

**PALOS HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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**JOIN US SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 FROM 9AM - 3PM**



# From the Director's Corner:

I firmly believe in the power of individuals to make a meaningful difference in the world. Alexander Fleming, with the support of numerous other individuals, discovered penicillin, which revolutionized modern medicine. The coordinated efforts of many people put Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin on the moon, an achievement that was unimaginable a generation before. More locally, Jens Jensen and Dwight Perkins spearheaded a movement in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century to establish the Forest Preserves District of Cook County, which is now one of the largest forest preserves in the country. These are obviously huge examples, but there are countless individuals in our community who make a difference in our lives in meaningful ways, from our city council to our teachers to our neighbors who look out for us.

The Friends of the Palos Heights Library is another great example of the power that individuals have to make a difference. Forty years ago, a few individuals got together and decided they wanted to do more to promote and support the library. Originally aimed at ice cream socials and other social events where people could bond over their love for the library, the Friends have evolved into a major fundraiser for the library.

Through their ongoing book store and two huge annual book sales, the Friends raise over \$12,000 per year for the library. Additionally, they stock a number of Little Free Libraries around the community as well as a rack of free

books at the Metra station. They are a sponsor of just about every major library event including Fan Con, our annual Summer Reading Kickoff Party, and our Merry and Bright in the Heights holiday celebration. In addition to immeasurable good will, the Friends have raised close to \$300,000 for the library over the years. What an amazing achievement from a small group of individuals!

Please join me in celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Friends during National Friends of the Library Week, October 20<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>. We'll be decorating the Book Nook all week with our favorite books and authors. There will be an ice cream social on Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup>, where you can meet the Friends, learn how you can get involved, or just enjoy a sweet treat. The Friends will be hosting our program on Thursday evening, "The Basics of Paranormal Investigating," complete with coffee, cookies and giveaways. And we're doing a "The Library Is My Friend" bookmark contest throughout the month of September, with the winning entry being featured throughout October.

I hope you'll join me in celebrating the work of these amazing individuals, who have done so much to make this library a pillar of our thriving community. Congratulations, Friends! Wishing you many more years of continued success!

Jesse Blazek  
Library Director





## Fan Con 2024 is Back!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 28th, from 9 am to 3 pm, and join us for the 6th annual Fan Con celebration of all things pop culture! **\*Registration required.**

This year's event is packed with excitement:

- Luau with Moana and Maui
- Disney-themed Bingo\*
- Face Painting by Ginger Gypsy
- Storytime with Thelma the Unicorn\*
- Dungeons and Dragons Workshop\*
- Arcade Games
- Mario Kart 8 Tournament\*

Don't miss our scavenger hunt with fantastic prizes, and enjoy crafting activities for all ages. If the weather cooperates, bounce to your heart's content in our outdoor bounce house!

Be sure to arrive early—kids get a free swag bag while supplies last. Don't miss out on a day of fun, crafts, games, and pop culture excitement! See you there!



## Friends of the Library 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

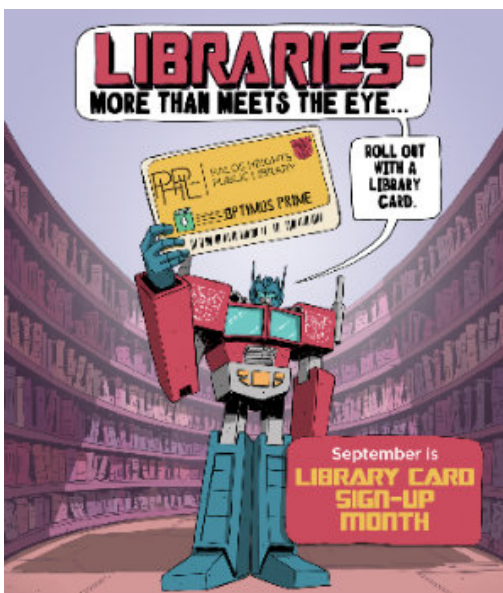
For 40 years the Friends of the Palos Heights Library have been building relationships and raising funds. Celebrate National Friends of Libraries Week with us October 20-26.

