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What an amazing year 2019 has been! The library celebrated its 75th anniversary in style! Over 300 of you joined us on February 28th to mark the occasion. Palos Heights resident Mary Ann Zahorik (left) helped us remember life in the 1940s by sharing her collection of memorabilia throughout the library all year long. We celebrated with the Palos Heights Woman’s Club (top left), who founded the library back in 1944.

We also updated our landscape thanks to an incredible donation from the estate of long-time Palos Heights resident and library patron Francine Zanardo.

We said farewell to two of our most beloved staff members, Nancy Jeffries and Karen DeYoung, with a combined 39 years of experience between them.

We are on pace for a total of over 135,000 visits, 190,000 items circulated, and almost 40,000 electronic items borrowed in 2019.

And we’re not done yet! Christmastime in Palos is coming up on December 7th, and we’re kicking off another season of Winter Reading Programs. Thank you to everyone who helped us make 2019 an unforgettable year!

Jesse Blazek, Library Director
Christmastime in Palos!

Saturday, December 7, 9 am - 1 pm
Join us for our 15th annual holiday season kick off event! Bring the family and make some memories. We have something for everyone. Thank you to the Friends of the Library for putting on this amazing event every year!

Here's the schedule:
9:30 am - Tim Wilsey's "Christmas Around the World"
10:30 am - Stagg High School Madrigal Singers
11:00 am - Holiday Community Sing along
11:30 am - Jason Kollum's "See a Juggler! Be a Juggler!"
1:00 pm - Holiday Star Drawing

Other events happening throughout the morning:
• Holiday Stars - enter the drawing for chance to win one of our six holiday stars
• Santa and Mrs. Claus pictures in the Media Lab on the 2nd floor
• Elf on the Shelf Scavenger Hunt
• Kids crafts
• Friends Book Sale and Auction

Join us Friday evening and Saturday afternoon at the Kris Kringle Market in the municipal parking lot on Harlem Avenue at 122nd street!

Congratulations Nancy and Karen!

Congratulations on their retirements to Karen DeYoung for her 20 years of service and Nancy Jeffries for her 19 years of service to the library and community. Both have been familiar faces at the Circulation Desk, and we are grateful that they have shared their lives with us. Nancy retired in September, and Karen will continue on at the library on a part-time basis.

Snow Is Falling, Books Are Calling

Winter Reading Program, Dec. 2 – Jan. 25, All Ages
Too cold to play outside and nothing to do over winter break? Sign up for the winter reading program where you can earn prizes for reading. The best part is that you can read whatever you like because everything counts. Pick up a reading log and get started!
Staff Picks

Catherine C.
Public Services Librarian

The Rosie Result
by Graeme Simsion

If you haven’t yet read the Rosie trilogy of books, you’re missing out! Graeme Simsion’s latest novel concludes the series which began with the character of Don Tillman, a professor of genetics who struggles to observe social norms as he lives a methodical life of routine and logic. The first two installments, The Rosie Project and The Rosie Effect, establish Don’s quest to find a wife, learn about love, and prepare for fatherhood. In the finale to this trilogy, The Rosie Result, Don faces new challenges as a father and questions of what it means to have autism or be “on the spectrum.”

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The Rosie Result, along with Simsion’s earlier novels, is a charming, laugh-out-loud funny read with quirky characters. Thought provoking, but also very entertaining, this final novel has a lot of heart and serves as the perfect ending for these wonderful characters. This is a series and would be best to read these in order. So, start your adventures with Don Tillman in The Rosie Project, and check out this light-hearted trilogy today!

Matt M.
Public Services Librarian

A Little Hatred
by Joe Abercrombie

Acclaimed fantasy author Joe Abercrombie recently released A Little Hatred, the first in a new trilogy of books. You don’t necessarily need to have read the previous books to jump into this new trilogy, as it is set years after the originals and features new characters. This book finds the world in the midst of an industrial revolution and changing political landscape.

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Be warned, Abercrombie’s books fall into the “grimdark” category of fantasy, which means they are not particularly upbeat and contain violence and adult situations. That being said, Abercrombie’s characters are always deep and full of life, and the writing flows off the page.

The best thing about this new trilogy is that he wrote all three books at the same time, and they will be released one year apart. This negates one of the worst things about lengthy fantasy sagas, the frequent multi-year wait between books (I’m looking at you, George RR Martin!).

