



Preparing For A Career



By Dr. R. Pletsch

Editors note: Dr. Roy Pletsch is taking the week off. The article below is a reprint from August 18th, 2022.

A successful career starts when your young student begins to think "I want to be a cowboy, fireman, ballerina...". These are usually in the top three in school journals nationwide. Parents, it's okay if your children want to be something unusual like a cowboy or a magician. These children usually will tell you they might want an entry level in a number of years, in the future. Parents must help their child even if you think they could not get the position. You may now feel I don't want my kid to do that. It is alright for you to be nervous, but be careful of the reaction. No you could never do that. Or, yes, you can be anything you want. You can help by saying well let's try. Help them find out prerequisites for the cold to pass into any school that has the right programs.

The next educational step is to help your child work on the prerequisites

or the entry level positions. They may have never been on a horse, but they said they wanted to be a cowboy. You as Mom and Dad know that a kid from Chicago has little opportunity to work on horse-handling routines, but the successful program will be the one where the student realizes they should look at something else.

Help your students work on those prerequisites. Help them understand not all can have the same job. The children usually think that a program is not very hard to attain a certificate to be whatever they talked about. Educational journals remind us that those prepared have the best chance at success at attaining their dream. The children often change majors. The average four year college degree has the student changing their major three times. My daughter changed her major three times and attended a semester school in Rome. She still got her degree in four and a half years.

It is a huge help if someone in your family has already graduated from college and they are willing to share their experiences, if they lived at home or on campus. You should find a relative or friend who you trust, because remember some won't tell you the truth. Some will only remember parties and sporting events. That is only part of the experience. Those asked to help them prepare have been quoted as saying I was bored, much like they do in similar situations. Is this the only way to prepare for the classes? Of course not. Those families that prepare their students for working hard to get into the college that will help the most will be an excellent way to start off college career.

Art Grants For Pandemic Losses

Arts Alliance Illinois is encouraging creatives to apply for the B2B Arts (Illinois Creative Recovery) Grant, a historic \$50 million in grant money being distributed by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to assist businesses, non-profit organizations, sole proprietors, freelancers, and independent contractors in the creative sector that have suffered losses because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Applications are open through May 10th.

Free resources will assist applicants with the DCEO grant application process, including webinars and a help desk that provides 1-on-1 assistance for prospective applicants and answers questions about eligibility and the application process. Visit www.artalliance.org/creative-recovery for more information.

Grants will be distributed to eligible applicants including organizations, businesses and sole proprietors/freelancers and independent contractors—that operate in one of the following categories: independent live venue operators, performing or presenting arts organizations (Dance, Film, Literary Arts, Media Arts, Music, Theater, or Visual Arts), arts education organizations, cultural heritage organizations, and muse-

ums. Eligible entities must have:

Experienced a loss in earned and/or contributed revenue of at least \$5,000 due to economic disruptions related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Been in operation in Illinois since prior to March 12, 2020, and remain in operation at time of application.

Awards provided to eligible businesses and nonprofit organizations under this program will be sized based on losses incurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic, with a maximum award of \$250,000.

The application and more information about the grant can be found at dceo.illinois.gov/small-businessassistance/b2b.html.

New Library Lends Tools

The Chicago Tool Library, 4015 W. Carroll ave. is a community library for tools instead of books.

Business hours are Wednesdays and Thursdays, 4 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Members must be at least 18 years of age, reside in Chicago and provide a photo ID.

Sign-up at hello@chicagoollibrary.org or (773) 242-0923.

Park District Headquarters On Track To Open



Photo Credit: Chicago Park District

The Park District is expected to open its new, \$68 million headquarters at 4800 S. Western ave. this summer, including a host of summer camps for kids. Construction broke ground on the project in July 2021.

Plans to move the Park District's headquarters and its 200 employees to the Southwest Side were announced in 2018 by former Mayor Rahm Emanuel. City Council approved the plans in 2020. The Park District has been headquartered at the Time-Life Building in Streeterville since 2001.