**September 1 - 30:** "The Library Is My Friend" bookmark contest. Stop by the Front Desk to pick up a form and submit it by October 1st. This contest is open to all ages.

**October 20:** Help us decorate the Friends Book Store with your favorite book or author!

**October 24:** "The Basics of Paranormal Investigating" is sponsored by the Friends and will be providing coffee, cookies, and a book giveaway for adults.

**October 26:** Join us for an Ice Cream Social and book giveaway for kids and teens!



## September is Library Card Sign-up Month!

Did you know that there is no age limit for obtaining a library card? We want everyone in your household to have full access to our materials and services, online and at the library.

To celebrate National Library Card Sign-up Month, first time Palos Heights library card holders can enter a drawing to win a 1-year Brookfield Zoo Family Membership!

# Staff Picks



## Emily

Public Services Librarian

*Dear Hanna* by Zoje Stage

Embrace the autumn vibes and dive into a chilling horror novel to get into the spooky spirit! Zoje Stage's stand-alone sequel *Dear Hanna* takes place sixteen years after her first novel, *BabyTeeth*.

“All will squirm uncomfortably and yet be unwilling to look away, furiously turning the pages until the final plot twist is revealed. A great choice for those who enjoy the work of Sarah Pinborough, Catriona Ward, and Katrina Monroe.” - Booklist

*Dear Hanna* follows the child sociopath, Hanna as an adult. After trying to kill her mother as a child, Hanna undergoes extensive therapy and at 24, she is trying to adjust to living a normal life. She is working as a phlebotomist, has a husband in real estate, and a teenage step-daughter. Hanna seems to be doing well and has a method for controlling her murderous tendencies, until all of her carefully laid plans start to fall apart because of her step-daughter, Joelle. Can Hanna overcome her sociopathic tendencies? Or will everything come crumbling apart around her? Put your copy on hold today, or face the wrath of Hanna (just kidding!)



## Matt

Head of Public Services

*The Life Impossible* by Matt Haig

The author of the smash hit *The Midnight Library* is back with a highly anticipated September release. In what is either great news for those suffering from “series fatigue”, or disappointment for those hoping for another story of the *Midnight Library*, *The Life Impossible* is a standalone book.

“While unconnected to *The Midnight Library*, no doubt some of the same literary magic has found its way into this story.

This story focuses on Grace, who is a retired math teacher. An old friend leaves her a house on the island of Ibiza, off the coast of Spain. Not knowing what to expect, Grace travels to the island determined to learn about her friend's life. As one may expect, the answers turn out to be completely unexpected, while also forcing Grace to learn a little bit about herself along the way. While unconnected to *The Midnight Library*, no doubt some of the same literary magic has found its way into this story.

The hold list on this one is expected to be very deep, so be sure to get on the list today! Copies will be available in hardback, large print, and electronically at Media on Demand.



## Sue

Public Services Librarian

*Good Lookin' Cookin'* by Dolly Parton  
*Al Roker's Recipes to Live By* by Al Roker  
*Does this Taste Funny?* by Stephen Colbert

“The joy of cooking with family is the inspiration behind three new celebrity cookbooks.

Dolly Parton and her sister (and favorite cook) Rachel extend their southern hospitality in their cookbook, *Good Lookin' Cookin': A Year of Meals, Family Friends, and Food*. This book includes over 80 Parton family recipes, including classics like ham and biscuits, strawberry shortcake and mac and cheese. Today Show co-host Al Roker described writing a cookbook with his daughter, Courtney, as “a labor of love. *Al Roker's Recipes to Live By: Easy, Memory-Making Family Dishes for Every Occasion* includes family recipes that have been handed down as well as new recipes developed during their “culinary adventure.” During the pandemic, “Late Show” host Stephen Colbert and his wife Evie McGee Colbert spent a lot of time in their kitchen cooking with the kids. Thus, the idea for *Does this Taste Funny? Recipes Our Family Loves* was born. Filled with more than 100 recipes, Stephen and Evie share favorite recipes from family and friends with an emphasis on Southern dishes from home.

