

# ACORN PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

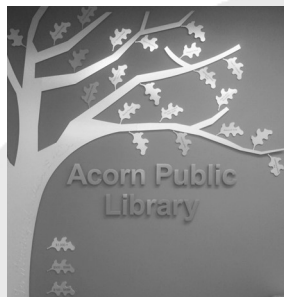
# Branching Out

FROM SMALL BEGINNINGS, GREAT HAPPENINGS

## FALL/WINTER 2019 NEWSLETTER



Celebrate Library Card Sign Up Month by participating in our Food for Fines food drive. This is a great opportunity for Acorn Public Library District cardholders to reduce library fines, up to \$15.00 worth, by donating one can/box/item in exchange for \$1 taken off your fines. Donated items will be given to the St. Damian Food Pantry. Although any canned or dry good donations are appreciated, they are very low on pastas, pasta sauces, peanut butter, jelly, canned spaghetti, and ravioli. No expired items will be accepted. Food donations may not be applied to any other fees. Please bring your donations to the upper level circulation desk of the library.



## Support the Library Through Giving

Did you know the library has a giving program? Support the library with a tax-deductible donation. Donations of \$100 or more will be recognized on our prominently displayed giving tree in the following levels: \$100-\$499 Copper, \$500-\$999 Bronze, and \$1000 or more Platinum. Can't afford large donations? No problem! You can support the library in other ways including by patronizing the Friends of the Library Book Sale.

## Quilting Group Donates to the Library



In honor of the Library's 50th Anniversary last year, 12 members of the Acorn Quilting Group created and donated three quilts to the library. Two

of the quilts will be used for library programs and give-a-ways and one of the quilts will soon be displayed in the library. Thank you to the members who generously donated their time including Brenda Deutsch, Pam Favero, Pat Fredricks, Betty Krainik, Judy Mundinger, Susan O'Brien, Nancy O'Connor, Diane Petska, Carol Rasmussen, Mona Serpe, Pat Wilfinger, and Monica Woolard.

## Seasonal Event Highlights

- Halloween Themed Trivia Night for Adults**  
Wednesday, October 9, 7:00PM-8:00PM
- The World's Most Haunted Houses**  
Thursday, October 24, 7:00PM-8:00PM
- Youth Services Halloween Book Haunt**  
October 1-31, 2019, All Ages
- Teen Halloween Party**  
Wednesday October 23, 7:00 PM, Ages 10-17
- Halloween Party**  
Saturday, October 26, 11:00 AM, Ages 3-9
- Healthy Eating for the Holidays**  
Tuesday, November 19, 7:00PM-8:00PM
- Holiday Themed Trivia Night for Adults**  
Thursday, December 12, 7:00PM-8:00PM
- Visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus**  
Saturday, December 14, 2019, 10:00 AM, All Ages



## FINANCIAL AND HEALTH PROGRAMS

### Job Hunter Workshop

Wednesday, September 11, 10:00AM-11:30AM

Join Rosie Carter of Employment and Employer Services as she provides helpful tips for resume writing and filling out job applications.

### Medicare 101

Thursday, September 12, 7:00PM-8:00PM

Medicare can be confusing. Tina Konieczki of TK Insurance Services, Inc. will be presenting this educational seminar to get you up to speed on what Medicare covers, what it doesn't, and your potential out of pocket exposure.

### Homebuyer Seminar

Saturday, September 21, 2:00PM-3:00PM

Thinking about buying a home? Learn every step of the home buying process.

### How to Boost Your Energy and Add Joy to Your Life

Saturday, September 28, 2:00PM-3:00PM

Learn from Dr. Chris at the world renowned Dr. Gus Advanced Health and Wellness Centers about the root causes of low energy and the steps to take to recharge your batteries and energize your life.

### How Money Works with Stefanie Synal, Primerica

Monday, October 7, 7:00PM-8:00PM

This informational financial workshop will cover topics such as the three different savings accounts you need, ways to reduce debt, retirement savings strategies and more.

### Take Charge of Your Health Workshop

Tuesdays from October 8 through November 12, 12:00PM-2:30PM

Join us for this six-week interactive workshop series designed for individuals with ongoing health conditions. **If you'd like to hear more about what to expect in the workshop, come by and visit the facilitators at the Information Session on Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 12-1pm.**

## REOCCURRING PROGRAMS & CLUBS

**Early Bird Bingo:** Meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at 10:00PM

**Genealogy Drop-In:** the first Wednesday of each month between 7:00 and 8:00PM! For more information visit [www.ssghs.org](http://www.ssghs.org)

**Craft Connection:** Come to the Library to create! All materials are provided. Mondays Oct. 21 & Dec. 16, 6:00PM

**Needlecraft Club:** The third Thursday of each month from 6:30-8:30PM

**Coffee and Coloring:** Join us for a fun way to unwind and express creativity! All materials will be supplied. Coffee will be provided, adults only. Saturdays Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Dec. 7. at 2:30PM

**Computer Classes:** Computer classes for adults. See website for dates and times.

**Nonfiction Book Discussion Group:** The Barcodes meet on the first Thursday of each Month at 7:30PM in the library Conference Room. For more information and book titles, contact the Adult Services Department.

