

The Newsletter of the Palos Heights Public Library

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From the Director's Corner:

My Uncle Mark has always been quite a character. When he heard that I wanted to become a librarian, he quipped, "I don't know why anyone reads books when they can just watch the movie instead!" Understand that Mark is an avid reader and library user, and he knows that he can get just about any book or movie at a library. He just likes to rib me a bit. But there's an interesting idea behind that joke. What is it about the experience of reading that makes it so different from watching a movie or TV series? In a world saturated with video streaming services, satellite radio, and podcasts, why does reading remain so incredibly popular?

There are so many good answers to this question, but for me it's because of the quiet. Reading forces me to block out the noise of the world and focus my attention on the words on the page. It forces me to be present in the moment, in order to immerse myself in the narrative. We live in a noisy world, and I appreciate the excuse to turn down the

volume and engage with one thought at a time. It's a rare thing for me these days.

Obviously, that doesn't mean that reading has to be peaceful or calming. I mostly read things that I find thought-provoking and exciting. My imagination is anything but quiet while engaged with a good book. But that's my noise, my creation, as opposed to the noise of the world. Reading allows me to connect with myself in a way that's become pretty rare.

Don't get me wrong, I'm a big fan of noise as well. Most of the time, when I'm active and doing things, I like to have some noise. I'll put on a podcast or music or even turn on a movie as I work through a project. But in a world of noise, books can give us an opportunity to be quiet and practice finding peace. And isn't peace something that we could also use a little more of?

Jesse Blazek
Library Director

TEEN TECH WEEK IS COMING...

Celebrate your love for Stranger Things and check out our FabLab the week of March 3-6. It's the perfect chance to discover some of the coolest tech that the library has to offer.

On Monday, we'll be making waffle keychains with the Glowforge.

Become a member of the Hellfire Club on Tuesday by making your own custom pencil case with the Cricut Autopress.

We'll be making Scoops Ahoy hats on the Cricut Hat Press on Wednesday.

And Thursday, we'll break out the button maker to make custom buttons of your own design.

Whether you're a hard-core crafter, a die-hard Stranger Things fanatic, or just interested in seeing what some of these machines can do, Teen Tech Week is the perfect opportunity!

Drawn to the Library



Celebrate National Library Week April 7-11

See what draws you to the Palos Heights Library!

STRANGER THINGS

Teen Tech Week
March 3-6

Grades 6-12 3:00-5:00 PM

03/03 - Waffle Keychain
03/04 - Hellfire Club Pencil Case
03/05 - Scoops Ahoy Hat
03/06 - Buttons

The poster features the title "STRANGER THINGS" in a large, red, outlined font at the top. Below it, "Teen Tech Week" and "March 3-6" are written in a similar red font. The event details "Grades 6-12" and "3:00-5:00 PM" are in black. The background shows four children on bicycles riding down a road towards a large, shadowy figure of a monster in the distance. A sign on the right says "WELCOME TO HAWKINS". At the bottom, the daily activities are listed in red text.

CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK!

National Library Week is April 7-11, and we'll be celebrating all of the different ways that you are drawn to the library!

On Tuesday, find yourself drawn to the Circulation Desk for a complimentary sweet treat and cup of coffee.

Friday is Friends Appreciation Day. Join us in thanking the Friends of the Library for all of the great work they do in support of the library!

All week, whenever you check an item out, you will be entered into a drawing to win a great prize.

And keep an eye on your social media feeds for other fun surprises all week long!

Staff Picks



Christina

Public Services Librarian

Retreat
by Krysten Ritter

Most people may know Krysten Ritter for her acting roles, such as Jessica Jones from Marvel shows, and Jane Margolis from *Breaking Bad*. On the other hand, they may not know that she is also an author. Her new book, *Retreat*, is due out on March 25, 2025. It is about a con artist who takes over the identity of a wealthy socialite. However, things take a turn for the worse and her life may be in danger as the secrets of the socialite's life come to light. This thriller is the second book by Krysten Ritter.

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Her debut novel, *Bonfire*, was released in 2017. It is also a mystery/thriller, this one about an environmental lawyer who has to go back to her hometown to investigate a company. Soon, her investigation begins to have connections to an old missing person's case, and her own dark past. If you are interested in either of these books or Krysten Ritter's other work, please stop by the Public Services Desk and we will be happy to help.