# Adult Events

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## SUNDAY AT THE CINEMA

**Sunday at the Cinema returns!**  
**3rd Sunday of the month, 2 pm**

Sep. 15 – *Past Lives*

Rating: PG-13

Runtime: 1 hour, 46 minutes

Oct. 20 – *Ghostbusters* (1984)

Rating: PG

Runtime: 1 hour, 45 minutes



## BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Books will be available one month in advance at the Front Desk. New members are always welcome!

**Monday Lunch Bunch**  
**Book Discussion**

**2nd Monday of the month, 12 pm**

Sep. 9 – *Al Capone and the 1933 World's Fair: The End of the Gangster Era in Chicago* by Elliott Hazelgrove

Oct. 14 – *Who Is Gone Is Here: The United States, Central America, and the Making of a Crisis* by Jonathan Blitzer

**Teatime on Tuesdays**  
**Book Discussion**

**3rd Tuesday of the month, 2 pm**

Sep. 17 – *The First Ladies* by Marie Benedict  
Oct. 15 – *Interview with the Vampire* by Anne Rice

**Horror Book Discussion**

**2nd Wednesday of the month, 7 pm**

Sep. 11 – *Wrath Becomes Her* by Aden Polydoros

Oct. 9 – *Hellbound Heart* by Clive Barker

## SPICE CLUB

Welcome to Spice Club, where each month you get to take home a different spice, a couple of recipes, a bit of history, and some related book recommendations. Open to Palos Heights card-holders only. You must sign-up even if you have signed-up in the past.

**September's spice: White Pepper**

**Sign-Up Sunday, Sep. 1 - Friday, Sep. 6**

**Pick-Up Monday, Sep. 9 - Friday, Sep. 13**

**October's Spice: Allspice**

**Sign-Up Monday, Sep. 30 - Friday, Oct. 4**

**Pick-Up Monday, Oct. 7 - Friday, Oct. 11**



## ADULT PROGRAMS

**The Eastland Disaster: An Extraordinary Day in the Lives of Ordinary People**  
**Tuesday, Sep.10, 7 pm**

On the morning of July 24, 1915, a light rain fell yet the air was filled with anticipation and excitement. Thousands gathered along the Chicago River for Western Electric's annual employee picnic. More than 7,000 tickets had been purchased. The events of the day quickly resulted in Chicago's greatest loss-of-life tragedy. Find out what happened during a presentation by the Eastland Disaster Historical Society, featuring two granddaughters of survivor Bobbie Aanstad.

**Cheese 101**

**Thursday, Sep. 12, 7 pm**

We will talk, eat, and discuss all things cheese, including different milk types, cheese styles, and how to buy, cut, and store cheeses. This class is ideal for a novice or if you just love cheese! Presented by local cheese expert Meredith Meder. Space is limited, register today!

**FabLab Class: Glowforge Halloween Welcome Sign**

**Tuesday, Sep. 17, 7 pm**

Get ready for spooky season with your very own Halloween "Welcome" sign! You will see how the Glowforge works while also being able to paint your very own sign! Space is limited, registration is required. Palos Heights Cardholders only.

**Scrapbook Class: Birthday Bonanza Card Class**

**Thursday, Sep. 19, 6:30 pm**

Let the Birthday Celebration begin with the creation of six cards. You will never be caught without the perfect birthday sentiment. All supplies provided. Participants must register, space is limited!

**Nobody's Fool: Why We Get Taken In and What We Can Do About It**

**Thursday, Sep. 19, 7 pm**

We all can be fooled by mis/disinformation, often unwittingly aiding their spread. Entirely stopping the spread of falsehoods is impossible, but we can take steps to recognize when we are at risk of being deceived. In this talk with Professor Dan Simons, co-author of *Nobody's Fool: Why We Get Taken In and What We Can Do About It*, discover how deception works and empower yourself to become Nobody's Fool. **This is a virtual program that will be conducted via Zoom.**



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## An Evening With the Chicago Arabic Music Ensemble

Tuesday, Sep. 24, 7 pm

Enjoy a concert of Arabic music from the esteemed Chicago Arabic Music Ensemble.

## Leslie Goddard Presents: Lilly Pulitzer

Thursday, Sep. 26, 7 pm

In the 1960s, Lilly Pulitzer changed fashion with her carefree shift dresses in whimsical, bold patterns. But who was she? Historian Leslie Goddard brings to life the entrepreneur and



fashion designer who launched a design revolution. Learn what inspired this free-spirited young socialite to start a line of lightweight tropical dresses and how they become synonymous with resort living.

