Children

Build It: Lego Club
Tuesdays, Mar 17, Apr 21, and May 19, 6 pm
At this free-play program, children are provided an open-ended prompt to encourage imaginative building and playing with Legos. All creations are displayed in the library display case.

Barnyard Bingo!
Wednesday, Mar 18, 3:30 pm
Grades 4 to 8
Kids and teens can win fun prizes playing Barnyard Bingo!

Bug and Arachnid Show with Crosstown Exotics
Saturday, Mar 21, 3 pm
Register every adult and child attending
Dive into the creepy, crawly world of insects and arachnids. Examine some of the largest and strangest bugs up-close and learn why these multi-legged friends are important to our world.

Spider Soiree
Wednesday, Mar 25, 6:30 pm
Grades 2 to 5
We'll celebrate all-things Charlotte’s Web and create our very own spider friend.

Charlotte’s Web Cupcake Decorating
Thursday, Mar 26, 4 pm
Grades 3 to 5
Learn to decorate cupcakes that look like Wilbur, Charlotte, and Samuel the Sheep!

Please register for ALL programs with this symbol. Call 708.422.8522 or register online at evergreenparklibrary.org.
American Eagle presents
*Charlotte’s Web*
Sunday, Mar 29, 2 pm
Register every adult and child attending
American Eagle Productions brings the classic children’s story *Charlotte’s Web* to life in a lively musical theater production. Families are encouraged to bring a food donation for the Evergreen Park Food Pantry.

Spring Egg Wreaths
Monday, April 6, 6:30 pm
Grades K to 5
Make a colorful springtime wreath!

Plastic Egg Rockets
Wednesday, April 8, 6:30 pm
Grades PK to 5
Learn about the cool chemical reaction behind this egg-citing science activity!

Seed Bombs
Wednesday, Apr 22, 6:30 pm
Grades PK to 5
Become a guerrilla gardener and celebrate Earth Day! Make and plant “seed bombs”, then watch them sprout after a rain!

Harry Potter Victory Day
Saturday, May 2, 2 pm
Ages 7 to 16
Celebrate the anniversary of The Battle of Hogwarts with other Harry Potter fans! We’ll have Harry Potter treats and games.

Candy Chemistry
Wednesday, May 6, 6:30 pm
Grades PK to 5
Science and experiments all about candy.

Mother’s Day Bath Bombs
Saturday, May 9, 3 pm
Grades K to 8
Make a present for mom, yourself, or a special woman in your life.

Investigate the Rainbow
Wednesday, May 20, 6:30 pm
Grades PK to 3
Join us for a colorful adventure through the science of prisms and light!

We’re celebrating *Charlotte’s Web* with these fun activities!

**CHILDREN:**
- Interactive Movie
  - Mar 14
- Barnyard Bingo!
  - Mar 18
- Bug and Arachnid Show
  - Mar 21
- Spider Soiree
  - Mar 25
- Cupcake Decorating
  - Mar 26
- American Eagle presents *Charlotte’s Web*
  - Mar 29

**TEENS:**
- Decorate the Teen Room
  - Mar 5
- Snack & STEM Engineering Challenge
  - Mar 12

Don’t miss the chance to be a part of the BIGGEST book club Evergreen Park has ever seen!

Once again, Evergreen Reads is inviting the ENTIRE COMMUNITY to share the experience of reading the same book, at the same time.
Teens

Please register for ALL programs with this symbol. Call 708.422.8522 or register online at evergreenparklibrary.org.

Decorate the Teen Room
*Charlotte’s Web*
Thursday, Mar 5, 4 pm
EPCHS Color Guard Team will lead teens in building a giant spider and web to promote this year’s Evergreen Reads selection, *Charlotte’s Web*.

SAT Practice Test
Saturday, Mar 7, 9 am to 12:30 pm
Take a free, full-length practice test to help prepare for the actual exam. Bring No. 2 pencils, an approved calculator and a healthy snack.

