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# PALOS HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY



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PUBLIC LIBRARY

## 2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

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**110,826**

VISITS



32% increase over 2022

2

**144,503** ITEMS BORROWED



19% increase over 2022

**18,314**  
VIDEOS,  
MAGAZINES,  
AUDIO,  
AND OTHER



**27,851** E-BOOKS

CONSISTING OF  
**98,338** BOOKS

**4,179**  
TEEN ITEMS

**62,287**  
CHILDREN'S  
ITEMS



CONSISTING OF  
**78,037**  
ADULT ITEMS

3

**577** PROGRAMS  
WITH **10,014**  
ATTENDEES



72% increase over 2022

4

**9,962**  
WIFI SESSIONS



38% increase over 2022

5

**18,380**  
REFERENCE  
QUESTIONS ANSWERED



6

**1,867**  
STUDY ROOM  
RESERVATIONS AND  
**104**  
PUBLIC MEETINGS  
HOSTED





## CHECK OUT OUR SPANISH AND ARABIC LANGUAGE COLLECTIONS!

The Public Services department is pleased to announce two new collections featuring books written in Spanish and Arabic. We have also updated our existing Polish language collection. The collections include fiction and non-fiction titles, from cookbooks, to translated English best-sellers, to books originating in those languages. All three of these collections can be found on the shelves behind the magazines, at the front of the non-fiction section. Also, access thousands of books, magazines, and newspapers in dozens of languages online through Libby, Media on Demand, and PressReader.

We'd like your help in growing these collections. If there's an author, title, or subject you'd like to see that we don't yet have, let us know at the Public Services desk.



### EASTER EXCITEMENT!

**Top:** Easter egg hunt at Palos Country Club in 1966.

**Bottom:** An Easter bonnet modeled by Eileen McGrath in 1966.

Both photos are in our Local History Collection courtesy of The Regional Newspaper.

Do you have photos of life in Palos Heights from the 1950s or 1960s? We are looking to fill-out our collection and would appreciate any photos you can share with us. Contact the Public Services department for details.



### FABLAB PROJECTS OF THE MONTH



March: Shamrock bookmarks made with the Glowforge  
April: Paper flowers made with the Cricut

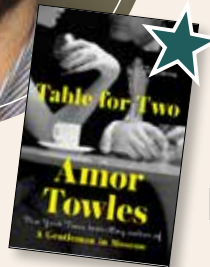


# Staff Picks



**Matt**

Head of Public Services



**Table for Two**  
by Amor Towles

Amor Towles has a new book coming out in April, and if it's anything like his previous books, you'll want to get yourself on a hold list for it immediately. Readers will recall Towles as the author of past smash hits such as *A Gentleman in Moscow* and *The Lincoln Highway*. The new book, *Table for Two*, is a slight departure in that it is a short story collection, not a novel.

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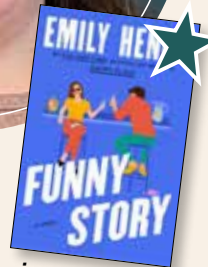
Six of the short stories are set in New York City around the year 2000. The book also includes a novella that features Evelyn Ross, a character from his previous novel *Rules of Civility*, in Los Angeles during the Golden Age of Hollywood in the late 1930s.

Now, I am generally not a short story person. I tend to prefer full-length novels, though lately I've read some short story collections that have been challenging that perception. But a collection of stories from Amor Towles? A novella that tells us what's next for the intriguing Evelyn Ross? Sign me up. And don't forget to sign yourself up, either!



**Emily**

Public Services Librarian



**Funny Story**  
by Emily Henry

April showers bring May flowers and also Emily Henry's new contemporary romance, *Funny Story*! Daphne is starting a new chapter in her life after her fiancé leaves her for another woman days before their wedding.

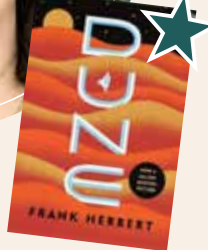
“Bestseller Henry takes on fake-dating in this equally poignant and charming tale of love after loss... Henry perfectly balances sorrow and discord with love and humor, and romance fans will appreciate watching the growth of the characters' relationships and of Daphne as a person. This is a heartwarming take on summer love.”  
- Publishers Weekly

Stranded in a small town, the one person she is able to confide in happens to be the new fiancé's ex, Miles. What could possibly go wrong? After a wicked turn of events, the unsuspecting pair become roommates. The silence is deafening until one night, and many drinks later, they concoct the perfect plan to post misleading photos online to ensure that their exes think they are dating! Will their plan work, or will it all blow up in their faces? Put your copy on hold today for their April 23rd release!