There will be a summer day camp for children ages 6-12, play camp for ages 4 - 5 and teen camp for ages 13-15. Parents can also sign up children age 3-16 for soccer camp.

The office building construction is still underway, including the indoor basketball courts. Two large turf fields with lighting and seating have been built on the site along 48th street, playground equipment is still being installed. The site will have 200 parking spaces for employees and visitors.

Scouting For Food Drive



Members of Boy Scout Troop 1441 sponsored by St. Mary Star of the Sea Holy Name Society participated in the Council Wide Scouting for Food drive April 15th placing door hangers announcing the drive. Donations will be picked up on Saturday, April 22nd after 9 a.m. For further information, contact Ed Melkonian at (312) 316-5825. Suggested food items are: peanut butter/jellies, canned/dried beans, canned fruits/veggies, boxed pasta/rice, canned fish, canned soup/stew, boxed potatoes and boxed cereal. Text Scout4Food to 41444 to support virtually.

Summer Jobs At Park District

The Chicago Park District is spotlighting summer employment opportunities as part of a new marketing campaign featuring the Lifeguard, Recreation Leader and Junior Laborer job openings available for qualified candidates, ages 16 and older. Apply now at www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/summer-jobs. The campaign, entitled "Your Perfect Summer Job," encourages them to learn about the unique, summer jobs that they can secure today.

The summer jobs offer competitive wages, life-skill building opportunities, flexible work schedules and pathways to careers and full-time employment.

For more information, visit chicagoparkdistrict.com/summer-jobs.

Brighton Park Library Schedules Programs

The Brighton Park Branch Library, 4314 S. Archer has scheduled engaging programs. Hours are Monday and Wednesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday noon to 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday 1 to 5 p.m.

Chicago Police Department 9th District Beats 921 & 922 meet on the first Thursday of the month from 6 to 7 p.m. Stop by to meet your beat officers, discuss problems and crime conditions.

Help with Homework from the Teacher in the Library program is available on Mondays from 3:30 to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Open Play for children 0 to 5 with their parents or caregivers will be available on Fridays, April 21st and May 19th from 10 to 11 a.m.

Kids STEM Club for ages 6 to 13 will conduct experiments Thursday, May 11th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The LEGO Club for families with children ages 5 and up will meet on Thursdays, April 20th and May 18th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Build your own design to try out a design challenge. Work on your own or as a team. LEGO bricks are supplied.

Family Story Time for children of all ages is offered on Tuesdays through May 30th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Join us for picture books, stories, songs and a simple paper craft activity.

Junior Justice League Community Service Club for teens ages 10 to 19 is available on Monday, May 8th from 4 to 5 p.m. Perform a craft project to benefit a cause while

earning 1 hour for community service.

Graphic Novel and Manga Book Discussions will be held on Thursday, April 20th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Each month, read and discuss a graphic novel and a manga selection. Stay for the conversations that can be anything from the details of the book to the latest happenings in comic book culture. For 2023, we will be reading the first six volumes of the classic manga series Monster by Naoki Urasawa. During April, we will be reading Silk Hills by Brian Level and part two of Monster, vol 2 by Naoki Urasawa.

Preschool Story Time with Mx. Dannie will feature stories, songs, and other fun activities to practice literacy skills on Wednesdays through May 31st from 11 to 11:45 a.m.

Puzzle Club for ages 6 and up will be offered on Wednesday, May 17th from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

New Parents Meet Up + Baby Play will feature open play time in the Children's room on Friday, May 5th from 10 to 11 a.m. Various toys are provided.

Drop In Cat Craft for kids age 3 and up will be conducted on Monday, April 24th and Wednesday, April 26th. Use our craft cart to make your own pipe cleaner kitty car. Drop in any time to make this fun craft to take home.