College Grants, Scholarships and Loans
Tuesday, Mar 10, 6:30 pm
Experts from My College Planning Team reveal mistakes to avoid in the college planning process that can add thousands of dollars to the cost of education.

Nintendo Switch Collection
EP Library received a grant from Best Buy to purchase Nintendo Switch consoles for teen use. Stop by the Teen Room to learn how to use the Nintendo Switch.

Switch Coding
Fridays, Mar 6, 13, 20, 27 3:30 pm
We will use the Fuze4 program on the Switch to learn how to code and create a game to share.

Nintendo Switch Party
Friday, Mar 20, 1 pm
Grades 6 to 12
Need your Nintendo fix? We understand! Play the library’s Nintendo Switch on our big screen or bring your own Switch to play. We’ll have plenty of snacks!

Glow-in-the-Dark Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt
Friday, Apr 3, 5 pm
Search for glow-in-the-dark eggs hidden throughout the library. Sure to be an eggs-a-lent time!

Teen/Young Adult Job Fair
Monday, April 20, 6 to 8 pm
Teens and young adults are invited to learn more about paid employment opportunities for the summer and beyond. Local businesses will be at the library to connect with teenage and young adult job seekers. Dress nicely.

Spring Break Scratch Cards
Apr 10 to 18
Check out a book over spring break and receive a scratch card to win fabulous prizes. Barraco’s mini pizza certificates, giant candy bars, and more!

Make It, Take It Tuesdays
Tuesdays, Mar 3, 17, 31, Apr 7, 21, May 5, and 19, 4 pm
Grades 6 to 12
Please register for each activity you are attending.
Mar 3 Plastic bottle organizers
Mar 17 St. Patty’s Day chia pet
Mar 31 Shelter donation puppy toys
Apr 7 Salad jars
Apr 21 Pressed flower luminaries
May 5 Cookie tacos
May 19 DIY sunscreen

Snack & STEM
Thursdays, Mar 12, 26, Apr 9, May 14, and 28, 4 pm
Mar 12 “Save Charlotte” engineering challenge
Mar 26 Earthquake-proof building
Apr 9 DIY stomp rockets
May 14 Plant propagation
May 28 Self-watering planter

Anime Club
Thursdays, Mar 12, Apr 9, and May 7
Ages 13 to 17
Watch, read, and discuss anime and manga.

Poem in Your Pocket Day
Thursday, April 30
Every April people celebrate Poem in Your Pocket Day by selecting a poem, carrying it with them, and sharing it with others throughout the day. Teens are invited to visit the Poetry Creation Station in the Teen Room to write their own poems. On April 30, teen volunteers will distribute poems to library visitors.
Please register for ALL programs with this symbol. Call 708.422.8522 or register online at evergreenparklibrary.org.

**Bridge for Beginners**
Mondays, Mar 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30
11 am
Learn everything you need to know about the game from Bridge master Linda Kozloski. This is a skills building class so attendance at the first class is necessary. Perfect for adults who have never played or want to improve their knowledge of the game. Coffee and tea will be plentiful! This is a 5-week session meeting weekly on Mondays in March. Stay tuned for possible dates in April!

**Stampin' Up**
Tuesdays, Mar 3, Apr 7, and May 5
6:30 pm
$5 fee, pay instructor directly
Bring your own scissors and adhesive. Learn to use decorative rubber stamps and accessories to create a greeting card with a different theme each month.

**Yak & Yarn**
Tuesdays, 6:30 pm
6th grade to adult
Open to crocheters and knitters of all skill levels.

**Senior Advisory Group Meetings**
Tuesdays Mar 3, Apr 7, and May 5,
11 am
Evergreen Park residents ages 55+ are invited to join the library’s Senior Advisory Group. Members will meet monthly and are encouraged to share ideas which will improve the library’s services, facilities, and programming for seniors.

