To Our Plainfield Community -

The staff and board of trustees thank you for embracing and supporting your local library while we all do our best to navigate these unprecedented times. While the Library has had a virtual presence from the beginning of the digital age, never before has it been so crucial to everyday life.

Many of you have dived into the digital world of eBooks for the first time. Those who have been reading and listening digitally are thrilled by the expanded access. You have taken advantage of our virtual Family Storytime Kits, explored amazing online resources like CreativeBug for crafting lessons and Ancestry Library Edition to research your family tree and streamed movies from hoopla and Kanopy for entertainment. You’ve participated in our newly created virtual programs like Trivia Night, Fandom Go@Home and more.

You’ve also embraced the community projects we’ve shared, including writing and making cards and notes for the seniors in our community who are unable to receive visitors at their centers and donated supplies to Operation H.O.P.E.; teens have created amazing art work for their virtual art exhibit; you’ve brought joy to people with amazing sidewalk chalk art and messages of strength and hope. You’ve even taken the time to send us notes of appreciation and thanks.

Thank you for turning to your Library in this time of uncertainty and expanded need for connection. Your Library is here for you, and we will continue to adapt our services, resources and methods to connect you to life-long learning.

We hope that you continue to support your Library and participate in this year’s Summer Reading Program, which, while significantly modified, will be just as fun as ever. Because social distancing measures for the summer are unknown at this time, use the Library’s website and online calendar for the most current information about programs and events for kids, teens and adults.

-Library Director Lisa Pappas
Dear Families,

As you know, summer is the busiest time for the Youth Services Department. Normally the following pages would be filled with programs for children and teens, held both at the Library and throughout the community. However, due to the circumstances surrounding the coronavirus, this year will not be a typical year. For the continued safety of our community, we are eliminating the Prize Shop and are presenting a slightly different reading program than you are used to (see page 6 for details). Because of the ever-changing safety guidelines for social gatherings, we also are not listing the individual June and July programs here. Instead, please check the Library’s online calendar for up-to-date information on all the new ways we can have fun together this summer. Thank you for your continued patience and understanding.

~ The Youth Services Department Staff

DIGITAL RESOURCES

Kanopy Kids

Have fun with your friends from Sesame Street, enjoy your favorite TV shows from PBS Kids or check out a Weston Woods animated version of a popular picture book on Kanopy Kids. Simply download the Kanopy app and sign in with your Plainfield Library card.

TumbleMath

TumbleMath is a collection of picture books that help bring math concepts to life in an easy and accessible way. From counting to multiplication to word problems, TumbleMath has a little something for everyone. To get started, visit plainfieldpubliclibrary.org/youth-services-digital-library.

TeenBookCloud

TeenBookCloud is a middle and high school collection which contains over 600 titles including YA/Teen novels, classics, poetry, audiobooks, graphic novels and incredible videos from National Geographic. To access TeenBookCloud, visit plainfieldpubliclibrary.org/teen-services.

PLAINFIELD STORYWALK®

Plainfield now has a permanent StoryWalk® at Settlers’ Park! This fun, educational activity places the pages of a book along a walking path. Combine the joys of reading with the benefits of being active outdoors. As you walk the path, discover page after page, and after a short stroll you have read a story! Be on the lookout for two temporary StoryWalks® to pop-up around town this summer. Be sure to check our Facebook Page for updates: facebook.com/plainfieldstorywalk.
Family Storytime Kits

Summer is the perfect time to get outside and do your own storytime! Miss Jennifer and Miss Heather have created an online library of family storytime kits so that you can do just that. Each kit has a theme, a recommended picture book that you may have at home or can access on hoopla or Tumblebooks, a video for a song that goes along with the theme, a suggested craft, online resources for more information and fun questions for you to discuss together. To see all of the storytime kits, visit plainfieldpubliclibrary.org/family-storytime-kits.

Travel Kits for Vacation

Birth to Grade 5

If your family is able to get away this summer, the Library would be delighted to pack a bag with books, magazines, audiobooks and music to entertain your child. Every effort will be made to fill requests, but some items may not be available. Travel Kits check out for the duration of your trip. Please allow seven days to prepare the bag for your family. To submit a request, visit plainfieldpubliclibrary.org/resources/parents-place.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Grades 7 to 12

Each summer the Youth Services Department works with a group of dedicated summer reading interns who staff the Prize Shop and assist with the programs. As a result of the pandemic, the intern program is suspended for summer 2020.

