We’re Here For You

What a year 2020 has turned out to be! We have spent the past months reorganizing and reprioritizing. This has meant getting creative with how we serve the community, both in-person and online. The Board of Trustees and staff have looked closely at what we need to run our organization as efficiently as possible while best serving the community during these uncertain times.

Here’s what we have been doing:

- Implementing new contactless services to keep our staff and the community safe, like Curbside Pickup and soon-to-be-installed Community Lockers!
- Staying up-to-date on health and safety precautions for the community and our library items.
- Doing more with less. We are reducing our spending and being strategic with our finances in order to conserve our budget.
- Committing to change through conversations and action concerning equity, diversity and inclusion in staffing, services, collections and more.
- Creating new programming opportunities to connect and engage with the community including virtual programming, outdoor activities and online sharing.
- Remaining responsive to the ever-changing environment by adjusting our hours and limiting the use of our public spaces.

There is no way to tell what the coming months or years will bring. What we do know is that the Plainfield Public Library District and its staff will continue to be excited and flexible to serve and support the community. We appreciate all the support we have received since we reopened in June. If you are looking for a way to support the Library in the coming months, the best way is to get a library card, use our services, follow us on social media and tell your friends.

The Library is here to support you. We are stronger together.
CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS

This is a brief sampling of the live virtual programming for children this winter. Once registered, you will receive instructions on how to participate in each event. For a full listing, please check our online calendar each week so that you don’t miss out on any new additions!

Family Bedtime Storytime
All Ages
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Tuesday, February 9
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6:30 to 7:00 PM

Enjoy stories and songs presented by your favorite Library ladies.

Mystery Challenge Kit
Grades 1 to 5
Monday, December 14
Registration begins November 30

Calling all junior detectives. We need your help! Test your mystery-solving, code-cracking and puzzle-piecing skills in this family-friendly whodunit challenge. Stop by the Library to pick up your kit, then take it home to solve on your own time.

Family At-Home Scavenger Hunt
All Ages
Thursday, December 17
Registration begins December 3
5:00 to 5:45 PM OR 6:00 to 6:45 PM

The search is on, and it’s in your own home! Join us for a family friendly at-home scavenger hunt. Points will be awarded, and prizes will be won. Will your family have what it takes to be victorious? One registration per family.

Dance Into the Noon Year
All Ages
Thursday, December 31
Registration begins Thursday, December 17
11:30 AM to 12:05 PM

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

VALENTINE SCAVENGER HUNT
All Ages
Monday, February 1 through Saturday, February 13
All Day
Find all the hidden valentines in the Library to reveal a secret message and win a prize.

SHORT STORY CONTEST FOR GRADES 4, 5 AND 6
The Library is accepting entries for the Annual Short Story Contest from December 14 through January 29. Visit the Library’s website or the Youth Services Desk for the rules.

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Drawing Class: Myth, Magic and Monsters  
Grades K to 5  
Monday, January 18  
Registration begins January 4  
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Join cartoonist Mark Anderson as he teaches you how to draw all sorts of mythological, fantasy and fairy tale characters!

Mystery in a Box  
Grades 3 to 5  
Tuesday, January 19  
Registration begins January 5  
Tuesday, February 16  
Registration begins February 2  
6:00 to 6:30 PM

Pick up your supplies from the Library, then join us to solve the mystery of what is in your box.

Virtual Super Snowflakes  
Ages 6 to 10  
Monday, January 25  
Registration begins January 11  
6:00 to 6:45 PM

Join a member of our Council of Advisory Teens (C.A.T.S.) as they teach you how to create awesome paper snowflakes. Supplies are provided and can be picked up from the Youth Services Desk after registration.

MINIATURE ART GALLERY  
All Ages  
Monday, January 11 to Saturday, January 30

We’re having an art show, and you are invited! Pick up your miniature art kit from the Youth Services Desk starting January 4, while supplies last. Return your artwork by January 23 to be featured in our tiny art gallery in the Library’s front window.

Storytime with Rapunzel  
All Ages  
Monday, February 15  
Registration begins Monday, February 1  
11:00 to 11:30 AM

Feeling stuck inside your house with nothing to do? Watch stay-at-home expert Rapunzel present a live storytime filled with stories and fun.