Beth S.
Public Services Librarian

The Woman’s Hour: the Great Fight to Win the Vote
by Elaine Weiss

What better way to celebrate the upcoming 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th amendment granting women the right to vote than to read Elaine Weiss’ detailed account of the bitter struggle to ensure its passage. While currently it may seem like enfranchising women was a forgone conclusion, in reality, it was a rancorous fight which Weiss brings to life by introducing us to the many divergent personalities arguing for and against ratification.

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Things came to a head in Tennessee in the summer of 1920. Seven states had already rejected the amendment and three refused vote on it. If Tennessee rejected it, seventy years of struggle to enfranchise women might have ended there. We know how the story ends, but Weiss takes us on a wild ride through the politics of 1920, much of which will seem alarmingly familiar today. This book is a perfect reminder that our right to vote should never be taken for granted.
Adult Events

Due to great interest in our programs, registration is highly recommended. Register at philibrary.org or call the library at 708-448-1473.

Book & Film Series
Thursday, Jan. 16, 2 pm
Where’d You Go, Bernadette? based on the book by Maria Semple (runtime 109 minutes). Join us for a brief discussion and then watch the movie based on the book. All participants will be entered into a drawing to win a paperback copy of the book.

Sunday @ the Cinema
Jan. 26, 2 pm
The Mustang (runtime 96 minutes)

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

Monday Lunch Bunch Book Discussion, 12 pm
Jan. 13 – The Woman’s Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote by Elaine Weiss

Tuesday Evening Book Discussion, 7 pm
Jan. 21 – The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson

Sci-Fi Book Discussion
3rd Wednesday of the month, 7 pm
At Joe Daniels Bar & Grill
Dec. 18 – Rogue Protocol by Martha Wells
Jan. 15 – Old Man’s War by John Scalzi

Adult Programs

Authors Visit - Tasteful Diversity
Thursday, Jan. 9, 6:30 pm
Trinity Christian College student authors will read from their book Tasteful Diversity. Special samples from family recipes will be offered.

Wine Wisdom, part 2
Sunday, Jan. 12, 2 pm
Round out your wine knowledge from sommelier and local resident Kathy Wills, who will present an overview of pairing food with wine. (No alcohol will be served)

Staying Healthy and Stress-Free in the New Year
Tuesday, Jan. 14, 6:30 pm
Carolyn Johnson from Pass Health Foods will share tips on how to stay healthy and stress free in this new year.

Investment Fraud Prevention
Wednesday, Jan. 15, 6:30 pm
Terry Paggi from the Chicago office of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission will give a presentation on the risks vs. rewards of various types of investments, how to research investment professionals, and the “red flags” of investment fraud. Question/answer session will follow.

Lost Restaurants of Chicago
Sunday, Jan. 19, 2 pm
Well-known author Greg Borzo dishes out course after course of stories about the Windy City’s most beloved bygone restaurants, from steakhouses to tiki bars and from diners to delis; from Trader Vic’s to the Blackhawk.

A Celebration of The Beatles’ Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band
Tuesday, Jan. 21, 6:30 pm
Music enthusiast Gary Wenstrup will discuss The Beatles most well-known album of the 1960s, its initial concept, the music, the landmark album cover, and the overwhelming worldwide reaction to its release with his image and music presentation.
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NEW FOR THE NEW YEAR

**Tables and Chairs to Check out**
Are you planning a party and need extra chairs and tables? Starting January 1st, Palos Heights residents will be able to check out six-foot folding tables & standard folding chairs for a 7-day check-out with a valid adult library card and identification upon availability. Ask at the Circulation Desk for more information. This service is only available to Palos Heights Residents.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**Check out Tech**
Camera, drone, and tripod are available for checkout to Palos Heights residents. Electronic device chargers are available for in-house use to all patrons.

**Curveside Pickup**
Palos Heights residents, are your items ready for pickup?
- Call the Circulation Desk for arrangements.
- Park in the curveside location and inform us of your arrival.
- Have your library card or ID available.
Ask the Circulation Desk for Curveside Pickup hours.

**Laminating Services**
The fee for laminating services is $0.75 per foot with a maximum size of 18” wide by 36” long. Items will be done within 72 hours.

**Photo Scanner**
Scan your photos at our kiosk in the computer lab. Ask Public Services how to get started!

**VHS Conversion**
There is no charge for the conversion of VHS to DVD or save drive, when blank DVD or save drive is provided. If unable to provide, one blank DVD may be purchased from the library for $0.50 or one save drive may be purchased from the library for $5.00.

