

# LIBRARYlowdown



Forest Park Public Library

February/March 2010

## Programs & Workshops for Adults

Please register for all programs at [www.fppl.org](http://www.fppl.org), or call 708/366-7171.

### Beginners Crochet Workshops

*Sunday, February 7th and Sunday, February 28th at 1 p.m.*

Learn the history and basic stitches of crochet in this 90 minute class. You will also make a project--crochet hook and materials included! Forest Park Library cardholders only. Must be 12 years or older. Please register for either session of this workshop; please do not register for both. Duplicate registrations will be removed as necessary.

### Cooking Low-Cost Meals

*Thursday, February 18th at 7 p.m.*

For those on shoestring budgets who want to learn how to cook affordable meals for their families without giving up any of the flavor. Participants get the experience of a live cooking demonstration and also get to sample what is made! Forest Park Library cardholders only.

### Computer Classes

*Wednesdays and Saturdays, March 10th through May 1st, 9 a.m.*

For a complete list of classes, please see page 4. Registration begins on Saturday, February 20th at 9 a.m. In-person or online registrations are preferred, but staff will take phone registrations as time permits.

### Aromatherapy Workshop

*Thursday, March 11th at 7 p.m.*

Spend a fun, fragrant and informative hour learning about aromatherapy. Find out how aromatic plants can help reduce stress, relieve headaches, lift spirits and stimulate mindfulness, and take home a bottle of aromatic hydrating mist!



### Trash or Treasure? Antiques Appraisal

*Saturday, March 27th at 1 p.m.*

Do you have a garage sale find or a treasure from the attic that you want to know more about? Rex Newell of Rex's Antiques will quote a suggested value of your antiques as well as discuss current trends in the antiques market. The first 40 patrons who register may bring one handheld item each for appraisal. Forest Park Library cardholders only.

## Book Discussions



No registration required.

### ***Dangerous Laughter:***

***Thirteen Stories* by Steven Millhauser**

*Monday, February 8th at 7:30 p.m.*

***Musicophilia: Tales of Music and the Brain* by Oliver Sacks**

*Monday, March 8th at 7:30 p.m.*

**Speculative Fiction Book Group:**  
***The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman**

*Wednesday, February 10th at 7 p.m.*

**Speculative Fiction Book Group:**  
***Time Travelers Never Die* by Jack McDevitt**

*Wednesday, March 10th at 7 p.m.*

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## Love Your Library Day Party: Sunday, February 21st



Celebrate Love Your Library Day with us! Refreshments will be served while you find out just what there is to love about your library. A raffle for great prizes will be held all day, as well as crafts & games for kids and activities for adults.

Here are some more highlights for February 21st:

### Free Library Card Replacements

Lost your card? Put it through the wash too many times to be able to use it anymore? Patrons in good standing can come to the library on Love Your Library Day and get a new card at no cost.

### Fine Amnesty

One day only! Have a limited

amount of fines for late materials taken off of your account by stopping by the Front Desk on Love Your Library Day.

### Kids: Spin the Wheel & Win!

Kids and parents can spin the wheel for a rhyme, song or short story.

### Teens: It's You vs. The Librarian

Go one on one against the Librarians with the game equipment!

## 12 New Language Courses & 11 New ESL Courses in Mango Languages

Mango is an online language-learning system that can help you learn a new language. Twelve new languages were just added, so you can learn almost any language you want.

If you are new to the English language, Mango offers English

courses for native French, Russian, Mandarin, Cantonese, Italian, Arabic, Japanese, Vietnamese, Polish, Korean, Greek, German, Spanish, and Portuguese speakers.

To use Mango Languages, go to our web site at [www.fppl.org](http://www.fppl.org), click on Online Research, then click on

Education, Skills and Career Development. Use your library card as your username.

If you have trouble please contact a Reference Librarian!



## Two New Weekly Kids' Programs for February and March

The Youth Services department is working hard to bring kids more entertaining programs to occupy after-school time.

### Math Club Mondays

The Math Club will be especially useful for homeschooled kids ages 6 - 10. If you like math or just need

to get some practice solving problems, join us on Mondays from 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. Have fun while working to strengthen your math skills through games like Snap!

### Board Game Tuesdays

From 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. kids and teens ages 8 and up can pop in after



school and play old and new board games. Some of our favorites are Twister,

Monopoly, Connect Four, Sorry, Twilight, 39 Clues, Chess, and, of course, a deck of cards!



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## Activities & Events for Kids

Please register for all programs at [www.fppl.org](http://www.fppl.org) or call 708/366-7171. Children younger than 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

### Weekly Storytimes

Winter Session: through Friday, February 26th. Spring Session: March 22nd - April 30th. Registration begins March 1st.

- Baby Storytimes (0-2 years)  
*Tuesdays @ 10:30 a.m.*
- Toddler Storytimes (2-3 years)  
*Mondays & Fridays @ 10:30 a.m.*
- Preschool Storytimes (3-5 years)  
*Thursdays @ 10:30 a.m.*

### Kids D.I.Y. Valentine Workshop

*For kids ages 12 & under.*

Decorate a cookie and make Valentine's cards.

