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New Year’s Eve

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New Year’s Day

Classes and programs

Adults

Cooking

Warm Winter Desserts
Wednesday, February 12, 6:30 PM
Registration begins December 2

Warm up with tasty treats from Chef Susan Maddox. Enjoy a night of learning, laughing and tasting delectable warm desserts.

Crafts

Homemade Crafts
Tuesday, December 3, 6:30 PM
Registration begins November 8

Add a personal touch to presents this year with homemade gift tags and gift card holders. As an added bonus, make a shopping organizer and a 2020 calendar. Limited to Plainfield cardholders.

Children

Questioneers’ Club
Grades K to 2
Wednesday, December 4
Registration begins November 20
Wednesday, January 8
Registration begins December 26
Wednesday, February 5
Registration begins January 22
4:30 to 5:15 PM

Explore fun projects and activities that involve science, technology, engineering, art and math.

Polar (Animals) Plunge
Grades 1 to 5
Thursday, December 5
Registration begins November 21
6:00 to 7:00 PM

Jump into a celebration of the chilly world of polar animals.

Did you know...
The census is coming in April? It is used to allocate billions of dollars in federal funding, including grants for libraries. Make sure you are counted in Census 2020!
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 wwwplainfieldpubliclibraryorg to register. Registration for adult programs is now open, unless otherwise noted in the online calendar or below.

Snowman Painting
Tuesday, December 10, 6:30 PM
Registration begins November 8

It might be getting cold and dreary outside, but a smiling snowman will brighten up your day. Painted by you with guided instruction from artist Shane Rotkis. Limited to Plainfield cardholders.

DIY: 3D Holiday Ornaments
Wednesday, December 11
5:30 PM OR 7:00 PM
Registration begins November 8; register for only one session

Create ornaments using 3Doodler® Pens. Limited to Plainfield cardholders.

Entertainment

So This Is Love
Wednesday, February 19, 7:00 PM

Join us for an entertaining, laugh-out-loud variety show with a satirical look at movie love songs, comical tales of middle-aged woes and post-divorce dating with entertainer and singer Karen Willough.

Finances

Financial Resolutions
Wednesday, January 8, 7:00 PM

A new year is the perfect time to start a financial plan that includes increasing your savings. Get on the right track with a budget that fits your needs and simple strategies to help achieve financial goals. Presented by First American Bank.

Books

Book Group: A Novel Idea

Second Thursday, 7:00 PM OR third Wednesday, 2:00 PM

December 12 and 18: Talk about your favorite books from the year and participate in a white elephant book exchange.
January 9 and 15: The Music Shop by Rachel Joyce
February 13 and 19: The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides

Services for Readers

Movies

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

Friday, December 6
Can You Ever Forgive Me (R)
Thursday, December 19
Holly Star (PG)
Friday, January 3
The Upside (PG-13)
Thursday, January 16
The Old Man and a Gun (PG-13)
Friday, February 7
Second Act (PG-13)
Thursday, February 20
I’ll See You in My Dreams (PG-13)

History

Happy Birthday Jane Austen
Monday, December 16, 11:00 AM

Get a glimpse into the personal life of Jane Austen, one of the most beloved novelists of the 19th century. Portrayed by Debra Ann Miller.

Chicago Auto Show History
Tuesday, February 4, 7:00 PM

Auto historian M.J. Frumkin presents a fast-paced multimedia cruise through the show from 1901 to 2019. Attendees can win a pair of tickets to the 2020 show and enjoy a taste of Ryba’s Fudge, the official fudge of the auto show since 1959.
Adult Programs

Check Out IPO in Palos Heights

It’s easy to check out Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra, the Southland's largest performing arts organization!

- Simply visit the Check Out Desk.
- Passes are available first-come, first-serve two weeks prior to each concert date.
- Plainfield Library cardholders only.
- Each pass is valid for two tickets and only one pass per family. IPO kindly requests that a household reserve a pass not more than twice per season.
- The pass must be presented at the box office window at Ozinga Chapel at Trinity Christian College.

The Real Mae West
Thursday, January 23, 11:00 AM

Mae West shattered box office records and public sensibilities. She rocketed from Broadway to become the highest-paid actress in Hollywood. Her one-liners scandalized the censors yet made her an icon. In this historical portrayal, actress Martina Mathisen impersonates the woman behind the wit.