However, that doesn’t mean that we aren’t still offering volunteer opportunities. Whether you are looking for community service hours for school, church or other service organizations, or just want to help out, we have some projects for you.

Just fill out the online volunteer form plainfieldpubliclibrary.org/about/volunteer-opportunities and we will keep you updated on virtual volunteer projects as well as in-person opportunities once it is deemed safe.
HELP IS AT YOUR DOORSTEP
The Library offers over 30 online resources on a variety of topics that are available 24/7 with a Plainfield Library card. You can learn a new language, trace your family tree, analyze stocks and mutual funds, acquire new tech skills, complete a cooking class, self-publish your book and so much more. A few of these resources are highlighted below. To see the complete list, visit plainfieldpubliclibrary.org/resources-online.

**Auto Repair Source**
Obtain do-it-yourself repair and maintenance information on most major manufacturers of domestic and imported vehicles.

**Consumer Reports**
Whether your next purchase is big or small, be a smart consumer by receiving recommendations, ratings and buying advice for over 8,500 products such as cars, headphones, laundry detergents, microwaves, airline travel, TVs and more.

**New! EBSCO Discovery Service**
Search journal articles across multiple resources with just a few clicks. From the drop down menu by the search box on the Library’s website, choose SEARCH ARTICLES, enter your search terms and click search.

**Fold3**
Access historical documents and personal histories from the National Archives and other institutions that provide access to U.S. military records including stories, photos and personal documents of the men and women who served.

**Lynda**
Pursue your career goals with business, design and tech courses at your own pace, featuring everything from time management and Microsoft Office to graphic design.

**ReferenceUSA**
Includes 2.5 million job listings, 48 million business profiles, 1.2 million healthcare professionals, and much more. Ideal for sales leads, mailing lists, market research, company research, employment opportunities and much more.

NEW PINNACLE LIBRARY COOPERATIVE BOOK CLUB
Download the featured book, join the discussion with a professional facilitator and engage with members just like you from the convenience and comfort of your own home. The discussion will kick off with The Burglar by Thomas Perry, which runs May 4, 2020 – July 9, 2020, with four more book clubs throughout the year. From this New York Times bestselling author, “who can be depended upon to deliver high-voltage shocks” (Stephen King), comes a new thriller about an unlikely burglar—a young woman in her 20s—who realizes she must solve a string of murders, or else become the next victim. Visit plainfieldpubliclibrary.org/books-downloads-more/novel-idea to sign up today and download the book!

STREAMING MOVIES & MORE
Did you know that the Library offers you two streaming movie services available to you at no cost with your Plainfield Library card? Watch these movies anytime from your living room, backyard or on the go with your mobile device. Download the app and register your card to get started. eBooks, eAudio, digital magazines and streaming music are also available with your Plainfield Library card.

**hoopla:** Stream hit movies, new releases, top titles, and award winners. Recommended movie: *You Laugh But It’s True*. In the world of stand-up comedy in South Africa, Trevor Noah uses his experiences during Apartheid to prepare for the biggest show of his life.

**Kanopy:** Critically-acclaimed movies, inspiring documentaries, award-winning foreign films and more. Recommended movie: *Clue*. Tim Curry leads an all-star cast in this murderously funny cult classic based on the world-famous Clue board game.
IMPORTANT NOTE
Many adult programs have been moved to a virtual environment so you may access them from the safety of home. Register through the Events Calendar to receive the virtual login details and check back often as we will continue to add more programs over the summer.

30th TORNADO ANNIVERSARY
On August 28, 1990, an F-5 tornado struck the village of Plainfield. In eight minutes, the tornado covered 16.4 miles from its point of origin in Wheatland Township to the point where it went airborne over Joliet. The event made international headlines. Twenty-nine people perished, and more than 350 people were injured. The high school, school administration office, an elementary school, the Library’s branch, St. Mary’s Church and parochial school and more than 1000 homes and businesses were either destroyed or severely damaged, resulting in over $140 million in property damage. It remains the deadliest tornado to strike Will County. The Library has been collecting stories, photos, documents and interviews since 1990, all of which is available on our website. As this milestone approaches, we want to remind residents that we continue to collect memories of that fateful day and the weeks and months that followed. Thousands of volunteers, doctors and nurses and organizations worked to rebuild homes, businesses and most importantly, the lives that had been torn apart by the storm. Plainfield is just one of several communities that were impacted by that day who came together in solidarity to offer support to those in need. The memories of those individuals help those who never experienced the tornado understand how this event impacted and shaped the community for decades to come.

