Let’s Talk Video!
Details on page 2
By now, regular Browsing readers know I grew up in a family of readers, my kids are carrying on the tradition. After all, their mother is a librarian...it’s required.

Last week, my daughter came home from school with the Scholastic Book Club catalog. She had circled something on every page. After she was done, my son took another colored pen and circled just as many items. Now, I’m a librarian at a great library with a robust collection! Why would I consider actually buying books? I used this as an opportunity to find out why they want to own books when I can check them out from the library.

Individually, they both replied that they like owning their own books, especially if it’s a title that they particularly enjoyed.

My son loves all the Percy Jackson books, and my daughter loves the series featuring “Front Desk.” They like that they have the opportunity to take their time to read it and go back to re-read it. They find comfort in the physical book themselves.

I was struck by that profound sentiment from my middle school-aged children. And, I started to think about the idea of comfort. We are entering winter in Chicagoland. Some years, it feels like the winter will never end...gray days and bone-chilling cold. But, we have all found ways to comfort ourselves. In my family, it’s with books. Winter is the perfect time to hunker down and find comfort in the small things in life. Happy reading!

Amy Falasz-Peterson, Library Director

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**The Wide World of Video at DPL**

While the big world of video is always in season, for many people, winter is a time they ramp up their video viewing and gaming. To help you prepare, we want to make sure you know about the rich collections (physical and streaming) available for your winter entertainment.

**Video Games**

Are you one of the 227 million in the U.S. that play video games, solo and with others? Per a 2021 report of the Entertainment Software Association, players say gaming inspires, provides mental stimulation, and relieves stress.

Our library has a large collection of games for Switch, PS5, PS4, Xbox Series X, Xbox One, Wii, and WiiU.

DPL staff is happy to help you discover new games in our diverse collection. Multimedia Librarian Ted Gray, who oversees the video game collection, loves the sports games like MLB The Show, and FIFA. Also, the big open world games like Skyrim, Fallout, and Red Dead Redemption. Adult Services Librarian Anne Jamieson recommends Fire Emblem: Three Houses, Stardew Valley, and Sid Meier’s Civilization VI.

For info on the newest additions to the collection, visit deerfieldlibrary.org/games.

**Videos (Movies, Documentaries, and Television Shows)**

Whatever your preferred viewing platform, we’ve got it! Often we have titles in both physical and digital formats.

- Blu-ray
- DVD
- Streaming/Hoopla
- Streaming/Kanopy

If you are the type that can’t get enough of a specific genre or actor, be sure to look up our Binge Box collection. Each Binge Box is a themed collection of 4-6 DVDs, and only counts as one checked-out item. One of Ted’s favorite themes is “Don’t Travel with Tom Hanks” which includes Castaway, Sully, Captain Phillips, and Apollo 13.

For the streaming formats, you can search for specific titles through our catalog. But you also might enjoy browsing through the digital collections online. It’s easy to link to at deerfieldlibrary.org/movies.

**Roku**

The Roku provides one of the simplest ways to stream entertainment to your TV. DPL patrons can access popular TV shows and movies from Netflix, Hulu, Acorn, and Disney+, and view our digital collection of over 500 movies through the Vudu app.

The Roku comes with simple setup instructions, and you can also watch the “Get Started” video at deerfieldlibrary.org/roku.

**Digital Media Lab: Convert your 8mm, VHS to digital**

Do you have stacks of VHS or 8mm, but no working equipment to watch them on? We’re here to help! Make an appointment to visit our amazing Digital Media Lab, located in the MakerSpace.

We offer equipment for converting various types of media into digital files (video, audio, and photos). Even better, our staff will help you get started. Equipment includes:

- 8mm and Super 8 film
- Audio cassettes
- Non-copyrighted CD / DVD
- Film (35mm strips, mounted slides, and medium format strips)
- Photographs up to 8.5” × 11.7”
- VHS tapes
- Vinyl records

We can also convert video from various types of video cameras.