Hot Topics
Research, Writing, News
Wednesday, January 22, 7:00 PM

In a world where fake news is a real thing, author Beshanda Owusu examines how journalists are maintaining industry standards to ensure the profession continues to thrive in truth.

Introduction to Medical Cannabis
Saturday, January 11, 10:00 AM

Learn basic cannabis facts and science, as well as the law and application process for medical use in Illinois.

Dating Over 50: Have Fun, Be Safe
Saturday, February 1, 11:30 AM

How do you meet new people or find a date? If you are curious about online dating or need some dating tips, take the first step and reserve your seat.

Parenting

Healthy Sleep Habits for Children: Ages 0-5
Saturday, February 1, 9:30 AM

Establishing healthy sleep habits for your child has lifetime benefits. Certified pediatric sleep consultant Kristen Northrop discusses how to create a healthy sleep foundation for your children. Parent and caregivers only; please leave the little ones at home.

Volunteer Fair

Saturday, February 22
10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Volunteering isn’t just for teens who need service hours! Adults and teens are welcome to connect with representatives from local organizations and find out how they can get involved and make a difference in their community!

Mindfulness Series

Presented by Gina Slager, Inspirational Coach

Mindfulness
Monday, February 3, 1:00 PM

Learn to use mindfulness in your day-to-day life. Bring experiences occurring in the present moment to the surface with the practice of meditation.

Creating Miracles
Monday, February 10, 1:00 PM

Open up your mind with self-expression. You will be guided through steps to create and manifest miracles in your life using imagery, creativity and breathing rhythms.

Gentle Yoga
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Registration begins December 2

Relax with gentle yoga, meditation and breathing exercises. Bring a water bottle and a mat or towel. Chairs are available if you prefer not to practice yoga on the floor.

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Technology Training

Presented by Reference Staff and volunteers

**Tech Tuesdays**

**10:00 AM to 12:00 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.

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**Virtual Reality Experience**

**Wednesday, February 26, 7:00**

**Ages 16 and up**

Step into a new (Virtual) reality! Explore a 3D world with Oculus Quest headsets and test out augmented reality using Merge Cubes. *Limited to Plainfield cardholders.*

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**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 sessions online: plainfieldpubliclibrary.org/services/book-a-librarian.

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**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: plainfieldpubliclibrary.org/events-programs/technology-training.

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**Genealogy**

Presented by Reference Librarian Tina Beaird

**Computer Help for Genealogists**

**Thursday, January 16, 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 27, 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.

**Newspaper Necessities**

**Monday, February 24, 7:00 PM**

Newspapers hold an astounding amount of genealogical and local data. Find the hidden gems and learn where digital copies and online indexes live.

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**Green Village Series**

*In partnership with the Village of Plainfield*

**Tropical Terrariums**

**Monday, January 13, 6:30 PM**

Registration begins December 3

Make a terrarium to add the tropics and clean air in your home this winter. *Limited to Plainfield cardholders.*

**Green Homes**

**Monday, February 10, 7:00 PM**

Living healthy and saving money is a win for your family. Discover attractive, affordable and sustainable building practices to make your home environmentally friendly.

**Business Over Breakfast**

A quarterly event in partnership with the Plainfield Area Chamber of Commerce, this learning and networking event will offer a variety of topics taught by members of the local business community. The first workshop will take place in early 2020. Please check our website for more details.

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To register or for more information, click on Events Calendar.
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.

December 18: Keeping Energized During the Holidays
Lauren Milligan, ResuMayDay
Stay engaged and motivated with job search tips and a “Gift List for Job Seekers.” Get ready for employers, who will be revving up for hiring in January.

January 15: Is Your Resume a Frequent Flyer... Or in the Circular File?
Kevin Crews, ADP Company
Open your mind to out-of-the-box techniques that will put your resume at the top of the pile and grab the attention of your target audience.

February 19: Energize Your Job Search Using the New LinkedIn Profile
Denis Curtin, LinkedIn Trainer and Coach
Learn methods for attracting internal and external recruiters and keeping their attention as well as specific LinkedIn Dos and Don’ts.

Mobile Workforce Center
Wednesdays,
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.

English Language Learners

These weekly, drop-in programs are provided for adults with English-speaking skills at all levels. For more information, contact Tania at 815.263.8145 (text only) or thess@plainfieldpubliclibrary.org. Se habla español.