**Christina**

Public Services Librarian



**Dune**  
by Frank Herbert

If you are into sci-fi epics, you will be excited to know that the *Dune Part 2* movie will be releasing on March 1. It is the sequel to the *Part 1* movie released back in 2021. Its release has been highly anticipated, since the first grossed \$402 million worldwide and had highly favorable reviews. The movies are based off of *Dune*, the first book in a science-fiction series written by Frank Herbert and still continued to this day by his son, Brian Herbert, and author Kevin J. Anderson. It was originally published as serials in *Analog Magazine* from 1963-1965.

“What follows is a story of betrayal, adventure, and fate.”

This epic is set 20,000 years into our future, when humans have spread across the universe. It is the coming of age story of Paul Atreides, the fifteen-year-old son of Duke Leto of House Atreides. His life is upheaved as his family is sent to govern the planet Arrakis, a planet of sand rich in a resource known as Spice. Many powerful families seek to govern Arrakis, ignoring the original inhabitants of the planet known as the Fremen. Turns out, that may not have been such a good idea. What follows is a story of betrayal, adventure, and fate. If you are interested in either the movie or the book series, please visit the Public Services Desk.

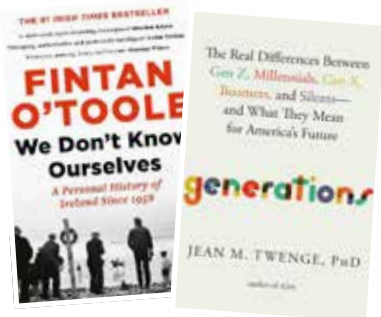


# Adult Events

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## BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Books will be available one month in advance at the Front Desk. New members are always welcome!



### Lunch Bunch Book Discussion

Second Monday of the Month at 12 pm

**Mar. 11** - *We Don't Know Ourselves: A Personal History of Modern Ireland* by Fintan O'Toole

**Apr. 8** - *Generations: The Real Differences Between Gen Z, Millennials, Gen X, Boomers, and Silents – And What They Mean for America's Future* by Jean M. Twenge

### Teatime on Tuesdays Book Discussion

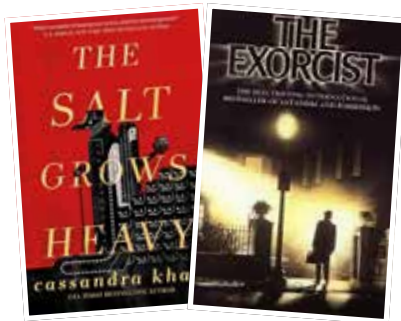
Third Tuesday of the month at 2 pm

Join us for our monthly fiction book discussion! Bring your favorite mug and enjoy library-provided tea and discourse.

**Mar. 19** - *There, There* by Tommy Orange

**Apr. 16** - *Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger

### NEW! Horror Book Discussion



Second Wednesday of the month at 7 pm

Join our new horror book discussion!

**Mar. 13** - *The Salt Grows Heavy* by Cassandra Khaw

**Apr. 10** - *The Exorcist* by William Peter Blatty

## SPICE CLUB

Welcome to Spice Club, where each month you get to take home a different spice, a couple of recipes, a bit of history, and some related book recommendations. Make one (or more!) of the recipes, take a picture, and send it in with your comments. Open to Palos Heights cardholders only. You must sign-up even if you have signed-up in the past.

### March's spice: Za'atar

Sign-Up Friday, Mar. 1–Friday, Mar. 8

Pick-Up Spice Kits Monday, Mar. 11–Friday, Mar. 15

### April's spice: Ginger

Sign-Up Monday, Apr. 1–Friday, Apr. 5

Pick-Up Spice Kits Monday, Apr. 8–Friday, Apr. 12



## ADULT PROGRAMS

### Oscar Preview 2024

Thursday, Mar. 7, 7 pm

Get ready for this year's Oscar awards with library staff as we watch movie trailers and discuss the nominees. You'll also be able to pick up your ballot for our annual Oscar contest!

