Did you know...

there is no limit now to the number of DVDs and Blu-rays you can check out? That's right! We simply do not have space so check out all the movies you'd like. Overdue fines for movies remain $1.00/day.
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 begins March 1 unless otherwise noted in the online calendar.

Spring Salads and Sides
Wednesday, May 25, 7:00 PM
By combining the best springtime ingredients, Chef Susan’s quick and easy recipes explore fresh mealtime combinations to please even the most finicky eaters.

Crafts

Painting Party
Monday, March 21, 7:00 PM
Create your own work of art by painting on canvas with step-by-step instruction by local artist Shane Rotkis. Light refreshments and all supplies included.

Coffee and Coloring
Saturday, April 2, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Saturday, May 7, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Adults and teens, relax, improve focusing skills and have fun coloring. Materials provided, but you may bring your own supplies. Light refreshments served. Drop in anytime, no registration.

Circle Weaving
Monday, May 16, 7:00 PM
Add something new to your home décor by making a unique woven circle from yarn, beads and fabric. Guided instructions and all supplies are provided.

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

Entertainment

Timeless Trivia
Thursday, May 12, 11:00 AM
Film clips, historic photos and trivia questions bring back memories of iconic jingles, slogans and ads. Come alone or bring a friend for food, fun and giveaways for everyone.

Health

Gentle Yoga
Tuesday, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 10:00 AM
Join yoga instructor Gina Marie for gentle yoga, meditation and breathing exercises. Sign up for one or all of the sessions. Please bring a water bottle and a mat or towel.

Main Street, Illinois
Monday, March 7, 7:00 PM
Led by John Lynn, the only person to have visited and photographed all 2,400 towns in Illinois, enjoy a memorable and entertaining tour of the charms, traditions and personalities of these locales.

Music

Something Different: A Native American Flute Ensemble
Sunday, March 6, 2:30 PM
Something Different accentuates the versatility of the Native American flute. Highlighted genres include Latin, Celtic, Middle Eastern, folk and blues.

Movies

Doors open at 12:30 PM, movie begins at 1:00 PM. Refreshments served.

Friday Movie Matinee
March 4
A Walk in the Woods (R)
April 1
Ricki and the Flash (PG-13)
May 6
The Martian (PG-13)

Thursday Critics’ Choice Movies
March 24
Man of Steel (PG-13)
April 21
Bridge of Spies (PG-13)
May 19
Tomorrowland (PG)

Irish History in Songs
Thursday, March 10, 11:00 AM
Share popular Irish pub songs, sly jokes, soft airs and dance tunes from the Emerald Isle. Lee Murdock sings about the history of Irish immigrants and the laborers who built the Illinois and Michigan Canal.

Adam Miller Folk Music
Thursday, April 14, 11:00 AM
Tap your feet and sing along with traditional folk songs from the Prairie State. History comes alive with storytelling lyrics about bootleggers, campaign songs, steamboats and moving westward to good old El-A-Noy.
Genealogy

Ulster Historical Foundation: Irish Genealogy
Full-Day Workshop
Wednesday, March 16
9:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Fountaindale Public Library
300 West Briarcliff Road,
Bolingbrook, IL 60440

The Plainfield and Fountaindale Libraries are hosting a joint program on tracing your Irish genealogy. Fintan Mullin and Gillian Hunt from The Ulster Historical Foundation in Belfast, Northern Ireland, present this full-day workshop. Topics include: Irish church records using Scot-Irish genealogy records, and tithe and estate records. Registration is limited. Please register at: http://bit.ly/PRONIgenealogy. For more information please contact Tina Beaird at 815.327.2515 or tbeaird@plainfieldpubliclibrary.org.

Computer Help for Genealogists
Third Thursdays, 10:00 AM

Having trouble navigating the Library's genealogy databases? Confused about where to look for obituaries or military records? Drop in anytime during this 90-minute session and we'll work together to help break down your genealogy brick walls and find answers.

Cyber Sleuthing Your Family Tree
Monday, March 28, 7:00 PM

Learn what's new in the online genealogy community and find tips for searching subscription databases and free genealogy websites.

Newspaper Necessities
Monday, April 25, 7:00 PM

Newspapers hold an astounding amount of genealogical and local history information other than obituaries. Find the hidden gems and learn where digital copies and online indexes live.

Recreating Lost WWI Military Records
Saturday, May 21, 1:00 PM

Learn ways to potentially recreate military records destroyed in a 1970's fire at the National Archives, exploring locations where these records may still live and how to utilize additional sources like camp newspapers, company histories and more to track down your World War I veteran.

