

# PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOL-AGED KIDS

## Cooking for Older Kids

**Saturday, January 4, 10:30 AM, Ages 8-11**  
Learn the basic skills of cooking and names of utensils while creating a tasty treat!

## LEGO® Club

**Saturdays, January 11 & February 8, 2:30 PM, Ages 6-12**  
Each meeting we will create around a different theme.



## After School Craft

**Tuesdays, January 14 & February 11, 4:00 PM, Ages 4-8**

If you like to be creative and don't mind your hands getting a mess, making a craft will be a success. We supply the materials.

## STEAMsational Club

**Saturday, January 25, 10:30 AM, Ages 7-10**  
Each month we'll explore different topics with lots of hands-on activities involving, science, art, math and more!

## Read to a Therapy Pup-Kora

**Tuesdays, January 28 & February 25, 4:00 PM, Ages 6 & Up**  
Our favorite fluffy pup is back and ready to hear some stories! Sign up for a 10 minute time slot.



## Winter Wonderland Tree Craft

**Tuesday, February 11, 6:00 PM, Ages 6-10**  
Come make this whimsical, edible, snow-covered, ice cream cone tree!

Sign up for Youth Programs by calling (708) 687-3700. Registration for all youth programs begins two weeks prior to program and ends when full. Programming Calendars are available in Adult and Youth Services departments.

# TEEN AND TWEEN PROGRAMS

## Candy Bar Bingo

**Thursday, January 2, 2:00 PM, Ages 9-17**  
Join us for a chocolaty twist on this classic game! Bring a candy bar of your choosing.

## Chess Club

**Thursdays, January 9 & February 13, 6:30 PM, Ages 9-17**  
Join us for the opportunity to learn the game, gain new skills and strategies, and have fun playing chess with others.

## Teen Activities Group- TAG

**Thursdays January 16 & February 20, 7:00 PM, Grades 6 to 12**  
The TAG group volunteers at the library and in the community on a monthly basis as opportunities present themselves. Come join the fun and earn service hours!

## CRAFT CONNECTION

### Finger Knitting

**Tuesday, January 28, 6:00PM, Ages 13 and Up**  
Learn how to use this non-traditional knitting method to create an infinity scarf! All materials will be provided and you will leave with your creation. Please note that some dexterity is required. Ages 13 and up.

### XOXO Paintings

**Monday, February 3, 6:00PM, Ages 9-14**  
We are going to make simple but gorgeous XO watercolor paintings just in time for Valentine's Day!



## Friends of the Acorn Library Memorial and Honoree Books

Donate a book to the Friends of the Library in honor of or in memory of a loved one. The donation will be recognized with a commemorative plate in the book and a letter recognizing the donation. Please call 708-687-3700 for more information.

Any individual requiring special accommodations as specified by the Americans with Disabilities Act is required to notify the Adult Services staff at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting date. Please call 708-687-3700.

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## Bad Art Night

**Monday, January 13, 7:00PM**  
Feeling creative? Join us for a fun evening where you can use the library's craft supplies to create art so bad, it's good. We will have a gallery showing with all the pieces of art made, and vote on the Most Terrible Art. The winner will receive a crown.

## Meditation for a More Peaceful and Healthy Life

**Thursday, February 13, 6:30PM**  
Many people all over the world are turning to meditation to help them lead a more peaceful and healthy life-style. Scientific studies have proven that the practice of meditation reduces stress and anxiety, as well as decreases the risk of disease. Many doctors recommend meditation to their patients, and those who practice meditation attest to its healing power in their lives. Please join Renate Lanotte, MS LCSW, long time meditator for this engaging and informative workshop and learn to incorporate a simple yet powerful technique into your life.

# MICRO PANTRY



Acorn Public Library District was gifted a Micro Pantry in December. A Micro Pantry operates like a Little Free Library. Patrons are encouraged to Take what they need and leave what they can. The pantry is located in the upper level foyer. We will accept donations of non-perishable, unexpired food items and toiletries. Thank you to the non-profit organization, The Guardian Group, and EZ Auto Sales in Joliet.