Earth Day Stories for toddler and preschoolers and their families is set for Saturday, April 22nd from 10 to 11 a.m. Join Mx. Dannie for stories, songs and other on activities related to our planet. An eco-friendly upcycled craft will follow.

Visit chicagopubliclibrary.org to register.

Exemptions For Property Tax

Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi announces that property-tax-saving exemption applications for the 2022 tax year are now available online that contribute to lowering a homeowner's property tax bill. The most common is the Homeowner Exemption, saving a property owner an average of \$950 dollars each year.

New homeowners, first-time applicants, or those that need to reapply can visit, www.cook-countyassessor.com/exemptions. Applying online allows staff to locate the application, provide a status update, and notify if missing documents are needed.

The automatic renewals related to COVID-19 have ended. Homeowners need to resume annual filings for the Low-Income Senior

Citizens Assessment Freeze "Senior Freeze" and Veterans with Disabilities Exemptions. Seniors and Veterans that need to reapply will be mailed application booklets in the mail.

The automatic renewal of the Homeowner, Senior and Persons with Disabilities Exemptions will continue, and postcards will be mailed to households confirming that no action is needed.

If homeowners are unsure of their existing exemptions, they can check by reviewing their "Property Details" and review the Exemption History & Status section.

9th Dist. Beat 912 Plans Meeting

9th District Police Beat 921 will meet at the McKinley Park Fieldhouse, 2210 W. Pershing rd. on Wednesday, May 10th at 7 p.m.

Residents may meet their beat officers to discuss problems. For more information, contact (312) 747-3501.

BrightonParkLIFE.com

To complement our weekly edition The Brighton Park-McKinley Park Life has launched a website. On it can be found general information about us, recent and past issues, advertising information. Send neighborhood interest stories, student accomplishments, civic organization events to brightonparklife@aol.com. Opinions expressed by guest editorials may not represent the viewpoints held by the publisher of the Brighton Park - McKinley Park Life Newspaper.

Park District Plans Earth Month Events

The Chicago Park District will partner with Friends of the Parks to nurture nature and celebrate Earth Day on April 22nd. With 93 park locations and hundreds of volunteers, the goal is to help preserve and celebrate Chicago's natural beauty.

From April 28th through May 1st, the Chicagoland Region will compete in the 8th annual City Nature Challenge. More than 400 cities and 41,000 people are expected to participate worldwide. Chicago area residents will search for, photograph, and share images of flora and fauna, and compete with other metropolitan areas to identify local wildlife.

The Chicago Park District and Friends of the Parks invite individuals, community groups, Park Advisory Councils, and families to participate in Earth Day celebrations.

Visit www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/earth-day for a list of the 93 participating parks, volunteer registration and volunteer waivers. An interactive map is available to view local cleanup sites in relation to volunteers' location.

The Chicago Park District will provide tools, mulch, fiber, and will aid in garbage pickup with increased presence at cleanup sites, as volunteers rid parks of litter. Friends of the Parks and

will provide gloves and garbage bags to registered volunteers.

From April 28th through May 1st, the Chicago Park District will join the 8th annual City Nature Challenge, a global biodiversity competition organized by the California Academy of Sciences and the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles. The competition creates a network of experts that local land managers and scientists can seek for support in identifying and protecting biodiversity.

Participate in the City Nature Challenge for free by visiting iNaturalist.org or downloading the iNaturalist app from the Apple App Store or Google Play store.

The procedure is simple: Find wildlife in your local park, natural area, or trail. It can be any wild plant, animal, fungi, slime mold, or any other evidence of life, such as scat, fur, tracks, shells, or carcasses. Upload the pictures of the flora and fauna you find using the iNaturalist App. Learn more about our region as observations are identified.

The results of the challenge will be announced in May 8th.

The Park District reminds residents about natural areas, and opportunities for education and recreation. Visit chicagoparkdistrict.com/natural-areas.