## The History of Fleetwood Mac

Tuesday, Oct. 1, 7 pm

Celebrate the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *Tusk* as we use interview and performance videos to trace the band's career and classic line up of Stevie Nicks, Lindsay Buckingham, Christine McVie, John McVie and Mick Fleetwood. It was a fascinating journey of failed romantic relationships that fueled warm, intense music. Fleetwood Mac was a soap opera set to music!

## Medicare Made Easy

Thursday, Oct. 3, 2 pm

Diane Adduci, community educator and licensed insurance representative, presents an educational program about Medicare Parts A and B and Medicare Supplement Plans. Learn about eligibility, enrollment, and the benefits of Medicare. This program is designed for people turning 65, over 65 but leaving their employer plan, or people who would simply like to learn more. Questions welcome! Program time: Approximately 90 minutes.

## Scrapbooking: Open Crop

Saturday, Oct. 5, 9:30 am – 4:30 pm

Drop by with your own supplies and scrap for seven hours uninterrupted! Master-scrapper, Mary Beth Sexton, will be on hand to assist with your projects.

## Illinois State Treasurer iCash Event

Tuesday, Oct. 8, 5 - 7 pm

The Illinois State Treasurer is holding more than \$5 billion in unclaimed funds for Illinoisans. The State holds these lost funds until they are claimed by either the original owner or their heirs. Do you have any unclaimed funds? Staff from the Treasurer's Office will be on hand to help you find out. Drop in prior to 6:30 PM to ensure you get a turn.

## Illinois Libraries Present: Being Imperfect with Erika Sánchez

Wednesday, Oct. 9, 7 pm

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with Erika Sánchez, award-winning author of *I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter*, joined in conversation by author Cynthia Pelayo. This is a virtual presentation from Illinois Libraries Present. Register to watch from home or watch it on the big screen in our meeting room.

## Indigenous Illinois: Cahokia and Mississippians

Thursday, Oct. 10, 7 pm

Many Illinoisans aren't aware that, a thousand years ago, a major Native American civilization began here. Cahokia, a city just across the river from St. Louis, was the origin for what came to be known as the Mississippians and grew to be larger than London was at the time. William Kelley, president of the South Suburban Archaeological Society, tells us about the impact this had on the rest of Native American society up to contact with Europeans.

## Scrapbooking: Card Class

Tuesday, Oct. 15, 6:30 pm

Create a variety of 12 cards with our local crafter, Mary Beth Sexton. All supplies will be provided. Space is limited, please register.

## Cooking with Heifa: Middle Eastern Cooking Demonstration

Thursday, Oct. 17, 6:30 pm

Chef and author Heifa Odeh of Fufu's Kitchen will demonstrate recipes from her cookbook, *Dine in Palestine*, as well as provide background on the ingredients used and her Arab heritage. Come hungry, samples provided! Space is limited, register today.

## Gardening Can Be Murder

Monday, Oct. 21, 7 pm

With their deadly plants, razor-sharp shears, shady corners, and ready-made burial sites, gardens make an ideal scene for a murder mystery. Join Marta McDowell, writer, gardener, and avid mystery reader, in exploring the ways in which writers—from Edgar Allen Poe and Wilkie Collins to some of today's top authors—have found inspiration in the sinister side of gardening. **This is a virtual presentation.** Register to watch from home or on the big screen in our Meeting Room.

## The Basics of Paranormal Investigating

Thursday, Oct. 24, 7 pm

Enjoy learning the Basics of Paranormal Investigating from Quantum Paranormal Investigators, who have a combined 30



years of experience. Learn about the equipment and the do's and don'ts of how to do a proper investigation. You will also learn about well-known haunted locations in Chicagoland and beyond, as well as experience evidence from some of those locations.

## Ghoulish Delight: Disney's Haunted Mansion

Tuesday, Oct. 29, 7 pm

Disney's Haunted Mansion is a theme park classic and design icon. This popular attraction continues to inspire and be enjoyed by millions of visitors every year. Learn about the development, architecture, and story behind this thrilling dark ride.

