Before You (PG-13)
February 16
Black or White (PG-13)

Pick the Oscar Winners
February 1 to February 25
Guess the winners for best actor, best actress and best movie and you might win a $25 AMC gift card! Entry forms available at the Academy Awards display in the upper level of the Library.

Potter Movie and Coloring
Saturday, February 11, 1:00 PM
See how the magic all began by viewing Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone on the big screen while coloring on Harry Potter-themed coloring sheets. All ages welcome.

We’re Social!
Love to post, tweet, pin and tumble? Find us on Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, Tumblr, Twitter, Flickr and LinkedIn to keep up-to-date on Library events, programs, resources and more.
**Services for Readers and Writers**

**Plainfield Writers Group**  
**Third Tuesday, 7:00 PM**  
All writers are welcome to get together and share ideas and writings. No registration needed. New faces are always welcome.

**Book Groups**

**Not Your Mama’s Book Club**  
**First Monday, 6:30 PM**  
**January 2:** No Meeting, Library Closed  
**February 6:** *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child* by J.K. Rowling  
This expanded 2-hour meeting will begin at 6:30 PM, as the discussion will encompass the entire Harry Potter Universe, in addition to the selected title. All adult Hogwarts fans are welcome to drop in at any time!

**A Novel Idea**  
**Second Thursday, 7:00 PM**  
**January 12:** *The Silent Sister* by Diane Chamberlain  
**February 9:** *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande

**Novel Revision Workshop**  
**Monday, January 30, 7:00 PM**  
Now that you’ve written your novel, what’s next? Rewriting. In this interactive workshop, learn practical tips for editing and revising. Bring writing samples to share.

**Screenwriting Basics**  
**Thursday, February 16, 7:00 PM**  
Imagine if J.K. Rowling’s books never made it to the big screen. Reach your full screenwriting potential with advice from author and screenwriter John Madormo. From writing compelling dialogue and adapting your manuscript, to pitching your screenplay and finding an agent, John’s expert tips guide you all the way.

**SCORE: Small Business Mentoring**  
**Second and Fourth Mondays**  
SCORE is a national non-profit association dedicated to helping owners of existing and start-up businesses. The local Fox Valley Chapter offers 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: [http://foxvalley.score.org](http://foxvalley.score.org). Click on “Book Now” and follow the steps to register. There is no charge for the service and all information is confidential.

**Green Village Series**

**In partnership with the Village of Plainfield**

**Radon Awareness**  
**Monday, January 9, 7:00 PM**  
January is National Radon Action Month. Kevin Knight from Kinightic Energy discusses what radon is, why it is harmful, how to test for it and what to do if it is found.

**Life of Bees**  
**Monday, February 13, 7:00 PM**  
Honey is an essential component in many foods that we eat and can improve human health conditions. Taste delicious honey produced by local bees, then find out how to start a backyard hive.
Genealogy

Limited to Plainfield cardholders
Presented by Reference Librarian, Tina Beaird

Unlocking the Secrets of Your Family Tree
Monday, January 23, 7:00 PM
Start researching your family history using documents and keepsakes you have in your attic and around your house.

Cyber Sleuthing Your Family Tree
Monday, February 27, 7:00 PM
Learn what’s new in the online genealogy community, plus tips and tricks for getting the most out of subscription databases like Ancestry.com and free genealogy websites.

Computer Help for Genealogists
Third Thursday, 10:00 AM
Need help navigating the Library’s genealogy databases? Confused on how to research military records? Drop in anytime during this 90-minute session and we’ll work together to break through those genealogy brick walls.

Researching Irish Ancestors Two-Day Workshop
Wednesday, March 15, 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM
Thursday, March 16, 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM
Founta indale Public Library District
300 W Briarcliff Rd, Bolingbrook, IL

The Plainfield Public Library, in conjunction with the Founta indale Public Library, welcome back Fintan Mullan and Gillian Hunt from the Ulster Foundation of Belfast, Northern Ireland to teach a two-day workshop on Irish genealogy. You must register separately for each day. Registration opens January 2. The Wednesday session includes lectures on searching county records, navigating research at the National Archives of Ireland, plus tracking land and property records. To register visit: http://bit.ly/2flAvVR. Thursday will be dedicated to Irish Famine-Era records and emigration. To register visit: http://bit.ly/2eeFBSR.

