

Pathways

Fall, September–November, 2024



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Hours

Mon–Fri: 9 am–9 pm

Sat: 9 am–5 pm

Sun: 12–5 pm

Ask a Librarian

Live chat available at tplibrary.org.

Accessibility

ADA accommodation should be requested at least 10 working days prior to any library event.

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Renee Beemsterboer

In memoriam: Jennifer C. Tobin (from Shirley Schwartz)

September Is Library Card Sign-up Month!

Sign up for a Tinley Park Public Library card or show us your existing card at the Checkout Desk during September to receive a fun giveaway. You will also be entered into a drawing for a Fall Fandom Fest prize basket, including a T-shirt and a gift card!



Who can get a library card?

- Anyone who lives in incorporated Tinley Park or Orland Hills
- Anyone who owns or leases taxable residential or business property in incorporated Tinley Park or Orland Hills
- Individuals who live in unincorporated Tinley Park may apply for a non-resident fee card.

How to get your library card

Apply in person:

Stop by the Checkout Desk with your Illinois driver's license or state ID with your current address. For a complete list of acceptable forms of identification and proof of residency, visit tplibrary.me/circulation-policy or call 708.532.0160, x3.

Apply online:

You can sign up for your library card online at tplibrary.me/card.

2024–2025 Library Renovation

As we celebrate 20 years in our current building, I'm excited to announce plans to revitalize our second-floor Youth Services Department for the next generation of readers. These renovations are part of a strategic planning process that began just before the COVID-19 pandemic. A community survey informed our Board-approved Strategic Plan and architectural master plan, forging a path forward in the years ahead. Our Board and staff are committed to maintaining a welcoming, modern facility. We understand these changes may prompt questions for our patrons, but rest assured our staff are here to support you and ensure access to all services during this transformation.

What is changing?

- The primary focus will be refreshing our second-floor Youth Services Department:
 - Replacing 20-year-old carpet, furniture, and seating
 - Updating programming rooms
 - Improving accessibility, adding a dual-purpose nursing and sensory room
- Restrooms will be updated
- A drive-up window for convenient pickup of holds will be added to our existing drive-up book drop

When will the renovation take place?

Construction is expected to begin in December 2024 and last through summer 2025.

Will you be closing the library?

No, the library will remain open during construction.

How will this affect my visits to the library?

Product Architecture + Design and SMC Construction Services have planned for construction to be done in phases to minimize the impact on library patrons' experience. Areas of the building will be closed off at different times throughout the renovation, but our usual services and collections will remain available. You may notice a temporarily scaled-down schedule of programs, and programs may be held offsite.

How is the library paying for the renovation?

Thanks to diligent long-term planning, fiscal responsibility, and stewardship, the library has secured ample funds to cover all planned improvements.

For more information and regular updates, please visit our renovation webpage:

tplibrary.me/renovation.



Zach Musil, Library Director



Youth Services Desk – Preliminary Rendering



Youth Services Play Area – Preliminary Rendering

Fall Fandom Fest 2024



All September!

Do you love superheroes? Anime? Video games? Whatever you're into, we invite you to celebrate your favorite fandoms at the library's second annual Fall Fandom Fest!

Throughout the month of September, enjoy a variety of themed events for all ages. On Saturday, September 28, join us for our grand finale! Attendees are welcome to dress in costume—no full face masks or realistic weapons.

Check out our dedicated Fall Fandom Fest site at tplibrary.me/fff.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library



Win Prizes!

You can earn tickets to enter to win one of several prizes, including themed prize baskets. Submit your tickets by 5 pm on Saturday, September 28 for a chance to win! Earn tickets by:

- **Attending Fall Fandom Fest events during September.** Tickets will be handed out at the end of each event.
- **Visiting vendors at Artist Alley on September 28.** Collect stamps from at least 10 vendors and turn in your stamp sheet for a drawing ticket.

Vote for Teen Fandom Art Contest Sep 21–28


Visit the Teen Art Gallery on the second floor and vote for your favorite 2D artwork! Vote in person or online at tplibrary.me/fff-voting starting September 21. The winner will be announced by October 3.

Guess Who? Fandom Walk

Sep 1–30

All Ages: How well do you know your fandoms? During the month of September, take a stroll through our nature area and see how many you can identify!

Children & Families

Signup is required for most events and begins on August 15 unless they are labeled  Drop in.

The Whodunits Present: A Superhero Mystery

Fri, Sep 6: 7–8 pm

Grades 4–8: Use your best detective skills to interrogate the suspects and find out “whodunit” during this interactive performance.

Videogame Club

Tue, Sep 10: 4:30–5:30 pm

Grades 4–5: Play a variety of video games on the library’s Nintendo Switches.

Movie Night: Elemental

Tue, Sep 10: 6–8:30 pm

Families: Join us for a family movie night!

Team LEGO

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Grades 2–3: Teamwork is the name of the game! Each person will be paired with a young teen and work together to complete their LEGO challenges.

Disney STEAM

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Grades 2–3: Design and create STEAM-based projects related to popular Disney movies!

Bluey's Fun at the Library

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Pushing Shape in Your Art

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Comic Book 101

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Superhero Improv Workshop

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Pokémon Party

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Grades 2–3: Find your favorite Pokémon as we train, spot and catch characters through activities and games.

Family Pajamarama


Fri, Sep 27: 6:30–7:15 pm



Drop in

Ages 3–8 years with adult(s): Participate in stories, fingerplays, games, crafts, and songs.

Teens & Adults

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Teen Fandom Art Gallery Contest

Entries Accepted: Sep 1–20

Voting Period: Sep 21–28

Grades 6–12: Submit your 2D artwork based on your favorite fandom for a chance to win a \$50 gift card and other prizes! For a full description and rules visit tplibrary.me/fff-contest.