Military Genealogy
Monday, May 23, 7:00 PM

This session traces military records from the American Revolution to WWII with an emphasis on documents available at local, state and national archives.

Local History

Will County Resources
Tuesday, March 8, 7:00 PM

Will County's governmental records are scattered in numerous courthouse offices, archives, libraries and historical societies across the county. Librarian Tina Beaird will provide a list of locations for Will County records and strategies for tracing your family's local past.

Researching Your Home’s History
Tuesday, April 12, 7:00 PM

Ever wondered who lived in your house? Tina Beaird provides strategies for researching the history of your home by using government records, newspapers, phone directories and maps.
Morningstar Investments  
Saturday, April 23, 3:00 PM

Learn the tools to navigate the world of the Morningstar Investment Research Center (MIRC). This Library online resource offers free access to comprehensive and independent financial analysis and data on stocks and funds.

Keep Your Money Safe  
Tuesday, April 26, 10:00 AM

All aspects of consumer protection will be covered, including identity theft, internet safety, unexpected disasters and your rights as a consumer. Light refreshments served.

Understanding Medicare  
Wednesday, April 27, 3:30 PM

Get the facts on Medicare enrollment, Part A and B benefits, new 2016 premiums and copayments, plus an explanation of Medicare Supplement Plans, how they work, what they cover and which one may be right for you.

Tax Time Tune Up  
Wednesday, April 27, 7:00 PM

Now is the time to prepare for next year’s taxes. Bring your questions and learn how to maximize your deductions all year.

Social Security Benefits  
Saturday, April 30, 9:30 AM

Social Security is more than a retirement program. Find out how to access disability, family and survivor’s benefits. Light refreshments served.

Estate Planning 101  
Saturday, April 30, 11:30 AM

A partnership with the University of Illinois Extension. Proper estate planning can lessen conflict and grief when distributing assets. Learn how to stop procrastinating, arrange for appropriate documents and have important conversations with loved ones.

Time to Get Smart With Your Money  
April 23 to 30

Money Smart Week is celebrated by hundreds of organizations across the country that put on programs to help consumers better manage their personal finances.

Shredding Day  
Saturday, April 30
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Prevent identity theft and shred your old documents safely. Bring up to two banker-sized boxes per person filled with paper documents to be confidentially shredded.

Estate Planning 101  
Saturday, April 30, 11:30 AM

A partnership with the University of Illinois Extension.

Strictly Business Lunch & Learn Series

A partnership with the Plainfield Area Chamber of Commerce

Programs specially designed for the small business owner, manager or entrepreneur. Bring your lunch, we’ll supply drinks and dessert.

First Thursdays, 12:00 to 1:00 PM

March 3: Tax Time Planning Tactics
Ray Polikaitis from ANM & Associates, Inc. provides business owners with ideas on maximizing after-tax wealth by properly structuring financial transactions. He will discuss the various types of taxes relevant to small businesses and how to implement an effective accounting system.

April 7: Improv for Business
Improvisational acting is more than just entertainment. It’s a communication tool that builds positive relationships between customers and even coworkers. Business coach Richard Oberbruner teaches the Five Elements of Improv and how to apply them in your workplace. Get ready for some serious fun!

May 5: PR Secrets of a Media Insider
Focus on your business goals and maximize public relations techniques. Matt Barron from Inside Edge: Public Relations & Media Services explains how news releases, social media and media coverage are a winning combination for your business.
Services for Job Seekers

Job Club

Third Wednesdays, 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.

March 16: Career Transitions
Lauren Milligan, ResuMayDay
Career transitions are challenging. Candidates moving from one industry/position to another are competing against others who currently work in those trades/roles. You’ll need to illustrate to employers that transferrable skills outweigh direct experience. Real life examples of successful transitions will be presented.

April 20: Speed Up The Job Search, Now!
Paul Cameron, DriveStaff
Learn specific tactics you can immediately apply to speed up your job search, from online networking via advanced LinkedIn strategies to specific approaches to get hiring managers invested in your search. By taking a tactical approach to your job search, you can make quick progress. It’s not about hurrying, it’s about landing faster.

May 18: Do You Have A Networking Strategy?
Sally A. Morrison and Joy Dooley Maguire, co-authors of Taste for Work
Networking is the most effective way to find a new job. It takes time and commitment to build and maintain an effective network. We will explore everything from memorable introductions to categorizing contacts.