### Domestic Violence in Later Life

Tuesday, Mar. 12, 7 pm

Tracy Curtis from the Crisis Center of South Suburbia discusses elder abuse and who can be victimized, as well as the barriers for why victims do not seek help and how ageism impacts the way abuse is addressed. Information will be provided on how to prevent and respond to elder abuse.

### Irish Music Concert: Dr. Murphy's Band

Thursday, Mar. 14, 7 pm

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a lively concert of Irish music from Dr. Murphy's Band!

### Make a Mini Scrapbook Album

Tuesday, Mar. 19, 7 pm

Learn how to make an 8-page mini scrapbook with presenter Mary Beth Sexton! All you need to bring is 15-20 printed photos, the rest of the supplies will be provided. Beginners welcome, space is limited, register beginning March 1!

### Ruth E. Carter: Interweaving Tradition and Imagination Through Costume Design

Wednesday, Mar. 20, 7 pm

Join us for a special event with Ruth E. Carter, two-time Academy Award-winning costume designer. Carter made history as the first Black person to win an Academy Award in Best Costume Design for the film, *Black Panther*, as well as *Black Panther: Wakanda Forever*. Courtesy of Illinois Libraries Present, this program will be in hybrid format with a virtual presenter.

### Traditional Mexican Street Tacos with Chef Violeta Trujeque

Thursday, Mar. 21, 6:30 pm

Submerge yourself in authentic Mexican street food culture with Chef Violeta Trujeque, originally from Veracruz, Mexico, as she demonstrates how to prepare traditional street tacos from scratch. Samples provided. Space is limited! Note the earlier than usual start time.

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## Women of the Vietnam War

**Tuesday, Mar. 26, 7 pm**

For Women's History Month, historian Kathryn Atwood presents the experiences of women from all sides of the Vietnam War: military personnel, civilians, medics, and journalists.

## Eclipses: Why and Where?

**Thursday, Mar. 28, 7 pm**

Prior to the near-total solar eclipse on April 8, 2024, Moraine Valley Professor Steven Merri-man will talk about the science behind eclipses, ideal viewing locations, and more!

## Dr. Temple Grandin: The Hidden Gifts of Visual Thinkers

**Wednesday, Apr. 3, 7 pm**

Join us for a special event with Dr. Grandin, one of the world's most accomplished and well-known adults with autism. Dr. Grandin has been at the forefront of research and activism for autism and neurodiversity for decades. Courtesy of Illinois Libraries Present, this program will be in hybrid format with a virtual presenter.

## Managing Stress & Anxiety

**Thursday, Apr. 4, 7 pm**

Learn how to manage stress naturally with tips from Carolyn Johnson of Pass Health Foods.

## Scrapbooking: Open Crop

**Saturday, Apr. 6, 9:30 am–4:30 pm**

Drop-in with your own supplies to work with master scrapper Mary Beth Sexton.

## Airline Safety

**Tuesday, Apr. 9, 7 pm**

Local resident Jerry Lawler, a retired 30-year airline captain, talks about airline safety and provides a behind-the-scenes look at everything your flight entails from start to finish.

## Sustainability at Home: Composting

**Thursday, Apr. 11, 7 pm**

Curbside composting is coming to Palos Heights, and Cook County's Community Outreach Coordinator Kate Carney will discuss composting and reducing food waste. Learn the basics and find the right composting method for your home.

## White Sox & Cubs Legends

**Tuesday, Apr. 16, 7 pm**

Historian Tim Wilsey takes us back through the history of the Cubs and White Sox to celebrate their legends throughout the years. From Cubs greats Ernie Banks, Greg Maddux, Sweet Swing-ing Billie Williams, and many more to White Sox stars Minnie Minoso, Luke Appling, Carlton Fisk, and more. Plus, Tim will reveal his pick for the greatest hitter in Chicago history.

## Gardening for Birds, Butterflies, and Bees

**Thursday, Apr. 18, 7 pm**

Honeybees, native bees, monarchs, moths, and many lesser-known insects rely on native plants for survival and reproduction. Explore recommended pollinator-attracting plants for Midwest gardens including native and non-native culti-vars, and nectar-rich varieties.

## Fraud Awareness and Prevention

**Tuesday, Apr. 23, 7 pm**

April is Financial Literacy Month, and David Kwiatkowski, manager of the Palos Heights Old National Bank branch, will be here to tell you about financial fraud and what signs to look out for so you don't become a victim.