English for Beginners
Level 1: Mondays, 9:30 to 10:30 AM
Level 2: Mondays, 10:45 to 11:45 AM
For students with limited English. This includes leveled listening, speaking, reading and writing practice. **Must take a placement test.**

Reading Club
Tuesdays, 10:00 to 11:30 AM
Learn new words, practice pronunciation and become a more fluent English reader. Meet weekly with an English-speaking instructor to read aloud and discuss interesting books especially chosen for English learners.

English for Intermediate Learners
Level 3: Wednesdays, 9:30 to 10:30 AM
Level 4: Wednesdays, 9:45 to 10:45 AM
For students who already use English in daily tasks but need to keep improving. This includes leveled listening, speaking, reading and writing practice. **Must take a placement test.**

Conversation Club
Thursdays, 10:00 to 11:30 AM
Practice speaking English while making friends. Share ideas and culture, play learning games, discuss current events, family life and anything relevant to life in the United States.
**Drop-In Storytimes**

Session 2: Ends December 12; Session 3: January 6 to February 13

**Registration Required**

These programs require a Plainfield Public Library card.

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

Ages 3 to 5

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Enjoy a storytime, milk and cookies at the Panera Bread located at Route 59 and 127th Street.

**Fun with Music**

Ages 12 months to 4 years with caregiver

**January 6 to February 11**

*Registration begins December 23*

Mondays, 9:30 to 10:00 AM

Tuesdays, 9:30 to 10:00 AM

OR 10:30 to 11:00 AM

Children and their caregivers sing, dance and play musical instruments together during this six-week session. Please only register for one class. A Plainfield Library card is required.

**Healthy Sleep Habits for Children: Ages 0-5**

Parents and caregivers

**Saturday, February 1, 9:30 AM**

Establishing healthy sleep habits for your child has lifetime benefits. Certified pediatric sleep consultant Kristen Northrop discusses how to create a healthy sleep foundation for your children. Parent and caregivers only; please leave the little ones at home.
Drop-In Programs

Family Board Game Night
All Ages
Tuesday, December 3
6:30 to 8:00 PM
Family members of all ages can drop in to play board games!

Play-Doh Playdate
All Ages
Saturday, December 7, 10:00 to 11:30 AM
Saturday, January 4, 10:00 to 11:30 AM
Tuesday, February 4, 6:00 to 7:30 PM
It’s time for some Play-Doh fun! We have the Play-Doh and tools; all you need to bring is your imagination!

Craft Break
All Ages
Friday, December 27, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Stop by to make a craft during your winter break.

Family Music and Movement
Ages 2 to 5 with caregiver
Thursday, January 16, 6:00 to 6:45 PM
Thursday, February 20, 6:00 to 6:45 PM
Get ready to clap, tap, dance, sing and stomp in this high-energy program built to get the wiggles out. Explore music, movement, instruments, interactive stories and more!

Preschool Math
Ages 3 to 5 with caregiver
Monday, December 2
11:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Explore shapes, sorting, patterns and more. Stations will be set up for children and caregivers to work together.

Sensory Stories and Playtime
All Ages
Tuesday, January 21
6:00 to 6:45 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. Registration is requested, but not required.

Lil’ Kid Dance Party
Ages 2 to 5 with caregiver
Friday, January 24
10:30 to 11:00 AM
Wear your dancing shoes and have fun grooving with other littles!

Mini Golf Fundraiser
Sunday, February 9
11:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Our 2nd annual Caddy Stacks will be a (w)hole lot of fun for the (w)hole family! Escape the cold weather and join us as we transform the Library into a 2-level, 18-hole mini-golf course. Come out for a day of fun to support your community. The event is sponsored by local businesses and organizations. Putt your way through the stacks, around the service desks and all the way to the “19th hole” where we will have a photo booth, snacks and more! Tickets go on sale January 20 at the Library or online through Eventbrite*, $3 per person in advance or $5 per person cash at the door.

*Extra fees may apply.
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.

Roblox Club
Ages 9 to 12
Wednesday, December 11
Registration begins November 27
Wednesday, January 15
Registration begins January 2
Wednesday, February 12
Registration begins January 29
6:00 to 7:30 PM

Roblox is an online game and scripting platform. Learn to make your own games as well as play other people’s creations. Space is limited to eight players.

