



Branching Out

From Small Beginnings, Great Happenings.

Winter 2018



Acorn Public Library District's 50th Anniversary!

2018 is particularly momentous as it marks Acorn Public Library District's 50th anniversary! While the Library's first official opening day was March 1, 1968, the Library will be holding many special events and programs throughout the year to celebrate. Further, in order to preserve our history, the staff has been working to digitize some of the Library's historical documents to place on our website. We are also in the process of gathering and recording personal stories and remembrance from founding board members, longstanding employees, and faithful patrons that we hope to share later this year. Be sure to stop by on March 1st for Acorn Library Anniversary treats and keep your eyes open for announcements and events, as the Library plans to celebrate its golden anniversary the whole year round.

Acorn Public Library District

We Need Your Feedback!

Complete our Community Survey in February 2018 for your chance to win a new iPad!

Tell us how we can improve your experience at Acorn Public Library District. Your input is important to us, and it will inform our strategic planning process. Your comments are essential to helping us evaluate, plan, and prepare for the coming years.

If your email address is on file, please expect to receive an email from us in February 2018 with a link to our online survey. If your email address is not on file and you would still like to participate, paper versions of the surveys will also be available at the Library's public service desks.

Thank you for your participation and support,
Zach Musil
Director

Help the Library's Donation Tree Continue to Grow



We send our sincerest gratitude to everyone who has donated to the Acorn Public Library District over the years. Your generous contributions have gone a long way to help the Library purchase additional materials, furniture, and equipment that enhance and improve users' experience.

If you are interested in contributing to the Library in this way, donation envelopes are available near the donation tree on the upper level. Also, if you would like to have your name become a lasting part of the Library—or if you are looking to honor a special person, memorialize a loved one, or recognize an organization or business—please consider purchasing a commemorative leaf to add to our donation tree. Leaves can be purchased starting at \$100.

WINTER READING PROGRAM!

Winter Reading for all ages begins Monday, January 15! Stop by the Adult or Youth Services desks to receive your reading calendar. For every 10 days of reading, you will receive a raffle ticket towards a grand prize drawing. Last call for raffle tickets will be on Wednesday, February 28.

Ageless Grace Exercise Classes

- Class 1: Monday, January 15th 3 - 4 PM
 - Class 2: Monday, January 22nd 3 - 4 PM
 - Class 3: Monday, January 29th 3 - 4 PM
- Learn anti-aging techniques such as joint mobility and spinal flexibility that focus on the healthy longevity of the body. All the exercises are designed to be practiced in a chair, and they consist of movements that are natural. All ages and abilities are welcome!

Movie Matinees: Fridays @ 2 PM



- *Jan. 12: *The Glass Castle*.
- *Jan 26: *Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets*.
- *Feb 14: *The Thrill of it All (1963)*
- *Feb 23: *Thor: Ragnarok*.
- *Mar. 9: *Justice League*.
- *Mar. 23: *Murder on the Orient Express*.
- *Apr. 6: *Book of Love*.
- *Apr. 20: *Just Getting Started*.
- *May 4: *Star Wars: The Last Jedi*.

Family Law at the Library

Monday, January 8 at 7 PM

Christopher Johnsen, an attorney licensed and practicing in Illinois will provide a general overview of divorce, child custody and support, parenting time and adoption. You will have the opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

Abraham Lincoln: A New Birth of Freedom (1776-1865)

Thursday, February 8, 6:30 PM
Kevin Wood portrays President Abraham Lincoln, one of our nation's most beloved and esteemed historical figures.

Galentine's Day Celebration

Monday, February 12 at 6 PM
Join us for a ladies only evening of waffles, non-alcoholic mimosas, conversation, Rom Com Jeopardy and more!

Owls and Winter Bird Feeding:

Saturday, February 17 at 2 PM.
Many people who love owls, have never seen an owl in nature. We will talk about when and where to see hawks and owls in the local area and the different birds that migrate here for the winter.