# Annual Winter Reading Program

## Begins Monday, January 6

Stop by the Adult or Youth Services desks to receive your reading calendar. Mark your calendar each day you read. For every seven days spent reading, you will receive a raffle ticket for a grand prize. Last call for raffle tickets will be on Saturday, February 29th at 5:00 pm.

## Kids Valentine's Day Party

**Saturday, February 1, 11:00AM**  
Join us for a love-ly party! We'll have treats, games, crafts, and fun. This program is most appropriate for families with children ages 3-9.

## Valentine's Movie Matinee

**Friday, February 14, 2:00PM**  
We will be showing a romance movie in honor of Valentine's Day! Popcorn will be provided. Title subject to change.

## Oscars Night

**Wednesday, February 19, 7:00PM**  
The Oscars are right around the corner, and this year, Acorn Library will be acting as the Academy. Join us as we vote to award our own Oscar to our favorite choices on the ballot this year from some of the main categories. We will also play Oscar Themed Jeopardy and have a few prize drawings throughout the evening. Refreshments will be served.

## Kid's Leap Day Party!

**Saturday, February 29, 11:00AM**  
We will celebrate this day that only comes around every 4 years with games, crafts and fun! This program is for all ages but is most appropriate for families with children age 3-10.



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**LIBRARY HOURS:** Monday-Thursday: 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM, Friday-Saturday: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM, Sunday: Closed

**We will be closed January 1, New Year's Day and February 18, Presidents Day**

**Job Hunter Workshop****Wednesday, January 8, 10:00AM**

Join Rosie Carter of Employment and Employer Services as she provides helpful tips for resume writing and filling out job applications. She will also discuss techniques for a successful interview and common questions interviewers may ask.

**Bullet Journaling****Thursday, January 23, 7:00PM**

Meg Shapiro will be here to discuss and demonstrate an introduction to bullet journaling. You will learn what it is, the supplies you need, how to get started, and where to find inspiration.

**Finger Knitting****Tuesday, January 28, 6:00PM**

Learn how to use this non-traditional knitting method to create an infinity scarf! All materials will be provided and you will leave with your creation. Please note that some dexterity is required. Ages 13 and up.

**DIY Sharpie Mug****Monday, February 10, 6:00PM**

Learn how to use this non-traditional knitting method to create an infinity scarf! All materials will be provided and you will leave with your creation. Please note that some dexterity is required. Ages 13 and up.

**Beginner Spanish Classes****Six Weeks, Wednesdays, February 5-March 11**

Does your new year's resolution include self-improvement? Then join us for this introductory Spanish class! We will learn some fundamental grammar principles of the language, explore greetings, and study essential vocabulary. All materials will be provided. Registration begins three weeks prior to the start date of the program.

## MONTHLY PROGRAMS AND CLUBS

**GENEALOGY DROP-IN, Wednesday February 5, 7:00-8:00 PM**

Need assistance with your genealogy research? Patty Higgins, president of the South Suburban Genealogical and Historical Society, is available to answer your questions. For more information about SSGHS, visit [www.ssghs.org](http://www.ssghs.org)

**TUESDAY NIGHT BOOKIES, Tuesdays, January 21 & February 18, 7:30 PM**

For more information and book titles, contact the Circulation Department.

**ACORN MOVIE CLUB, Wednesdays, January 15 & February 19, 7:00 PM**

Acorn Movie Club meets the third Wednesday of every month at the library to discuss a variety of films. For more information and movie titles, contact the Adult Services Department.

**NEEDLECRAFT CLUB, Thursdays, January 16 & February 20, 6:30 PM**

Love crafting and looking to meet new people? Bring your needlework, or any craft project, to work on, and sit back and enjoy chatting and sharing skills with other crafters.

**EARLY BIRD BINGO Tuesdays, January 28 & February 25, 10:00 AM**

Join us for bingo and light refreshments for a chance to win fun prizes!