Preschool Crafternoon
Ages 3 to 5
Friday, December 13
Registration begins November 29
Friday, January 10
Registration begins December 27
Friday, February 14
Registration begins January 31
1:00 to 2:00 PM

Calling all preschoolers! Practice your motor, sequencing and having-fun skills by making crafts with us in the afternoon. Grown-ups stay as crafting assistants.

Sign Language Storytime
Ages 2 to 6 with caregiver
Thursday, December 19
Registration begins December 5
10:30 to 11:15 AM

Have a blast learning sign language as we read fun stories!

Dance into the NOON Year!
All Ages
Monday, December 30
Registration begins December 16
11:30 AM to 12:15 PM

Can’t stay awake until midnight? Count down to noon and celebrate the upcoming New Year with stories, music and dancing.

Sarah Jayne Lane
All Ages
Friday, January 17
Registration begins
January 3
10:30 to 11:30 AM

Get ready for a rocking-good time at this interactive, family-friendly concert.

Canvas Art for Kids
Ages 6 to 9
Monday, January 20
Registration begins January 6
1:30 to 2:15 PM

Design your own piece of modern art. Use tape and paint to create a canvas masterpiece.

Crafty Kids Crew
Grades K to 5
Thursday, January 23
Registration begins January 9
Tuesday, February 18
Registration begins February 4
6:00 to 7:00 PM

Let your creative side show. We supply the materials, and you supply the artistic touch.

Photographs

The Library reserves the right to photograph program participants. Photos are for Library use and may be used in library publicity materials. Please notify Library staff if you do not wish to be photographed. Please respect others and only photograph or record your own child.
Children’s Programs

Crazy Chemistry
Grades K to 5
Tuesday, January 28
Registration begins January 14
Thursday, February 13
Registration begins January 30
6:00 to 7:00 PM

Discover the wonders of science with hands-on experiments.

Story Tokens
Ages 3 to 6
Thursday, January 30
Registration begins January 16
6:00 to 7:00 PM

Maybe you have heard of story dice, but have you heard of story tokens? Make your own storytelling game to test out and take home.

Valentine’s Day Cookie Decorating
Ages 6 to 10
Thursday, February 6
Registration begins January 23
6:00 to 6:45 PM

Decorate delicious cookies with Milette’s Cakes to share with those you love.

Valentine’s Day Storytime
Ages 3 to 6 with caregiver
Tuesday, February 11
Registration begins January 28
6:30 to 7:15 PM

Love will be in the air as we read stories and make a heartfelt craft!

Code Me a Story
Ages 6 to 8
Tuesday, February 25
Registration begins February 11
6:00 to 7:00 PM

Use robots to create your own storytime by exploring basic coding and sequencing techniques.

Bristlebots
Ages 7 to 12
Thursday, February 27
Registration begins February 13
6:00 to 7:00 PM

Harness the power of electricity! Use a toothbrush to build yourself a tiny robot friend.

Short Story Contest
Grades 4, 5 and 6
The Library is accepting entries for the Annual Short Story Contest from December 16 through January 31. Visit the Library’s website or the Youth Services Desk for the rules.

Children’s Programs

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1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Reading with your child every day helps to develop pre-reading skills that are a key to success in school. What better way to accomplish this than by striving to read 1000 books together while earning milestone rewards along the way? This ongoing program is open to any child from birth to 5 years old who has not started kindergarten. For more information, visit the Youth Services Desk.
Teen Programs
Visit www.plainfieldpubliclibrary.org or call the Youth Services Desk at 815.439.2877 to register.

Finding the Right College for You
Grades 9 and up
Monday, December 2
Registration begins
November 18
7:00 to 8:30 PM

Thomas Jaworski of Quest College Consulting provides high school families with tips on how to start the stressful search process in order to find the college that is the best fit for you. This program is designed for both parents and students.

Plainfield C.A.T.S. (Council of Advisory Teens)
Grades 6 to 12
Monday, December 9, 6:00 to 6:45 PM
Registration begins November 25

Meow is the time to have your voice heard at the library! We will meet once a month to discuss your ideas for programs, books and service projects. Community service hours may be earned for participating in this program.

Teen Interactive Movie: Elf (PG)
Grades 6 to 12
Monday, December 16, 6:30 to 8:15 PM
Registration begins December 2

Join us for interactive fun as we watch and play along with the holiday classic, Elf. You will be given a set of instructions and goodies to interact with this hilarious film.