Matt

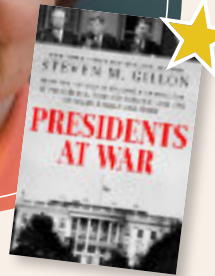
Head of Public Services

Senior Memory Kit

I am pleased to announce the latest addition to our Gadgets & Gizmos collection: our first senior memory kit. It is intended to support residents suffering from Alzheimer's or other dementia-related diseases. The Alzheimer's Association estimates there are currently 7 million Americans living with the disease and predicts that number will rise to nearly 13 million people by 2050. Learning about the disease will continue to become more important as time goes on.

“Reminiscence can be a powerful tool to help a dementia-sufferer spark memories and make connections with caregivers and family members.

This kit is a backpack loaded with 1950s-themed activities and products, like a photo and activity card set, menus and memories booklet, a DVD, and more. Reminiscence can be a powerful tool to help a dementia-sufferer spark memories and make connections with caregivers and family members. The kit includes activities not only for the senior, but things that can be done with a caregiver or family member, as well. The kit can be checked out for a period of one week. Please visit the Public Services desk for more information.



Sue

Public Services Librarian

Presidents at War: How World War II Shaped a Generation of Presidents
by Steve Gillon

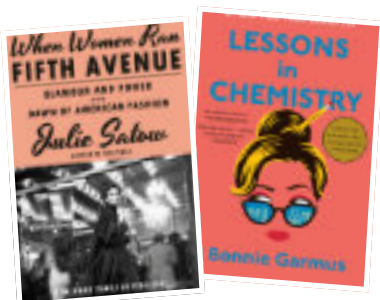
This year marks the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II. American historian Steve Gillon's new book, *Presidents at War: How World War II Shaped a Generation of Presidents, from Eisenhower and JFK through Reagan and Bush*, examines how a war that ended in 1945 impacted presidential decision-making throughout the 20th century.

“Gillon weaves together biographical information about each president with political analysis to give an insightful new take on the impact WWII has had in shaping politics to this day.

Gillon details how WWII defined the presidencies of Dwight Eisenhower, John F. Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Ronald Reagan, and George H. W. Bush. All seven presidents served in the military during the war and their experience impacted and informed how each handled the Cold War and the rest of the world while in office. Each president was determined to protect American ideals with their own understanding of patriotism, sacrifice, and America's role in world politics.

Adult Events

Please Note: All programs will take place in-person unless otherwise noted, meaning that you can attend the program in-person at the library. Register via our event calendar at www.phlibrary.org or call the library at 708-448-1473.



BOOK DISCUSSIONS

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

Monday Lunch Bunch Book Discussion

2nd Monday of the month at 12 pm

Mar. 10 – *When Women Ran Fifth Avenue: Glamour and Power at the Dawn of American Fashion* by Julie Satow

Apr. 14 – *A Walk in the Park: The True Story of a Spectacular Misadventure in the Grand Canyon* by Kevin Fedarko

Teatime on Tuesdays Book Discussion

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

3rd Tuesday of the month at 2 pm

Mar. 18 – *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus

Apr. 15 – *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee



Horror Book Discussion

2nd Wednesday of the month at 7 pm

Mar. 12 – *The Faceless Old Woman Who Secretly Lives in Your House* by Joseph Fink

Apr. 9 – *The Elementals* by Michael McDowell

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. Open to Palos Heights cardholders only. You must sign-up even if you have signed-up in the past.

March's spice: Mace

Sign-Up Saturday, Mar. 1 - Friday, Mar. 7

Pick-Up Monday, Mar. 10 - Friday, Mar. 14

April's spice: Oregano

Sign-Up Tuesday, Apr. 1 - Friday, Apr. 4

Pick-Up Monday, Apr. 7 - Friday, Apr. 11



ADULT PROGRAMS

ILP: Exploring Space with Coralie Adam

Tuesday, Mar. 4, 7 pm

Get an inside look at the space industry with Illinois' own Coralie Adam, appearing virtually, leader of the Optical Navigation team at KinetX Aerospace, a NASA contractor. She'll be joined in conversation by Renae Kerrigan, Curator of Science and Director of the Dome Planetarium at Peoria Riverfront Museum. Register to watch this virtual presentation from home or on the big screen in our Meeting Room.