**TOO COLD TO GO OUT?**
Download eBooks and eAudiobooks with the Libby app using your phone or tablet. The best part? You don’t even need to leave the house to check them out.

**Natural Navigation**
Thursday, Jan. 23, 6:30 pm
Learn how to use the stars, the direction trees bend, even which direction satellite dishes point, to orient and help find your way. Lake Katherine’s Director Gareth Blakesley will show simple ways to use natural and unnatural cues to figure out your location in the world.

**Academy Award Contest**
January 13 - February 9
Pick up your Academy Award Contest ballot at the Public Services Desk and predict the winners of the 92nd Academy Awards for a chance to win a "A Night Out at the Movies" basket.

**Trying to stay warm?**
Get the fast, friendly library service you know and love without ever leaving your car.

Meet Libby
The one-tap reading app from your library
Adult Events

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DECEMBER FICTION

Genesis - Robin Cook
Beating about the Bush - M.C. Beaton
Peppermint Tea Chronicles - Alexander McCall Smith
Just Watch Me - Jeff Lindsey
Now You See Them - Elly Griffiths
Wicked Redhead - Beatriz Williams

JANUARY FICTION

The River Murders - James Patterson
Moral Compass - Danielle Steel
Hindsight - Iris Johansen
Treason - Stuart Woods
When You See Me - Lisa Gardner
The Vanishing - Jayne Anne Krentz
House on Fire - Joseph Finder
A Long Petal of the Sea - Isabelle Allende
Lady Clementine - Marie Benedict
Naked Came the Florida Man - Tim Dorsey

The following classes are hands-on and are held in our Technology Lab. Reservations are required.

Microsoft Excel Basics
Monday, Dec. 2, 6:30 pm
Learn how Microsoft Excel's cells, worksheets, and workbooks easily allow users to manipulate, calculate, and format numbers and other types of data in this class.

Facebook Basics
Monday, Dec. 16, 2 pm
Learn about profiles, messages, posts and adding content to Facebook in this introductory class. Attendees must have an account and be able to log-in during class.

Microsoft Word Intermediate
Monday, Jan. 6, 6:30 pm
Learn more about the ins and outs of formatting documents and inserting media.

Android Basics
Monday, Jan. 20, 2 pm
Don't have an iPhone? This is the class for you. Come explore the basics of your Android phone. Bring in your phone to follow along.

Getting Started with AncestryLibrary.com
Wednesday, Jan. 29, 6:30 pm
Not sure where to start your family history journey? Figure out how to get started and find what you need to know to get the most from AncestryLibrary.com.
Youth Events

Register online for all programs, reserve a meeting room, or book a study room from our website at: www.phlibrary.org or call the library at 708-448-1473. R=Please Register D=Drop-In

DECEMBER PROGRAMS

¡Bienvenidos!  (R)
Tuesday, Dec. 10, 4 pm, Grades K–3
Listen to stories and songs in Spanish to learn new words and then make a craft.

Happy Noon Year!  (R)
Monday, Dec. 30, 11 am, Ages Birth–5
Come celebrate the New Year at the library! We will play games, make crafts, and count down to 12 (pm).

JANUARY PROGRAMS

Reindeer Games  (R)
Wednesday, Dec 11, 4 pm, Grades K–3

Color Playtime  (D)
Friday, Dec. 13, 10 am, Ages birth–5
Bring your little one in to experience all the colors of the rainbow! We will have sensory play, paint, and other things to get them familiar with all of the colors. This may get messy!

Snow Way!  (R)
Thursday, Jan. 2, 4 pm, Grades K–3
We will be making our own snow to paint with and creating unique pieces of art.

Ice Cream in a Bag  (R)
Tuesday, Jan. 7, 4 pm, Grades K–3
We will create our own ice cream by mixing ingredients in a plastic bag! This is sure to be delicious.

Kick Your Cabin Fever  (D)
Tuesday, Jan. 21, 4 pm, All Ages
Get out and come to the library for some drop-in fun! We will have various art materials available for crafting, board games, video games and more!

Chinese New Year Celebration  (R)
Monday, January 20, 4 pm, All Ages
Thursday, January 23, 10 am, All Ages
Celebrate the Chinese New Year with stories, songs, and crafts!