## Puzzle Palooza

**Thursday, Apr. 25, 6:30 pm**

Let's find the fastest jigsaw puzzlers in Palos Heights! Teams receive the same 300-piece puzzle. Winners get a gift card to a puzzle store! Register in teams up to 4 people. Space is limited.

## Overlooked Women in American History

**Monday, Apr. 29, 2 pm**

Historian Gary Midkiff joins us to talk about 9 women you probably have not heard of who broke barriers and made our country better. One risked her life to improve conditions for immigrants at Ellis Island. Three fought prejudice against intelligent black women. Another organized the U.S. Sanitary Commission, helping the Union during the U.S. Civil War.

## The History of Willie Nelson

**Tuesday, Apr. 30, 7 pm**

Willie is the face, heart, and soul of country music, and he's still going strong! He released his 74th album in 2023 and turns 91 in April. Music historian Gary Wenstrup will trace the arc of Willie's career from his humble beginnings in Texas to his struggles in Nashville to his shift to Outlaw Country to his now legendary status.



## Sunday @ The Cinema

Third Sunday of the Month at 2 pm

**Mar. 17 - The Quiet Man (1952)**

A retired American boxer returns to the village of his birth in 1920s Ireland, where he falls for a spirited redhead whose brother is contemptuous of their union. Starring John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara.

Rating: PG

Runtime: 2 hours 9 minutes

**Apr. 21 - The Holdovers**

A cranky history teacher at a remote prep school is forced to remain on campus over the holidays with a troubled student who has no place to go and a grieving cook. Starring Paul Giamatti, Da'Vine Joy Randolph, and Dominic Sessa.

Rating: R (language, some drug use, brief sexual material)

Runtime: 2 hours 13 minutes



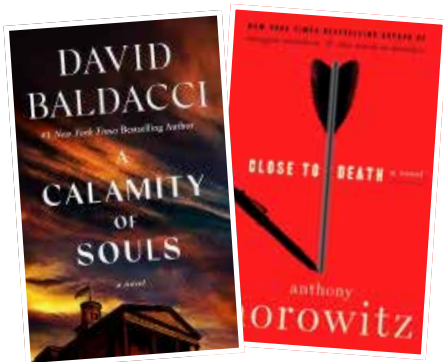
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## MARCH FICTION

**Never Too Late** – Danielle Steel  
**The #1 Lawyer** – James Patterson  
**The Truth About the Devlins** – Lisa Scottoline  
**The Hunter** – Tana French  
**Still See You Everywhere** – Lisa Gardner  
**The Princess of Las Vegas** – Chris Bohjalian  
**Expiration Dates** – Rebecca Serle  
**The New Couple in 5B** – Lisa Unger  
**In Sunshine or in Shadow** – Rhys Bowen  
**The Sunlit Man** – Brandon Sanderson



## APRIL FICTION

**A Calamity of Souls** – David Baldacci  
**Toxic Prey** – John Sandford  
**It Had To Be You** – Mary Higgins Clark  
**Pay Dirt** – Sara Paretsky  
**An Unfinished Murder** – Jude Deveraux  
**Extinction** – Douglas Preston  
**She's Not Sorry** – Mary Kubica  
**Table for Two** – Amor Towles  
**The Museum of Lost Quilts** – Jennifer Chiaverini  
**The Summer We Started Over** – Nancy Thayer  
**Lucky** – Jane Smiley  
**Darling Girls** – Sally Hepworth  
**Close to Death** – Anthony Horowitz



## Computer Classes

The following classes are hands-on and are held in-person.  
Reservations are required.



### Tech Time with Emily

Tuesdays, 2–3 pm and Wednesdays, 6–7 pm

Have a question about your phone, your laptop, tablet, or need an answer to a tech question? Pop in with your device and Public Services Librarian Emily will work with you one-on-one to find the answers. Our Librarians are instructors and cannot fix malfunctioning devices. While we can't guarantee a solution to every problem, we are happy to work together in searching for one. Reservations are not necessary. Sessions are first come, first served.

### FabLab: Multilayer Shamrock Mandala

Tuesday, Mar. 5, 7 pm

Learn how to cut and then assemble a multilayer shamrock mandala using the Cricut.



### Microsoft Word Basics

Monday, Mar. 11, 2 pm

Learn more about the ins and outs of formatting documents and inserting media in Microsoft Word. Must have basic computer skills. This class will be held virtually via Zoom.