IRS Presents: Resources and Guidance for the 2025 Tax Filing Season

Wednesday, Mar. 5, 1 pm

A representative from the IRS will be on hand to go over resources and aid available to taxpayers during the 2025 tax filing season.

Great American Homes

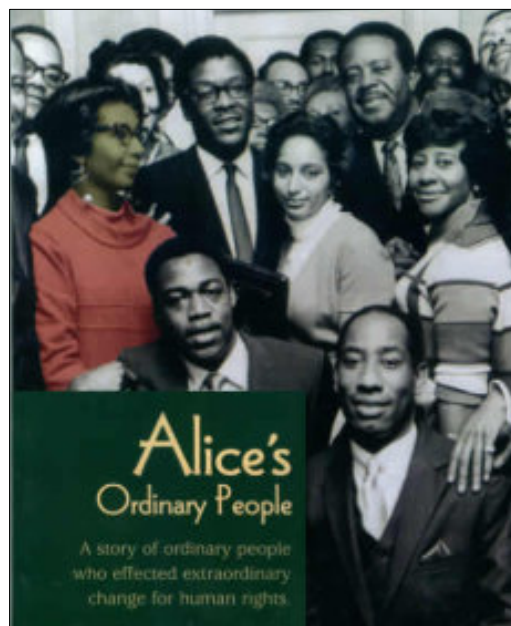
Thursday, Mar. 6, 7 pm

From the famous to the obscure, traditional to modern, American homes reflect the influential individuals who commissioned them. Presenter Paul Neumann takes us on a slideshow tour inside some of America's greatest historic house museums.

Alice's Ordinary People

Tuesday, Mar. 11, 6:30 pm

Join us for a screening and discussion of the documentary *Alice's Ordinary People*. The film chronicles the journey of Alice Tregay, a Chicago civil rights activist. Director Craig Dudnick will lead the discussion.



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Trinity Academy of Irish Dance

Thursday, Mar. 13, 7 pm

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a performance from students of Chicago's famed Trinity Academy of Irish Dance.

St. Patrick's Day in *The Fugitive*

Tuesday, Mar. 18, 7 pm

Learn why Chicago dyes its river green, how the movie *The Fugitive* took advantage of this event, and what impact the colorant may have on river wildlife. Film historian Kelli Marshall will discuss all this and some behind-the-scenes stories from the movie.

FabLab Class: Onyx Storm!

Thursday, Mar. 20, 7 pm

Attention, Dragon Riders! Join us for an exciting Onyx Storm project in the FabLab! We will be crafting four Empyrean-inspired ceramic coasters for you to decorate and take home. Spoilers are not included. Spaces are limited, so sign up today!

Sunday @ The Cinema: 9to5: *The Story of a Movement*

Sunday, Mar. 23, 2 pm

Join us for a special showing of the documentary *9to5: The Story of a Movement*, provided through Illinois Libraries Present. It is the story of a group of Boston secretaries known as 9to5, who in the early 1970s set out to change the American workplace and inspired the hit song along the way. Register to watch from home anytime from March 21 to March 23, or join us for a screening in our Meeting Room on March 23.

DV102: "Why don't they just leave?" Trauma Bonding in Domestic Violence Survivors

Tuesday, Mar. 25, 7 pm

Tracy Curtis of the Crisis Center of South Suburbia explores the question of why survivors of domestic violence sometimes stay in an abusive relationship. She will build an understanding of this psychological phenomenon and the barriers it creates. You do not need to attend DV101 to attend this session.

Scrapbook Class: Birthday Cards

Thursday, Mar. 27, 6:30 pm

Create birthday cards under the direction of scrapbook expert Mary Beth Sexton. Never again be without the perfect birthday sentiment. All supplies provided. Space is limited.

The All-Time Best Comedians

Tuesday, Apr. 1, 7 pm

Celebrate April Fool's Day with presenter Tim Wilsey, who brings the laughs while highlighting famous comedians throughout history.



Songs of the Silver Screen

Thursday, Apr. 3, 7 pm

John LeGear returns with a presentation spanning 100 years of the best movie music to grace the silver screen. Relive some of the most magnificent songs and dances of film history.

