**LIBRARY CLOSINGS***

**Monday, September 7**
Labor Day

**Tuesday, November 3**
Election Day

**Wednesday, November 25**
Thanksgiving Eve
Close at 5:00 PM

**Thursday, November 26**
Thanksgiving

*Please check the Library website or social media for the most up-to-date information.

Happy Birthday, StoryWalk!

The Plainfield StoryWalk is turning one on October 4, and we are celebrating all month long! Take a stroll, read the special birthday story and follow Plainfield StoryWalk on Facebook for games, giveaways and more!
YOUTH SERVICES

Dear Families,

We are trying some new things this fall! As a result of social distancing guidelines and our limited indoor meeting spaces, we are moving some of our programs online or outside, while others are being reimagined as activities for you to do along with us at home. For a full listing, please check our online calendar each week so that you don’t miss out on any new additions!

- The Youth Services Department Staff

STORYTIMES & MORE

The programs below begin September 8.

Virtual Fun with Music
Ages 9 months to 4 years
Mondays, 9:30 to 10:00 AM
Registration begins August 31

After you register, the Library will provide you with everything you need to participate from home.

Virtual Preschool Storytime
Ages 3 to 5
Mondays, 10:45 to 11:15 AM
No registration required

Virtual Tales for Tots
Ages 2 to 3
Tuesdays, 10:00 to 10:20 AM
No registration required

Virtual Baby and Me
Ages birth to 23 months
Wednesdays, 10:00 to 10:30 AM
No registration required

Outdoor Family Storytime
All Ages
Thursdays in September and October, 9:30 to 10:15 AM
Registration begins August 31

Join us in the grassy outdoor area by the parking lot for stories, songs and more. For everyone’s safety, each group of attendees will be asked to sit six feet apart. Weather permitting.

Halloween Walk @ the Library
All Ages
Saturday, October 24, 12:00 to 3:00 PM

Calling all ghosts and goblins! Join us for spooky activities, photo ops and fun! Costumes encouraged. For everyone’s safety, we ask that all attendees practice social distancing. Weather permitting.

Celebrate Family Reading Night
Thursday, November 19
Details will be posted on the Library’s Events Calendar.

DINOVERSE

November 1-30

Violet the Velociraptor Returns
Each day during the month, Violet will hide in a different place in Youth Services. Find her and get a dinotastic prize.

Where in Plainfield is Sven?
Each Monday in November a picture will be posted on the Library’s social media of Sven the Stegosaurus in recognizable locations throughout Plainfield. Guess where Sven is in the comments to be entered into a weekly prize drawing.
**CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS**

**Back to School Grab Bags**
Need materials to help with an upcoming assignment? Just looking for some good books to read? We’re happy to help! Fill out the online form plainfieldpubliclibrary.org/resources/parents-place/travel-kit-form and the Youth Services staff will fill a grab bag for you. Please submit requests **at least seven days** before they are needed.

**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 five years old who has not started kindergarten. Visit the Youth Services Desk for more information or call 815.439.2877.

**HELPNOW!**
**Grades K to 12**
**Monday to Sunday, 2:00 to 11:00 PM**

Need help with your homework? Looking for free practice to help you get ready for the SAT or ACT? Need someone to read your research paper before you turn it in? HelpNow! is the place for you. Free online help from real tutors is available to Plainfield cardholders in all subjects. Additional resources available in the Digital Library at:

plainfieldpubliclibrary.org/youth-services
plainfieldpubliclibrary.org/teen-services

**TEEN PROGRAMS**

All programs below are held via Zoom. A link to the program will be sent to you via email.

**Plainfield C.A.T.S. (Council of Advisory Teens)**
**Grades 6 to 12**
**Monday, September 14, 6:00 to 6:45 PM**
Registration begins August 31
**Monday, October 12, 6:00 to 6:45 PM**
Registration begins September 28
**Monday, November 9, 6:00 to 6:45 PM**
Registration begins October 26

Meow is the time to have your voice heard at the Library! Meet once a month to discuss your ideas for programs, books and service projects. Community service hours can be earned for participating.

**The Effects of COVID-19 on College Admissions**
**Grades 9 and up**
**Monday, September 21, 7:00 to 8:30 PM**
Registration begins September 8

Thomas J. Jaworski of Quest College Consulting provides information on how the pandemic is changing the way colleges and universities handle admissions.

**How to Prepare for the Rising Cost of College**
**Grades 9 and up**
**Monday, October 19, 7:00 to 8:30 PM**
Registration begins September 3

Thomas J. Jaworski shares his expertise to break down the cost of college, explain changes to the financial aid process and how to find scholarships.