Please contact Tina Beaird at the Adult Reference Desk 815.327.2515 or by email tbeaird@plainfieldpubliclibrary.org for more information.

For English Language Learners

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.

ESL Life Skills
Mondays, 10:00 to 11:30 AM
Key vocabulary words, questions and phrases are learned in the context of daily life activities you can use at home, work or communicating with your child’s teacher.

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
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.
Technology Training

Limited to Plainfield cardholders

Computer Classes
Free 60-minute classes are offered in a lab setting on computers featuring the Windows 7 operating system and Microsoft (MS) Office 2013.

New sessions available on a rotating basis include:

**Excel: Basics and Formatting**
A basic introduction where you’ll learn to navigate Excel features, enter data and format your spreadsheet.

**Excel: Charts and Graphs**
An intermediate class utilizing Excel to create charts and graphs, including pie charts, bar graphs and scatter charts.

**Excel: Formulas and Functions**
An intermediate class where attendees learn to use Excel features including AVERAGE, SUM and MAX.

**Excel: Pivot Tables and V-lookup**
An advanced class where attendees utilize these Excel features to more easily find and analyze information.

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Tech Tuesdays

6:00 to 8:00 PM
Drop in anytime with your technology questions during one of these weekly sessions. Instructors can help you with eBooks, tablets, Windows 10, Microsoft Office, Library online resources, internet searching and more! Use the lab computers or bring your own device. No registration required.

**PowerPoint Presentations**
Learn to create professional slide-show presentations.

**Word & Publisher: Amazing Graphic Projects**
Learn to create flyers and brochures to advertise your business, promote fundraisers and invite friends to a party.

**Word: Get That Professional Business Look**
A class that teaches you to create personalized envelopes, labels and business cards.

Check the Library’s online calendar for specific dates and times. Registration is required.

**Extra Help for Tech and Beyond: Book a Librarian**
These one-hour personal instruction sessions are held in the Library, with the time determined by you and the librarian. Reservations are dependent upon staff availability. Call the Reference Desk at 815.327.2515 or book your session online: www.plainfieldpubliclibrary.org/library-info/book-a-librarian.aspx

**Clases de Computadora para Adultos**
Se ofrecerán clases básicas de computación en español para adultos. Se requiere registración.

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Services for Job Seekers

**Job Club**
Third Wednesday, 12:00 to 1:30 PM
Bring a lunch to this casual, monthly opportunity to network, share and learn from guest speakers in a friendly and helpful atmosphere.

**January 18: Let’s Land Already**
Becky Brillon, Usheroff Institute
This session will help you accelerate your journey to land a job by providing an aerial view of the job search world, break your search into categories and develop a checklist.

**February 15: Strategic Interviewing**
Paul Cameron, DriveStaff
Interviews are the most important step of your job search. With a strategic plan, you directly affect the statistical probability of being hired. Gain interview tactics to receive more offers.

**Mobile Workforce Center**

**Wednesday, 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. Services include: access to 11 internet computers for online job search, assistance in creating or revising a resume, job board listings and trained staff to help you.
Storytimes and More

Session 3: January 9 to February 16
All programs in the calendar are drop-in unless they are highlighted. These programs require registration. Registration begins December 27. Please register for one class only. All you need to register is a valid Plainfield Public Library card. Visit [www.plainfieldpubliclibrary.org](http://www.plainfieldpubliclibrary.org) or call the Youth Services Desk at 815.439.2877 for more information or to register.

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Registration Required 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.

**Panera Bread Presents: Storytime, Milk and Cookies**
**Ages 3 to 5**
**Tuesday, January 3, 17**
(Registration begins December 20, January 3)
**Tuesday, February 7, 21**
(Registration begins January 24, February 7)
**10:00 to 11:00 AM**
Enjoy a storytime 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**
**Tuesday, January 10**
(Registration begins December 27)
**Tuesday, February 14**
(Registration begins January 31)
**10:00 to 10:30 AM**
Enjoy a story as well as a fruit or veggie snack at Peter Rubi Produce 15412 S. Route 59 in Plainfield.

**Magnificent Magnets**
**Ages 9 to 12**
**Tuesday, January 17**
(Registration begins January 3)
**6:00 to 7:00 PM**
Come learn about magnetism, then create your own set of glass pebble magnets to take home.