The Basics: Memory Loss, Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease: Thursday, February 22 at 6 PM. If you or someone you know is affected by Alzheimer's disease or dementia, this program will discuss diagnosis, risk factors, disease stages, treatment options and more.

Unlocking the Puzzle of Autism: Tuesday, February 27 at 6 PM. Individuals with autism are not able to understand the intricacies of the people or world around them nor can they fully explain themselves to the rest of the world. This program can assist to better understand the issues associated with the disorder to better assist the children in their lives that are in the spectrum.

Natural Remedies for Anxiety and Depression: Thursday, March 8 at 6 PM. What if there were natural solutions, instead of medications and harmful side effects? During this health talk you will find out how to handle anxiety and depression naturally.

Jacqueline Kennedy: A First-Person Portrayal by Leslie Goddard*

Saturday, March 24 at 2 PM

Join us as Leslie shares the story of Jacqueline's life in the White House, her struggle to retain her family privacy, her restoration work, her attempts to showcase the arts, as well as her recount of her husband's death.

Adult Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 31 at 11 AM
Are you tired of watching the kids have all of the fun? Well, here's your chance to hunt for eggs, too! Bring your basket for an opportunity to find eggs filled with candy and other prizes. The participants who find the most eggs will be entered into a raffle to win a prize basket!

Money Smart Week

Financial Myths vs. Reality: Monday, April 23 at 7 PM
Presented by Jose Fulgencio, Certified Personal Finance Counselor and Educator.

Social Security: Today, Tomorrow and for the Future: Tuesday, April 24 at 2 PM. Presented by Primerica.

Can You Afford to Retire? Thursday, April 26 at 7PM.
Greg Kurinec of Bentrion Financial Group will present.

- **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** - Our "Tuesday Night Bookies" - Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM. For more details and to reserve a book for this group, contact the Circulation Desk.
- **NONFICTION BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** - "Barcodes" meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM in the conference room. For more info and book titles, contact the Adult Services Dept.
- **ACORN MOVIE CLUB** - Meets the third Wednesday of each month. 18+. Discuss a variety of films.
- **FICTION IN A NUTSHELL** - "Fiction in a Nutshell" meets the last Wed. of every other month at 2 PM.
- **TABLET/COMPUTER CLASSES** - Basic operating functions. Contact Adult Services for information.
- **TABLE TOP GAME NIGHT** - Players of all skill levels invited. Last Wed. of each month at 6:30 pm.
- **JOB HUNTER WORKSHOP** - Meets second Wednesday of each month 10 AM.
- **COFFEE AND COLORING** - Meets second Saturday at 2:30 PM. All materials will be supplied, including coffee!
- **EARLY BIRD BINGO!** - Meets last Tuesday at 10 AM. Win fun prizes!
- **GENEOLOGY DROP IN** - Come in anytime between 7-8 PM the first Wednesday of each month.
- **CRAFT CONNECTION** - All materials are provided. **Mon. Mar. 19 @ 7 PM:** Paint your Own Wind Chime; **Mon. May 21 @ 6 PM:** Make and Take: Stress Balls.

Registration for all Programs starts two weeks prior to program and ends when full.



Story Times: Winter Session: Thursdays, January 18– February 22

Spring Session: Thursdays, March 22– April 26

Lapsit (Infants-2 1/2-years-old): 9:30-9:50 AM OR 10- 10:20 AM **3-5-year-old Story Time:** 11- 11:30 AM
Registration is required, beginning January 4 and continuing until session is full. You must choose either the 9:30 AM or the 10 AM session of Lapsit. All registrants should plan on regular attendance of all meetings in order to register.

Winter Reading Challenge: January 15-February 28, 2018 All Ages Sign up in the Youth Services Department and get a reading log. For every ten days of reading, you will earn a raffle ticket toward a grand prize drawing.

Story Time at Panera: Wednesdays, January 3, February 7, March 7, April 4 and May 2 at 10 AM No Registration Required. 15845 Harlem Ave., Orland Park Join us for stories, songs and a free cookie!