Cubs Ticket Offer For Class of 2023



The Chicago Cubs are celebrating all 2023 graduates and their families with a Special Ticket Offer. The ticket offer includes a Cubs Class of 2023 jersey with your ticket to the June 15th 7:05 p.m. game against the Pittsburgh Pirates at Wrigley Field. This offer is first-come, first-served. Claim your tickets and special merchandise mlb.com/cubs/tickets/special/class-of-2023. Giveaway items included with Special Ticket Offer are only available to fans who purchase their ticket(s) through this site. Limited time offer.

To purchase tickets for a group of 15 or more call Blake Wilshire at (773) 404-4202 or email bwilshire@cubs.com.

The redemption table is located in Gallagher Way and is open starting two hours before first pitch until the end of the 7th inning. Individuals will be required to scan the appropriate ticket to receive the item.

Clean-Up At McKinley Park

Neighbors for Environmental Justice and McKinley Park Stewardship will conduct an Earth Day Clean-Up on Saturday, April 22nd from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Participants should meet at the stone planter south of the lagoon at Pershing road and Damen.

Free snacks and seeks will be provided.

Book Highlights CPS Progress

The District is excited to share *How a City Learned to Improve its Schools*, a new book that outlines one of the most improved school districts in the nation. Graduation rates, learning rates, and ACT scores all significantly improved, with Black and Latinx males often driving this progress.

One of the key factors behind this success was collaboration between the District and its partners to transfer significant resources directly to schools.

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The family of Martin O'Connor wishes to thank everyone who attended his benefit and provided prayers, well wishes and support as he battles aggressive brain cancer, glioblastoma.

To donate, or for more information about how you can help, visit gofund.me/fc4a50b8.



Lion Cubs Debut At Lincoln Park Zoo



Photo courtesy of Lincoln Park Zoo - Brandon Tucker

The three male African lion cubs born at Lincoln Park Zoo on Jan. 9th have made their debut at Pepper Family Wildlife Center.

Pesho, Sidai, and Lomelok have been making massive strides behind-the-scenes with mom Zari and can be seen exploring their outdoor habitat along with the rest of the pride.

For those who are not able to visit the cubs in person, Lincoln Park Zoo is partnering with online zoo, zoolife, which includes live streams of four habitats across the zoo, including Pepper Family Wildlife Center. With zoolife, users can

control the habitat cameras, zoom in up to 25x, interact with zoo experts, attend chats and more. Zoolife will feature the Jamaican iguana, Japanese macaque, Free Flight, and lion habitats.

Lincoln Park Zoo is a long-time partner with the Kopelion based in the Ngorongoro Conservation Area in northern Tanzania, which strives to foster human-lion co-existence.

The 45th annual Run for the Zoo 5K/10K on June 4th will journey past the cubs at Pepper Family Wildlife Center.

For more information, visit lpzoo.org.

Registration For Sundays On State

Chicago Loop Alliance is announcing the return of the award-winning event series, Sundays on State, which will close State Street to vehicle traffic from Lake to Adams on Sundays, July 16th and August 13th. Those who register to attend entered for a chance to win a \$1,000 Loop staycation package. Learn more and register for free at LoopChicago.com/Sundays.

Lake, Randolph, Washington, Madison, and Monroe will remain open east-west. Traffic street closures will last from 5 a.m. to midnight.

Small businesses, local entrepreneurs, artists, and non-profits are encouraged to submit activation proposals. To participate, sponsor, volunteer, or attend the free events visit LoopChicago.com/Sundays.

Arts Programming At Cultural Center

The City of Chicago and the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events welcome new and returning visual art exhibitions, music performances, film programming, and more this spring throughout the Chicago Cultural Center (78 E Washington St.).

The Center attracts visitors year-round with its breathtaking architecture, tours, and free arts programming. Visit ChicagoCulturalCenter.org for the latest events and updates.