### FabLab: Minimalist Hardware-less Picture Frame

Tuesday, Apr. 2, 7 pm

Learn how to use the Glowforge and create a wooden 4x6 picture frame to take home!



### Internet Basics

Monday, Apr. 8, 2 pm

Learn basic internet terminology, how to navigate a browser, locate a website, identify common domains, and stay safe while searching the internet in this class.



# Youth Events

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## MARCH PROGRAMS



### Spring Tree Cotton Ball Painting

Tuesday, Mar. 5, 11 am, Ages 2-5

Create a masterpiece of spring trees with cotton balls and clothespins. Dress for a mess!

### Ramadan Celebration

Tuesday, Mar. 5, 4:30 pm, All Ages

A time of kindness, patience, and forgiving. Join us in celebrating the month of Ramadan with stories, crafts, and songs!

### STEAM: Fruit and Veggie Art!

Wednesday, Mar. 6, 4 pm, Grades K-3

Create your own beautiful art using vegetables and fruits! Dress for a mess!



### Monster Straw Painting

Thursday, Mar. 7, 4 pm, Grades 3-5

Get messy and make our own monsters. We will blow paint into a unique blob and then design and decorate our monster, using only a straw.

### Ladybug Craft

Monday, Mar. 11, 4 pm, Grades 3-5

Get ready to celebrate spring by creating a cute ladybug cut from our Cricut machine!

### Hopping like a Frog

Tuesday, Mar. 12, 4 pm, Grades K-3

Together we will learn about frogs, including their life cycle, habitats, and how they act.

## Spring Terrariums

Thursday, Mar. 14, 4 pm, Grades 3-5

Bring your own spring terrarium to life using pom poms, paper, and other basic crafting supplies!

## Let's Fly a Kite

Monday, Mar. 25, 5 pm, Grades K-3

Whoosh! Make kites out of tissue paper, yarn, and other basic craft supplies. When we are done making them, we will fly them together!



## Firefly Family Theatre: Grow

Tuesday, Mar. 26, 10:30 am, Ages 2-7

Spark the Firefly wants to plant a garden, but doesn't know how to get her plants to grow. With the help of her friends in the forest, Spark learns the parts of a plant, what they need to grow and the importance of patience. Audience will learn these concepts through music, puppets, poetry and interactive movement.

## Fine Motor Skills Playtime

Wednesday, Mar. 27, 11 am, Birth-5 yrs

Let's work together on your little one's fine motor skills. There will be matching, grasping, cutting, finger painting, and more. Dress for a mess!

## Cricut Bunny Boxes

Thursday, Mar. 28, 4 pm, Grades 3-5

Using the Cricut machine in the Fab Lab, you will cut and assemble your own bunny box, perfect for holding Easter candy or small toys!

## APRIL PROGRAMS

### Summer Reading Bookmark Contest

Apr. 1-Apr. 30, Grades K-12

Help us design a bookmark for our summer reading program. The theme this year is "Adventure Begins at PHPL!" Three winners will be selected from grades: K-2, 3-5, and 6-12. Grab a contest sheet at the Youth and Teen desk beginning Apr 1st, and designs are due by Apr 30th.



### Outer Space

Tuesday, Apr. 2, 4 pm, Grades K-3

Zoom, zoom, zoom! We're going to the moon! Get ready for the eclipse and make crafts about outer space.

### Facts and Crafts: Ocean Animals

Tuesday, Apr. 9, 4 pm, Grades K-3

Did you know sharks don't have bones? How about that some jellyfish can glow in the dark? Let's learn and make crafts about sharks, turtles, and jellyfish.



### 3D Gemstones

Thursday, Apr. 11, 4 pm, Grades 3-5

Bling! Bling! Make and decorate 3D gemstones using the Cricut machine in the FabLab.



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## STEAM: Spring Weather

Tuesday, Apr. 16, 4 pm, Grades K-3

As spring weather comes, learn about the life cycle of a raincloud with a hands-on activity. Then we'll make a craft.



## Rainy Day

Monday, Apr. 22, 5 pm, Grades K-3

Oh rain, rain, go away! Learn about spring showers with stories about a rainy day, rain crafts, and games!



## Paper Plate Frisbee

Tuesday, Apr. 23, 4 pm, Grades K-3

Get ready for playing outside by making and designing paper plate Frisbees.