Teen Art Studio: Fan Art

Tue, Sep 3: 7–8 pm

Grades 6–12: Combine your creativity and our art supplies to create an original drawing for the Teen Fandom Art Contest.

Fandom Fest Trivia

Mon, Sep 9: 6–7 pm

Adults: Show off your fandom knowledge with a game of trivia! Play alone or with a team (limit 6 people per team) for a chance to win a prize. Light refreshments will be served.

Movie Discussion: Guardians of the Galaxy

2014 | PG-13 | 121 min

Action, Adventure, Comedy

Wed, Sep 11: 7–8 pm

Adults,  Drop in.

Cricut 101

Wed, Sep 11: 7–8 pm

Grades 9–Adult: Learn Cricut basics while creating your own fandom stickers for water bottles. Water bottles will be provided.

Fandom Bingo

Thu, Sep 12: 7–8 pm

 Drop in

Grades 9–Adult: Celebrate your favorite fandoms with a fun night of bingo! Light refreshments will be served.

The Evolution of the Modern Zombie

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Teen DIY: Fandom Buttonmaking

Tue, Sep 24: 7–8 pm

Grades 6–12: Design your own buttons to represent your favorite fandoms.

Ka-Pow!!: The Comic Art Academy

Tue, Sep 26: 6:30–8 pm


Grades 6–12: Learn how to design and draw your own superheroes from a professional comic artist. All materials provided.

Friday Film: Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire

2024 | PG-13 | 115 min | CC

Comedy, Adventure

Fri, Sep 27: 11 am & 2 pm

Grades 6–Adult,  Drop in.

Super Smash Bros. Tournament

Fri, Sep 27: 6–8 pm

Grades 6–Adult: Join a friendly competition among fellow Super Smash Bros. enthusiasts. All equipment provided.

Fall Fandom Fest 2024 Grand Finale



See the full Fall Fandom Fest Grand Finale schedule at tplibrary.me/fff.

Saturday, September 28

10 am–3 pm

Parking & Safety

Parking available in the Metra lots. Attendees are welcome to dress in costume—no full face masks or realistic weapons. Security will be present.

Artist Alley

10 am–3 pm

Local artists, authors, and vendors will be selling their wares in our Meeting Room. Visit tplibrary.me/fff for vendor list.

GameTruck

10 am–1 pm

Ages 6–Adult: Hop on board the GameTruck and play video games with your friends! Sign up in person on 9/28 for a time slot.

Mario Mayhem

10–11 am

Ages 3–8 years with adult(s): Drop in and create a special craft related to the magical world of Super Mario.

Bookmobile

11 am–3 pm

Visit for a special treat!

Cosplay Photo Ops

11 am–3 pm

Costumers with a Cause and Chicago POC Cosplayers will be in costume and available for photos.

Food Trucks

11 am–2 pm

Joey's Red Hots Taco Truck, The Scoop, Avocado Theory, and Life's a Slice.

Fandom Trivia

11:30 am–1 pm

Ages 5–Adult: Trivia fun with Kahoot!

Dance Party with Fun Fun Fun DJs

12–3 pm

Face Painting

12–3 pm

Dave Fleming: Balloon Artist

1–3 pm

Green Screen Photos

1–3 pm

Have your photo taken in front of a cool background!

Teen Tabletop Gaming: Lorcana

1:30–2:30 pm

Grades 6–12: Play Lorcana, a popular trading card game with Disney characters. Bring your own deck or learn how to play using a provided starter deck.

Fall Events

How to Attend

Icon Key



Drop-in Events: No signup is necessary for these events.



Off-Site Events: Some events are held at special community locations.



TPPL Cardholders Only: These events are open to Tinley Park Public Library cardholders only.



Virtual Events: We offer some online events as well as events with the option to attend in person or online. Select event recordings are available at tplibrary.me/recordings.


Event Signup

Visit tplibrary.me/events or call us at 708.532.0160 to sign up for events.

Signup is required for events and begins on the 15th of the month for the next month's events, unless otherwise noted.

Reminder: We want children using the library to be safe. Children aged 9 or under must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Children


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Storytimes

Preschool Stories

Tue, Sep 3–Oct 22: 10–10:30 am

Wed, Sep 4–Oct 23: 11–11:30 am


 Drop in.

Ages 3–5 years with adult(s).

Bouncing Babies

Tue, Sep 3–Oct 22: 11–11:30 am

Thu, Sep 5–Oct 24: 10–10:30 am


 Drop in.

Ages Birth–23 months with adult(s).

Tales for Twos

Wed, Sep 4–Oct 23: 10–10:30 am


Fri, Sep 6–Oct 25: 10–10:30 am

 Drop in.

Ages 2 years with adult(s).

Evening Storytime

Thu, Sep 5–Oct 24: 6:30–7 pm

 Drop in.

Ages 3–8 years with adult(s).

Storytime at Tinley Junction

Sat, Sep 7: 10–10:30 am

 Tinley Junction, 16801 80th Ave

 Drop in.

Families: Enjoy a 30-minute storytime! Families can stay to explore the Bookmobile and enjoy a discounted round of mini-golf.


Supported Storytime

Sat, Sep 7 & Nov 2: 10:30–11:15 am

Ages 3–8 years with adult(s): A visual schedule and sensory supports will be available in this adaptive storytime. Join us for stories, songs, movement, and sensory activities.

Public Works Storytime


Fri, Sep 13: 11 am–12 pm

 Drop in

Ages 3–8 years with adult(s): Join us at this special outdoor storytime by the caboose to learn what the Public Works Department does for our community.