DPL Patron Jeanne Schlax has been utilizing the MakerSpace to digitize her collection of 80+ 8mm home movies. “We have footage going back to the 1950s. It’s important to convert the films before they fade and get too brittle,” said Jeanne. “The library staff has been very helpful training on the equipment, and I learn more each visit. This gives me peace of mind that our family stories can continue to be shared for generations to come.”

Full details at deerfieldlibrary.org/makerspace.
Adult Programs

For program descriptions, visit the DPL events calendar at deerfieldlibrary.org, click on “Programs”.

= Please register in advance. Registration opens Wednesday, November 17, 9:00am at deerfieldlibrary.org, click on “Programs”, or call 847-945-3311.

= In-person program
= Hybrid program (in-person & online)
= Virtual program (online only)

Cook It!

Holiday Cookie Decorating
Thursday, December 9, 6:30-7:30pm
Create delicious holiday works of art you can eat! This virtual, interactive class will focus on how recipes were prepared, and then provide step-by-step guidance to cookie decorating.

Healthy Indian Snacks
Saturday, January 22, 2:00-4:00pm
Learn how to create menus based on fresh and seasonal foods. In addition, patrons will learn the usage of herbs and spices and understand how to process and create simple, authentic Indian recipes.

New! Memory Cafe
December 1, January 5, February 2
A gathering for those experiencing memory loss and their care partners. Details on page 8.

Pearl Harbor: A Day of Infamy
Friday, December 3, 1:00-2:00pm
It was a day that our parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles will never forget: December 7, 1941.

Introduction to Mindfulness
Wednesday, December 8, 7:00-8:00pm
Relieve the stress of the holidays with simple yet highly-effective tips and strategies which will help you to shift into a spacious, clear, reliable, and loving connection with yourself and the world.

Make It!

Acrylic Painting: Winter Cardinal
Tuesday, December 14, 1:00-4:00pm OR Tuesday, December 21, 1:00-4:00pm
Have fun learning to paint in acrylic. Instructor, Barb Benstein will lead you through each step in the process, including brushwork, values, and color theory. Only register for one session.

Charcoals: Drawing from Another Point of View
Friday, January 21, 2:00-4:00pm
Most drawings start on a light surface and use darker drawing media to create an image. In this class, we’ll be starting with a charcoal darkened piece of paper and using an eraser as a drawing tool.

Needle Felting: Valentine’s Girl Gnome
Wednesday, February 9, 6:00-7:00pm
Join Natasha Lehrer Lewis of Esther’s Place to create your very own Valentine’s Day Girl Gnome. Kits will be provided prior to the program.

Book Discussions
Copies will be available one month in advance. Please provide email during registration.

Valentine by Elizabeth Wetmore
Thursday, January 13, 10:30-11:30am

Hamnet by Maggie O’Farrell
Thursday, February 10, 10:30-11:30am

Classics Book Discussion
First Love by Ivan Turgenev
Thursday, January 20, 7:00-8:15pm

Short Stories
by Katherine Mansfield
Thursday, February 17, 7:00-8:15pm

Romance Book Discussion
Gray Hair Don’t Care by Karen Booth
Monday, January 24, 7:00-8:00pm

True Crime Book Discussion
The Stranger Beside Me by Ann Rule
Monday, February 21, 7:00-8:00pm

Holiday Movies and Music
Thursday, December 16, 1:00-2:30pm
Host John LeGear showcases some of the most memorable holiday moments from classic and popular films over the past century. Choose in-person or virtual upon registration.

Poetic Kwanzaa with Oba William King
Friday, December 17, 2:00-3:00pm
Celebrate joy, heritage, and culture this holiday season with Chicago’s own Oba William King, an Illinois Arts Council Fellowship recipient in traditional Folk Arts.

Trivia Night!
Thursday, January 6, 7:30-9:00pm
Think you know it all? Prove it! Program held via Zoom and Kahoot. Prizes awarded to the top three participants!
PLACE Programs
Saturdays, 6:30-7:30pm
December 18, January 29, February 26
PLACE (Public Library Access and Community for Everyone) programs welcome adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities as well as their parents and caregivers. Join us for an online evening of reading, conversation, friendship, and fun. For more information or to register contact Vicki Karlovsky, vkarlovsky@deerfieldlibrary.org.