**Volunteer Opportunities**
**Grades 7 to 12**

Fill out the online volunteer form plainfieldpubliclibrary.org/about/volunteer-opportunities for virtual and in-person projects.
ADULT PROGRAMS

For everyone’s safety, all adult programs will be held virtually. Register by calling 815.327.2515 or online through the Events Calendar at plainfieldpubliclibrary.librarymarket.com. Once you register, you'll receive instructions on how to participate in the event. Please check back often, as new events are being added throughout the fall.

Cooking

Presented by Chef Susan Maddox. Once registered, you will receive instructions.

Dining the Italian Way  
Monday, October 5 to Sunday, October 11

Imagine yourself on the shores of Lake Como enjoying a traditional fall dining experience. Bring a touch of Italy to your own table with simple recipes and a cooking demonstration.

Autumn Appetizers  
Monday, November 9 to Sunday, November 15

Liven up your tastebuds with exciting new recipes for your friends and family to enjoy before dinner.

Crafts

Faux Tin Tiles: Easy Metal Embossing on Aluminum Craft  
Monday, November 2 to Sunday, November 8

Learn the basics of trendy aluminum embossing. Basic tools, techniques, painting and fun uses of metal embossing tiles are discussed.

Entertainment

Princess Di: Gone but Still Kicking  
Monday, September 21 to Sunday, September 27

Paradise Playhouse presents a one-woman show with Princess Di as a spirit playing the piano and hanging out at Kensington Palace. It's a new spin on her story and all things royal.

SEPTEMBER IS LIBRARY CARD SIGN UP MONTH

Every new Plainfield library card registration will be entered in a drawing for a gift card to a local restaurant and a superhero face covering.

Edgar Allan Poe: To Tell a Tale  
Monday, October 19 to Sunday, October 25

Literary chills abound in this spine-tingling program as presented by historical actor Terry Lynch. Get a glimpse into Poe's life along with the retelling of his classics including The Raven and The Tell Tale Heart.

Finances

Let’s Talk Money: Who Are You With Money?  
Monday, September 14 to Wednesday, September 20

Take a closer look at your relationship with money. The financial educators from the University of Illinois Extension discuss spending patterns and compare financial well-being versus financial net worth.

Health

Medicare Made Easy  
Tuesday, September 1, 3:00 PM

Join the live presentation for facts and updates on Medicare enrollment, Medicare Part A and B benefits, plus an explanation of Medicare Supplement Plans. Presented by Diane Adduci, community educator and licensed insurance representative. One week before the event, you will receive instructions.
Adult Programs

**Gentle Yoga**
*Monday, September 14 to Sunday, September 20*

Take some time for yourself and join instructor Gina Marie for gentle yoga, meditation and breathing exercises. A mat or chair is recommended depending on your level of comfort.

**History**

**Pre-Civil War Quilts**
*LIVE*  
*Tuesday, October 6, 7:00 PM*

Discover the hidden codes and secret messages within family stories of hand-crafted quilts. This multi-media historical presentation explains how quilts were used to help slaves escape on the Underground Railroad.

**BE AN INFORMED VOTER**

*Wednesday, October 7, 7:00 PM*  

Voting is a right that can have a significant impact. It’s an opportunity for your voice as a citizen to be heard and to express your preferences. Explore resources that can help you decide how you want your voice to be heard. One vote CAN make a difference.

**GENEALOGY**

**Adoption Searches Past & Present**
*LIVE*  
*Monday, September 28, 7:00 PM*

Having an adopted ancestor can often be one of the most frustrating and challenging aspects of genealogy research. Join Matt Rutherford, Newberry Library librarian and adoptee, as he discusses ways of unearthing details of an adoption when they aren’t readily available.

**CSI: Cemetery Search and Investigation**
*LIVE*  
*Monday, October 26, 7:00 PM*

Get tips and suggestions for finding that elusive ancestor’s burial place and other types of information that may be available.

**Preserving Family Heirlooms**
*LIVE*  
*Monday, November 23, 7:00 PM*

Learn how to preserve valuable family documents, photos, fabrics and glass for future generations through proper storage and simple preservation techniques.

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS**

These virtual groups meet via Zoom. Once you register, you’ll receive instructions on how to participate in the event. For more information, contact Tania at 815.263.8145 (text only) or thess@plainfieldpubliclibrary.org. Se habla español.

**Virtual ESL Conversation Club**
*LIVE*  
*Thursdays, 10:00 to 11:45 AM*

Practice while connecting with friends. Share ideas and culture and discuss current events, family life and anything relevant to you.

**Virtual Reading Club for English Language Learners**
*LIVE*  
*Mondays, 10:00 to 11:45 AM*

Learn new words, practice your pronunciation and become more fluent in English in a relaxed group. Improve your English by reading and discussing information from newspapers, magazines and books.
Local Author Visit with Jay Grochowski
Tuesday, September 1 to Sunday, September 6

Indie author Jay Grochowski discusses the inspiration for his award-nominated novel, Kelli’s Pine. The captivating story of achieving redemption through love, perseverance, parenthood and baseball belongs on your reading list.