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.

Green Village 2016 Lecture Series

Second Mondays, 7:00 PM
A partnership with the Village of Plainfield

Fragrant Flowers
March 14
An appreciation for the fragrance of plants is often secondary to the admiration people have for their beauty. Join Will County Master Gardener Coordinator, Nancy Kuhajda for a lively discussion of fragrant plants for the home garden.

Rain Barrel Workshop
April 11
Find out different ways to conserve water and properly install a rain barrel. The Village will take pre-orders for new and decorative barrels, plus have a giveaway for one lucky attendee.

Landscape Design
May 9
Whether your visual passion is for native plants, flowers or ponds, bring your questions and get ideas on how to create a pleasing outdoor space.
Book Discussions

Not Your Mama's Book Club
First Mondays, 7:00 PM
March 7: The Lives and Loves of Daisy and Violet Hilton by Dean Jensen
April 4: The Jungle by Upton Sinclair
May 2: Wild by Cheryl Strayed

Cover to Cover
Third Wednesdays, 1:00 PM
March 16: Garlic and Sapphires by Ruth Reichl
April 20: Redeployment by Phil Klay
May 18: Ordinary Grace by William Kent Krueger

A Novel Idea
Second Thursdays, 7:00 PM
March 10: What She Left Behind by Ellen Marie Wiseman
April 14: Presumed Innocent by Scott Turow
May 12: The Rumor by Elin Hilderbrand

Services for Readers and Writers

Speed Dating for Readers
Wednesday, March 23, 7:00 PM
During this interactive program, enjoy a hot beverage and treats while you spend a few minutes with recommended book selections curated by the experts. At the end of the night, take home the books you are most compatible with. If the “date” goes well you might even end up with a goodnight “kiss” (Hershey’s, that is!).

Resume Writing Workshop
Thursday, May 19, 6:00 PM
Whether you are looking to update your resume or you are a professional writer, gain important points to get your resume to the top of the list. Printed resumes may be reviewed following this two-hour workshop.

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

Meet the Author

Meet Chicago Mystery Author Lori Rader-Day
Thursday, March 17, 7:00 PM
Rader-Day’s debut mystery, The Black Hour, won the Anthony Award for Best First Novel. In her most recent book, Little Pretty Things, motel housekeeper Juliet Townsend risks everything to clear her name when she is wrongly accused of murder. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Skype Discussion with Author Michael Alan Peck
Wednesday, March 30, 7:00 PM
Meet the winner of the “Soon to Be Famous Illinois Author” project, Michael Alan Peck, via Skype and discuss his book, The Commons: Book 1: The Journeyman. Paul Reid died in the snow at seventeen and the day of his death, he told a lie. For the rest of his life, he wondered if that was what killed him, beginning his battle with the afterlife. Copies of the book will be available to check out at the Reference & Reader Services Desk.

Meet Inspirational Author Karen Boncela
Thursday, April 28, 7:00 PM
Naperville author Karen Boncela has written three real life stories and is now working on her first work of fiction. The Code series centers on a surgical department and the things that go on behind the scenes that patients never discover. Boncela will talk about how her personal journey developed into her first book, the publishing process and ghost writing for a prominent oral surgeon. Books will be available for purchase and signing.
Technology Training

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, Pinterest and LinkedIn. Registration is required.

Library Appy Hour
March 21: Gruben’s Uptown Tap
April 27: Panera - North Plainfield
May 26: Front Street Cantina
6:00 to 7:00 PM

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

Extra Help for Tech and Beyond: Book a Librarian
Designed for those requiring one-on-one instructional or research assistance, these one-hour sessions are 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.

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.

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Storytimes and More

March 7 to April 21; no class the week of March 28

All programs in the calendar are drop-in unless they are highlighted. These programs require registration. Registration begins February 22. 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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**Registration Required**

**Panera Bread Presents: Storytime, Milk and Cookies**

Ages 3 to 5
Tuesday, March 1, 15  (Registration begins February 16, March 1)
Tuesday, April 5, 19  (Registration begins March 22, April 5)
Tuesday, May 3, 17  (Registration begins April 19, May 3)

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, March 8  (Registration begins February 23)
Tuesday, April 12  (Registration March 29)
Tuesday, May 10  (Registration begins April 26)

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.

**Lego Springtime Storytime**

Ages 2 to 3
Monday, March 21  (Registration begins March 7)
1:15 to 1:45 PM
Grow a Lego caterpillar and hear a spring story.