Spanish Storytime


Sat, Sep 14, Oct 12, Nov 9: 10:30–11 am

 Drop in.

Ages 3–8 years with adult(s). Edades 3-8 con adulto(s).

Arabic Storytime


Sat, Sep 21, Oct 19, Nov 16: 10:30–11 am

 Drop in.

Ages 3–8 years with adult(s).

Family Pajamarama

Fri: 6:30–7:15 pm

 Drop in.

Sep 27: Fall Fandom Fest

Oct 18: Halloween

Ages 3–8 years with adult(s): Stories, fingerplays, games, crafts, and songs.

Wiggleworms Storytime


Wed, Oct 23: 6:30–7 pm

Ages 2–3 years with adult(s).

Fire Station Storytime

Mon, Nov 4: 9:30–10:15 am

 Station 47, 7825 W 167th St

 Drop in.

Ages 3–8 years with adult(s): Join us at this special storytime to learn what the Fire Department does for our community.

Police Station Storytime

Thu, Nov 21: 11–11:45 am

 TPPD, 7850 W 183rd St

 Drop in.

Ages 3–8 years with adult(s): Join us at this special storytime to learn what the Police Department does for our community.

Families

Movie Night: Elemental

Tue, Sep 10: 6–8:30 pm

Families: Join us for a family movie night!


Bluey's Fun at the Library

Thu, Sep 19: 5–5:45 pm

Families: Join us for a wackadoo Bluey event with stories, activities, and plenty of dancing.

Mario Mayhem


Sat, Sep 28: 10–11 am

 Drop in.

Ages 3–8 years with adult(s): Drop in and create a special craft related to the magical world of Super Mario.

Family Activity Night: Halloween Bingo

Fri, Oct 25: 6:30–7:30 pm


 Drop in

Families: Spend some quality time with your family!

Downtown Tinley Boo Bash

Sun, Oct 27: 11:30 am–3 pm

 Oak Park Ave Train Station, 6700 South St.

 Drop in

Families: Swing by the library's booth at Boo Bash for a ghoulishly good storytime and a spooktacular treat! 11:30 am to 12 pm will be a sensory-friendly time with reduced noise levels and a quiet zone.

Family Show

Firefly Family Theatre: Harvest Moon

Sat, Oct 26: 10:30–11:15 am

Families: Join Spark the Firefly and all her friends as they welcome a new season with lots of fall fun for families! Signup required for each person attending.

Preschool

Create with Me

Mon, Sep 30: 5:30–6 pm

Ages 3–5 years with adult(s): Your child and their favorite adult will create a keepsake art project.

Preschool Lab: Space!

Fri, Oct 4: 1–1:45 pm

Ages 3–5 years with adult(s): Join us for science-based activities on a fascinating theme: Space!

Grades K–1

STEAM Ahead: LEGOs

Wed, Sep 4: 4:30–5:15 pm

Grades K–1: Join us for science-based activities on a fascinating theme: LEGOs!

Grades K–2

Astronaut Tea Party

Mon, Oct 7: 6–7 pm

Grades K–2: Have you ever wondered what space smells like? What astronauts eat? Or even where astronauts sleep in space? If so, join us for our astronaut tea party!

Grades K–5

Greyt Readers

Mon, Sep 9 & 23, Oct 14 & 28, Nov 11 & 25: 6:30–8 pm

Grades K–5: Readers practice their developing skills out loud to a greyhound dog for up to 15 minutes. Please read full description at tplibrary.me/events.

Grades K–8

Readers' Choice Book Award Preview

Thu, Nov 14: 11 am–12 pm

Grades K–8: Come learn about Illinois Readers' Choice Book Award nominees. Join us as staff highlight titles from the 2025 Monarch, Bluestem, and Rebecca Caudill lists.

Grades 1–2

Pushing Shape in Your Art

Mon, Sep 23: 4:30–5:30 pm

Grades 1–2: Learn tips and tricks to emphasize shape in your art and create cartoons.

Grades 2–3

Team LEGO

Fri, Sep 13: 6–7 pm

Grades 2–3: Teamwork is the name of the game! Each person will be paired with a young teen and work together to complete their LEGO challenges.

Disney STEAM

Tue, Sep 17: 4:30–5:30 pm

Grades 2–3: Design and create STEM-based projects related to popular Disney movies!

Pokémon Party

Thu, Sep 26: 4:30–5:30 pm

Grades 2–3: Find your favorite Pokémon as we train, spot and catch characters through activities and games.

Tinley Traveler: Poland

Tue, Oct 22: 4:30–5:30 pm

Wed, Oct 30: 11 am–12 pm

Grades 2–3: Get your passports ready! We’ll explore the people and culture of Poland.

Grades 3–5

Bluestem Book Club

Thu: 4:30–5:30 pm

Sep 5: *Odder* by Katherine Applegate

Oct 3: *Garlic & the Vampire* by Bree Paulsen

Grades 3–5: Each month we’ll discuss a nominee from the 2025 Bluestem Readers’ Choice List while enjoying a snack and activities.

Comic Book 101

Tue, Sep 24: 5:30–6:30 pm

Grades 3–5: Explore the different languages of comics, from the eyes, to body posture, to the actual language within speech bubbles.

Grades 4–5

Videogame Club

Tue, Sep 10 & Oct 8: 4:30–5:30 pm

Grades 4–5: Play a variety of video games on the library’s Nintendo Switches.

“Sew” Simple

Mon, Oct 21: 4:30–5:30 pm

Grades 4–5: Learn a few simple stitches and create your choice of felt project. All supplies provided.

Grades 4–8

The Whodunits Present: A Superhero Mystery

Fri, Sep 6: 7–8 pm

Grades 4–8: Use your best detective skills to interrogate the suspects and find out “whodunit” during this interactive performance.

