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New Year’s Eve
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New Year’s Day

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Classes and programs

Adults

Cooking
Bingo and Bites
Thursday, January 4, 11:00 AM
Tasty Meals on Toast
Thursday, February 1, 11:00 AM
Fruit Cups

Meet at Peter Rubi Produce Headquarters, 15412 S. Route 59, Suite 120, Plainfield, for bingo and healthy snacks.

Tailgate Party Appetizers
Wednesday, January 17, 7:00 PM

Score big at your Super Bowl party with crowd-pleasing mini-meals to enjoy during the game. Recipes and tastings included.

Romantic Chocolate Desserts
Saturday, February 3, 10:00 AM

A great way to celebrate Valentine’s Day is enjoying chocolate desserts with your sweetheart. Recipes and tastings included. Registration begins January 2.

Children

The Great Game Show Experience
Ages 9 to 12
Friday, January 5
(Registration begins December 22)
10:30 to 11:45 AM
Be a part of an exciting game show at this interactive event.

Scrabble Tile Crafts
Ages 9 to 12
Tuesday, January 9
(Registration begins December 26)
6:00 to 7:00 PM
Get creative with Scrabble tiles.

Dragons Love Tacos Party
All Ages
Thursday, January 11
(Registration begins December 28)
6:00 to 7:00 PM
Enjoy the Dragons Love Tacos books and make dragon crafts. Dragon and human families welcome! Children under age 5 must be accompanied by an adult.

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Classes and programs

Registration is required for all adult programs (age 18 and over unless specified). 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.

Crafts

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

Greeting Card Workshop
Thursday, January 11, 11:00 AM
Create several special occasion cards to send to friends and family. Supplies included. Limited to Plainfield cardholders.

Lava Bead Bracelet
Wednesday, January 24, 7:00 PM
Discover the mystical healing benefits of lava beads. Make a bracelet with essential oils to advance healing benefits. Supplies included. Limited to Plainfield cardholders. Registration begins January 2.

Health

Gentle Yoga
Tuesdays, January 9, 16, 23, 30 11:00 AM
Join 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.

Happy Birthday Illinois!

This year-long celebration commemorates our state’s 200th birthday. Look for special programs for all ages to learn more about the people, landscape and history of our great state.

History

Louisa May Alcott
Wednesday, January 10, 11:00 AM
Little Women turns 150 years old this year. During this historical portrayal by award-winning actress and historian Leslie Goddard, Miss Alcott shares stories of her poverty-filled childhood, her struggles to succeed as a writer and how Little Women came to be.

A Trip Down the Lincoln Highway
Thursday, January 25, 2:00 PM
Join librarian Tina Beaird and historian Michael Lambert for a virtual trip along the historic Lincoln Highway showcasing the sites from Aurora to Plainfield.

Movies

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

Friday Movie Matinee
January 5
Victoria and Abdul (PG-13)
February 2
Home Again (PG-13)

Critics’ Choice Movies
January 18
The Glass Castle (PG-13)
February 15
Selma (PG-13)

Mr. Lincoln’s Springfield
Thursday, February 8, 11:00 AM
Before he became president, Abraham Lincoln proudly called Springfield his home. Explore the Springfield Lincoln knew along with the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum.

Parenting

Letting Kids Fail
Tuesday, February 6
7:00 PM
Join Adam Russo, expert TEDx Talk presenter, on how to push young people to succeed and the process of achieving success through failure. His book, Unwritten Rules: Real Strategies to Parent Your Child to Success, will be available for purchase.
Services for Job Seekers

Job Club
Third Wednesday
12:00 to 1:30 PM
Bring a lunch to this casual networking opportunity. Share and learn from guest speakers in a friendly and helpful atmosphere.

January 17
Brand You: Create a Message to Promote the Brand Called You
Becky Brillon, The Usheroff Institute
Strategize your success and let your brand speak for you.

February 21
How Self-Assessments Connect to Career Satisfaction
Jill Geers, Joliet Junior College
Taking a career assessment can help guide you in your job search and determine what is next for your career.

Mobile Workforce Center

Wedgesdays, 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM, 1:00 to 3:30 PM
The Workforce Services Division of Will County Mobile Workforce Center visits the Library every Wednesday to help residents looking for a job. Services include: access to computers, assistance in creating or revising a resume, job board listings and trained staff.

Services for Businesses

Green Village Series

In partnership with the Village of Plainfield

Second Mondays
Understanding Food Labels
January 8, 7:00 PM
It’s time for a healthy start to the new year. Stefanie Rock from Favor the Earth explains the tricks and truths about nutritional information on food labels.

Stink!
February 12, 7:00 PM
This documentary examines dangerous chemicals in American products and their health risk to consumers.