*Monday, February 8th @ 4 p.m.*

### Celebrate Chinese New Year Week: February 14th - 20th

*For families & kids ages 12 & under.* Crafts and activities all week, including the following:

- Family Chinese New Year Storytelling Night: Learn about the stories behind the Chinese zodiac.  
*Wednesday, February 17th @ 6 p.m.*
- Chinese New Year Festival: Make Chinese characters, use chopsticks, and make a Chinese New Year craft. Snacks provided.  
*Saturday, February 20th, 2 - 4 p.m.*

### Kidworks African Drumming and Traditions Workshop

*For kids ages 4 - 12.*

Kidworks Theatre Co. joins us for drumming and culture in honor of Black History Month.

*Tuesday, February 23rd @ 7 p.m.*

### Science Saturday

*For kids ages 8 - 12.*

- Do-It-Yourself Glaciers  
*Saturday, February 27th, 2 - 3 p.m.*
- Blast Off! Space and Rockets  
*Saturday, March 27th, 2 - 3 p.m.*



### Kids Book Club with Pizza

- The Spiderwick Chronicles  
*Wednesday, February 24th @ 4 p.m.*
- Chicken Soup for the Kid's Soul  
*Wednesday, March 17th @ 4 p.m.*

### Kids Movie Afternoon

*For kids ages 4 - 12.*

Eat some popcorn and watch a new DVD release on our big screen. Watch our monthly calendar for the latest selection!

*Monday, March 22nd @ 4 p.m.*

## Activities & Events for Teens

For kids and teens ages 10 and up. Please register for all programs at [www.fppl.org](http://www.fppl.org) or call 708/366-7171.

### Open Gaming Sundays

Nintendo 64 or Wii.

*Sundays in Feb. & March, 2 p.m.*

### Wii Tournaments

- Battle on the Wii for Brawl glory.  
*Thursday, February 4th @ 4 p.m.*
- DJ Hero turntable battle  
*Thursday, March 4th @ 4 p.m.*

### Anti-Valentine's Day Poetry Slam

Tell us how you *really* feel at our FPPL Teens Cafe. Snacks provided.  
*Thursday, February 11th @ 4 p.m.*

### 2nd Annual Golden Pockys

A celebration/roast of the best and worst of manga and anime is back!  
*Thursday, February 25th @ 4 p.m.*

### Teen Tech Week: March 7 - 13

- Gamers Roundtable: Share tips and cheats, vote on favorites, and give recommendations on what to get.  
*Thursday, March 11th @ 4 p.m.*
- Computer Animation Workshop: Learn 3D animation with Blender.org  
*Tuesday, March 9th @ 4 p.m.*

### Guys' Pizza Night

After-hours food, gaming and a footworking contest.  
*Friday, March 19th, 6 - 8 p.m.*



### College Prep and Career Readiness Fair

Resources will be displayed and

experts available to answer parents' and teens' questions on financial aid, test readiness, and more.  
*Saturday, March 20th @ 1:00 p.m.*

### Anime Critics and Manga Discussion Group

Top 5 of Everything: Put together your top 5 manga and anime series, video games, characters, and episodes.

*Thursday, March 25th @ 4 p.m.*

## Free Computer Classes

- **Forest Park cardholders only.**
- Registration begins Saturday, February 20th at 9 a.m.
- In-person or online registrations are preferred, but staff will take phone registrations as time permits.
- Classes will be from 9 — 11 a.m.

### Basic Skills in Windows XP

*Wed., March 10 or Sat., March 13*

Learn to use the mouse, launch programs, format and copy files, create and rename files, and delete files and folders.

### Introduction to the Internet

*Wed., March 17 or Sat., March 20*

Learn to navigate the web, different search techniques and a variety of Internet sources. Learn how to create Favorites.

### Microsoft Word, Parts 1 & 2

*Wednesdays, March 24 & March 31 or Saturdays, March 27 & April 3*

Part 1: Learn how to create, save, edit and open documents. You need to be proficient in using the mouse

before taking this class.

Part 2: Learn how to format paragraphs, lists, and text.

### Microsoft Excel, Parts 1 & 2

*Wednesdays, April 7 & April 14 or Saturdays, April 10 & April 17*

Part 1: Learn to create simple spreadsheets using basic formulas and formatting. Part 2: Learn more advanced formulas, sorting and absolute references.

### Charts & Graphs in Microsoft Excel

*Wed., April 21 or Sat., April 24*

Learn how to make charts and graphs in Excel. We recommend that the Beginners' Excel course is taken first.

### Microsoft PowerPoint

*Wed., April 28 or Sat., May 1*

Make dynamic presentations after discussing PowerPoint views, templates, working with slides, editing slides, inserting clip art, and more.

## Library Closings

**The Library will be closed on the following days:**

- February 15th: President's Day/ In Service Day

## Library Information

### Forest Park Public Library

7555 Jackson Blvd.  
Forest Park, IL 60130  
708/366-7171  
[www.fppl.org](http://www.fppl.org)

### Hours

Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m.--9 p.m.  
Friday: 9 a.m.--6 p.m.  
Saturday: 9 a.m.--5 p.m.  
Sunday: 1 p.m.--5 p.m.

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