Superhero Improv Workshop

Wed, Sep 25: 7–8 pm

Grades 4–8: Improviser Garrett Gray will lead improv exercises to help you learn the tools to “improv like a superhero” and become socially fearless.

King Me!

Sat, Oct 26: 2–3 pm

Grades 4–8: Show off your skills and join us for chess and checker fun! Beginners and experts alike are welcome.

Subscriptions

Children, families, and teens can sign up for monthly subscription services with books or movies that are curated and chosen based on their preferences.

Ready Readers Subscription Bags: Grades K–2

Junior Reads Subscription Bags: Grades 3–5

Teen Reads Subscription Box: Grades 6–12

- **Signup:** September 1–20
- **Pickup:** October 7, November 4, December 2

Family Movie Subscription Bags

Families with children ages 3–8 or 9–12

- **Signup:** begins on the 15th of the month prior
- **Pickup:** September 3, October 7, November 4

Teens

Signup is required for events and begins on the 15th of the month for the next month's events.

Grades 6–8

Caudill Book Club

Thu: 6–7 pm

Sep 12: *The Tryout* by Christina Soontornvat

Oct 10: *A Rover's Story* by Jasmine Warga

Grades 6–8: Participants will discuss a nominee from the Caudill 2025 Award list. Each meeting includes a snack, pop, and related activities.

Team LEGO: Teen Volunteer Opportunity

Fri, Sep 13: 6–7 pm

Grades 6–8: Teamwork is the name of the game! Each person will be paired with a 2nd or 3rd grader and work together to complete their LEGO challenges.

Grades 6–12

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Teen Art Studio: Fan Art

Tue, Sep 3: 7–8 pm

Grades 6–12: Combine your creativity and our art supplies to create an original drawing for the Teen Fandom Art Contest.

YAC: Youth Advisory Council

Tue, Sep 10 & Oct 8: 6–7 pm

Grades 6–12: Help plan teen programs at the library. Pizza and pop will be served.

Café Olé

Tue, Sep 10 & Oct 8: 7–8 pm

Grades 6–12: Hang out, eat cookies, sip on a cold or hot drink, and enjoy a different activity each time.

Babysitting Class

Sat, Sep 14: 1–4 pm

Grades 6–12: Learn how to become a better babysitter! Learn how to stay safe, provide care for young children and infants, and how to choose age-appropriate activities. Each participant should bring a doll. Each participant will receive a certificate of completion and a goodie bag.

Teen DIY: Fandom Buttonmaking

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Teen Tabletop Gaming: Lorcana

Sat, Sep 28: 1:30–2:30 pm



Drop in

Grades 6–12: Play Lorcana, a popular trading card game with Disney characters. Bring your own deck or learn how to play using a provided starter deck.

Teen Digital Art

Fri, Oct 11: 7–8 pm

Grades 6–12: Learn how to create digital works of art with a stylus and an iPad on the ProCreate app.

Crochet Mania

Wed, Oct 16: 7–8 pm

Grades 6–12: Learn the basics of crocheting and make your own craft. Experts and beginners alike are welcome.

“Sew” Simple

Mon, Oct 21: 6:30–7:30 pm

Grades 6–12: It’s pick your own project time! Choose from several projects as you visit with other stitchers. All supplies provided.

Teen Trivia Night: Halloween

Wed, Oct 30: 7–8 pm

Grades 6–12: Join us and test your knowledge on all things spooky and Halloween.

Grades 9–12


Cricut 101

Wed, Sep 11: 7–8 pm

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The Evolution of the Modern Zombie

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Grades 9–Adult: Join Scott Kenemore on a rollicking tour of the zombie’s origins in Haitian mysticism, through its evolutions in pop culture, to the ravenous zombies of today.

Dungeons and Dragons

Sat, Oct 19: 10 am–4 pm

Grades 9–Adult: Celebrate the 50th anniversary of Dungeons and Dragons by playing a D&D one shot. DMs, snacks, and beverages provided.

Adults

Signup is required unless otherwise noted. You may sign up beginning now unless otherwise noted.

Seasonal Events

Introduction to Pullman

Fri, Sep 6: 2–3 pm

 Attend in person or view recording at a later time

Pullman historian Andy Bullen shares five “big” stories: the Pullman family, the Company, the town, the people, and issues regarding labor and race.

Fandom Fest Trivia

Mon, Sep 9: 6–7 pm

Show off your fandom knowledge with a game of trivia! Play alone or with a team (limit 6 people per team) for a chance to win a prize. Light refreshments will be served. Signup begins August 15.

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Delightfully Vegan Mexican Cuisine

Mon, Sep 16: 6:30–7:30 pm

Local baker Oscar Narvaez shares vegan cooking tips on ways to make tinga and tres leches cake! Signup begins August 15.


The Life and Music of Liberace

Wed, Sep 18: 2–3 pm

Join Larry Bergnach for an engaging presentation featuring songs and stories of this beloved, outrageously opulent, charismatic, and talented entertainer.

Virtual Tour of the Museum of Latin-American Art

Thu, Sep 19: 7–8 pm

 Attend online

Virtually explore a museum dedicated to ground-breaking exhibits of Latin-American and Latinx artists. Event is led by museum docents. Have paper and pencil ready for an interactive activity.

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Super Smash Bros. Tournament

Fri, Sep 27: 6–8 pm

Grades 6–Adult: Join a friendly competition among fellow Super Smash Bros. enthusiasts. All equipment provided.

Polish Cuisine

Tue, Oct 1

 View recording

Krystin Slick demonstrates delicious, tried and true recipes. Sign up to receive link one day prior to event to watch the recording anytime October 1–31, or visit tplibrary.me/recordings.