Scrapbook Class: Card Making

Tuesday, Apr. 8, 7 pm

Create 12 cards, from birthday cards to thank you cards and more, with direction from local scrapbook icon Mary Beth Sexton. Tools and materials will be provided. Space is limited.

ILP: The Art of Foraging with Alexis Nikole Nelson

Thursday, Apr. 10, 7 pm

Alexis Nikole Nelson joins us for a virtual discussion. She is a forager and outdoor educator famous for her TikTok and Instagram posts, celebrating the edible plants hiding in plain sight, as well as peeling back historical layers on African American and Indigenous food traditions. Register to watch this virtual presentation from home or on the big screen in our Meeting Room.

Traditional Middle Eastern Embroidery & Tea

Tuesday, Apr. 15, 7 pm

Enjoy a cup of tea as you learn the history, symbolism, and techniques of Middle Eastern embroidery. Amani Rashid will walk us through making embroidery of our own to take home. Space is limited.

Monet Lives!

Thursday, Apr. 17, 7 pm

Actor and painter Jim Parks portrays Claude Monet, telling stories of his struggles and obsessions, dishing about other



Impressionists like Renoir and Degas, and discussing life in 1860s Paris. He will bring along some 70 4"x4" hand-painted oil reproductions of Impressionist paintings and use them to tell stories about the artists and their part of the French art revolution.

DV103: Coercive Control: Abuse Hidden in Plain Sight

Tuesday, Apr. 22, 7 pm

Tracy Curtis of the Crisis Center of South Suburbia concludes her three-part series of domestic violence lectures with a discussion on what coercive control is, how this power and control can dominate the life of a survivor, and help in identifying it. You do not need to have been present at the other two parts to attend this presentation.

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Saturday @ The Cinema: One Earth Film Festival presents *Food, Inc. 2*

Saturday, Apr. 26, 6 pm

Location: Palos Heights Rec Center

The Library and Palos Heights Green Team have partnered with the One Earth Film Festival to provide a screening and discussion of *Food, Inc. 2*, the sequel to 2008's smash hit documentary *Food, Inc.* The film focuses on corporate consolidation in the American food and agriculture landscape. Urban Canopy will lead a discussion ahead of the screening, and Pass Health Foods will provide refreshments. NOTE: This screening will be at the Palos Heights Rec Center Orchard Room, located at 6601 W. 127th St. Palos Heights, IL 60463.

MARCH FICTION

The Writer – James Patterson

Far From Home – Danielle Steel

Lethal Prey – John Sandford

Nobody's Fool – Harlan Coben

Blood Moon – Sandra Brown

The Summer Guests – Tess Gerritsen

Beach Vibes – Susan Mallery

Fight or Flight – Fern Michaels

The Jackal's Mistress – Chris Bohjalian

The Paris Express – Emma Donoghue

High Tea and Misdemeanors – Laura Childs

Silent as the Grave – Rhys Bowen

A Map to Paradise – Susan Meissner

APRIL FICTION

Strangers in Time – David Baldacci

25 Alive – James Patterson

2 Sisters Murder Investigations – James Patterson

A Mind of Her Own – Danielle Steel

Overkill – J.A. Jance

Say You'll Remember Me – Abby Jimenez

Summer Light on Nantucket – Nancy Thayer

The Murder Machine – Heather Graham

The Maid's Secret – Nita Prose

Into the Gray Zone – Brad Taylor

Flirting Lessons – Jasmine Guillory

The World's Fair Quilt – Jennifer Chiaverini

The Page Turner – Viola Shipman

Tech Classes

The following classes are hands-on. Reservations are required.



Tech Time with Emily

Tuesdays at 2-3 pm and Wednesdays at 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.

Internet Basics

Monday, Mar. 10, 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.



Gmail Basics

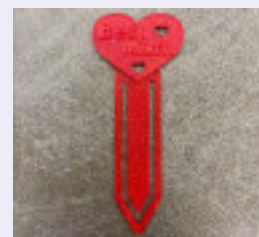
Monday, Apr. 14, 2 pm

Learn the basics of Gmail, a free web-based email service provided by Google. Learn how to set-up, navigate, and craft emails in this class. Basic computer skills are recommended.