**Lego Springtime Storytime**

Ages 3 to 5
Monday, March 8  (Registration begins February 23)
Tuesday, April 12  (Registration March 29)
Tuesday, May 10  (Registration begins April 26)

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.

**Rock-a-bye Baby**

Ages newborn to pre-walkers
Friday, March 11, 18
Friday, April 8, 15
9:15 to 9:45 AM
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
Saturday, March 12: Dinosaurs and Butterflies: Who Knew?
Saturday, April 9: Beautiful Hands: Art and Poems
3:00 to 4:00 PM
Free play, socializing, tactile activities and storytime designed for children of all abilities. Friends and siblings are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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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.

Wocket in my Pocket
Ages 3 to 6
Wednesday, March 2
(Registration begins February 17)
10:30 to 11:15 PM
Celebrate Dr. Seuss’ birthday with stories, games and a wocket for your pocket.

What Pet Should I Get?
Ages 5 to 8
Wednesday, March 2
(Registration begins February 17)
5:00 to 5:45 PM
Celebrate Dr. Seuss’ birthday and rediscovered book. Bring a photo of your pet or of a pet you would like to get. If possible, bring a new or gently used towel or blanket or a new toy to be donated to Help Save Pets.

Exploring Citizen Science
Ages 9 to 12
Wednesday, March 16
(Registration begins March 2)
6:00 to 7:00 PM
Become a citizen scientist! Discover how to assist scientists who are studying the world around us. A take-home project is included.

Coding for Kids – Ozobots
Ages 6 to 10
Monday, March 28
(Registration begins March 14)
2:00 to 3:00 PM
If you can draw a line, you can program a robot. Learn how you can use simple color codes to program a tiny one-inch robot.

Crafted in Illinois!
Wednesday, March 30
(Registration begins March 16)
10:30 to 11:30 AM
Natasha Lehrer Lewis, artist and owner of Esther’s Place Fiber Arts Studio, teaches children how to make a cardinal out of locally grown wool using needle felting techniques.

Crafty Kids
Ages 6 to 11
Tuesday, April 26
(Registration begins April 12)
6:00 to 7:00 PM
Discover what you can create as we recycle leftover craft materials.

Nintendo Club Jr
Ages 6 to 11
Tuesday, May 3
(Registration begins April 19)
6:00 to 7:30 PM
Play Wii U Mario Kart on the big screen. Bring your Nintendo DS and multi-player games too.

Jedi Training
Ages 6 to 10
Wednesday, May 4
(Registration begins April 20)
6:00 to 7:30 PM
Do or do not, there is no try. Put your skills to the test to become a Jedi Knight through trials of the Force, strength and knowledge.

Tech Take Apart Tuesday
Ages 9 to 12
Tuesday May 10
(Registration begins April 26)
6:00 to 7:30 PM
Take apart old keyboards, phones, and other electronic devices to see what they are made of. Find out what’s inside the technology we use every day.

Create a Smile: Family Edition
All Ages
Saturday, April 16
(Registration begins April 2)
2:00 to 3:30 PM
Send joy to a child in the hospital or the elderly by creating handmade cards and letters for the Cards for Hospitalized Kids and Love for the Elderly charities.

Family Movie: Can You Canoe?
All Ages
Thursday, April 21
(Registration begins April 7)
6:00 to 7:00 PM
Watch the GRAMMY Award-winning Okee Dokee Brothers sail down the Mississippi River from Minneapolis to the Gateway Arch in their musical movie. Have some Mississippi Mud Pie.

The Pigeon Finds a Hot Dog
All Ages
Saturday, April 23
(Registration begins April 9)
11:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Stop by anytime between 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM for parent-directed activities involving Mo Willems infamous pigeon and Chicago’s iconic hot dog.
Teen Activities

Building with STEAM
Grades 6 to 12
Wednesday, March 2
DIY Lightsaber
(Registration begins February 17)
Wednesday, April 6
Glitter Glow Lamp
(Registration begins March 23)
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, March 9
(Registration begins February 24)
Wednesday, April 13
(Registration begins March 30)
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.

RÖBLOX Club
Grades 4 to 10
Wednesday, March 9
(Registration begins February 24)
Wednesday, March 23
(Registration begins March 9)
Wednesday, April 13
(Registration begins March 30)
Wednesday, April 27
(Registration begins April 13)
6:00 to 7:30 PM

RÖBLOX 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.