Intro to Ukulele: 4-Part Series


Wed, Oct 2–23: 10:30–11:45 am

 TPPL Cardholders Only

Learn to play the ukulele in this 4-part series. It is best to attend all sessions as each session builds upon the previous. Ages 18+.

Medicare Made Easy

Wed, Oct 2: 6–7:30 pm

 Attend in person or online

Learn about eligibility, enrollment, and the benefits of Medicare and Medicare Supplements with Diane Adduci, a community educator and licensed insurance representative.

The Relativity of Albert Einstein

Fri, Oct 4: 2–3 pm

Broadway and film veteran Duffy Hudson brings Albert Einstein to life in this unique one-man show, explaining the theory of relativity in a fun, exciting way.

Lizzie Borden: Did She Do It?

Mon, Oct 7: 6:30–7:30 pm

Storyteller Tricia Kelly will bring Lizzie Borden to life for a powerful performance, told from the point of view of the one person who knew what really happened—Lizzie herself.

Antique Appraisals at the Tinley Park Historical Society

Sat, Oct 12: 1–3 pm

 Tinley Park Historical Society, 6727 174th St.

Learn about trends in the antiques market, see unique and interesting items appraised, and learn about their value. Limit of one item per person.

Dungeons and Dragons

Sat, Oct 19: 10 am–4 pm

Grades 9–Adult: Celebrate the 50th anniversary of Dungeons and Dragons by playing a D&D one shot. DMs, snacks, and beverages provided.

Mary Shelley: Love and Frankenstein

Wed, Oct 23: 6:30–7:30 pm

Be enchanted by actress and award-winning storyteller Megan Wells as she portrays Mary Shelley.

Senior Medicare Patrol

Wed, Nov 6: 2–3:15 pm

Learn how you can prevent, detect, and report potential Medicare fraud, followed by a game of bingo. Presented by Age Options in partnership with Pathlights.

Native Americans: Then and Now

Sat, Nov 9: 2–3 pm

Joseph Standing Bear Schranz, founder of the Midwest SOARRING Foundation, will share his knowledge. Enjoy hearing the flute and explore artifacts. Adults 18+.

Chicago’s Iconic World’s Fairs: 1893 and 1933–34

Tue, Nov 12: 2–3:30 pm

Historian Ed Bara discusses how new attractions and technologies introduced at these global events helped shape the modern world.

Five Wishes: A Living Will Document

Fri, Nov 15: 2–3 pm

Learn about this legally- binding document that can help you and your family plan ahead in the event of serious illness.

Flying High: Betty the Pan Am Stewardess

Tue, Nov 19: 6:30–7:30 pm

Historian Leslie Goddard, Ph.D., tells a true story about the real-life stewardesses of Pan Am, the most glamorous U.S. airline. Buckle up—this is one flight you won’t forget!

Friends’ Concerts

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Die Musikmeisters Band

Sun, Oct 13: 2–3 pm

Enjoy your favorite Oktoberfest music with the quartet dressed in authentic German lederhosen. Signup begins September 15.

Eddie Korosa, Jr & The Boys from Illinois

Sun, Nov 24: 2–3 pm

Join Eddie, playing his accordion, and his band as they entertain with polkas and other old favorites. Signup begins October 15.

Love Grows by Giving

Nov 15–Dec 13

In our continual effort to support our community, the library will be a drop-off point for donations toward the following organizations ahead of the holiday season.

Crisis Center of South Suburbia

The Crisis Center wish list will be available in our lobby and on our website closer to the collection dates.

Tinley Park Food Pantry

The Food Pantry will be glad to receive nonperishable and non-expired food items. No glass containers please.

Family History & Family Stories Reading Challenge



Oct 1–Nov 30

October is Family History Month and November is Family Stories Month, when we celebrate our histories and stories passed down from generations. Tales of laughter, adventure, and love can carry us through the years. Record your own origin story, listen to stories from loved ones, and read books about families of all shapes and sizes. Log your reading and activities to earn badges throughout the challenge.

Check out the Family Stories display on the first floor of the library or the recommended reading list on Beanstack to find titles for the challenge. Visit tplibrary.me/beanstack to sign up.

Ongoing Events

Mah Jongg Club

Tue, Sep 3 & 17, Oct 1 & 15, Nov 5 & 19: 11 am–1 pm

Mon, Sep 30, Oct 28, Nov 25: 6–8 pm

📍 Drop in

Stitch Club

Thu, Sep 5, Oct 3 & 17, Nov 7 & 21: 11 am–1 pm

📍 Drop in

Meet, mingle, and share tips on needlecraft projects. Bring your own supplies.

Ageless Grace (Brain & Body Fitness)

Mon, Sep 9 & 30, Oct 14 & 28, Nov 11 & 25: 10–10:45 am

🖥️ Attend online or in person

Signup begins on the 15th of the month prior to the dates listed.

Chair Yoga

Thu, Sep 12, Oct 10, Nov 14: 11 am–12 pm

Signup begins on the 15th of the month prior to the dates listed.

Evening Yoga

Wed, Sep 18, Oct 16, Nov 20: 6:30–7:30 pm

Bring a yoga mat and a firm blanket. Signup begins on the 15th of the month prior to the dates listed.

Memory Café

Tue, Sep 24, Oct 22, Nov 26: 10:30–11:30 am

A comfortable social gathering for people living with dementia to attend with their care partners. Includes fun, creative engagement activities, music, and refreshments.