**Corned Beef & Cabbage with Chef McMario**
Tuesday, Mar 3, 6:30 pm
$3 fee
The Red Palm, 3020 W. 95th Street
Learn how to make a delicious corned beef and cabbage dinner.

**Chair Yoga**
Session 1
Wednesdays, Mar 4 to Apr 8, Noon
OR 1 pm
Session 2
Wednesdays, Apr 15 to May 27, Noon
OR 1 pm
No class Apr 29
$12 fee each session
Certified yoga instructor Joan Zigulich of Yoga Pathway leads you in a gentle form of yoga performed from a seated position.

**Take a Trip**
Garfield Park Conservatory
Saturday, Mar 7
Bus leaves library at 9:15 am
Bus leaves conservatory at 1 pm
$25
Tour eight indoor display gardens featuring thousands of plant species from around the world. Price includes transportation, tour, and lunch. School bus departs from the library at 9:15 am and departs from the conservatory at 1 pm.
Upon registration, indicate your choice of turkey or grilled vegetable sandwich on buttercrust bun. Lunch includes sandwich, grapes, potato salad, chips, fresh-baked cookie, and water.

**Ladybug Flower Pots**
Monday, Mar 9, 6:30 pm
$3 fee
EP resident Kerrie Stone demonstrates how to paint a cute ladybug planter.

**Grants, Scholarships, and Loans**
Tuesday, Mar 10, 6:30 pm
Experts from My College Planning Team reveal mistakes to avoid in the college planning process that can add thousands of dollars to the cost of education.

**Newspaper Seed Starter Pots**
Wednesday, Mar 11, 6:30 pm
Turn old newspapers into seed starter pots. All materials will be provided.

**Food from Farm Field to Dinner Plate**
Thursday, Mar 12, 6:30 pm
The Cook County Farm Bureau® presents an interactive exploration of the path food takes from farm field to dinner plate and the obstacles in between. First 15 registrants receive a copy of the book, The Last Great Adventure of the PB&J Society.

**Pour Painting**
Monday, Mar 16, 6:30 pm
$3 fee
Learn the acrylic pouring technique from Stephanie Sichelski, a fun and easy way for even non-artists to create one-of-a-kind works of art.

**WITS Workout**
Thursdays, Mar 19, Apr 16, and May 14, 2 pm
Give your brain the workout it needs to stay sharp: interactive brain teasers, games, and puzzles that get you thinking, because coming together and learning new things is good for your noggin! Recommended for older adults.

**Make a Kokedama Planter**
Saturday, Mar 21, 11 am
$20 fee
Representatives from Premier Succulents in Crete demonstrate Kokedama, the Japanese art of growing ornamental plants in a moss-covered ball of soil. Fee includes moss ball, soil, and plants.
Adults

Investment Basics for Women
Monday, Mar 23, 6:30 pm or Saturday, Mar 28, 10 am
A representative from the Society of Financial Awareness discusses investing risks and returns, budgeting, debt management, and retirement planning.

After Hours with Guitarist John Quinn
Friday, Mar 27
Doors open at 6:30 pm.
Ages 21 and older
Wine and cheese is served to add to the enjoyment of guitarist John Quinn’s entertaining mix of Americana, folk, and rock music. Doors close at 9 pm.

Farmhouse Book Stack
Wednesday, Apr 1, 1 or 6:30 pm
$3 fee
Recycling unsold items from the library book sale, local artist Barb Thompson demonstrates how to make a rustic, farmhouse book stack.

Movie Music Romance
Tuesday, Apr 7, 9:30 am
Historian John LeGear shares his lyrical compilation of the finest classic songs and dances spanning the past 100 years in film.

Author Events
Register for all events. Books available for purchase and signing.