Teen Drama Club
Grades 6 to 12
Tuesday, March 15
(Registration begins March 1)
Tuesday, April 19
(Registration begins April 5)
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.

Shufflin’ Crew: A Card Game Players Club
Grades 6 and Up
Sunday, March 20
(Registration begins March 6)
Sunday, April 17
(Registration begins April 3)
2:00 to 4:00 PM

The Library will provide card-based games such as Fluxx, Exploding Kittens, and Sushi Go! as well as classics like Uno and traditional deck games. We also welcome battling games like Magic: the Gathering, Pokémon, and Yu-Gi-Oh. (Please bring your own deck, playmats and accessories).

Calling All Summer Reading Teen Volunteers!

Teens Going into Grades 7 to 12
Are you going to be in town most of the summer? Need community service hours or just want to help out? Then stop by the Library beginning May 1 to pick up a summer reading volunteer application form. Volunteers will be assisting with programs and staffing the summer reading prize shop. All forms are due by Sunday, May 22.
CrafTEEN
Grades 6 to 12
Tuesday, March 22
(Registration begins March 8)
6:00 to 7:00 PM

Love to craft? We supply the materials, you supply the creative touch.

What to Do This Summer to Prepare for College
High School Students and Parents
Monday, April 4
(Registration begins March 21)
7:00 to 8:30 PM

Summer break is a perfect opportunity to get ahead and prepare for college. Thomas Jaworski of Quest College Consulting provides high school families with tips and advice on how to present themselves to college admission officers.

Create a Smile
Grades 6 to 12
Tuesday, April 5
(Registration begins March 22)
6:00 to 7:30 PM

Send joy to a child in the hospital or the elderly by creating handmade cards and letters for the Cards for Hospitalized Kids and Love for the Elderly charities. Community Service hours can be earned for attending this program.

Nintendo Wii U Tournament
Grades 6 to 12
Friday, April 15
(Registration begins April 1)
2:00 to 4:00 PM


Finals Study Night
Grades 6 to 12
Tuesday, May 17
Wednesday, May 18
4:00 to 9:00 PM

The Library offers a quiet space for high school teens to cram for their finals. Snacks, refreshments, and wi-fi available for student use.

Annual Teen Poetry Slam
All Ages
Monday, April 18
(Registration begins April 4)
7:00 to 8:30 PM

The Annual Teen Poetry Slam showcases Plainfield’s teen poets. All entrants in the Teen Poetry Contest (March 1 to April 8) are welcome to recite their poems. Winners of the contest announced with prizes awarded to the top finishers plus prizes for crowd favorites. Open to all ages, however, some poems may contain strong language and mature themes.

Monthly Teen Writing Contest
Grades 6 to 12

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

Each month all the entries received in the previous months 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.
• Be submitted in 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.

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THE FRIENDS OF THE Plainfield Library invite you to a matinee performance of the Leonard Bernstein and Stephen Sondheim musical masterpiece West Side Story. According to The Paramount’s website, “the choreography in this newest production is a fine balance of vicious intensity and romance that will take your breath away.”

- Tickets ($65.00 each/18 and older) must be purchased in advance in person at the Library’s Check-Out Desk with exact cash or check only (credit cards not accepted).
- Ticket price includes bus transportation to the Paramount Theatre and the cost of a single admission ticket.
- Deadline to purchase tickets is Sunday, March 20 by 5:00 PM.
- Meet promptly at the Library on Wednesday, April 20 at 12:15 pm to board the bus.
- Return time will be approximately 5:00 PM.
Home Delivery Services

Are you homebound and love to read? Do you know someone in this situation? Or is there a new baby making it difficult to visit the Library?

If so, please contact us. We deliver materials such as books, audiobooks, CDs and DVDs to Plainfield Library cardholders who are unable to physically come to the Library. Based on your needs, home delivery can be ongoing or temporary.

Contact Judi Deszcz at 815.582.7696 or jdeszcz@plainfieldpubliclibrary.org. To enroll, fill out the form below and mail it to the Library. A visit will be arranged to discuss your reading interests. A delivery schedule and a reminder call before delivery and pick-up will be set at the visit.

We don’t want anyone to miss out on the opportunity to read a good book or see the latest movie!

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National Library Week Food for Fines

Sunday, April 10 to Saturday, April 16

This is your opportunity to assist those in need in our community. Exchange up to $1.00 in fines for each non-perishable item donated.* All proceeds benefit Creekside Cares. For more information on the specific items that the food pantry needs, visit http://creeksidecares.org/.