## STORY TIMES

### Sensory Friendly Stories and Play

Tuesday, Mar. 19, 11:30 am, Ages 2-5

The library is excited to partner with Key Autism Services for this special program featuring both interactive stories and sensory friendly play in a welcoming, supportive setting.



## Furry Readers

Wednesday, Mar. 13, 4:30 pm, All Ages

Wednesday, Apr. 10, 4:30 pm, All Ages



## Nature Hour

Friday, Mar. 22, 10 am, Ages 2-5 (Green @the library)

Friday, Apr. 26, 10 am, Ages 2-5 (Earth @the library)

We are teaming up with Lake Katherine to learn about animals, weather, and the great outdoors at this monthly, nature-themed story time.

## Spring Storytime

Thursday, Mar. 14, 11:30 am, Ages Birth-23 mos.

## Sunshine Storytime

Wednesday, Mar. 20, 11:30 am, Ages 2-5

## Space Storytime

Thursday, Mar. 28, 11:30 am, Ages 2-5

## Tales for Twos

Wednesdays, Apr. 3-24, 11:30 am, 24-35 mos.

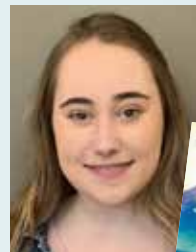
## Kindergarten Ready

Wednesdays, Apr. 3-24, 1 pm, Ages 3-5

## Little Wiggles

Thursdays, Apr. 4-25, 11:30 am, Birth-23 mos.

## STAFF PICKS



**Jolie**

YTS Assistant



### Something Like Home

by Andrea Beatriz Arango

*Something Like Home* by Andrea Beatriz Arango tells the story of a girl who has a plan to find her foster parents with some help from a loveable companion. Laura Rodriguez Colon lives with her aunt, Titi Silvia, after her parents enter rehab for addiction. She loves living with her aunt but wonders how life would be with her parents. She makes a new friend named Benson who is super friendly. This leads to Laura adopting a puppy named Sparrow, who she wants to train to be a therapy dog. Titi Silvia sees how important this is to Laura and helps her get Sparrow certified as a therapy dog to kids in school and in the hospital.

This is a warm and beautiful story that explores foster care and therapy dogs. This story is sure to warm the hearts of kids and adults alike. I love how Laura doesn't give up on the challenging process of getting her dog certified, and her friend Benson and her aunt are always there for her.

I recommend this book for readers in grades 3-5 who love a heartwarming story about finding happiness and surrounding yourself with loved ones who will always be there for you. Readers will enjoy seeing Laura make the best out of the challenges in her life, creating a beautiful friendship with Sparrow, and embarking on the journey that they create together.

# Tween & Teen Corner

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## STAFF PICKS



**Tina**  
Head of YTS

### **The Sunbearer Trials** by Aiden Thomas

Every decade, the most worthy semidioses compete in the Sunbearer Trials, a series of life or death events. At the end of the trials, the loser gets the high honor of being sacrificed to Sol. Their body will be melted down to refuel the sun stones for the next ten years.

Teo is a lowly jade and isn't concerned about the Sunbearer Trials. He's only there for the show since everyone knows that Sol only chooses golds to compete. However, Teo's world is turned upside down when he is one of two jades selected to compete in this year's trials. Niya is incredibly strong and Aurelio can manipulate fire. Golds have prepared for this event since they were born and Teo's only talent is that he can talk to birds. How will Teo make sure that he and his friends don't end up at the bottom of the leaderboard?

Masterful storytelling! Thomas does a great job of creating a fantasy world where teens with unique abilities compete in challenges for survival. This book is the first in a duology and is recommended for fans of mythology, fantasy, and action. Perfect for fans of *Percy Jackson* and *The Hunger Games*.

## Volunteers

Need volunteer hours and want to help the librarians? Drop in at the Youth and Teen Desk to pick up a form and learn about volunteering at the library. Please stop in anytime in March and April!



## Teen Book Box

**Sunday, Mar. 10, Grades 6–12**

**Wednesday, Apr. 10, Grades 6–12 (Sci-Fi Themed Box)**

Want an easier way to select a book? Let a librarian do it! Each box will include a book from our collection, a treat, and other fun things. Sign up by the 10th to receive the required questionnaire form to be submitted by the 12th. Boxes can be picked up starting the 15th of the month.

## STEAM: Attack on the Fort!

**Monday, Mar. 18, 4 pm, Grades 4–8**

Can you build the best catapult and fort? Using your ingenuity, create catapults and forts then battle it out!