Roving the Red Planet
Tuesday, January 11, 6:30-7:30pm
What have we learned about the Red Planet with decades of robotic visitors? Plenty! We’ll cover the past, present, and future of Martian exploration. Choose in-person or virtual upon registration.

Healthy Brain Initiatives and Dementia with Dr. Saltzman
Wednesday, January 12, 6:30-7:30pm
During this talk, we hope to increase awareness on dementia, overall brain health, and tools for living a rewarding life with dementia. Choose in-person or virtual upon registration.

Bitcoin and Cryptocurrency
Tuesday, January 18, 6:30-7:30pm
Curious to know how Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies work? Mike Gershbein of Very Smart People will help you understand the underlying technology! Choose in-person or virtual upon registration.

Game Night!
Monday, January 24, 6:00-8:00pm
Play a fun board game or dip your toe into an RPG during this adult/teen game night!

Greece: Where the Past is Present
Tuesday, January 25, 6:30-7:30pm
This is the country where Western civilization was born. See the classic monuments of 2500 years ago, and hear their history and myth. Choose in-person or virtual upon registration.

The Musical Influence of John Prine & Steve Goodman
Wednesday, January 26, 6:30-7:30pm
Join local musician Steve Justman for a live music overview of two of the Chicago area’s greatest and most famous songwriting legends.

Cut the Cable
Monday, January 31, 2:00-3:00pm
Monday, January 31, 7:00-8:00pm
Learn how to “cut the cable” and save money! We’ll discuss different cable-cutting options, streaming services, and devices, and also the pros and cons of the more popular services.

Guess The Grammys 2022!
Join us for one of our most popular contests of the year! Choose who you think will win the Grammy in 11 categories for a chance at a new Bluetooth Turntable. Entries will be accepted until we close on Sunday, January 30, 5pm. The awards will be announced on January 31. Check our website for submission dates and more details.

Celebrating the Lunar New Year
Tuesday, February 1, 6:30-7:30pm
Educator Yvonne Wolf will share the Chinese calendar in relation to the Chinese New Year, the rites, activities, symbols, and foods associated with it and how you can participate in your own home. Choose in-person or virtual upon registration.

Helen’s Troy: The Mythic/Historic Trojan War
Thursday, February 3, 6:30-7:30pm
Join local musician Steve Justman for a live music overview of the classic story, this presentation brings to life the little-known character, Helen of Sparta. Choose in-person or virtual upon registration.

Blues 101 with Fruteland Jackson
Saturday, February 12, 2:00-3:30pm
Join us for Blues music history through song, lecture, and discussion with live instrumental examples played on guitar. A 30-minute concert will follow the presentation.

Great Decisions 2022 with Gary Midkiff
First date: Tuesday, February 15, 6:30-8:00pm
All dates: 2/15, 3/15, 4/19, 5/17, 8/16, 9/20, 10/18, 11/15
This program provides background information and policy options for the eight most critical issues facing America each year. Register for all eight discussions. The Great Decisions briefing book is available through the Foreign Policy Association’s website: https://www.fpa.org/great_decisions.

Professor Moptop presents George Harrison
Thursday, February 24, 7:00-8:30pm
The Professor will share audio and video about the quiet Beatle, George. You’ll see clips from The Beatles, Madonna, The Traveling Wilburys, Monty Python, and Homer Simpson! A splendid time is guaranteed for all. Choose in-person or virtual upon registration.

Year-Long Reading Program: Read Around the World
Join our year-long reading challenge and see how far you can travel in 2022! Monthly reading challenges will be based on the world’s 24 time zones: one page read = one mile traveled! Can you become a world traveler in 2022? Visit the reference desk, or our website for further details and reading lists. Open to teens and adults. Prizes will go to those “most traveled.” Challenge starts January 2, 2022.
Children & Teens Programs

Please register in advance. Registration opens Wednesday, November 17, 9:00am at deerfieldlibrary.org, click on “Programs”, or call 847-580-8962.