**Short Story Contest Author Talk & Award Presentation**
**Saturday, February 11**
**10:00 to 10:45 AM**
Short story contest entrants and their families are invited to a talk by the contest judge author, Julia Durango. Winners will be announced at the end of the program.

**Kids Creative Canvas**
**Ages 6 to 12**
**Tuesday, January 24**
(Registration begins January 10)
**6:00 to 7:00 PM**
Create your own winter-themed masterpiece with easy to follow step-by-step instructions.

**Rockin’ Your World with Laura Doherty**
**All Ages**
**Saturday, January 28**
(Registration begins January 14)
**11:00 to 11:45 AM**
This upbeat, interactive concert will have kids dancing and clapping along to Laura’s latest tunes.

**Crafty Li’l Kids: Sculpture Art**
**Ages 3 to 5 with caregiver**
**Tuesday, January 31**
(Registration begins January 17)
**6:00 to 7:00 PM**
What will your little sculptor create with recycled materials?

**Author Visit**
**Patricia Hruby**
**Ages 8 to 12**
**Monday, January 16**
(Registration begins January 3)
**1:00 to 2:00 PM**
## Children’s Programs

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<td>Crafts, crafts and more crafts! How many will you make?</td>
<td>Join us for this after-hours, kids-only event. Be prepared to test your wizardry skills and knowledge while spending a fun-filled evening at Hogwarts. No adult muggles please.</td>
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### Smile! You may be on camera!

The Library reserves the right to photograph program participants. Photos are for Library use and may be used in Library publicity materials and social media. Those who do not wish to be photographed should notify Library staff.

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**815.436.6639 • www.plainfieldpubliclibrary.org • To register or for more information, click on Calendar of Events.**
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.

Teen STEAM: Free-for-all!
Grades 6 to 12
Wednesday, January 4
**Duct Tape**
(Registration begins December 21)
Wednesday, February 8
**String/Floss/Yarn**
(Registration begins January 25)
6:30 to 8:00 PM

Create as many projects as you can using duct tape and string.

**Teen Drama Club**
Grades 6 to 12
Tuesday, January 10
(Registration begins December 27)
Tuesday, February 14
(Registration begins January 31)
4:00 to 5:00 PM

Acting coach Devon Ford teaches teens the art of drama through improv, theater games and performing scenes.

**How to Prepare for the Rising Cost of College**
**High School Students and Parents**
Wednesday, January 11
(Registration begins December 28)
7:00 to 8:30 PM

Each year, the price of college tuition rises higher than the annual inflation rate. With these steep increases, how can college bound families afford to pay for college? Thomas J. Jaworski of Quest College Consulting will share his expertise to break down the cost of college, explain changes to the financial aid process and how to find scholarships. This program is designed for both parents and students.

**RŌBLOX Club**
Grades 4 to 10
Wednesday, January 25
(Registration begins January 11)
Wednesday, February 22
(Registration begins February 8)
6:00 to 7:30 PM

RŌBLOX is an 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
Monday, January 16
(Registration begins January 2)
6:30 to 8:30 PM

Smash, crash and bash your way in Super Smash Bros tournaments hosted on the Wii-U. Bring your Nintendo 3DS and multi-player games for additional fun playing against other attendees. Personal game controllers not allowed. Prizes awarded to tournament winners.

**Teen Writing Contest**
Grades 6 to 12
Middle and high school students are encouraged to enter the Teen Writing Contest. The Library will publish all the entries received between December 1 and February 28. 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
- Be submitted as a Word document.
- Be no more than 1500 words.
- Not include graphic language, violence or situations.
- Include author’s name, grade, school and phone number.
The Great Read

Celebrating 20 Years of Harry Potter

February 2 to 28

This year’s community read focuses on everything Harry Potter in honor of the 20th anniversary of the publication of the first book in the series.

By attending any Great Read program, or by reading a Potter-related book, you can enter a free drawing to win a $25 Barnes & Noble gift card.

The Great Read is sponsored by the Library in conjunction with and support from the following groups: Plainfield School District 202; Joliet Public Library; Fountaingaile Public Library District; Shorewood-Troy Public Library District; White Oak Library District; Lemont Public Library District; Joliet Junior College; Plainfield Township; Friends of the Plainfield Library, Voyager Media and Plainfield Foundation for Excellence.