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## SEPTEMBER FICTION

- Safe Enough: And Other Stories* - Lee Child
- Lies He Told Me* - Patterson/Ellis
- Here One Moment* - Liane Moriarty
- Counting Miracles* - Nicholas Sparks
- Passions in Death* - J.D. Robb
- Den of Iniquity* - J.A. Jance
- Bad Liar* - Tami Hoag
- Fatal Intrusion* - Deaver, Maldonado
- Capture and Kill* - Flynn/Bentley
- The Forest of Lost Souls* - Dean Koontz
- On the Hunt* - Iris Johansen
- Tell Me Everything* - Elizabeth Strout
- The Night We Lost Him* - Laura Dave
- The Life Impossible* - Matt Haig
- We Solve Murders* - Richard Osman
- An Eye for an Eye* - Jeffery Archer



## OCTOBER FICTION

- The Waiting* - Michael Connelly
- In Too Deep* - Lee Child
- Identity Unknown* - Patricia Cornwell
- The Grey Wolf* - Louise Penny
- Murder Island* - James Patterson
- Triangle* - Danielle Steel
- The Mighty Red* - Louise Erdrich
- The Great Hippopotamus Hotel* - Alexander McCall Smith
- The Blue Hour* - Paula Hawkins
- One Big Happy Family* - Susan Mallery
- What does it Feel Like?* - Sophie Kinsella
- Killing Time* - M.C. Beaton
- Midnight and Blue* - Ian Rankin
- The Boyfriend* - Freida McFadden



## Computer Classes

The following classes are hands-on and are held in-person. Reservations are required.



### Tech Time with Emily

Tuesdays at 2 pm and Wednesdays at 6 pm

Have a question about your phone, your laptop, tablet, or need an answer to a tech question? Pop in with your device and Public Services Librarian Emily will work with you one-on-one to find the answers. Our Librarians are instructors and cannot fix malfunctioning devices. While we can't guarantee a solution to every problem,

we are happy to work together in searching for one. Reservations are not necessary. Sessions are first come, first served.

### LinkedIn Basics

Monday, Sep. 9, 2 pm

Learn how to create and promote workplace skills, experience, and successes with LinkedIn, the number one online professional networking website. Basic computer skills are needed for this class.



### Excel Basics

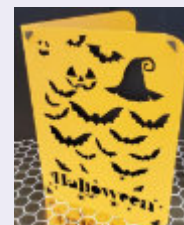
Monday, Oct. 14, 2 pm

Learn how Microsoft Excel's cells, worksheets, and workbooks easily allow users to manipulate, calculate, and format numbers and other types of data.



### FabLab Projects of the Month

- September - School Supply Holder
- October - Halloween Card



# Youth Events

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## SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS

### Sports Ball!

Tuesday, Sep. 3, 4 pm, Grades K-3

Fans and athletes, get ready to craft! Design your own jersey, make a fingerprint baseball, and play sports BINGO!

### Autumn Leaves & Crafting Please!

Tuesday, Sep. 10, 4 pm, Grades K-3

Love the colors of fall? Craft autumn leaves using chalk, Q-Tip's and paint.

### Crafts 'n Facts: Owls

Tuesday, Sep. 17, 4 pm, Grades K-3

Hoo knows that an owl's head can rotate 270 degrees? We hope you like owls as much as we do. Create four unique owls using various craft supplies.

### Bluestem Battle of the Books

Wednesday, Sep. 18, 4 pm, Grades 3-5 (*How Ralph Baer Invented TV Video Gaming and Launched a Worldwide Obsession*)

Wednesday, Oct. 16, 4 pm, Grades 3-5 (*Garlic and the Vampire*)

Join us for our Bluestem Book Club! We'll chat about the book, make a craft, and have snacks. Stop by the library to check out your copy!

### Mario and Luigi Jam

Tuesday, Sep. 24, 4 pm, Grades K-3

Help Mario and Luigi beat an obstacle course find their friends in a scavenger hunt and craft their way to the finish line! Be sure to visit us at Fan Con on Saturday, Sep 28!