DIY Fidget Toy Creations  
Ages 6 to 10  
Monday, February 22  
Registration begins February 8  
6:00 to 6:45 PM

Sometimes it’s hard to sit still, especially when learning online. Fidget toys can be a great solution. Learn to make your own fun fidget toys with the help of our Council of Advisory Teens! Supplies provided.
**TEEN PROGRAMS**

All programs below are virtual.

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**De-Stress Event**

*Grades 6 to 12*

*Thursday, December 3*

*Registration begins November 19*

*7:00 to 8:30 pm*

Join us for a night of fun and relaxing activities. We will practice guided meditation, pop some virtual bubble wrap, listen to calming sounds and take some time away from the stresses of school and everyday life.

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**Creative Cartooning for Teens**

*Grades 6 to 12*

*Monday, December 7*

*Registration begins November 23*

*6:00 to 7:00 pm*

Join cartoonist Mark Anderson for this fun and in-depth class that teaches you how to brainstorm ideas, write and edit captions, layout and sketch concepts and ink and shade your own cartoons.

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**Plainfield C.A.T.S.**

*(Council of Advisory Teens)*

*Grades 6 to 12*

*Monday, December 14*

*Registration begins November 30*

*Monday, January 11*

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*Monday, February 8*

*Registration begins January 25*

*6:00 to 6:45 pm*

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

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**Practice SAT**

*Grades 9 to 12*

*Saturday, January 16*

*Registration begins January 2*

*12:00 to 3:00 pm*

Join C2 Education for a SAT practice test. Registration also qualifies you for a complimentary consultation with the Center Director to go over your test results.

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**FREE MOVIES WITH KANOPY**

Gain access to over 30,000 films with your Plainfield Library card. This streaming collection is incredibly unique and profiles films that not only entertain, but also educate, enlighten and inspire with content for both kids and adults. Download the Kanopy app for Android and iOS or visit the Library’s website to get started.

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Tech Teens: Game Design Building Blocks 1
Grades 6 to 12
Monday, January 18
Registration begins January 4
6:00 to 7:30 pm

Have you ever wanted to design games or apps? Learn the basics of HTML and CSS webpage design from technology expert, Nick Hansen. All skill levels are welcome.

DIY Needle Felted Winter Creatures with Benzie Design
Grades 6 to 12
Wednesday, February 10
Registration begins January 27
6:30 to 8:30 pm

Join Stephanie from Benzie Design to create your own wintery fuzzy friend. Supplies included.

Teen Murder Mystery Party
Grades 6 to 12
Monday, February 15
Registration begins February 1
6:00 to 8:00 pm

You’re invited to a virtual murder mystery party that is a modern twist on the movie Clue. A professional actor leads the game while you try and solve the murder mystery before time runs out. You are a suspect, but did you do it?

WINTER TAKE AND MAKES

Thursdays beginning at 10:00 AM

December 3
De-Stress Kits

December 10
Ugly “Sweater” Kits

January 14
Constellation Charm Kits

January 21
D & D Starter Kits

January 28
Watercolor Bookmarks

February 4
Cosplay Arm Bands

February 11
Prism Light Jars

February 18
Tetris Magnets

February 25
DIY Kool-Aid Lip Gloss
ADULT PROGRAMS

For everyone’s safety, all adult programs require registration and will be held virtually. Register by calling 815.327.2515 or online through the Events Calendar at plainfieldpubliclibrary.librarymarket.com. Once registered, you’ll receive instructions on how to participate in the event.

MINDFUL OF RACE
Monday, February 8 to Sunday, February 14

Mindfulness can be a path to exploring race, learning our biases and becoming allies in the quest to have freedom and acceptance for all. Dr. Nathalie Edmond discusses strategies for everyday life and talking about anti-racism in a compassionate way.

Cooking

Elegant Holiday Dinner Ideas
Tuesday, December 1 to Sunday, December 6

Spend some time with Chef Susan Maddox and learn to make a memorable holiday dinner. She demonstrates a new twist on Beef Wellington, Sauteed Salmon and Oven Roasted Chicken Breast. Recipes are provided.