## Abstract Watercolor

**Tuesday, Mar. 19, 4 pm, Grades 4–12**

Make abstract watercolor art by putting washi tape at various angles to make different shapes. Then you will paint the shapes to make an abstract work of art.

## Spring Has Sprung!

**Tuesday, Mar. 26, 4 pm, Grades 6–12**

Decorate a flower pot however you'd like. When we're done, we'll fill our pots with plants to celebrate the season!

## Video Game Club

**Wednesday, Mar. 27, 2 pm, Grades 4–8**

Can you beat a librarian in Mario Kart? Play the Switch and find out!

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## Moon Lanterns

**Monday, Apr. 8, 4 pm, Grades 6–12**

In honor of the eclipse, assemble your own moon lantern using our Cricut machine!



## Paper Flower Bouquets

**Thursday, Apr. 18, 4 pm, Grades 4–12**

Create beautiful flowers to brighten up your bedroom or give as a gift.

# Friends of the Library



The Friends of the Palos Heights Library is a non-profit organization dedicated to encouraging public interest and financial support for the library. They support various programs and cultural activities held at the library for the enjoyment of the entire community.



## The February Book Sale is a Wrap!

The Friends held their huge semi-annual used book sale in February and raised \$3,500 for the library! A few hundred visitors stopped in to peruse the thousands of books on offer over the course of a long weekend.

Thank you to all of the Friends volunteers who helped set up and run the event. Thank you to everyone who donated such high quality books for inclusion in the sale. Thank you to everyone who came and shopped.

Join  
Today!

## 2023 in Review

The Friends had an amazing 2023! They raised just under \$13,000 for the library during their two major book sales in February and August and via the Book Nook throughout the year.

These funds were given to the library to purchase a variety of items and programs. They purchased two new self-checkout systems which have already been used to check out over 50,000 items. They purchased amazing holiday decorations, keeping the library festive throughout the months of November and December. And they sponsored many of the library's biggest events and programs during the year including Fan Con, Holidays in the Heights, the Summer Reading Kickoff Party, and a number of performers.

If you're looking for an opportunity to contribute to the community, you can't do much better than volunteering for the Friends. Fill out the form on this page or come by the library any time to sign up!

## FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Individual (\$5)

☐ Family (\$10)

**Make checks payable to Friends of the Palos Heights Library.**  
Completed forms may be turned in at the circulation desk.

## Friends of the Library Meetings

The next Friends of the Library meeting will be  
**Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm** at the library.

## Friends of the Library Officers 2024

**President** – Bill Poore

**Secretary** – Barbara Allen

**Treasurer** – Mary Adams



### Book Donations

Do you have gently used books, DVDs, Blu-Rays, magazines, music, puzzles, or video games in need of a new home? Donate them to the Friends of the Library. Items can be dropped off at the library's Circulation Desk. Receipts are available on request.





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## LIBRARY HOURS

**Monday–Thursday:** 9 am – 9 pm

**Friday–Saturday:** 9 am – 5 pm

**Sunday:** 1 pm – 5 pm

**Phone:** (708) 448-1473

## LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Sunday, March 31 - Easter

## LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS

Thursday, March 21 at 7pm

Thursday, April 18 at 7pm

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Geraldine Burek, *President*

Rose Zubik, *Vice President*

Susan Snow, *Secretary*

Patrick Keough, *Treasurer*

Steve Foertsch

Sue Jankowski

Dianne Key

John Peltz

Hilary Rhodes

## LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Jesse Blazek

## DISABILITY STATEMENT

The library makes every effort to accommodate all patrons with disabilities. If you require special accommodations for a specific event or visit, please call or email us to let us know what we can do to prepare for your visit.

## Look Us Up On:



## IN THE DISPLAY CASE

**March** - Women and the Handkerchief by Linda Gray

**April** - National Library Week by Library Staff

*Some areas not served by the Palos Heights Public Library may receive this mailing because of post office routings*



Throughout the month of March, the library is collecting toiletry donations for



Facing Forward breaks the cycle of homelessness by providing housing and social services that empower individuals to face forward to a new future.

**Our thanks for your contribution!**



## DONATIONS

### Geri Burek

In memory of Michael W. Dillon  
Monetary Donation

### Kevin and Beth Waldman

In memory of Corinne Stocks  
Monetary Donation

### Joanne Ferneau

Monetary Donation