Don Hayner: Binga: The Rise and Fall of Chicago’s First Black Banker
Thursday, Mar 5, 6:30 pm
Former Sun Times editor Don Hayner’s biography of Jesse Binga, an ambitious man who rose from street peddler to millionaire realtor and banker in the Black Belt, now Bronzeville. Binga fought against the color line that segregated the Black Belt from surrounding white neighborhoods.

Dr. Larry McClellan
The Underground Railroad South of Chicago
Thursday, Mar 19, 6:30 pm
Historian Dr. Larry McClellan highlights the important role of people and properties in southern Cook and Will counties in the Underground Railroad's path to freedom through Detroit to Canada.

Greg Borzo: Chicago’s Fabulous Fountains
Thursday, Apr 23, 6:30 pm
Greg Borzo shares noteworthy, amusing, and surprising stories and photos of more than 100 artistic and historic outdoor public fountains in Chicago.

Krista August: Giants in the Park
Monday, May 4, 6:30 pm
Art historian Krista August reveals the forgotten histories behind Lincoln Park’s monumental art with historical photographs and highlights from her award-winning book, Giants in the Park: A Guide to Portrait Statues in Chicago’s Lincoln Park. Illustrations from the book will be displayed in the library throughout May.

Dominic Pacyga: American Warsaw
Wednesday, May 6, 6:30 pm
Historian Dominic A. Pacyga chronicles the unique nature of Chicago’s “Polonia”, showing how the community has continually redefined what it means to be Polish in Chicago.

Library Foundation Planning Meeting
Wednesday, Apr 8, 6 pm
The Evergreen Park Public Library Foundation raises additional funding for programs, outreach, materials, technology, and capital improvements. Attend a short planning meeting to learn how your participation can help to make a great library!

Balance Workshop
Monday, Apr 20, 10 am
Joan Zigulich of Yoga Pathway, LLC leads a series of poses that improve balance, flexibility, and core stability.

The Science of Climate Change
Tuesday, Apr 21, 6:30 pm
NASA ambassador Michael Stelfox discusses the science behind climate change.

History of Country Music
Thursday, Apr 30, 6:30 pm
Singer/guitarist Steve Justman, inspired by the new Ken Burns documentary on the history of Country Music, will play music from string bands to bluegrass, from The Carter Family to Willie Nelson, Johnny Cash, Patsy Cline and more.
The Politician and the Professor
Wednesday, April 15, 6:30 pm
Illinois State Senator Bill Cunningham and Dr. Matthew Costello, professor of political science at Saint Xavier University, offer a dynamic perspective on how democracy and our government work from a theoretical, historical, and practical viewpoint.

Enhance your Outdoor Living Space
Sunday, May 3, 1 pm
Landscape designer Kathleen Obirek shares clever tips to un-do, re-do, and up-do your home landscape on a small budget for huge impact. Receive two Proven Winners Gardener’s Idea Books for inspiration.

Let’s Talk Downsizing
Monday, May 4, 1 pm
Sorting a household of possessions and wading through a lifetime of memories can be daunting. Professional organizer Colleen Klimczak will discuss the process of downsizing to create a simple, safe, and stress-free environment.

Nutrition for a Fit and Healthy Future
Thursday, May 7, 6:30 pm
ACE Personal Trainer and Weight Management Specialist, Cathy O’Grady, will guide you through methods to keep you on track when managing your weight.

Google Search: Tips and Fun
Saturday, May 9, 11 am
Adad Ocampo teaches some fun and little-known Google tricks to more effectively use the power of this ubiquitous search engine. Did you know that Google has a sense of humor?

History of Motown
Monday, May 11, 6:30 pm
Using audio and visual content, Gary Wenstrup traces the musical journey of Motown soul.

Take a Trip: The Simon & Garfunkel Story
Tuesday, May 12, 6:15 pm
Coach bus returns from venue to the library at 9:45 pm
$45
This show traces the life and times of the influential ’60s act with video projections and vintage clips, and of course, live performances of loads of the duo’s greatest hits.