*Please note that open or expired packages will not be accepted. Does not apply for fees on lost or damaged items.

It opens your whole world up with thrillers, mystery or romance.

-Margaret Ricketts

Library staff member Donna Lombardo delivers books to Plainfield resident Margaret Ricketts.

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Made in Illinois
Celebrating the history and culture of Illinois
February 20 to April 30

The 2016 theme, Made in Illinois, examines the music, culture, literature, film, and all things unique about the state you call home. The initiative features events and recommended items for check out that are available to the public, free of charge, at the participating organizations. Visit The Great Read website (http://www.greatread.org/) for more details.

This year’s Great Read is presented by the Plainfield Public Library, Plainfield School District 202, Joliet Public Library, Fountaindale Public Library, Shorewood-Troy Public Library, White Oak Library District, Lemont Public Library and Joliet Junior College. The Great Read is also supported by generous grants from the Plainfield Foundation for Excellence and the Friends of the Plainfield Public Library, and additional support from Plainfield Township, the Joliet Barnes & Noble, and Voyager Media.

The Great Read Finale
Thursday, April 28
6:00 to 8:00 PM

White Oak Public Library District, Romeoville Branch Library
201 Normantown Rd, Romeoville, IL

Join your fellow Great Readers for a celebration of Illinois in art, literature and film. Steve Franzel, of Marquee Movie Presentations, will offer a fun look at “Chicago in the Movies,” including trivia. Limestone Stage, the community theatre group of Lockport, will bookend this presentation with short dramatic readings from famous Illinois authors. There will also be a slide show of the finalists’ work in The Great Read Art Contest, followed by an award ceremony. No registration required. Refreshments and book giveaways. All ages.

Great Read Art Contest
Ages Pre-K to Adult

Create an original piece of art interpreting your vision of Made in Illinois. Winners in three age groups will each receive a $50 Barnes & Noble gift card, plus additional prizes will be awarded. Finalists’ artwork will be displayed and winners announced during The Great Read Finale. Visit www.greatread.org for artwork specifications, deadlines and more information.

Participation Drawing

Each time you attend a Great Read program, you are eligible for the participation drawing. Additionally, for each Made In Illinois themed book you read, you can submit an entry. A $50.00 Barnes & Noble gift card will be awarded in this random drawing. Look for the entry slips beginning February 20 at the Kick-Off Event.

Local Author Visit: Liesl Shurtliff

Ages 8 and Up
Saturday, April 16 (Registration begins April 2)
11:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Liesl Shurtliff shares her writing journey from struggling reader to award-winning author. Her book, Rump: The True Story of Rumpelstiltskin, is on both the Rebecca Caudill and the Bluestem Reader’s Choice Award List for 2016. Copies of her books will be available for purchase, including her new release Red: The True Story of Red Riding Hood. Book signing will follow the presentation.
A Growing Community

Total Plainfield Library Collection

Library collection of materials increased 362%. Many formats in the collection today did not exist in 1990 - CD, DVD, Blu-ray, eBook, eAudiobook and MP3, as well as streaming movies, music and more.

1990 = 45,403 items
2015 = 209,734 items

Population Growth

1990 = 14,123 residents
2015 = 75,337 residents

Number of Check Outs

1990 = 115,215 items
2015 = 638,470 items

Library Cardholders

Cardholders increased 166%. Since 2009, cardholders as percent of population has held steady near 50%.

1990: 13,108 Cardholders
2015: 34,907 Cardholders

Your Tax Bill Today

2.1% of your tax bill goes to Library

If Referenda Pass

3.9% of your tax bill would go to Library

1990:

2015:
Libraries Transform
National Library Week:
April 10 to April 16

Discover how the Library can help you grow and change through online learning, job and career services, ESL clubs, book discussion groups, technology training and much more.

- Monday, April 11
  2:00 to 4:00 PM
- Wednesday, April 13
  7:00 to 8:30 PM
- Friday, April 15
  9:30 to 11:30 AM
- Saturday, April 16
  10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Drop in to meet the staff, learn about how we can help you and celebrate the wealth of opportunity you can find at your Library. Refreshments will be served, plus prizes and a drawing for a Kindle eReader.

Just For Kids!
Celebrate National Library Week with a “Made in Illinois” scavenger hunt in the Youth Services Department. Complete the hunt for an entry into a prize drawing. Visit the Youth Services Desk for details.