Betty Crocker and Her Cookbook
Monday, February 16 to Sunday, February 21

Created in 1921 by a flour company, Betty Crocker became the most famous and most trusted advisor to American cooks. This fun, illustrated presentation by historian Leslie Goddard looks at how Betty Crocker was invented, why her cookbook has endured and what makes her so iconic.

Crafts

Modern Hand Lettering
Tuesday, December 1 to Sunday, December 13

Learn the basics of hand lettering to create custom cards, signs and gifts. A variety of techniques are demonstrated using specialty or everyday pens. Printable practice worksheets provided.

Holiday Bow Making
Tuesday, December 1 to Sunday, December 20

‘Tis the season to create beautiful bows for your holiday packages. Take bow making from practice to perfection by watching the demonstration video. Pick up a holiday bow making kit at the Reference Desk starting December 1. Kits are first come, first serve. Limited to one kit per adult, no reservations.

Introduction to Alcohol Ink Painting
Monday, February 1 to Sunday, February 7

Go outside your crafty comfort zone with alcohol ink painting. This demonstration provides basic techniques and tips to help you create a unique piece of artwork.

Entertainment

The Beatles, Chicago and the 1960s
Monday, December 7 to Sunday, December 13

Relive the excitement of Beatlemania during the 1960s. Author and Joliet Junior College Professor John L. Lyons shares an entertaining presentation about the unique connections between the Windy City and The Beatles. Untold stories are revealed.
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 Reading Club for English Language Learners
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.

Virtual ESL Conversation Club
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.

Completely Cracked Christmas
Monday, December 14 to Sunday, December 27

Join GRAMMY-nominated Dave Rudolf and Friends for a hilarious skewering of Christmas and winter tunes. Featuring parodies and funny original music of Christmas favorites, Dave takes on the yuletide season in this entertaining show.

Exercise

The Practice of Tai Chi
Monday, January 4 to Sunday, January 10

Instructor Erica Bough brings Tai Chi to a new level with the addition of the 8 Brocades movements. The goal of the class is to experience internal energy, improve body structure and increase blood flow.

MANGO LANGUAGES

Mango provides online language learning instruction for over 60 languages, many recently expanded, including English Language Learner (ELL) courses, Spanish, French, Japanese, Arabic, Polish and even Pirate! Download the Mango app today or visit the Online Resources section of the website to get started.
PiYo Workout
Monday, January 18 to Sunday, January 24

Join instructor Amy Rudakas for a PiYo workout. PiYo is a low impact, athletic workout set to upbeat music. PiYo combines the mind/body practices of yoga and Pilates, as well as the principles of stretch, strength training, conditioning and dynamic movement.

Health

Power of Attorney for Healthcare Checklist
Monday, January 11 to Sunday, January 17

Attorneys at Delaney Delaney & Voorn, Ltd. have put together tips and expert advice, so you can make informed and binding legal decisions for your healthcare needs.

History

Terminal City: Chicago’s Passenger Stations
Monday, January 25 to Sunday, January 31

Step back in time for a glimpse into the stations and passengers who passed through Chicago by train, and see why Chicago was the gateway city for anyone traveling cross country in the golden era of rail.

African American Heroes and Sheroes
Monday, February 1 to Sunday, February 7

Inspired by her own family’s dreams and goals, storyteller Linda Gorham shares history, songs and pictures of African American men and women who broke color barriers and had remarkable accomplishments often in spite of difficult circumstances.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS SERIES

Tune in each week in January to learn more about concrete steps you can take to improve your daily health and wellness. This series is designed to provide easily understandable information on common health topics. Presentations are brought to you by The American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists from the UIC College of Pharmacy.

Mindfulness
Monday, January 4 to Sunday, January 10

Diabetes Mellitus Type 2 Risk Assessment Chart
Monday, January 11 to Sunday, January 17

Cardiovascular Health
Monday, January 18 to Sunday, January 24

Over the Counter/Rx Safety
Monday, January 25 to Sunday, January 31
SERVICES FOR BUSINESS

SCORE Business Roundtables
Second Wednesdays, 6:30 PM
SCORE Business Roundtables 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. Register at https://bit.ly/scoreppl.