For more information, visit www.greatread.org.

Harry Potter Art Contest

Rules
Create an original piece of art inspired by Harry Potter.

Submissions due by Wednesday, February 15.

Entries can be any medium (up to 2 feet in height and width, with a weight limit of 5 pounds) or a digital presentation up to 2-1/2 minutes.

All ages can participate in one of these categories:
- Adults
- Teens, Grades 6 to 12
- Kids from Pre-K to Grade 5

Local Plainfield entries will be displayed in the Library and winners in each category will receive a Barnes & Noble gift card. Visit www.greatread.org for entry forms and full details.

The Great Read Kick-Off:
Worldwide Harry Potter Book Night

Thursday, February 2, 6:30 PM
Joliet Public Library
Black Road Branch, 3395 Black Rd, Joliet
All ages, registration required for trivia contest only at www.greatread.org

Celebrate Harry Potter along with the whole world this evening! Suit up for the costume contest and you could win some truly magical prizes. Participate in Harry Potter trivia and enjoy refreshments. Use the hashtag: #HarryPotterBookNight.

To learn more: www.harrypotter.bloomsbury.com/uk/harry-potter-book-night.

The Great Read Finale

Hogwarts Magic & Art Show
Tuesday, February 28, 5:30 PM
Fountaingaile Public Library District
300 W Briarcliff Rd, Bolingbrook

First, view the art display at 5:30 PM, then celebrate with the Art Contest winners at the 6:00 PM award ceremony, followed by a special Harry Potter-themed magic show starring “Professor Gerry Potter.” Refreshments and book giveaways.*

This fast-paced show features comedy, magic and lots of audience participation. Muggles of all ages will learn firsthand about the magic of the Marauder’s Map and discover the power of Polyjuice Potion. Audience members are encouraged dress as their favorite character from the world of Harry Potter for this family-friendly show.

*while supplies last
The Library Board has created a revised plan based on community feedback and is considering placing a referendum on the April 4, 2017 ballot. This plan:

- **Retains the original building** while still adding space
- **Costs 1/4 less** than the previous plan
- **Is 1/3 smaller**, in keeping with the downtown aesthetic

### March 2016 Referendum vs. Proposed April 2017 Plan

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1. Includes 0.16% building bond
2. Due to the tax cap law, the amount collected is even lower than voter approved.

**Planning for the Future**

**What about cost?**

The average homeowner would pay less than $10 more each month.

**26 Years Since Last Tax Rate Increase**

For the Most Up-To-Date Information

Visit [www.plainfieldpubliclibrary.org/future](http://www.plainfieldpubliclibrary.org/future) where you can see the latest information on the Board’s plans, submit feedback or let the Board know you would like to participate in a citizen’s committee.

### A YES Vote Means...

- A building renovation and addition to meet 21st century standards
- A quiet study space
- Expanded hours (year-round Sunday hours)
- A drive-up return for items
- Ground floor entry to Youth Services and popular materials for easy access
- Meeting/collaboration spaces
- An energy efficient building to save on utilities and repairs
- A drive-up return for items
- Classroom for technology teaching
- Additional space for materials
- More programs for all ages

### A NO Vote Means...

- More cuts to the operating budget
- Access for persons with disabilities will not improve
- Further reduction in hours
- No increase in areas for public meetings, programming or shelving for collections
- Loss of the only study room
- No improvement to inefficient space, computer lab, classroom or study rooms

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Check Out a Roku!

Did you know that you can check out 300+ movies at one time?
The Library has five Roku streaming over 300 current and favorite films for adults, as well as five Roku Streaming Sticks with access to over 100 movies for families, with more films being added every month. Set-up takes a few quick steps. All you need is an HDMI compatible TV and a wireless connection to get started. A Roku may be checked out for three weeks with your Library card. To see a full list of the movies currently available, search "Plainfield Roku" in the Library’s catalog.

Holiday Lights Recycling

The Library is partnering with Elgin Recycling in collecting holiday lights that have lost their twinkle. In the previous five years the community has donated more than 12,000 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 the Route 59 lot and can be accessed at any time for your convenience. Collection continues through February 28.