Self-Expression Through Movement

Thu, Sep 26 & Oct 24: 6:30–7:30 pm

Elaine Gotfryd Noonan will guide you through creative movements with focus on flow of body and breath. Bring a mat or towel. Signup begins on the 15th of the month prior to the dates listed.

League of Aspiring Writers

Mon, Sep 30, Oct 28, Nov 25: 6–8 pm

Connect with other local writers who are eager to improve their craft and help you improve yours.



Technology Classes

Classes & Workshops

Create Professional Presentations with Canva

Thu, Oct 24: 6–7 pm

Learn how to use the free graphic design tool Canva to create presentations for school or work.

Cut the Cable Cord

Sat, Sep 7: 2–3 pm

Wed, Nov 20: 10–11 am

Learn about streaming services, like Netflix and Hulu, and streaming devices, like Apple TV and Roku.

Deepfake: ChatGPT and AI

Mon, Oct 14: 2–3 pm

Learn about Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology innovations and how AI can influence various aspects of our lives and industries.

Excel Basics

Tue, Sep 3: 6–8 pm

Thu, Oct 3: 2–4 pm

Sat, Nov 9: 10 am–12 pm

Excel: Intermediate

Wed, Sep 11: 3–5 pm

Thu, Oct 10: 2–4 pm

Sat, Nov 16: 10 am–12 pm

Excel: Advanced

Mon, Sep 16: 2–4 pm

Thu, Oct 17: 2–4 pm

How to Listen to Podcasts

Sun, Oct 20: 3–4 pm

Introduction to Android Devices

Tue, Sep 24: 2–4 pm

Tue, Nov 5: 10 am–12 pm

Introduction to Apple Devices

Mon, Sep 9: 10 am–12 pm

Sat, Oct 12: 2–4 pm

Wed, Nov 13: 6–8 pm

Introduction to Cloud Storage

Tue, Oct 22: 2–3:30 pm

Tue, Nov 19: 6–7:30 pm

Learn the benefits and drawbacks of cloud storage.

Introduction to Google Accounts

Mon, Sep 9: 2–3 pm

Tue, Oct 1: 10–11 am

Sun, Nov 10: 2–3 pm

Learn how to create a Google account and about the free services it grants you access to.

Introduction to Windows 11

Tue, Sep 17: 10 am–12 pm

Thu, Nov 14: 2–4 pm

Password Management

Wed, Oct 23: 10–11 am

PowerPoint Basics

Wed, Sep 11: 10 am–12 pm

Thu, Nov 21: 2–4 pm

PowerPoint: Advanced

Wed, Sep 18: 10 am–12 pm

Word Basics

Fri, Oct 25: 2–4 pm

Thu, Nov 7: 6–8 pm

Career Building

Create a Professional Profile with LinkedIn

Tue, Oct 8: 6–7:30 pm


Mon, Nov 11: 2–3:30 pm

Interview Essentials: Strategies for Standing Out

Mon, Oct 14: 10–11 am

JobNow: Prepare for Your Next Job Search


Tue, Nov 12: 6:30–7 pm

 TPPL Cardholders Only

Learn how to get live 1-on-1 virtual help with your résumé or live interview coaching.

LinkedIn Learning: Online Courses to Learn a New Skill

Fri, Sep 6: 2–3 pm

 TPPL Cardholders Only

Online Job Searching

Sun, Sep 8: 2–3 pm

This class covers job searching and Microsoft Word for résumés and cover letters.

Résumé Tips and Tricks


Thu, Oct 24: 2–3 pm

Conversion Station

Digitize It: Photos and Slides

Thu, Sep 5: 6–7 pm


Wed, Nov 13: 10–11 am

 TPPL Cardholders Only

Digitize It: Reel-to-Reel Films

Sun, Sep 22: 2–3 pm

Fri, Nov 8: 6–7 pm

 TPPL Cardholders Only


Learn to digitize your 8 mm, Super 8, or 16 mm reel-to-reel films.

Digitize It: VHS Tapes

Wed, Sep 25: 2–3 pm

Tue, Oct 15: 10–11 am

Fri, Nov 22: 6–7 pm

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Digitize It: Vinyl Records

Mon, Sep 30: 10–11 am

Tue, Nov 19: 2–3 pm

 TPPL Cardholders Only

Learn to digitize vinyl records and cassette tapes.


Digital Media Studio

Adobe Photoshop Basics

Thu, Nov 7: 2–3:30 pm

Preserve Your Past: Record Your Family’s Oral History

Wed, Oct 16: 10–11 am

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Learn how to record your family’s oral history and have it added to the the StoryCorps Archive at the Library of Congress.

Genealogy

Ancestry Library Edition: Research Your Family History

Wed, Sep 18: 6–7 pm

Tue, Oct 8: 10–11 am

Wed, Nov 20: 6–7 pm

HeritageHub: Research Your Family History

Tue, Oct 1: 6–7 pm

Tue, Nov 5: 2–3 pm

HeritageQuest: Research Your Family History

Thu, Sep 19: 2–3 pm

Mon, Oct 21: 10–11 am

Read All About It! Using Newspapers for Genealogy

Sun, Sep 15: 2–3 pm

Tue, Oct 15: 6–7 pm

Online Resources

Creativebug: Learn Crafting Projects Step-by-Step

Wed, Sep 4: 3–3:30 pm

Sat, Oct 19: 2–2:30 pm

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Data Driven Marketing: Access Demographics and Consumer Data

Fri, Sep 20: 2–3 pm

Mon, Nov 18: 10–11 am


Gale Legal Forms: Access Legal Resources

Tue, Sep 10: 10–11 am

How to Use eAudiobooks and eBooks

Sat, Sep 14: 10–11 am


Thu, Nov 14: 6–7 pm

 TPPL Cardholders Only

How to Read eMagazines

Sat, Sep 21: 10–10:30 am


Fri, Nov 8: 3–3:30 pm

 TPPL Cardholders Only

How to Read eNewspapers

Wed, Oct 16: 6–6:30 pm

Fri, Nov 22: 3–3:30 pm

 TPPL Cardholders Only

Morningstar: Research Stocks with Confidence

Mon, Sep 30: 2–2:30 pm

Mon, Nov 4: 10–10:30 am

An introduction on how to use Morningstar to research investment opportunities and build investment knowledge.