December 9: End of the Year Reflection for Small Businesses
The end of a calendar year is typically a busy time for small businesses. But it is also a good time to reflect on the passing year with the intent of being able to apply increased understanding to the future. We may still need to talk about COVID-19, but what are some other aspects of our businesses should we be reflecting on?

January 13: Who’s on Your Team?
Many experts recommend that people starting in business have a team of professionals with whom the person meets before taking any actual steps towards their business. Attorney, banker, accountant? Who else? Why? How can one afford to do this? How can one afford not to?

February 10: If I Had Known Then...
Hindsight may or may not be 20/20. But talking with others about their experiences of what steps to take and how can be beneficial for owners of businesses at any stage of development. Join us to share your experiences and benefit from the experiences of others.

REFERENCE SOLUTIONS
(FORMERLY REFERENCE USA)
New name, same great product! Create marketing plans, conduct competitive analysis, search for jobs and locate people using real-time access to more than 44 million businesses, 270 million consumers and more. Visit the Online Resources section of the website for access.
**GENEALOGY**

*Unlocking the Secrets of Your Family Tree*  
**Monday, January 25, 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 22, 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**

**Tech Help**  
Schedule a one hour session via Zoom with a librarian between 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM and get your tech questions answered! To schedule, call 815.327.2515 or email info@plainfieldpubliclibrary.org.

**Technology 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.

**A NOVEL IDEA VIRTUAL BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**

*Second Thursday, 7:00 PM OR Third Wednesday, 2:00 PM*  
Registration required. Once registered, you will receive instructions to join the event. Copies are available at the Reference Desk.

- **December 10 or December 16:** Dickens for the holidays! We'll explore the classic tale *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens. You can read the original story or one of these titles:  
  - *Mr. Dickens and His Carol* by Samantha Silva  
  - *Marley* by Jon Clinch  
  - *The Man Who Invented Christmas* by Les Standiford

- **January 14 or January 20:** *The Falling Woman* by Richard Farrell  
- **February 11 or February 17:** *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett

**GO GO GADGETS**

Explore all that you can do with equipment and technology from your Library with the recently expanded GoGo Gadgets collection. There are now over 50 items available for check out including Nintendo Switch Lites, Virtual Reality sets, drones, craft kits, household tools and so much more.

Visit bit.ly/ppldggg to browse the collection and place holds. If you would like to suggest a gadget to add to the collection or you have a gadget you would like to donate, contact kkohn@plainfieldpubliclibrary.org.
Adult Programs

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.

December 16:
Job Transition and Holidays: Managing Your Stress
Jacqui Neurauter, BodyMind Therapy Coach
During a job transition, family expectations and money worries during the holidays can be overwhelming. Learn simple techniques to help relax your body and mind and better meet these challenges.

January 20:
LinkedIn Secrets for Job Search Success
Sue Gresham, LinkedIn Coach, Consultant and Trainer
As a job seeker, just being on LinkedIn is not enough, you need to maximize all the LinkedIn tools available to set yourself apart. Learn how to use these tools and other secrets for job search success.

February 17:
Re-Launch You: Career Transition Tactics and Tools
Catherine Morgan, Point A to Point B Transitions, Inc.
Losing your job can take a toll on your emotional and physical well-being. Explore your next steps and learn how to navigate the potholes of age, salary, extended transition time and more.

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! Visit linkedin.com/groups/13882410.
Winter Reading Challenge

All Ages
January 1 to February 28

We are challenging you to push the boundaries of your reading comfort zone by expanding your reading across genres, topics and authors. Read and log two books in one of the suggested areas and receive a prize: a scarf, neck gaitor or Shhh! I am Reading socks (while supplies last) and an entry to win a $50 gift card.

If you are looking for guidance on what to read, please see reading lists or visit the friendly staff at the Reference or Youth Services Desk for age appropriate recommendations. Register at plainfieldpubliclibrary.beanstack.org. #ReadWoke