### Fall Magnets

Wednesday, Sep. 25, 4 pm, Grades 3-5

It's fall, y'all! Beautify your own magnets created on the Glowforge! Give them to a friend or keep them for your own fridge!

### Watercolors and Leaves

Thursday, Sep. 26, 5 pm, Grades K-3

Paint your own fall masterpiece using watercolors and real leaves!



## OCTOBER PROGRAMS

### Boook Walk

Oct. 1-31, Anytime, All Ages

Visit the Youth and Teen Department anytime in October and participate in an interactive Boook Walk! Save Halloween in, *The Boo Crew Needs You!* by Vicky Fang. Collect a prize at the end of your stroll!

### Painting Oogie Boogie

Tuesday, Oct. 1, 4 pm, Grades 3-5

Well, well, well... What have we here? Paint Oogie Boogie with glow in the dark paint while listening to *The Nightmare Before Christmas* soundtrack.

### It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown

Monday, Oct. 7, 5 pm, Grades K-3

Will the great pumpkin come out of the patch this year? Will Charlie Brown get to kick the football? Join us for a pumpkin filled day where we will play games and make crafts inspired by everyone's favorite Peanuts gang.

### Musical Play with Scribble Monster

Saturday, Oct. 12, 10 am, All Ages

Bring your dancing shoes and wild imagination to PHPL for the award-winning music and play of Jim from ScribbleMonster and Wimee's Words as seen on PBS! Using a mix of kindness, music and humor, ScribbleMonster's presentation encourages children to participate and think in creative ways.

### Goofy Halloween

Tuesday, Oct. 15, 4 pm, Grades K-3

Not all monsters are scary. Design your goofiest ghouls and compete in silly challenges.

### Astrology Day

Wednesday, Oct. 23, 4 pm, Grades 3-5

What's your zodiac sign? Learn about your Sun and Moon signs and make constellation crafts!

### Sensory Halloween

Thursday, Oct. 24, 11:30 am, Ages 2-5

It's spooky season! Play with frozen ghosts, give monsters haircuts, and have fun with colors!



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## Halloween Games

Tuesday, Oct. 29, 4 pm, Grades K-3

Turn your friend into a mummy, survive the haunted obstacle course, play Halloween bingo, and more!

## STORY TIMES

### Tales for Twos

Wednesdays, Sep. 4-25, 11:30 am, 24-35 mos.



### Kindergarten Ready

Wednesdays, Sep. 4-25, 1 pm, Ages 3-5

### Little Wigglers

Thursdays, Sep. 5-26, 11:30 am, Birth-23 mos.



### Furry Readers

Wednesday, Sep. 11, 4:30 pm, Grades K-12

Wednesday, Oct. 9, 4:30 pm, Grades K-12

All readers and dog lovers are invited to grab a book, ruffle some fur, and read to a dog. Register to practice reading out loud to a certified therapy dog from Bright and Beautiful.



### Nature Hour (at Lake Katherine)

Friday, Sep. 27, 10 am, Ages 2-5 (Butterflies)

Friday, Oct. 25, 10 am, Ages 2-5 (Spiders)

We are teaming up with Lake Katherine to learn about animals, weather, and the great outdoors at this monthly, nature-themed story time.



### Sensory Friendly Stories and Play

Tuesday, Oct. 8, 11:30 am, Ages 2-5

The library is excited to partner with Key Autism Services for this special program featuring both interactive stories and sensory friendly play in a welcoming, supportive setting.

### Welcome, Fall!

Tuesday, Oct. 15, 11:30 am, Ages 2-5

### Pumpkin Story Time

Thursday, Oct. 17, 11:30 am, Ages Birth-23 mos.

### Bat Story Time

Tuesday, Oct. 22, 11:30 am, Ages 2-5

### Halloween Storytime

Thursday, Oct. 31, 11:30 am, Ages 2-5

## STAFF PICKS



**Tina**

Head of YTS



*Boo the Library Ghost* by Becky Paige

*The library is haunted!*

*Beware of the ghost!*

*Frightening children is what Boo loves to do most.*

The town's library is a scary place. It's dark, dusty, has spider webs everywhere, and is haunted. Boo, the library ghost, is a book-lover's worst nightmare. He throws books, rips pages, and knocks over bookcases. Boo makes scary faces and roars at children when they browse.