Novelist+: Discover Your Next Read

Sun, Sep 22: 12:30–1 pm

Learn how to use the Novelist+ database to discover new books to read.

Reference Solutions: Your Online Whitepages


Wed, Oct 2: 2–3 pm

Wed, Nov 6: 10–11 am

Start Up: Navigating Your Business Plan

Tue, Sep 17: 6–7 pm

Wed, Oct 9: 3–4 pm

 TPPL Cardholders Only

Learn how to use GALE Business Plan Builder to create your next business plan.

Using Consumer Reports

Sat, Sep 14: 3–3:30 pm

Fri, Oct 25: 6–6:30 pm

Sun, Nov 3: 2:30–3 pm

Movies & Books

Friday Films

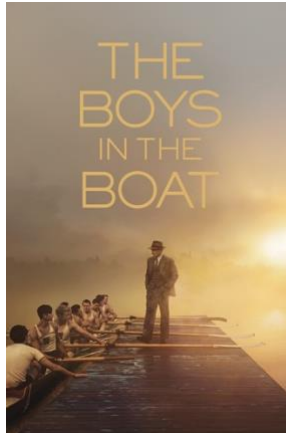


Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire

2024, PG-13, 115 min, CC.
Comedy, Adventure.

Fri, Sep 27: 11 am & 2 pm

⬇ Drop in



The Boys in the Boat

2023, PG-13, 124 min, CC.
Drama, History.

Fri, Oct 11: 11 am & 2 pm

⬇ Drop in



Arthur the King

2024, PG-13, 107 min, CC.
Adventure, Drama.

Fri, Nov 8: 11 am & 2 pm

⬇ Drop in

Movie Discussions

Movies are available at the Reference Desk about one month before the discussion date. Watch at home and join us for the discussion.

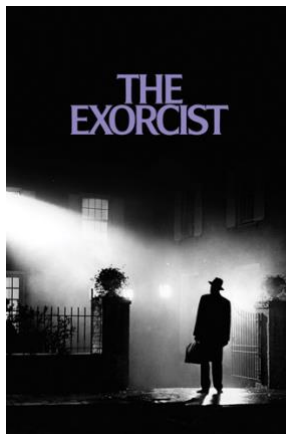


Guardians of the Galaxy

2014, PG-13, 121 min.
Action, Adventure, Comedy.

Wed, Sep 11: 7-8 pm

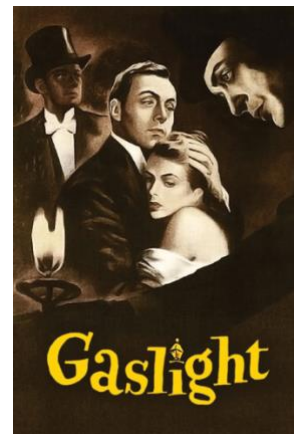
⬇ Drop in



The Exorcist

1973, R, 132 min. Horror.
Wed, Oct 9: 7-8 pm

⬇ Drop in



Gaslight

1944, Approved, 114 min.
Crime, Drama, Mystery

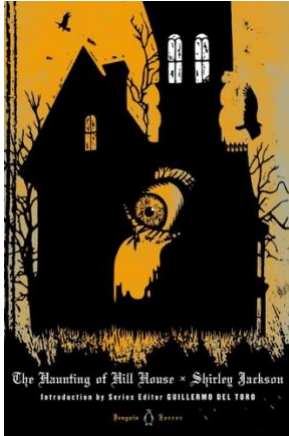
Wed, Nov 13: 7-8 pm

⬇ Drop in

Book Groups

Books are available at the Reference Desk about one month before the discussion date in multiple formats.

Halloween Book Discussion



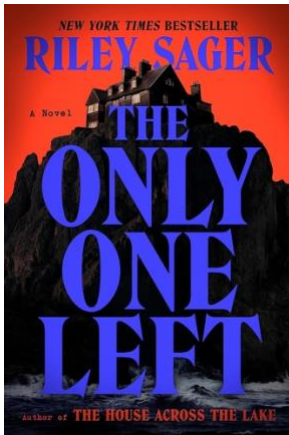
The Haunting of Hill House by Shirley Jackson

Horror, Gothic.

Thu, Oct 31: 7:30–8:30 pm

Led by Doug. Drop in.

Too Good to Be Missed Book Group



The Only One Left by Riley Sager

Thriller

Wed, Sep 11: 1:30–2:30 pm

Led by Dominique.

📍 Drop in.



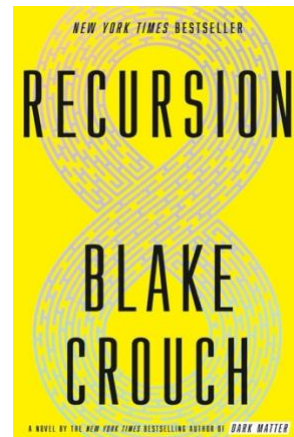
Olive, Again by Elizabeth Strout

Literary Fiction

Wed, Oct 9: 1:30–2:30 pm

Led by Rosemarie.

📍 Drop in.



Recursion by Blake Crouch

Science Fiction, Thriller

Wed, Nov 13: 1:30–2:30 pm

Led by Megan.