Story Time Fun: Tuesdays, January 16, February 20, March 20, April 17 and May 15 at 6:30 PM. Ages 3-8.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten - Early reading program—for details contact Youth Services.

Read to a Therapy Pup—Kora - Tuesdays at 4 PM. Jan 16, Feb 20, Mar 20, Apr 17 and May 15. Ages 7 and Up

Cooking for Younger Kids

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM Ages 4-7
January 3, February 7, March 7, April 4 and May 2. Develop your cooking skills while making tasty treats!

Cooking for Older Kids:

Saturdays at 10:30 AM Ages 8-11
January 20, February 17, March 17, April 28 and May 26. Learn the basic skills while creating a tasty treat!

Valentine's Day Party

Saturday, February 3 at 11 AM
Ages 3-10
Come for games, crafts, treats and fun!

**Happy Birthday,
Acorn Library Party**

Saturday, March 24 at 10:30 AM
Ages 4-8
Acorn turns 50 this year! Celebrate with crafts, games and of course, birthday cake!

Teen New Year's Party

Saturday, January 6 at 2:30 PM.
Ages 11-17
Come celebrate the new year with us! We will be doing crafts, listening to music, snacking, and discussing new year's resolutions.

Teen St. Patrick's Party

Saturday, March 17 at 2:30 PM
Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day with us! Crafts, snacks, and

Acorn Public Library offers a wide variety of programming for youth from toddlers all the way up to teens. More a more comprehensive list of programs, please visit www.acornlibrary.org/calendar

TEEN TIME!

Teen WiiU Tournaments: Wednesdays AT 7 pm. Ages 11-17. January 17, February 21, March 21, and Monday, April 9. Join our tournament! We play Pokken, Super Smash Bros. or Splatoon. Registration starts two weeks prior, ending when full.

Teen Activities Group- TAG: Thursdays at 7 PM. Grade 6 - 12. January 18, February 15, March 15, April 19 and May 17. Come join the fun and earn service hours!

Tween Readers Theater: Mondays at 7 PM. Ages 9 - 13. February 5, March 12, April 2. Do you love drama? Join us as we act out scenes from our favorite plays and books!

Tween Book Discussion Group: Saturdays at 2:30 PM. Ages 9-13. February 17, March 3, April 14. Do you love to read, and are you looking for other teens like you? Join our book discussion group.

Anime Club: Saturdays at 2 PM. Ages 11-17. January 20, March 31, April 28. We will read, watch and discuss anime!

Tween Crafts: Mondays at 6:30 PM. Ages 9-13. January 29- Pop-tart Pillows, February 26- Clothespin Lamp, March 26-DIY Washi Tape Cereal Box Organizer, April 30-DIY Watercolor Mug

Teen Nights: Wednesdays at 7 PM. Ages 11-17. January 10 and April 11. Come hangout, watch movies, play games with your friends! We will have snacks and occasionally pizza!

Teen Tech Week: March 4-10. Join us any time this week to make your own wearable tech craft!

Spa Day: Saturday, April 14 at 10:30 AM. Ages 11-17 We will make our own lip gloss and facial scrubs!

Youth Programming

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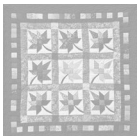
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Did you know...

Acorn Public Library hosts several sewing opportunities for anyone who is handy with a sewing machine or simply a needle and thread...



- Quilt Group - Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 PM. Bring your project to work on and exchange ideas!
- Needlecraft Club: Meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM. Bring your needlework, or any craft project, to work on, and sit back and enjoy chatting and sharing skills with other crafters.
- American Sewing Guild: Meets the 4th Monday of each month at 7 PM.
- Charity Sewing: Meets the 1st Friday of each month from 9 AM - 12 PM. This is an opportunity to make blankets, pillow cases, etc. for different charity organizations such as the Ronald McDonald House, Hope Children's Hospital, and Veterans Organizations.

For more information on these programs, contact the library.



Friends of the Library:

Thank you for your continued support.
Check out our used book sale as well as our gift baskets!