No-Mess Painting  (R)
Friday, Jan. 10, 10 am, Ages 6 months–2
Youth Events

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STORY TIMES

Chinese and English Bilingual Story Time (R)
Monday, Dec. 16, 1:30 pm and 4 pm, All Ages

Jingle Bells Story Time (R)
Tuesday, Dec. 17, 10 am, Ages 2–5

Box and Blocks Story Time (R)
Friday, Dec. 27, 10 am, Ages 2–5
Not sure what to do with all those boxes leftover from holiday gifts? We’re using ours to create a story time all about boxes and building! Come for the stories and stick around to build with the boxes and blocks provided.

Tidy Up! Story Time (R)
Thursday, Jan. 2, 10 am, Ages 1–5
After our stories, we are going to make a mess! Then, we are going to use matching, sorting, and imaginary play as we tidy up our toys and make the activity room all clean.

Penguin Fun! (R)
Wednesday, Jan. 8, 1 pm, Ages 2–5

Snowy Day Story Time (R)
Wednesday, Jan. 15, 10 am, Ages 2–5

REGULAR PROGRAMS

Toddler Art (R)
Monday, Dec. 9, 10 or 1 pm, Ages 2–5
Monday, Jan. 13, 10 or 1 pm, Ages 2–5

Early Einsteins – Winter (R)
Wednesday, Dec. 11, 5 pm, Ages 3–6

Lego Builders (R)
Saturdays, Dec. 14 & Jan. 11, 11 am, All Ages

STAFF PICKS

Laura N.
YTS Librarian

Black Canary: Ignite by Meg Cabot and Cara McGee

Black Canary: Ignite shows readers a 13-year Dinah Lance who thinks she has it all figured out. She is going to win the Battle of the Bands and then become a member of the Gotham City Junior Police Academy to fight crime. But things are not so simple when she starts discovering secrets about her family’s past and why her voice is so special. Based on characters created by DC Comics, this graphic novel introduces a young audience to a lesser-known superhero they may not have encountered before. It is a great read for middle grade audiences who are looking for a relatable superhero who lives a pretty normal life when she isn’t fighting crime. The story is about celebrating what makes us special while showing a strong female taking action and making changes in her community. Worth a read for comic lovers and superhero fans or anyone looking for an empowering story about a young girl with a big secret.
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Tween Graphic Novel Club  (R)  
Thursday, Dec. 19, 4 pm, Grades 4–8  
This month for our graphic novel club, we will read The Witch Boy by Molly Knox Ostertag. Make sure you come by the library to sign up to get your free book to read before the discussion!

Boys Who Code  (R)  
Wednesday, Jan. 8, 4 pm, Grades 3–5  
Wednesday, Jan. 15, 4 pm, Grades 3–5  
In this two week program, we will learn how to code using websites, apps, and even code some robots to move and dance!

Doily Snowflakes  (R)  
Thursday, Jan. 9, 4 pm, Grades 4–8  
Paint doilies and then cut them out to be beautiful snowflakes.

Spa Day  (R)  
Tuesday, Jan. 14, 6 pm, Grades 8–12  
It is cold outside and the air is dry. Come to the library where we will have our own spa day! We will have DIY bath bombs, some nail polish, and so much more.

MLK Day of Service  (R)  
Monday, Jan. 20, 2-4 pm, Grades 6–12  
Visit the library to help with various volunteer projects. This is especially great for students looking to get some extra service hours on a day off from school.

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Crystal Snowflakes  (R)  
Wednesday, Jan. 22, 4 pm, Grades 4–8  
Make a snowflake with pipe cleaners and dip them into a solution. They will crystallize overnight and you will be able to pick them up the next day!

DIY Ornaments  (R)  
Thursday, Dec. 5, 4 pm, Grades 4–8

Teen Graphic Novel Club  (R)  
Thursday, Dec. 19, 6 pm, Grades 6–12  
This month for our graphic novel club, we will read The Crossover by Kwame Alexander. Make sure you come by the library to sign up to get your free book to read before the discussion!

Secret Message Holiday Cards  (R)  
Wednesday, Dec. 18, 4 pm, Grades 4–8  
It’s the holiday season and the librarians made cards for you! Problem is, they wrote the messages using white crayon on white paper. Use watercolors to reveal the secret messages on the pre-made holiday cards and use the same technique to make some of your own.