Just when readers think no one will ever be able to enjoy the library, a girl named Poppy asks Boo to be quiet so she can concentrate on what she's reading. A frustrated Boo shouts, growls, and makes a big mess. Poppy then cleverly figures out why Boo is acting out. "Come sit down beside me, and I'll read to you. Books are for everyone and that means you too!"

Readers will cheer when Poppy transforms Boo into a reader. No longer the menacing ghost that he was, Boo cleans up the library, gets rid of the spider webs, and repairs the books that he destroyed. The rhyming throughout the story is perfect, and young readers will have fun seeing a transformation happen in Boo and the library! I recommend this book for anyone looking to get into the Halloween spirit with just the right amount of spooky.

# Tween & Teen Corner

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## STAFF PICKS



**Carla**

Assistant Head of YTS

### *Two Sides to Every Murder* by Danielle Valentine

Sixteen years ago, three people were murdered by the witch of Camp Lost Lake with a bow and arrow. Now, two teens return to the camp for very different reasons. Olivia learns that her father isn't her biological dad. After learning that her sister plans to reopen Camp Lost Lake, she decides the camp is the best place to learn the truth of her parentage. Reagan and her mother Lori have been on the run ever since the cops accused Lori of the murders. Reagan visits the camp to prove her mother's innocence.

Once at camp, both girls realize history is repeating itself as new visitors begin dying. Told from alternating points of view as well as alternating timelines, the tension quickly builds as new revelations are exposed and the girls quickly understand their stories may be more intertwined than they could ever have imagined. Fast paced and full of action, this campy slasher has it all—romance, deception, heart pounding action, and gruesome murders.

Although somewhat predictable at times, this horror thriller is perfect for fans of classic horror movies like *Halloween* and *Friday the 13*. I recommend this for grades 9-12 and fans of authors like Holly Jackson. Be warned; I also recommend you read this one with the light on.

## Volunteers

Need volunteer hours and want to help the librarians? Drop in at the Youth and Teen Desk to pick up a form and learn about volunteering at the library. Please stop in anytime in September and October!

## Macramé Backpack Keychains

**Thursday, Sep. 12, 4 pm, Grades 6-12**

Need to upgrade your backpack swag? Design a personalized keychain for your backpack using macramé cord!

## Video Game Club: Just Dance 2024

**Thursday, Sep. 19, 4 pm, Grades 4-8**

"I wanna dance with somebody!" Play Just Dance 2024 to show off your best moves and compete against a librarian! Rated E.

## Autumn Bookmarks

**Tuesday, Sep. 24, 5 pm, Grades 4-8**

Let's celebrate the change of season by making 2 fall bookmarks in our Fablab! All supplies will be provided.

## Spooky String Art

**Thursday, Sep. 26, 4 pm, Grades 4-12**

It's faBOOulous! Using only a needle and thread, poke through the paper to create a cat, bat, ghost, and pumpkin.

## Pumpkin Crafternoon

**Monday, Sep. 30, 4 pm, Grades 4-8**

Did you know that pumpkins are considered fruits? Decompress after school and make three pumpkin themed crafts!

## Paint the Town

**Saturday, Oct. 5, 11 am, Grades 6-12**

This is Halloween, this is Halloween! Get in the spooky spirit and paint a *Nightmare Before Christmas* inspired work of art! An instructor will bring all of the supplies and teach you how to create your masterpiece!



## Teen Book Box

**Thursday, Oct. 10, Grades 6-12 – Spooky Themed Box**

Want an easier way to select a book? Let a librarian do it! Each box will include a book from our collection, a treat, and other fun things. Sign up by the 10<sup>th</sup> to receive the required questionnaire form to be submitted by the 12<sup>th</sup>. Boxes can be picked up starting the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

## Halloween Boxes

**Monday, Oct. 14, 5 pm, Grades 4-8**

Welcome, foolish mortals! Join us and make a haunted house box in our Fablab using our Cricut. All supplies will be provided.