Tuesday Teen Tech Takeover
Grades 6 to 12
Every Tuesday, January 7 to February 25
4:00 to 5:00 PM
Registration begins December 26

Build your skills as you use robots and coding to entertain, educate and solve real world problems during this 8-week class. Family and friends are invited to the last meeting on Tuesday, February 25 to view the creations and robots built during this session. Space is limited to 12 participants.

Finals Study Café and De-Stress-A-Thon
Grades 8 to 12
Tuesday, December 17, 5:30 to 8:30 PM

Need a quiet place to study for finals and to get rid of some of that end of semester stress? We will provide room to study, as well as snacks and de-stressing activities to help make this time of year easier.

Finals Study Café
Grades 8 to 12
Wednesday, December 18, 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Thursday, December 19, 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Need a quiet place to study for finals? We will provide room to study and snacks.
**The One with the Escape Room**  
**Grades 6 to 12**  
**Monday, December 30**  
*Registration begins December 16*  
2:00 to 2:45 PM  
3:00 to 3:45 PM  
4:00 to 4:45 PM  
You grab a cup of coffee with 5 of your best F*R*I*E*N*D*S and the next thing you know you are trapped in Central Perk. Will you be able to escape before time runs out?

**Simple Dorm Room and After-School Meals**  
**Grades 6 to 12**  
**Monday, January 6**  
7:00 to 8:15 PM  
*Registration begins December 23*  
Getting ready to head off to college next year or just looking for new after-school snack ideas? Test recipes for mug meals, learn how to cook with an induction burner and even discover how to make delicious and cheap ramen using just an electric kettle.

**Anime Night**  
**Grades 6 to 12**  
**Tuesday, January 14, 6:00 to 8:00 PM**  
*Registration begins December 30*  
Enjoy a night filled with anime and snacks.

**Practicing SAT**  
**Grades 9 to 12**  
**Saturday, January 18, 1:00 to 4:30 PM**  
*Registration begins January 4*  
**Saturday, February 15, 1:00 to 4:30 PM**  
*Registration begins February 1*  
Sylvan Learning of Plainfield will proctor a practice SAT in a simulated testing environment, open to all high school students. Please bring two pencils and a calculator. Snacks are allowed during breaks between tests.

**String Art Creations**  
**Grades 6 to 12**  
**Monday, January 20, 7:00 to 8:00 PM**  
*Registration begins January 6*  
Create a brand new piece of art using wood, nails and embroidery floss. This program is for all skill levels.

**Hawaiian Teen Murder Mystery**  
**Grades 6 to 12**  
**Monday, February 3, 6:30 to 8:00 PM**  
*Registration begins January 20*  
Enjoy a Hawaiian luau with delicious treats, wonderful music and a (fake) murder. Will you be able to figure out whodunnit? Costumes are encouraged.

**Valentine’s Day Cookie Decorating with Milette’s Cakes**  
**Grades 6 to 12**  
**Thursday, February 6, 7:15 to 8:00 PM**  
*Registration begins January 23*  
Learn decorating techniques, including how to pipe icing, from the experts at Milette’s Cakes. Take your delicious creations home to friends and family just in time for Valentine’s Day.

**Interviewing Skills for Teens**  
**Grades 6 to 12**  
**Monday, February 17, 6:30 to 8:30 PM**  
*Registration begins February 3*  
Whether you are preparing for college, ready to start a career or looking for your first job, you will want to develop top-notch interviewing skills. Join Bob Schlacks, a human resources expert and interviewing professional, to learn how to improve your skills and put your best self forward.

**Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament**  
**Grades 6 to 12**  
**Friday, February 28, 2:00 to 3:30 PM**  
*Registration begins February 14*  
Prepare for battle. Pick your favorite character and fight for the *Super Smash Bros. Ultimate* championship. Prizes awarded to the top finishers.
All Ages
January 1 to 31

The Winter Reading Challenge is back! Sponsored by Penguin Random House, this year’s challenge dares public and school libraries to improve last year’s reading goals totals.

Top-performing libraries will earn Golden Penguin and Random House awards including prizes, author visits and new books.

Last year, Plainfield readers logged 3,900 books. Your challenge is to beat that total! Are you ready?