Drop in for Business Help
First Wednesdays
6:00 to 8:00 PM
Confused about how to use a database, create a business plan or find statistics? Receive guidance to resources and help for businesses big and small, from corporations to home-based operations.

SCORE: Small Business Mentoring
Second and Fourth Mondays
7:00 and 8:00 PM
SCORE is a national non-profit association dedicated to helping owners of existing and start-up businesses. The local Fox Valley Chapter offers free, confidential mentoring at the Library.

Space is limited and registration is required through the SCORE website: http://foxvalley.score.org. Click “Make an Appointment for Free Mentoring” and follow the steps to register.
Services for Readers and Writers

An Evening with Mary Van Milligen
Thursday, January 18 7:00 PM
Local author and teacher, Mary Van Milligen, discusses her first novel, *The Glimpse Gift*. This is a witty, romantic and emotional tale of a young woman with a slight gift of foresight, an unusual connection to the past and a mission to help others. Books available for purchase and signing.

An Evening with Thomas Armstrong
Monday, February 5 7:00 PM
Mr. Armstrong, a native of Silver Creek, Mississippi and the first resident of the state to join the Freedom Rides in 1961, offers first-hand expertise on civil rights involvement and making positive changes in the community. His book, *Autobiography of a Freedom Rider: My Life as a Foot Soldier for Civil Rights* will be available for purchase and signing.

Writer’s 15 Minutes of Fame
Wednesday, February 28, 7:00 PM
Calling all writers! No matter your experience or format, you are welcome to this open mic night. Bring in a sample of your work to share or talk about your current work in progress and we’ll introduce you as if you were a famous author.

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.

A Novel Idea Book Group
Second Thursday, 7:00 PM OR Third Wednesday, 2:00 PM
January 11
This Is How It Always Is
by Laurie Frankel
January 17
Between the World and Me
by Ta-Nehisi Coates
February 8
February 21

Genealogy and Local History

Presented by Reference Librarian Tina Beaird

Computer Help for Genealogists
Thursday, January 18, 10:00 AM
Need help navigating the Library’s genealogy databases? Confused on how to research military records? We will work together to break through those genealogy brick walls.

Unlocking the Secrets of Your Family Tree
Monday January 22, 7:00 PM
Discover the foundation and methodology behind successful genealogical research and learn how to start tracing your family history using documents and keepsakes you have in your attic and around your house.

Cyber Sleuthing Your Family Tree
Monday, February 26, 7:00 PM
Learn how to use subscription databases in tandem with free genealogy websites to trace your family tree. Plus, find out what’s new in the online genealogy community.
Technology Training

Presented by Reference Staff and volunteers

Computer Classes
A variety of free, 60-minute classes are offered on a rotating basis in a lab setting on computers featuring the Windows 10 operating system and Microsoft (MS) Office 2016. For descriptions of these classes and to register, connect with the Library at 815.327.2515 or visit: https://plainfieldpubliclibrary.org/events-programs/technology-training.

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

Book a Librarian: Extra Help for Tech and Beyond

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: https://plainfieldpubliclibrary.org/services/book-a-librarian.

Tech Tuesdays

6:00 to 8:00 pm
Drop in 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.

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.
Storytimes and More

Session 3: January 8 to February 15 (Registration begins December 26)
Session 4: March 5 to April 19 (Registration begins February 19)

All programs in the calendar are drop-in unless they are highlighted. Registration for Fun with Music sessions is required and begins December 26. Please register for one class only with a valid Plainfield Library card. To register, visit www.plainfieldpubliclibrary.org or the Youth Services Desk.

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**Panera Bread Presents:**
**Storytime, Milk and Cookies**
Ages 3 to 5
Tuesday, January 2
(Registration begins December 19)
Tuesday, January 16
(Registration begins January 2)
Tuesday, February 6
(Registration begins January 23)
Tuesday, February 20
(Registration begins February 6)
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 9
(Registration begins December 26)
Tuesday, February 13
(Registration begins January 30)
10:00 to 10:30 AM
Enjoy a story and a fruit or veggie snack at Peter Rubi Produce Headquarters, 15412 S. Route 59 Suite 120 in Plainfield.

**Friendship Storytime and Crafts**
Ages 3 to 6 with caregiver
Tuesday, February 27
(Registration begins February 13)
6:00 to 7:00 PM
Listen to stories about friendship and create a gift for someone you love.

**Family Music and Movement**
All Ages
Mondays, 5:00 to 5:45 PM
Spend time as a family dancing, singing and playing musical instruments. Before going home, play with the big parachute and pop some bubbles!

**Sensory Saturday**
All Ages
Saturday, February 3, 2:00 to 3:00 PM
Enjoy stories, activities and crafts in a fun, sensory-friendly environment. Children under 9 must be accompanied by an adult. Parents and caregivers of older children are welcome to stay.