**FICTION IN A NUTSHELL, Wednesday, January 29, 2:00 PM**

For more details and to reserve a book, contact the Adult Services Department.

**NONFICTION BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP, Thursdays, January 9 & February 6, 7:30 PM**

For more information and book titles, contact the Adult Services Department.

**BOARD GAME NIGHT, Wednesdays, January 8 & February 12, 6:30 PM**

Stop by and play a variety of board games. Games are provided, but you are welcome to bring your own!

**ACORN QUILTING GROUP, Tuesdays, January 14 & February 11, 7:30 PM**

For more information, contact the Adult Services Department.

**COMPUTER CLASSES**

Computer classes for adults cover topics that range from a basic introduction to the computer, internet, Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint. Each class is 60 minutes and registration begins 3 weeks before the class. See the program calendar for dates and times.

## MOVIE MATINEES

Every other Friday at 2:00 PM. Popcorn is provided. Titles are subject to change.



**Friday, Jan. 10**  
*Hobbs & Shaw*  
rated PG-13

**Friday, Jan. 24**  
*Downton Abbey*  
rated PG-13

**Friday, Feb. 7**  
*Where'd You Go Bernadette*  
rated PG-13

**Friday, Feb. 21**  
*Judy*  
rated PG-13



## PROGRAMS FOR BABIES, TODDLERS, & PRESCHOOLERS

**1,000 Books Before Kindergarten**

Pick up a log in the Youth Services Department at any time. Read any book, to your baby, toddler or young child. Keep it up, and you can repeat books! The goal is to read 1,000 books before Kindergarten. Every 100 books you read, stop back at the Youth Services Desk for a new reading log and a picture of your little reader with a sign showing their accomplishment.

**Fall Storytime and Lapsit Session****Thursdays, January 23-February 27**

Lapsit and Play Time (0-36 months): 9:30-10:15 AM

Story Time (3-5 years): 11:00-11:30 AM

Registration is required, beginning January 9 continuing until session is full.

**Sensory Playtime****Fridays, January 3 & February 14, 10:00 AM, Ages 3 and Under**

Join us for sensory activities like ice cube painting, sorting, digging and lots of fun!

**Blocks, Bean Bags and Balls****Saturdays, January 11 & February 8, 10:00 AM, Ages 3 and Under**

This fun program for babies and toddlers features open play with a variety of toys that help develop cognitive, social and early literacy skills.

**Story Time Fun****Tuesdays, January 21 & February 18, 6:30 PM, Ages 3-8**

Join us for a night of stories, songs and a craft. Registration begins two weeks prior.

**Little Builders****Saturdays, January 25 & February 22, 2:30 PM, Ages 3-6**

Join us for open play where kids can create and build using different materials such as mega blocks, building shapes and other age appropriate materials.

**Story Time at Panera Bread****Wednesday, February 5, 10:00 AM**

Join us for stories, songs and all children will get a treat, courtesy of Panera Bread, 15845 Harlem Ave, Tinley Park.

**Cooking for Younger Kids****Wednesday, February 5, at 6:30 PM, Ages 4-7**

Learn basic cooking skills while creating yummy treat!

## ALL AGES PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES

**Annual Winter Reading Program****Monday, January 6 - Saturday, February 29**

Stop by the Adult or Youth Services desks to receive your reading calendar. Mark your calendar each day you read. For every seven days spent reading, you will receive a raffle ticket for a grand prize. Last call for raffle tickets will be on Saturday, February 29th at 5:00 pm.

**Family Movies**

Join us for a recently released movie! Snacks will be served.

***Dora and the Lost City of Gold* (rated PG)****Monday, January 20, 2:00 PM*****Abominable* (rated PG)****Saturday, February 15, 2:00 PM**Sign up for Adult Programs by calling (708) 687-3700 or online at [www.acornlibrary.org/calendar](http://www.acornlibrary.org/calendar).

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