Gingerbread House Making  (R)  
Thursday, Dec. 19, 4 pm, Grades 4–8

Tina R.  
Head of YTS

The Beautiful by Renee Ahdieh

In 1872, Celine Rousseau flees to New Orleans, leaving behind Paris and her life as a dressmaker. Celine quickly becomes taken with the city’s music, nightlife, and dangerous underworld known as La Cour des Lions. Celine soon finds herself caught in a forbidden romance with Sebastien Saint Germain, the enigmatic leader of the underworld.

When multiple murders take place, the people of New Orleans fear that a serial killer may be on the loose. The murderer soon has his sights set on Celine. Determined to put an end to the mysterious deaths in the city, Celine is trapped in the middle of a feud between the night’s deadliest creatures. This is the first novel in Ahdieh’s new series. It’s perfect for fantasy readers seeking mystery and romance.
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.

**February Book Sale**

*January 31** to February 3*rd

- Friday, Jan. 31, 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm (Friends Members Only)
- Saturday, Feb. 1, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Sunday, Feb. 2, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- Monday, Feb. 3, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm (Bag Sale)

**Book Donations**

Do you have gently used books, DVDs, Blu-Rays, magazines, music, puzzles, or 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.

**NEW MEMBERS WELCOME – Join Today!**

The Friends of the Palos Heights Library aid in developing a public understanding of our library and making it better known to the citizens of this community. With the annual membership dues ($5 individual and $10 for a family), Friends are able to:

- Provide funds to the library that would not otherwise be available through membership dues, special contributions, Book Store, and the ever popular book sales held in February and August.
- Provide book carts, equipment, books, materials, and other necessities to assist in the library’s operation.
- Donate their time and hard work in the library’s various programs and services.

Visit the library to sign up!

**RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP**

December is the perfect time to sign up or renew your Friends membership for 2020. Sign up for yourself or your family at Christmastime in Palos, at a Friends of the Library Meeting, or any time at the Library’s Circulation Desk. Aside from helping to support the library, your membership entitles you to early access at our semi-annual book sales and guaranteed registration at all Friends sponsored library events.

**Friends of the Library Meetings**

The next Friends of the Library meeting will be **Wednesday, January 8 at 3 pm** at the library.

**Friends of the Library Officers 2019**

- **President** – Bill Poore
- **Vice President** – Marge Damm
- **Secretary** – Barbara Allen
- **Treasurer** – Mary Adams

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LIBRARY HOURS
Monday–Thursday: 9 am – 9 pm
Friday–Saturday: 9 am – 5 pm
Sunday: 1 pm – 5 pm

LIBRARY CLOSINGS
Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve
Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas Day
Tuesday, December 31 - New Year’s Eve
Wednesday, January 1 - New Year’s Day

LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS
No Board Meeting in December
Thursday, January 16 at 7 pm

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Geraldine Burek, President
Jennifer Georgis, Vice President
Susan Snow, Secretary
Steve Foertsch, Treasurer
Dawn Bronson
George Fear
Sue Jankowski
Edward McGovern
Rose Zubik

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.

IN THE DISPLAY CASE
December - 1940's Holidays by Mary Ann Zahorik
Our sincere thanks to Mary Ann Zahorik for filling our display case during 2019 and “wowing” our patrons with items from the 40’s as part of the library’s 75th anniversary celebration.

January - Arts of the Far East by Ed Borkhuis

LOOKING FOR A UNIQUE STOCKING STUFFER?
"The Story of Palos Heights" DVD highlighting the history of Palos Heights is available to purchase for $15. It's a great way to celebrate our history and the holidays!

GIVING TREE
Please consider taking an ornament from the giving tree located in the library. All donations will be given to the Crisis Center for South Suburbia. The tree will be up until January 1 and all donations should be brought to the library by January 5th.

RESERVE A ROOM
The library has study rooms, a meeting room, a conference room, and an activity room that you can reserve for yourself or your group. Study rooms are always free to use, but there is a small fee for the use of the other rooms. Reserve a meeting room or book a study room from our website at pllibrary.org or call the library at 708-448-1473.

DONATIONS
Palos Heights Woman’s Club
Book Ends Book Club
Lonely Planet Europe by Alexis Averbuck
1000 Places to See Before You Die by Patricia Schultz
Golf University: A Better Putter, Driver, and More by Scott Weems
Rick Steves Europe’s Top 100 Masterpieces by Rick Steves
In memory of Christopher Hogan
In memory of Catherine Ference
Tasteful Diversity by Trinity Christian College Student Authors
Children’s books

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