📍 Drop in.

Out of the Ordinary Book Group



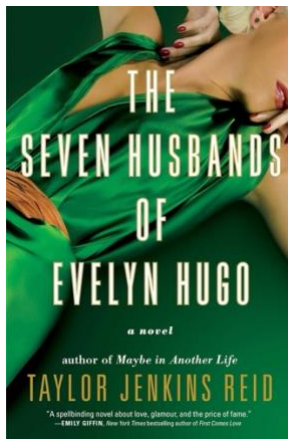
Severance by Ling Ma

Satire, Dystopian

Thu, Sep 19: 7–8 pm

Led by Jenn.

📍 Drop in.



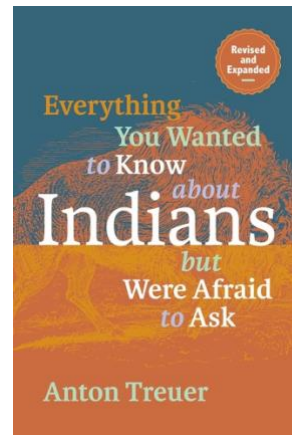
The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo by Taylor Jenkins Reid

Historical Drama

Thu, Oct 17: 7–8 pm

Led by Cindy.

📍 Drop in.



Everything You Wanted to Know About Indians but Were Afraid to Ask by Anton Treuer

History, Sociology

Thu, Nov 21: 7–8 pm

Led by Doug.

📍 Drop in.

Outreach Services



Bookmobile

Our Bookmobile is a mobile branch of the library for all ages. Look for us at neighborhood stops, special events, parks, and senior communities throughout Tinley Park and Orland Hills.

For more information: tplibrary.me/outreach

Contact: 708.532.0160, x6

outreachservices@tplibrary.org

Request a Bookmobile Visit

Request a Bookmobile visit to your organization, neighborhood meet and greet, block party, or other special event.

Senior Community Lobby Stops

Meet us in the lobby for Chats & Checkouts.

Thursdays: 10:30–11:30 am

Once per month.

Tinley Court

Sep 5, Oct 3, Nov 7

Hanover Place

Sep 12, Oct 10, Nov 14

Fulton Commons

Sep 19, FRI Oct 18, Nov 21

Home Delivery

If you are unable to come to the library or the Bookmobile, you may qualify for our home delivery service. This service is free for Tinley Park cardholders who are ill, injured, physically challenged, or confined to their home. Visit tplibrary.me/homedelivery.

Neighborhood Stops

Tinley Park South

Thursdays

Sep 19, Oct 10 & 31, Nov 21

Brookside Glen

Glenbrook Pl & Glenbrook Ln

4:30–4:55 pm

Brookside Glen

Monaghan Dr & Fairfield Ln

5–5:30 pm

Tinley Park East & West

Thursdays

Sep 12, Oct 3 & 24, Nov 14

Parkside (East)

Glenview Dr & Ravinia Dr

3:45–4:15 pm

Fairmont Village (West)

Salem Ct & 170th Pl

4:25–4:50 pm

Radcliffe Place (West)

Radcliffe Rd & Harper Rd

5–5:30 pm

Orland Hills

Thursdays

Sep 5 & 26, FRI Oct 18, Nov 7

Pheasant Ridge/Hunter Apts.

Hunter Dr & 94th Ave

3:15–4 pm

Apartments of Orland

Applewood Ln & 88th Ave

4:15–4:45 pm

Stories Around Town

Bookmobile: 10–11 am

Storytime: 10:15–10:45 am

Drop by for a 30-minute storytime, pick up a craft kit, and visit the Bookmobile for a treat!

Mondays

Sep 16, Oct 21, Nov 18

Oak Park Ave Train Station, Crema Coffee

Oak Park Ave & South St

Friends of the Library

Holiday Gift Package Sale

Sat, Nov 16: 10 am–3 pm



Looking for stress-free holiday shopping?

The Friends are excited to offer gift packages again. The best part is they are all wrapped up and ready to give! This year's sale will be limited to children's books.

Packages go on sale Saturday, November 16 at 10 am in the Meeting Room on the first floor. Cash or check only please, payable to the Friends of the Tinley Park Public Library.

Any packages left after the sale date will be for sale in the Lobby on the first floor.

Become a Member

Whether you are new or renewing, cut out and use the form below to make a donation and support the Friends!



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of the library

Friends Membership

Name: _____ Phone Number: (____) _____

Address: _____

(Street Address)

(City)

(State/Province) (Postal/ZIP Code)

Annual Dues:

Please check one: Adults (\$5) Good Friend (\$10) Best Friend (\$25)

Family Friends (\$15) List names: _____

Please check one: New Membership Membership Renewal

Please make checks payable to:

Friends of the Tinley Park Public Library, 7851 Timber Drive, Tinley Park, IL 60477

Illinois Libraries Present



Erika Sánchez

Wed, Oct 9: 7–8 pm

 Attend online

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with Erika Sánchez, award-winning author of *I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter*. She will be joined in conversation by Cynthia Pelayo.



Jason Reynolds

Tue, Oct 22: 7–8 pm

 Attend online

Join us for an evening with #1 *New York Times* bestselling author, advocate, mentor, and 2020–2022 National Ambassador for Young People’s Literature.



Chef Art Smith

Wed, Nov 20: 7–8 pm

 Attend online

Join Chef Art Smith on his culinary journey and bring some of his inspiration into your holiday season. Joined in conversation with Chicago journalist, Monica Eng.

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Board Dates

Tinley Park

Wed, Sep 25
Wed, Oct 23

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Mon, Sep 16
Mon, Nov 18

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