FabLab Projects of the Month

March - iPad/Tablet Stand
April - 3D printed "Best Mom" Bookmark



Youth Events

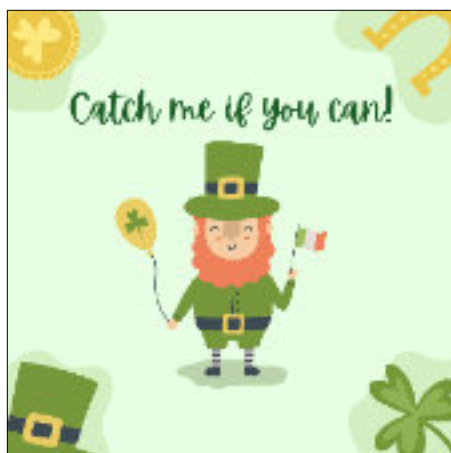
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MARCH PROGRAMS

STEAM: Lucky Shamrocks

Monday, Mar. 10, 5 pm, Grades K-3

Make your own rainbow and have fun making shamrock and leprechaun crafts.



Leprechaun Trap

Thursday, Mar. 13, 4 pm, Grades K-3

Are you feeling lucky? Design a leprechaun trap and go on a scavenger hunt.

Shamrock Buttons

Monday, Mar. 17, 5 pm, Grades 3-5

It's the luck of the Irish! Using our button maker, we will design shamrock buttons!



Graphic Novel Club

Wednesday, Mar. 19, 4 pm, Grades 3-5

(*The Dog Knight*)

Wednesday, Apr. 16, 4 pm, Grades 3-5

(*Things in the Basement*)

Join us for our graphic novel book club! We'll chat about the book, make a craft, and have snacks. Check out your copy today!

Color Play

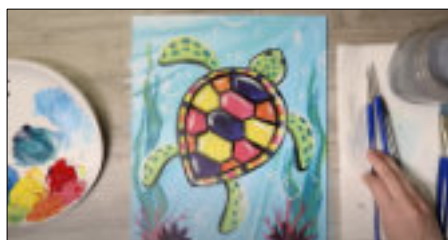
Thursday, Mar. 20, 11:30 am, Ages Birth-5

Come play with your favorite colors! Make, sort, and explore the colors of the rainbow.

Minecraft Madness!

Thursday, Mar. 20, 4 pm, Grades 3-5

Get ready for the new movie with crafts and activities all about Minecraft!



Sea Turtle Paint-Along

Tuesday, Mar. 25, 4 pm, Grades 3-5

Harness your painting skills, and follow-along to paint a turtle masterpiece.

Flower Magnets

Monday, Mar. 31, 4 pm, Grades 3-5

Are you ready for spring? Paint your own flower magnets made on our Glowforge!

Egg Games

Thursday, Apr. 3, 5 pm, Ages 2-5

Compete in our Easter egg coloring game, egg scooper game in water bin, and watercolor painting with egg shapes!



Graphic Novel Celebration

Tuesday, Apr. 8, 4 pm, Grades K-3

Celebrate the graphic novels, *Narwhal* and *Jelly*, *Pizza and Taco*, and *Dog Man* through crafts, a scavenger hunt, and other activities.

Easter Baskets

Thursday, Apr. 10, 5 pm, Grades 3-5

Hop to it! Make your own Easter basket and name tag to go with it!

Easter Egg Hunt

Tuesday, Apr. 15, 11:30 am, Ages 2-5

Oh no! The Easter Bunny's dropped her basket and all her eggs rolled out! Can you help find the eggs hidden throughout the Youth and Teen Department?

Lego Boats

Tuesday, Apr. 15, 4 pm, Grades K-3

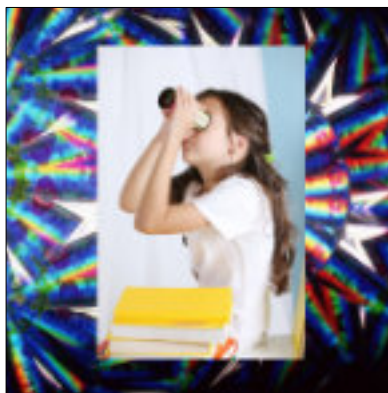
Are you a Lego master? Using your creativity let's see who can build a boat that will float and how many pennies it will take to sink.