**Podcast Petting Zoo**
All Ages
Saturday, January 27, 1:30 to 4:30 PM
Drop in to learn about podcasting for kids. Listen to some of the most popular podcasts, find out how you can participate in productions and maybe even record one of your own.
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.

**Tech Tweens**
Ages 9 to 12
Thursday, January 4
(Registration begins December 21)
Thursday, February 1
(Registration begins January 18)
6:00 to 7:00 PM
Explore the world of computers, technology and robotics.

**Snowflakes**
Ages 6 to 8
Monday, January 15
(Registration begins January 2)
2:00 to 3:00 PM
Discover the wonder of snowflakes through stories, crafts and science experiments.

**Snowflake Coding**
Ages 9 to 12
Monday, January 15
(Registration begins January 2)
2:00 to 3:00 PM
Use simple computer programming to create your own unique digital snowflake.

**Puppet Crafting**
Ages 6 to 11
Thursday, January 25
(Registration begins January 11)
6:00 to 7:00 PM
There are many different kinds of puppets. Come make your favorite with us. Caregivers welcome.

**Crafty Lil’ Kids: Snowmen**
Ages 3 to 6 with adult caregiver
Tuesday, January 30
(Registration begins January 16)
6:00 to 6:45 PM
Let it snow while we read some stories and make a unique snowman.

**RÔBLOX Club**
Grades 4 to 8
Wednesday, January 31
(Registration begins January 17)
Wednesday, February 28
(Registration begins February 14)
6:00 to 7:30 PM
RÔBLOX 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.

**Signs of Kindness**
Ages 9 to 12
Tuesday, February 13
(Registration begins January 30)
6:00 to 7:15 PM
Create a sign with a positive message using stencils and other techniques. Keep it for yourself or share it with someone else to spread positivity and kindness around!

**Gina Marie’s SingSong and Yoga for Kids**
Ages 1 to 4
Friday, January 12
(Registration begins December 29)
10:00 to 11:00 AM
Celebrate life and movement with Gina Marie’s SingSong and Yoga.

**Learn to Dance with Your Performing Arts Center (YPAC)**
Ages 2 to 3
Wednesday, February 21
(Registration begins February 7)
9:30 to 10:00 AM
Get on your tippy toes and join us for a free dance lesson with Miss Jaclyn from YPAC – Plainfield.

**Preschoolers Learn to Dance with YPAC**
Ages 4 to 5
Wednesday, February 21
(Registration begins February 7)
10:15 to 11:00 AM
Twirl and whirl during a free dance lesson with Miss Jaclyn.
Valentine’s Day Cookie Decorating with Milette’s Cakes  
**Ages 6 to 11**  
**Wednesday, February 14**  
*(Registration begins January 31)*  
6:00 to 7:00 PM  
Decorate cookies to share with friends and family in celebration of Valentine’s Day.

Kindness Rocks!  
**All Ages**  
**Thursday, February 15**  
*(Registration begins February 1)*  
7:00 to 7:45 PM  
Stop by with your family and take part in the Kindness Rocks project where we’ll decorate rocks that you can leave around town to brighten someone’s day. Please register everyone attending.

Culture Shock  
**All Ages**  
**Monday, February 19**  
*(Registration begins February 5)*  
10:00 to 11:00 AM  
Celebrate the messages of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through the art of hiphop. This Chicago based dance group will amaze you with their skills.

Friendship Pins  
**Ages 7 to 11**  
**Tuesday, February 20**  
*(Registration begins February 6)*  
6:00 to 7:00 PM  
Let your friends know how you feel about them with these easy-to-make pins.

Make and Donate Crafts  
**Ages 7 to 12**  
**Thursday, February 22**  
*(Registration begins February 8)*  
6:00 to 7:30 PM  
Do good with crafty acts of kindness! Help someone (or some animal) in need by making gifts that give back.

Short Story Contest  
**Grades 3, 4 and 5**  
The final day to submit stories for the contest is January 24. Visit the Library’s website or stop by the Youth Services Desk for a copy of the rules. Submitting authors and their families are invited to an Author Talk on Saturday March 3, at 10:00 AM by contest judge Chris Rylander. Winners will be announced at the end of the program.

For Parents  
**Letting Kids Fail**  
**Tuesday, February 6, 7:00 PM**  
Join Adam Russo, expert TEDx Talk presenter, on how to push young people to succeed and the process of achieving success through failure. His book, *Unwritten Rules: Real Strategies to Parent Your Child to Success* will be available for purchase.
Teen Programs

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

Superhero Double Feature
Grades 6 to 12
Wednesday, January 3
(Registration begins December 20)
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Two of the summer’s hottest blockbusters warm up the last days of winter break. Watch Spiderman: Homecoming, enjoy a pizza lunch, then stay for Wonder Woman. Bring pillows, blankets or anything to make yourself comfortable during the show.