**Fiction in a Nutshell:** Fiction in a Nutshell meets the last Wednesday of every other month at 2:00PM. For more details and to reserve a book, contact the Adult Services Department.

**Acorn Movie Club:** Acorn Movie Club meets the third Wednesday of every month. For more information and movie titles, contact the Adult Services Department.

## MOVIE MATINEE FRIDAYS

**September 6:** *Shazam*, **September 20:** *The Hustle*,

**October 4:** *Aladdin*, **October 18:** *Godzilla: King of the Monsters*

**November 1:** *Dark Phoenix*, **November 15:** *Men in Black International*

**December 13:** *The Lion King*.

2:00PM, popcorn is provided. Titles subject to change.

## SEASONAL PROGRAMS

### Library Murder Mystery Party

Thursday, October 10, 7:00PM-8:30PM

Explore the library to discover clues and question suspects to solve a murder mystery for the chance to win a prize! Refreshments will be served.

### The World's Most Haunted Houses

Thursday, October 24, 7:00PM-8:00PM

Join Dale Kaczmarek, an internationally recognized expert in the field of ghost research to learn about haunted houses throughout the world.

### Halloween Themed Trivia Night

Wednesday, October 9, 7:00PM-8:00PM

Join us for themed trivia nights at the library. You may register in teams of up to five people, or individually and we will place you on a team.

### Healthy Eating for the Holidays

Tuesday, November 19, 7:00PM-8:00PM

Discover the ten secrets to preventing holiday weight gain with wellness coach Tom Kens.

### Holiday Themed Trivia Night

Thursday, December 12, 7:00PM-8:00PM

Join us for themed trivia nights at the library. You may register in teams of up to five people, or individually and we will place you on a team.

## POP CULTURE AND MORE!

### The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Beatles' Abbey Road

Monday, September 16, 7:00PM-8:00PM

October 1, 2019 marks the 50th Anniversary of the release of Abbey Road - the last album the Beatles recorded. Using audio and visual content, we'll review the stories behind the album's best-known songs, iconic cover and celebrate the Beatles final gift to music lovers all over the world.

### Spanish 102

Tuesdays, September 24-October 29, 5:00PM-6:00PM

Building off of the fundamentals of the Spanish 101 course previously offered at Acorn, this class will further explore key grammar structures and focus on conversational skills. Some basic knowledge of the language is required. All materials will be provided.

### The Bears and The Cardinals:

### The Forgotten History of the NFL's Oldest Teams

Wednesday, October 16, 7:00PM-8:00PM

In 2019, the National Football League (NFL) will mark its 100th season. Join us to learn more about the Bears and the Cardinals, the two oldest teams in the league who were both originally from the Chicago area!

### Learn to Make Soap at Home

Thursday, November 7, 6:30PM-8:00PM

Explore the centuries-old technique of combining oils and lye to produce soap using the cold process method. There will be a live demonstration covering the entire soap making process and each guest will walk away with a FREE full-sized bar of soap. Presented by Brittany Hogan, a local soap maker and owner of Nefertem Holistic Skincare. Space is limited.

### The Story of Smoky the War Dog

Thursday, November 14, 7:00PM-8:00PM

Found by accident in the jungles of New Guinea during WWII, this brave dog went on to be chosen as the #1 mascot of the South Pacific, the world's first official Therapy Dog of record, and she earned two medals of honor for her bravery and the many lives she saved. Presented by Producer and professional public speaker Adrian Brigham you will learn Smoky's remarkable story and be entertained with many surprises.

### Hidden Star Wars

Thursday, December 5, 6:30PM-8:00PM

Experience Star Wars like never before with this thrilling insider's peek at one of the most treasured film series in the galaxy! Hear inside jokes, secret references, and dozens more exciting moments included by the

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL EVENTS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF BOOK AND MOVIE CLUBS.

For more information about these and other programs or to register call 708-687-3700 or visit our website [www.acornlibrary.org](http://www.acornlibrary.org)



## PROGRAMS FOR BABIES, TODDLERS, AND PRESCHOOLERS

### **Weekly Story Times**

Thursdays, September 19-November 7

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 and begins September 5.

### **1000 Books Before Kindergarten**

Pick up a log in the Youth Services Department at any time.

Read a book, any book, to your baby, toddler or young child.

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.

### **Story Time at Panera Bread**

The first Wednesday of the month, 10:00 AM

15845 Harlem Ave, Orland Park

Join us for stories, songs and cookies! Each child in attendance will receive a free cookie and milk, courtesy of Panera.