Share your documents, photos or videos online via plainfieldpubliclibrary.librariesshare.com/plainfieldtornado. Contact Reference Librarian Tina Beaird (tbeaird@plainfieldpubliclibrary.org) for more information.

SERVICES FOR JOB SEEKERS
Job Club: Ageism in the Job Search
Wednesday, June 17, 12:00 PM (Virtual via Zoom)
Betty Flasch, Career Management Consultant
Older workers find it hard to stay relevant in a growing millennial workforce. Learn what is happening in the workplace regarding ageism and how to improve your resume, actions and assets.

Job Now!
Receive expert resume assistance, live interview preparation and career coaching. Coaches are available Sunday to Saturday, 2:00 PM to 11:00 PM CST except holidays. Visit plainfieldpubliclibrary.org/resources/resources-for-job-seekers.

BUILD YOUR OWN VR GOGGLES
June 10, 7:00 PM (Virtual via Zoom)
Learn how to build your own Google Cardboard and use your smartphone to create a Virtual Reality headset! Follow along as we show you how to take a cardboard box, and turn it into a VR headset! Q&A at end of session.

GENEALOGY
Collateral Research for Genealogy with Laura Chaplin
Monday, June 22, 7:00 PM (Virtual via Zoom)
Laura Chaplin, owner of Willow Tree Research will discuss how to research collateral family lines to enhance your family tree.

Pins & Needles: Adding Social Media to Your Genealogy Repertoire
Monday, August 24, 7:00 PM (Virtual via Zoom)
Many of us have used Facebook to find distant cousins and former high school friends. Lots of social media sites are popping up to help make searching for ancestors’ fun. Learn how to use sites like Pinterest, Flickr, History Pin and more to find, identify and share ancestors.
SUMMER READING 2020

We are flipping the script this year on our traditional summer reading program and need your help. In lieu of a prize for completing the program, the Friends of the Library will make donations to local charities.

June 1 to July 31

How Do I Help Give Back?

• Download a bingo card for your age (Wee, Kids, Teen or Adult) from the Library’s website.
• Complete five activities in a row to get Bingo! Horizontal, vertical and diagonal all count.
• Log your Bingo online through Beanstack or turn in your log to the Library.
• That’s it! Each Bingo card you complete earns money to be donated to several charities.

The more Bingo cards you complete, the more money will be donated!

The Library would like to help you during these tough times by going fine free this summer.

From June 1 through August 31, books, CDs, DVDs, video games and audiobooks will not incur fines. Normal checkout periods still apply, but if you keep your items a little longer, try to return them in a timely manner so that others may enjoy them.

Please note - this does not apply to existing fines, lost or damaged items, or the GoGo Gadgets collection.

FINES WAIVED FOR VETERANS ALL YEAR

The Plainfield Public Library is saying thank you to their Veterans and active duty service personnel. Present your Military ID to the Checkout Desk to no longer accrue fines. This does not apply to damaged or lost items.
MEET OUR NEW TRUSTEES

ALICIA MALEC

I have been a Plainfield resident for almost 19 years. My goal is to help our library continue to grow as a beloved part of our community. I hope to be an asset to the board by sharing my knowledge focused on children’s and corporate education as well as my passion for research.

Quick Facts

Born: Chicago - I have always lived in the Chicago metropolitan area.
Family: My husband - Tim - and I have four sons: Jack (23), Denny (21), Pat (19) and Mikey (17). Our dog is Finnegan.
Occupation: Instructional specialist in the healthcare industry, former kindergarten teacher at St. Mary Immaculate in Plainfield.
Education: BA in Elementary Education from Benedictine University and MBA from DePaul University

ERIKA GROTTO

As a Library patron, I admire what leadership and staff have been able to accomplish with limited resources. I welcome the opportunity to give back to the institution that has given me so much, and to help other families in the area by serving the library in its mission.

Quick Facts

Born: I grew up in the Williamsport area of Pennsylvania (the home of Little League baseball).
Family: My husband, Matt, and I have three daughters: Eleanor (6), Amelia (4) and Alice (1).
Occupation: I’ve been a writer and editor for almost 20 years. I currently work for a professional association serving healthcare finance leaders.
Education: BA in English writing from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania.
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Our Virtual Library is Always Open!

While the Library’s building may not be fully accessible this summer, our website is available 24/7 for streaming movies, downloading books, music and audiobooks from home computers and devices.

Follow the Library on social media and check our website and event calendar often for updates on hours, services and programs.