Nintendo Wii-U Tournament
Grades 6 to 12
Thursday, January 4
(Registration begins December 21)
2:00 to 4:00 PM
Smash, crash and bash your way in tournaments hosted on the Wii U for Super Smash Bros. 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.

Muggle Book Discussion
Grades 5 to 9
Thursday, January 11
Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix
(Registration begins December 28)
Thursday, February 8
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince
(Registration begins January 25)
4:00 to 5:00 PM
All Muggles, Mudbloods, or Wizards are welcome to a Harry Potter book discussion. Please come to each discussion having read the selected book.

Teen STEAM
Grades 6 to 12
Monday, January 15
PVC Pipe Photo Planter
(Registration begins January 2)
Monday, February 19
Science of Pickles
(Registration begins February 5)
7:00 to 8:30 PM
In January, transform an ordinary PVC pipe into a planter and add extra magic by transferring a photo to your creation. Then, in February, discover the magic of pickling in just 30 seconds.

Peter Rubi Teen Tasting
Grades 6 to 12
Tuesday, January 16
(Registration begins January 2)
6:30 to 7:30 PM
Heather Chlebana introduces you to exotic produce from around the world.

CrafTEEN: Melted Crayon Bookmarks
Grades 6 to 12
Tuesday, January 23
(Registration begins January 9)
6:00 to 7:00 PM
Love to craft? We supply the materials; you supply the creative touch.

How to Prepare for the Rising Cost of College
High School Students and Parents
Monday, January 29
(Registration begins January 15)
7:00 to 8:30 PM
Thomas J. Jaworski of Quest College Consulting shows you how to break down the cost of college, explains changes to the financial aid process and how to find scholarships. This program is designed for both parents and students.

Friendship Pins
Grades 6 to 12
Tuesday, February 20
(Registration begins February 6)
6:30 to 7:30 PM
Show your friends how you feel about them with this retro-inspired craft.
The Great Read

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: A Life, a Legacy

This year’s community read focuses on the life and lasting legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a Baptist minister, social activist in the Civil Rights Movement and the youngest man to have received the Nobel Peace Prize.

In the spirit of giving and peace, please bring canned goods or supplies to the opening and/or closing events, benefiting Bags of Hope, Morningstar Mission of Joliet and St. John Food Pantry. For a list of needed supplies and more information, please visit www.greatread.org.

Attend any Great Read program or read a Dr. King book to enter a free drawing to win a Barnes & Noble gift card.

The Great Read is proudly presented by the Fountaindale Public Library District; Joliet Junior College; Joliet Public Library; Lemont Public Library District; Plainfield Public Library District; Plainfield School District 202; and the White Oak Library District. The Great Read is also supported by generous grants and in-kind support from the Plainfield Foundation for Excellence; the Friends of the Plainfield Public Library; Plainfield Township; the Joliet-area Barnes & Noble store; Voyager Media; and participating organizations.

The Great Read Kick Off

Thursday, February 1, 6:00 PM, White Oak Library, 201 W. Normantown Road, Romeoville

We rarely think of Dr. King as a boy growing up in the south. Professional storyteller, Linda Gorham, tells the story of his youthful experiences with segregation that likely inspired him and gave him the impetus to march, write and speak out so that the laws in the United States could be changed to protect all people.

The Great Read Finale

Wednesday, February 28
6:00 PM
Joliet Public Library
3395 Black Rd, Joliet

Vocalist, songwriter and educator Maggie Brown will perform songs linked to and inspired by the Civil Rights Movement. Refreshments and book giveaways (while supplies last).

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Art Contest Rules

● Create an original piece of art inspired by Dr. King

● 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 2½ minutes

● All ages can participate in one of these categories: (1) Adults, (2) Grades 6 to 12, (3) Pre-K to Grade 5

Entries submitted at this location 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.
Fandom Fest 2018
April 23 to 28

Winter is coming...and so is our first ever Fandom Fest.

From superheroes to anime, Doctor Who to Pokémon, we'll be holding a celebration of all things fandom. Mark your calendars; it's going to be a great time!

All ages
January 1 to 31

Billionaire investor and Shark Tank personality Mark Cuban has announced his sponsorship of the inaugural Beanstack Winter Reading Challenge in support of local libraries.

During this month-long challenge, read and log online through Beanstack to earn badges. If the collective reading goal is achieved, Cuban pledges to donate $25K to First Book, a nonprofit social enterprise that provides new books, learning materials and other essentials to children in need.

He will also give $10K for top-performing libraries to use for their community programs or donate to nonprofit organizations in their area. Take the challenge, Plainfield!
Library Hours
Monday through Thursday
9:00 AM to 9:00 PM
Friday and Saturday
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
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Holiday Lights Recycling

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WHERE TO DROP OFF:
The collection bins are in the Route 59 lot and can be accessed at any time for your convenience through February 28.

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