= In-person program
= Virtual program (online only)

We offer adaptive programs for children with disabilities, and will make reasonable accommodations for every program for all abilities. For more information about programs and services for Youth and Teens please contact Cristina Bueno at cbueno@deerfieldlibrary.org.

**STORYTIMES**

**Preschool Storytime**
- Tuesdays, 10:30-11:00am
- January 11, 18, 25; February 1, 8, 15
- Ages 3-5

We’ll listen to stories, sing songs, and have fun while building early literacy skills. 📚 🎈

**Time for Twos**
- Wednesdays, 10:00-10:30am
- January 12, 19, 26; February 2, 9, 16
- Age 2

Have fun with books, songs, and activities in this storytime designed just for two-year-olds and their caregivers! 📚 🎈

**Movin’ and Groovin’ Storytime**
- Thursdays, 10:00-10:30am
- January 13, 20, 27; February 3, 10, 17
- All Ages

Get up and dance with Ms. Megan in this fun, movement-based storytime. 📚 🎈

**Baby Lapsit**
- Fridays, 10:00-10:30am
- January 14, 21, 28; February 4, 11, 18
- Ages 0-24 months

We’ll listen to stories, sing songs, and have fun while building early literacy skills. 📚 🎈

**Storytimes this winter are all virtual. Please register to receive the Zoom link.**

**Baby Book Bunch**
- Pickup available for one week beginning: Mondays, December 6; January 10; February 7
- Birth - 2 years

Are you looking for baby books but don’t know where to start? Let the library surprise your baby (and you!) with a wonderful selection of books from Baby Book Bunch. Once a month for three months, we will have a bag for you to check out with five selected board books, as well as an activity or craft to keep. 📚 🎈

**Black Kid Joy Storytime with Nanny Nikki**
- Monday, February 21 - Sunday, February 27
- Anytime Program on DPL YouTube channel • All Ages

Celebrate Black History Month through songs and stories performed by the amazing Nanny Nikki. 🎈

**Hot Cocoa Gifts**
- Friday, December 3, 4:30-5:30 pm
- Ages 7+

Make a hot cocoa surprise for someone special in your life. Pick up a kit ahead of time. 📚 🎈

**Nanny Nikki’s Music Show**
- Monday, December 6 - Sunday, December 12
- Anytime Program on DPL YouTube channel • All Ages

Catch this specially recorded musical show for young kids presented by Nanny Nikki! 🎈

**Picture Book Party**
- Wednesday, December 8, 7:00-7:45pm
- Ages 3-6

Listen to stories, play games, and make crafts with your favorite characters, including Elephant & Piggie and Pete the Cat! 🎈

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** Finals Week @ the Library **

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**Decorate Your Own Gingerbread House**
- Tuesday, December 14, 5:00-6:00pm • All Ages

Hop on zoom and show off your skills as we decorate gingerbread houses together. One kit per family. 📚 🎈

**Alaskan Reindeer Farm Virtual Tour**
- Tuesday, December 21, 1:00-1:30pm • All Ages

Travel virtually to Palmer, Alaska to meet the animals that call this Reindeer Farm home. 🎈

**Let’s Draw: A Very Merry Krampus**
- Wednesday, December 22, 2:00-3:00pm
- Grades 3+

Hear the tale of this creepy creature and learn to draw and design your very own Krampus to create some very unique holiday cards. 🎈

**New Year Mad Libs**
- Tuesday, December 28, 2:00-3:00pm
- Grades 3+

Fill in these New Year-themed Mad Libs and let’s end 2021 with some laughs! 🎈

**Youth Advisory Board**
- Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00pm
- January 5; February 2
- Grades 1-5

Do you have a great idea for a program or a book you’d like to share? Join YAB to make your voice heard at the Library. Each month we’ll play games, do a project, and share ideas! 🎈

**Grab & Go Kits: Youth & Teens**

Available starting Mondays, December 13, December 27 (Bonus New Year Edition), January 10, February 14. Stop by the outdoor Creation Station or the Youth Services department for a kit to take home. While supplies last.
Battle for Justopolous
Super Hero Escape Room
Tuesday, January 12, 4:00-5:00pm
Ages 7+
Join Mobile Room
Escape for this virtual super hero adventure. Interact with your fellow crime fighters to see how many villains your team can capture before time runs out!