### **Story Time Fun**

The third Tuesday of the month, 6:30 PM, Ages 3-8

Join us for a night of stories, songs and a craft.

### **Blocks, Bean Bags and Balls**

The third Saturday of the month, 10:00 AM, 0-3 with a caregiver

Start your weekend off right with our open play group for babies and toddlers!

### **Little Builders**

The first Saturday of the month, 2:30 PM, Ages 3-6

Join us for open play where kids can create and build using different materials.

## PROGRAMS FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN

### **After School Craft**

The second Tuesday of the month, 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.

### **LEGO Club**

The third Saturday of the month, 2:30 PM, Ages 6-12

Each meeting we will create around a different theme.

### **Mad Scientists Club**

Saturdays, September 7 and November 2, 10:30 AM, Ages 7-10

Each month we'll explore different topics with lots of hands-on activities!

### **Cooking for Older Kids**

The second Saturday of the month, 10:30 AM, Ages 8-11

Learn the basic skills of cooking and names of utensils while creating a tasty treat!

### **Cooking for Younger Kids**

The first Wednesday of the month, 6:30 PM, Ages 4-7

Develop your cooking skills while making tasty treats!

### **Read to a Therapy Pup-Piranha Banana**

The first Tuesday of the month, 5:30 PM, Ages 6 and Up

Our favorite therapy Chihuahua is back and ready to hear some stories! Sign up for a 10 minute time slot.

### **Kids Mario Kart**

Mondays, September 30 and December 2, 4:30 PM, Ages 7-11

Join our fun Mario Kart gaming!

### **Monster Slime Craft**

Saturday, October 5, 10:30 AM, Ages 8-12

We will be making our own monster slime!

### **DIY No Sew T-Shirt Tote Bag**

Monday, November 11, 6:30 PM, Ages 8-13

Bring an old t-shirt to make a new tote bag! No sewing skills required, please bring a t-shirt to use.

## PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES

### **Halloween Book Haunt**

October 1-31, 2019, All Ages

Sign up in the Youth Services Department and get a haunted house reading log!

Read in at least three rooms of your house and return your decorated haunted house coloring sheet to the Youth Services Desk for a prize!

### **Sensory-Friendly Movies**

Mondays, October 14 and November 11, 2:00 PM, All Ages

Everyone is invited to attend our sensory friendly movies! We will keep the sound low and lights on to make the event inviting for all.

### **Halloween Party**

Saturday, October 26, 11:00 AM, Ages 3-9

Come for games, crafts, treats and fun!

### **Visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus**

Saturday, December 14, 2019, 10:00 AM, All Ages

Visit and take pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus and let him know what is on your wish list!

## TEEN AND TWEEN PROGRAMS

### **After School Social**

The second Thursday of the month, 4:00 PM, Ages 9-17

Play games and hang out with friends!

### **Chess Club**

The second Thursday of the month, 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 WiiU Tournaments**

Wednesdays, September 25 and November 27, 6:30 PM, Ages 11-17

Join our tournament! We play Pokken, Super Smash Bros. or Splatoon.

### **Teen Activities Group- TAG**

The third Thursday of the month, 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!

### **Anime Club**

Saturdays, October 12, November 9, December 7, 2019, 10:00 AM, Ages 11-17

Watch and discuss your favorite anime!

### **Teen Techs**

The third Thursday of the month, 4:00 PM, Ages 11-17

Come learn about new apps of just play Roblox™ with us for an hour. Do you know all about Minecraft®? Come share your knowledge!

### **Tween/Teen Yoga**

Thursday, October 3, 6:30 PM, Ages 10-17

Learn some basic yoga poses, center yourself, and find your zen at our yoga class!

### **Teen Halloween Party**

Wednesday October 23, 7:00 PM, Ages 10-17

Costume contests, refreshments, and games!

### **Tween Superhero Magnets**

Monday November 4, 6:00 PM, Ages 9-13

### **Candy Sushi**

Saturday November 23, 10:00 AM, Ages 11-17

Acorn Public Library District offers a wide variety of programming for youth. For a complete list of age ranges and events please visit [www.acornlibrary.org/calendar](http://www.acornlibrary.org/calendar). Registration for most programs begins two weeks prior, ending when full unless otherwise noted. To register, please call 708-687-3700 or visit the Youth Services Desk.

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



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Monday - Thursday 9 AM - 9 PM  
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## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

### National Friends of the Library Week October 21-26

Stop by the Library during this week to answer a trivia question for a piece of candy and entry for a prize drawing! Be sure to ask how you can join The Friends of the Library!

Join us on Thursday, October 24 at 6:00pm and Saturday October 26 at 11:00am for our annual membership drives. We'll have food, fun, and games!

Don't forget to check out our Friends of the Library book store! Many titles are available.