History and Historical Fiction Writing
Monday, November 9 to Sunday, November 15

Christine Kindberg, author of the historical fiction young adult novel The Means That Make Us Strangers, examines how writers of historical fiction deal with differences in technology, shifts in mindset and changes in language over time.

Indie Author Day
November 7

On this day, libraries and organizations around the world welcome local indie authors and celebrate local writers and self-publishing. Check out our digital content curated just for local writers. Discover these resources by visiting the Online Resources section of the website: plainfieldpubliclibrary.org.

WRITING RESOURCES

Biblioboard
Browse collections on a variety of topics including literature, art and history as well as self-published works from authors in Illinois and nationwide.

PressBooks via Inkie.org
Edit, format and generate print-ready and eBook formats for your book through Inkie.org which also includes eBooks from local, self-published authors.

SELF-e
SELF-e is an innovative collaboration between Library Journal and BiblioBoard that enables authors and libraries to work together and introduce notable self-published eBooks to readers looking to discover something new.

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A NOVEL IDEA VIRTUAL BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Third Wednesday, 2:00 PM
Registration required. Copies of the book may be downloaded through hoopla. Limited copies may be available at the Reference and Reader Services Desk.

September 16:
The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson

October 21:
Searching for Sylvie Lee by Jean Kwok

November 18:
Lakewood by Megan Giddings

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

Fall Learning Challenge
September 28 through November 7
Did you know that you can learn a variety of new skills online through your library? From speaking Spanish to learning needlepoint to Photoshop! We are challenging you to unlock badges and earn prizes by taking a free course through Creativebug, LinkedIn Learning or Mango Languages this fall. Visit plainfieldpubliclibrary.beanstack.org to get started.

SERVICES FOR BUSINESS

Business Over Breakfast
Friday, August 28, 9:30 AM
The first 30 seconds of the primary interaction with another individual is of critical importance. Susan Hohlman of I-2-Eye Consulting will instruct individuals on how to engage others and introduce themselves within a short time frame. This program will take place at HopScotch & Vine, 24047 Lockport Street.

SCORE Business Roundtables
Second Wednesdays, 6:30 PM
SCORE Businesses are moderated open discussions addressing issues faced by entrepreneurs and business owners who attend. Gain new insights, different perspectives and techniques that will help you in your business. Participants will come away better prepared to start up or manage a business. https://bit.ly/scoreppl

We’re on LinkedIn!
The Plainfield Public Library Career and Business Group is a place where community members can connect to network and discuss career changes, job searching, business growth, entrepreneurship and more. Connect with us today and grow your network!

SERVICES FOR JOB SEEKERS

Job Club
Third Wednesday, 12:00 to 1:30 PM
Share and learn from guest speakers in a friendly and helpful atmosphere. There will be time for networking.

September 16: Resume Revamp - Tell the Story Behind the Story Lauren Milligan, ResuMAYDAY
Update and polish your resume. Every component of a resume will be discussed using real-world examples and class exercises. Employment industry secrets will also be shared.

October 21: The “Networking” Road Less Traveled Paul Cameron, DriveStaff, Inc & SpeedUpMyJobSearch.com
The path we choose in response to setbacks determines our ultimate destination. Take the road less traveled and learn an approach to networking that can impact your entire career.

November 18: Job Search Ronin: Riding the Waves of Workplace Change Jim Fergle, Manager of Job Search & Veterans Services, workNet DuPage
Learn how organizations operate, the difference between employee and free agent, as well as strategies to being adaptable and employable.

Tech Help
Schedule a one hour session via Zoom with a librarian between 10 AM and 6 PM and get your tech questions answered! To schedule call 815.327.2515 or email info@plainfieldpubliclibrary.org.

Tech Classes
A variety of rotating classes featuring Microsoft (MS) Office 16. For descriptions of these classes and to register, call 815.327.2515 or visit: plainfieldpubliclibrary.org/events-programs/technology-training.

TINKERCAD CLASS
Wednesday, October 7, 7:00 PM
Learn the basics of creating 3D designs from scratch using this free website.
COVID-19: GLOBAL PANDEMIC, LOCAL EXPERIENCES

Open to kids, teens and adults
From across the globe to across the street, the COVID-19 pandemic has affected each one of us in ways that will not only go down in history but will also shape our future for years to come. Submit stories, essays, artwork or photos based on your experiences during the pandemic. Visit the Library’s website for writing prompts and to submit your work through our online portal. This collection will be available through Biblioboard. Submissions from all ages and experiences are welcome and encouraged. Service hours can be earned for submitting to this collection.