Use Canva Like a Pro!
Wednesday, May 13, 6:30 pm
Learn how to use Canva, a free and easy-to-use graphics design tool that lets you create posters, flyers, and social media graphics.

Ida B. Wells and Family Legacy of Determination, Education, & Agitation
Thursday, May 14, 6:30 pm
Hear Michelle Duster, the great-granddaughter of Ida B. Wells, speak about the legacy of journalist and activist Ida B. Wells.

Plant Swap
Monday, May 18, 6:30 pm
Plants are more fun when they are shared! Bring some (preferably, rooted) cuttings of your indoor or outdoor plants and take home some new varieties. Refreshments will be served.

Citizens Utility Board Utility Bill Clinic
Tuesday, May 19, 10 am to noon
Bring your utility bills for a free one-on-one consultation with CUB’s trained staff. To schedule a time, call CUB at 312.263.4282, ext 111 and ask for Anairis Boror.

Nature Painting with Diane Shebelski
Thursday, May 28, 1 pm or 6:30 pm
Local artist Diane Shebelski will show you how to paint a beautiful butterfly with acrylic paint.

Butterfly Garden Plant Sale
Wednesday, May 27 to Saturday, May 30
Bob Erlich, our butterfly garden curator, offers his home-grown bee and butterfly-lovin’ plants for sale. Proceeds offset the cost of maintaining the garden throughout the season. Visit with Bob on the library porch on Saturday, May 30, from 10 to noon. Learn how to care for your new plants, and how to nurture the monarchs and swallowtails that use these plants to lay their eggs.
Book Clubs and Discussions

 Stranger Than Fiction Book Club
Wednesdays, Mar 18, Apr 22, May 20, 6:30 pm
Mar 18 Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay, and a Mother’s Will to Survive by Stephanie Land
Apr 22 Dopesick: Dealers, Doctors, and the Drug Company that Addicted America by Beth Macy
May 20 An American Summer: Love and Death in Chicago by Alex Kotlowitz

 Kindred Spirits Book Club
Wednesdays, Mar 25, Apr 29, and May 27, 6:30 pm
Mar 25 The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michelle Richardson
Apr 29 The Johnstown Flood by David McCullough
May 27 The Gifted School by Bruce Holsinger

 Cookbook Book Club
Monday, Apr 6, 6:30 pm
Apr 6 Taste of Home Copycat Restaurant Favorites

 Add Verse Poetry Club
Mondays, Apr 13 and May 11
Apr 13 Splitting an Order by Ted Kooser
May 11 Devotions by Mary Oliver

Copies of the books are available at the Circulation Desk.

Library Hours
Monday-Thursday .... 9 am - 9 pm
Friday & Saturday .... 9 am - 5 pm
Sunday........................ noon - 4 pm

The library will be closed Apr 12, May 10, May 24, and May 25.

Adult Volunteers Needed
Library Foundation Board
The Evergreen Park Public Library Foundation is seeking candidates to serve on the board. Responsibilities include monitoring events, broadening fundraising efforts, managing foundation assets for the greatest return, and working with the library to determine where funds will have the greatest impact. Please submit a letter of interest to foundation@evergreenparklibrary.org by March 11.

Butterfly Garden Assistants
Bob Erlich has lovingly and diligently cared for the library’s butterfly garden for well over 12 years. You can learn from the wealth of Bob’s gardening knowledge by volunteering to help him care for the garden. No experience necessary, and you can volunteer as much time as you choose. Please submit your contact information to Library Director Nicki Seidl.

Census 2020
Beginning April 1, computers will be available to complete the Census questionnaire, and staff are on hand to answer questions you may have. Visit Census.gov for more information about why everyone counts in the Illinois Census!

Upcoming Exhibits
Krista August
Through the month of May
Illustrations from her book
Giants in the Park:
A Guide to Portrait Statues in Chicago’s Lincoln Park

Meet Krista August in person at the library on Monday, May 4 at 6:30 pm