Facts & Crafts: Birds

Tuesday, Apr. 22, 4 pm, Grades K-3

Did you know there are over 10,000 species of birds? Learn fun facts about birds while making crafts and a bird feeder.

APRIL PROGRAMS



Homemade Kaleidoscope

Tuesday, Apr. 1, 4 pm, Grades K-3

Create and spin! Explore how light, reflections, and symmetry work together by making a kaleidoscope.

Youth Events

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STORY TIMES



Sensory Friendly Stories and Play

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

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

Leprechaun Story Time

Wednesday, Mar. 12, 11:30 am, Ages 2-5



Furry Readers

Wednesday, Mar. 12, 4:30 pm, Grades K-12

Wednesday, Apr. 9, 4:30 pm, Grades K-12

All readers and dog lovers are invited to grab a book, ruffle some fur, and read to a dog. Register to practice reading out loud to a certified therapy dog from Bright and Beautiful.

Green Storytime

Thursday, Mar. 13, 11:30 am, Ages Birth-23 mos.



Nature Hour

Friday, Mar. 14, 10 am, Ages 2-5

(Spring/Ephemerals at the library)

Friday, Apr. 25, 10 am, Ages 2-5

(Water, Clouds, Rain at 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.



Lion Storytime

Thursday, Mar. 27, 11:30 am, Ages 2-5

Tales for Twos

Wednesdays, Apr. 2-23, 11:30 am, 24-35 mos.

Kindergarten Ready

Wednesdays, Apr. 2-23, 1 pm, Ages 3-5

Little Wigglers

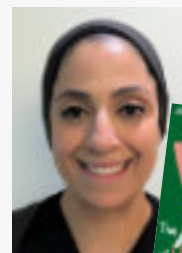
Thursdays, Apr. 3-24, 11:30 am, Birth-23 mos.

Arabic Story Time

Eid Al-Fitr Story Time

Friday, Apr. 4, 1:30 pm, Ages Birth-5

STAFF PICKS



Amani

YTS Assistant



The Creature of Habit Tries His Best
by Jennifer E. Smith & Leo Espinosa

Jennifer E. Smith returns with an entertaining new adventure for the very big, brave Creature of Habit, as he learns how to ride a bike. The story is filled with dreams, building confidence, encouragement, and determination to keep on trying!

On the island of Habit, the big creature wakes up with a desire to try new things alongside his small creature friend. After several unsuccessful attempts at making a paper boat, climbing a tree, and balancing on a log, the big brave creature is fascinated the next morning when he sees the small blue creature cruising on his bike. Will the big creature's dreams come true? After all, he did say, "Trying was hard." Will he face the challenges ahead, or will he give up, stomp, and roar?

Smith and Espinosa's interactive illustrations grab the attention of readers with vibrant visuals and an amusing storyline. From sailing on a paper boat to the funny facial expressions, the book is filled with engaging moments. It's an inspiring story, perfect for children ages 4 to 8.

The Creature of Habit Tries His Best is a humorous story that guides and empowers young readers to dream big and keep trying even when facing challenging moments.

Tween & Teen Corner

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STAFF PICKS



Tina
Head of YTS

What the River Knows by Isabel Ibañez

Inez Olivera, a 19-year-old girl living in Buenos Aires, has only ever asked her parents for one thing: take her to Egypt with them. Her parents are gone for extended periods of time on archeological digs in places where magic still exists. Every year, Inez's parents tell her that these digs are not safe or proper for a young lady in high society. When she receives a letter from her uncle Ricardo in Egypt, her worst fears have come true: her parents passed away in the desert.

Inez flees to Egypt to find answers to her parents' deaths. Why had no one located their bodies? Why are her uncle and his assistant, Whit, being so secretive? Why did her father send her a ring that allows her to see into the past of one of the most famous Egyptian rulers? Inez needs answers fast because Whit and Ricardo are doing everything they can to get her out of Egypt.

Teen readers will enjoy following the antics of a strong-willed young lady who isn't afraid to speak her mind. *What the River Knows*, is the first book in *The Secrets of the Nile* duology. I recommend this book for anyone who enjoys mystery, fantasy, romance, action, and history. The final installment was just released in November 2024. Check out your copy today!



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!