## Dungeons & Dragons: Villains

**Thursday, Oct. 17, 3:30-5:30 pm, Grades 6-12**

D&D is a fantasy tabletop role playing game where you use your imagination and creativity to build the story and move the game forward. A Dungeon Master will provide instructions and help guide the game. No equipment or experience necessary. This session you will be playing as villains!

## Pumpkin Spice and Everything Nice!

**Tuesday, Oct. 22, 4 pm, Grades 4-12**

It's not fall without pumpkin spice! Let's make a keychain on the Glowforge, try pumpkin spice flavored food, and use the heat press to spice up your shirt! Shirt needs to be 100% cotton and the vinyl will be printed on black.

## Jack O' Lantern Candle

**Monday, Oct. 28, 4 pm, Grades 6-12**

Be afraid, very afraid... Build and decorate your own spooky LED candle holder using supplies from our Glowforge!



# Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Palos Heights Library is a non-profit organization dedicated to encouraging public interest and financial support for the library. They support various programs and cultural activities held at the library for the enjoyment of the entire community.

## Friends of the Library 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

For 40 years the Friends of the Palos Heights Library have been building relationships and raising funds. Celebrate National Friends of Libraries Week with us October 20-26.

**September 1 - 30:** "The Library Is My Friend" bookmark contest. Stop by the Front Desk to pick up a form and submit it by October 1st. This contest is open to all ages.

**October 20:** Help us decorate the Friends Book Store with your favorite book or author!

**October 24:** "The Basics of Paranormal Investigating" is sponsored by the Friends and will be providing coffee, cookies, and a book giveaway for adults.

**October 26:** Join us for an Ice Cream Social and book giveaway for kids and teens!



**Raised  
\$3,501!**

**August Book Sale Results** – The Friends of the Library raised \$3,501 through the August Book sale. Thank you to all book donors and to all that came to the sale and supported the library.

**SAVE THE DATE** – February Book Sale - January 31 thru February 3. Your 2025 Friends membership will allow you entrance to Preview Night on Friday, January 31. Check the library's events calendar for more information at [www.phlibrary.org](http://www.phlibrary.org).

## FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\$5 Individual  \$10 Family

**Make checks payable to Friends of the Palos Heights Library.**

*Completed forms may be turned in at the circulation desk.*

## Friends of the Library Meeting

The next Friends of the Library meeting will be Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm at the library.

## Friends of the Library Officers 2024

President – Bill Poore

Secretary – Barbara Allen

Treasurer – Mary Adams



### Book Donations

The Friends of the Library are always looking for donations of gently used books, movies, magazines, music, puzzles, and games. Items can be dropped off at the library's Circulation Desk. Receipts are available on request.





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## LIBRARY HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 9 am – 9 pm  
Friday-Saturday: 9 am – 5 pm  
Sunday: 1 pm – 5 pm  
(Open Sundays after Labor Day)

## LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Monday, September 2 – Labor Day

## LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS

Thursday, September 19 at 7 pm  
Thursday, October 17 at 7 pm

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Geraldine Burek, *President*  
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## LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Jesse Blazek

## DISABILITY STATEMENT

The library makes every effort to accommodate all patrons with disabilities. If you require special accommodations for a specific event or visit, please call or email us to let us know what we can do to prepare for your visit.

## Look Us Up On:



*Some areas not served by the Palos Heights Public Library may receive this mailing because of post office routings*

## IN THE DISPLAY CASE

September - Fan Con: Beanie Babies

October - Native American Art by Nancy Webster



## DONATIONS

### Palos Heights Woman's Club

*The Hostess Cookbook: A Modern Guide to Entertaining* by Maria Zizka  
*Sip and Sensibility: An Inspired Literary Cocktail Collection* by Tim Rayborn  
In memory of Ann Purcell

### Palos Heights Woman's Club

*The Hidden Book* by Kristy Manning  
*The Instrumentalist* by Harriet Constable  
In memory of Jeanne Marbach

### Anonymous

Monetary Donation

### Diane Crowley

*Peace over Perfection* by Faith Chang  
*Permission to Dream* by Christine Caine  
*Waking Up to the Goodness of God* by Susie Larson  
In memory of Pamela Szeniewski

### Chris Koronowski

Monetary Donation and 24 new books  
In memory of Pamela Szeniewski

### Geri Burek

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