Make Your Own:
LED Light-Up Card
Thursday, February 10, 4:30-5:30pm
Grades 3-5
Light up someone’s day by making them a cool light-up card.

Kindness Club:
Secret Valentines
Friday, February 4, 4:30-5:30pm
All Ages
Bring some cheer to our seniors in assisted living facilities by making customized Valentines! Pick up a kit ahead of time.

Snacks & Stories:
A Mysterious Thing lands in Rabbit and Bear's peaceful summer lake. Is it exciting, or terrifying? Books and snacks provided.

Chapters & Chips: Maya and the Robot by Eve L. Ewing
Monday, February 28, 4:00-5:00pm
Grades 3-5
A forgotten homemade robot comes to life just when aspiring fifth-grade scientist Maya needs a friend - and a science fair project. Books and snacks provided.

Homeschool Programs

Thursdays, December 2, 9, 16;
January 6, 13, 20, 27;
February 3, 10, 17, 24
Ages 7-10:
2:00-3:00pm
Ages 11+:
3:15-4:15pm
Homeschool students will enjoy fun activities, a special book club, and learn cool stuff. Contact Kary Henry (khenry@deerfieldlibrary.org) for more information or to register.
Join us in toasting five years of the Deerfield Public Library Podcast and a special recognition for the podcast host, Dylan Zavagno. Dylan is the recipient of the 2021 Illinois Library Association Readers’ Advisory Service Award for his innovative work in the development and production of the podcast.

Launched in 2017 with inaugural guest former Mayor Harriet Rosenthal, the Podcast features in-depth interviews with authors, artists, and other notable people from Chicagoland and around the world. The diversity of guests and topics has provided listeners with thoughtful, surprising, and exclusive stories. Highlights include:

- Hometown heroes: photographer Art Shay; wrestler Colt Cabana; Chef Gale Gand; essayist Marina Shifrin;
- Chicagoland writers: novelist Rosellen Brown; short story author Jasmon Drain; bestseller Sonali Dev; critic and memoirist, Howard Reich;
- Farther-flung authors: X-Men writer Chris Claremont; poet and New Yorker poetry critic Dan Chiasson; romance novelist Sarah MacLean.

In June 2021, in honor of Pride Month, the podcast presented Queer Poem-a-Day, featuring a recording of a poem written and read by a contemporary LGBTQIA+ poet for each day of the month. The series was featured on Chicago Public Radio WBEZ’s Reset and the PEN America podcast.

You can listen to the podcast by streaming from deerfieldlibrary.org/podcast or search for the Deerfield Public Library Podcast on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, or wherever you listen to podcasts.
For Those With Dementia:
Deerfield Memory Cafe

Join us at the new Deerfield Memory Cafe, a program developed to support and connect those experiencing memory loss and their care partners. The Cafe will be held in-person at the Library the first Wednesday of each month, from 10:00-11:30 a.m. Upcoming dates are December 1, January 5, February 2.

Each gathering will include a rotating theme or activity, and an opportunity to socialize with the other attendees. Coffee and tea will be served. For safety, attendance will be limited to 10 pairs (20 attendees). For more information and to register, contact Judy Hoffman, 847-580-8954, jhoffman@deerfieldlibrary.org.

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Finals Week @ the Library
December 11-16

Don’t forget to use the Library for all of your studying needs!

**Group Study:**
- 8 study rooms, seating 2-6 (Available first-come, first-served)
- Teen Area, flexible seating
- Café area, flexible seating

**Quiet Study:**
- Quiet Room, downstairs, east side
- Downstairs: private study carrels, tables behind the info desk and outside of the study rooms.
- Upstairs: Cozy chairs in front lobby and in Magazine area.

Check out the “Relaxation Station” in the Teen Space for coloring books and quiet crafts to help you wind down.