Flower Tote Bags

Monday, Mar. 3, 4 pm, Grades 6-12

Spring is in the air! Paint your own tote bag and use our Autopress to add flowers!



Teen Book Box

Monday, Mar. 10, Grades 6-12 – Regular Box

Thursday, Apr. 10, Grades 6-12 – Adventure 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.

Let's Play Ball!

Tuesday, Mar. 18, 4 pm, Grades 4-12

Hey batter, batter! Make a baseball keychain and a hat with our Cricut Hat Press.

Spring Coasters

Monday, Mar. 24, 4 pm, Grades 4-8

Flowers are about to bloom! Using our Cricut and cardstock, cut and decorate your own paper coasters!

Bunny Door Hangers

Wednesday, Mar. 26, 4 pm, Grades 4-8

Using the Glowforge in the Fab Lab, you will cut and assemble a bunny with your name on it, perfect for hanging on your bedroom door!

Video Game Club: Mario Kart Competition

Thursday, Mar. 27, 4 pm, Grades 4-8

Thursday, Apr. 17, 4 pm, Grades 4-8

Do you have what it takes? Start your engines! Enter into the Mario Kart 8 Competition!

3D Paper Flowers

Wednesday, Apr. 9, 4 pm, Grades 6-12

Cut and assemble a beautiful bouquet of rolled paper flowers using the Cricut and a bit of hot glue to celebrate spring!



Bleep Bop Robot

Monday, Apr. 14, 4-6 pm, Grades 6-12

"Cannot compute assembly". Bleep Bop needs your assistance putting himself together. After you've glued his wooden pieces together, paint and decorate him!

Neon Art

Thursday, Apr. 24, 4 pm, Grades 4-12

With good vibes and paint, nothing can go wrong! Show off your personality and paint a neon sign!



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.

Fantastic February Book Sale!

The Friends held their semi-annual book sale the first weekend of February. In just four days, they raised over \$3,000 for the library!

Thank you to everyone who donated such high quality books. Thank you to everyone who came and shopped. But most of all, thank you to our Friends volunteers, who turn their sweat and sore backs into funds for the library



Looking Back at 2024

The Friends had an amazing year in 2024, raising over \$14,000 for the library! That's the second-highest fundraising total ever.

With these funds, they sponsored numerous programs including the library's summer reading program and kickoff party, programs with Professor Moptop and paranormal investigators, and other fun things like the giant snowglobe photo booth and the library's holiday decorations.

The library is so grateful and proud of our devoted, selfless, hard-working friends and the amazing things they make happen for our community!

**JOIN
NOW!**

FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

☐ \$5 Individual ☐ \$10 Family

Make checks payable to Friends of the Palos Heights Library.

Completed forms may be turned in at the circulation desk.

Friends of the Library Meeting

The next Friends of the Library meeting will be Wednesday, March 12th at 3:00pm at the library.

Friends of the Library Officers 2025

President – Bill Poore

Vice President – Pattie Muller

Secretary – Barbara Allen

Treasurer – Mary Adams



Book Donations

The Friends of the Library are always looking for donations of gently used books, movies, magazines, music, puzzles, and games. 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
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LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Sunday, April 20 – Easter

LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS

Thursday, March 20 at 7 pm
Thursday, April 17 at 7 pm

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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.

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IN THE DISPLAY CASE

March - Lighthouse Collection from Karen DeYoung
April - Ralph Oster will display his collection of vintage coin banks

Join the library in sharing random acts of kindness in our community.

Throughout the month of March, the library will be collecting donations for the **Crisis Center for South Suburbia**, a non-profit community organization that provides emergency shelter and other essential services for individuals and families victimized by domestic violence.

The Center is looking for toiletries, such as shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, etc. For a complete list of items, please see the Circulation Desk.

DONATIONS

Geri Burek

Monetary Donations
In memory of Michael W. Dillon

Book Ends Book Club

Monetary Donation

Friends of the Palos Heights Library

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In memory of Marge Damm

Palos Heights Woman's Club

*The Down and Dirty Guide to Camping with Kids:
How to Plan Memorable Family Adventures &
Connect Kids to Nature* by Helen Olsson
In memory of Marjorie Hultquist

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Three Bad Men: John Ford, John Wayne, Ward Bond by Scott Allen Nollen
In memory of James Foskett