The popular "Under the Dome" concert series returns, featuring performances by multi-instrumentalist NNAMDI and Midwest Americana artist Jodi on Thursday, April 27th at 6:30 p.m. RSVPs are recommended.

The exhibition "Surviving the Long Wars; Reckon and Reimagine" recently opened in the fourth floor Exhibit Hall and is one of five visual art exhibitions on display that explore the histories that shape our understanding of warfare, as well as alternative visions of peace, healing, and justice generated by communities impacted by war.

As the Chicago Public Library celebrates its 150th anniversary, the exhibition, "Reimagine Your Public Library", encourages a collaborative design process that reflects on the assets, needs, culture, and identity of communities.

"First Look: Artworks by the Inaugural Cohort of the CPS RE:ALIZE Early College Arts Program" will be open April 24th to May 19th.

An Earth Film Festival: Earth Day Film Screening of "Biocentrics" will be available on Saturday, April 22nd, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Through the eyes and voice of biologist Janine Benyus, the non-fiction feature takes the viewer to corners of the planet to reveal the birth and principles that guide biomimicry, a transdisciplinary methodology of innovation inspired by nature.

Spring Concerts At West Lawn Library



C. MILANI

Chicago Artopia, a team of artists, educators and aficionados is presenting a Spring Concert Series at West Lawn Branch Library, 4020 W. 63rd St.

Cinzia Milani from Italy will perform classical guitar on Saturday, April 22nd at 7 p.m. Luciano Antonio will perform Brazilian Jazz guitar and vocals on Saturday, May 27th at 7 p.m. Admission is free.

Art Exhibit At Polish Museum



The Polish Museum of America, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave. and the Polish Studies Program at Loyola University Chicago will present the grand return of The Journey of the Brotherhood of St. Luke Paintings from the Polish Pavilion at the 1939 New York World's Fair on Saturday, April 22nd at 2 p.m. Speakers will include Dr. Peter Obst, Researcher, Poles in America Foundation; Elzbieta Rogowska, Director, and Tomasz Sliwinski, Counselor, Department for Restitution of Cultural Property, Ministry of Culture and National Heritage of the Republic of Poland. Admission is free.

Walking Tours of Millennium Park



Docent guided tour of 7 public art works on the Millennium Park Campus that covers approximately one-half mile will be held on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month, through Oct. 7th at 12 noon. (No tour July 1st.) Start and end at the Chicago Cultural Center Randolph Street steps. Space is limited to 15 people.

Highlights include 6 sculptures and one mural. Visitors begin with Richard Hunt's steel sculpture, We Will. Tour moves across the street to view sculptures in Millennium Park by Edra Soto, Christine Tarkowski, Jaume Plensa's Crown Fountain and Anish Kapoor's Cloud Gate. Tour returns to the Chicago Cultural Center to view Nathan Mason's Bronze Cow and to Garland Court with Kerry James Marshall's mural, Rushmore. To register, visit dcasevolunteers.org/visitor/register.

Workshops For DPS Services

The Department of Procurement Services will explain DPS Incentives & Programs: Getting The Most From Your Bids on Thursday, April 20th from 2 to 3 p.m.

Businesses will have the opportunity, information, and resources to compete for City contracts. Learn about the Small Business Initiative, BEPD Incentive, M/WBE Mentorship Program, Veteran-Owned Business Enterprise (VBE), and many more.

DPS believes that everyone should have a chance to participate in the business of government. This includes participation by way of bidding on a contract, being a supplier, becoming a certified vendor, or learning about how to do business with the City.

Visit www.chicago.gov/dps to learn about Current Bid Opportunities, Buying Plan, Procurement Resource Quick Reference Guide, DPS Workshop PowerPoints Rules & Regulations.

Chicago Park District Schedules Programs

The Chicago Park District has scheduled seasonal registration and session dates for most parks and gymnastic centers.

Online registration is open for in-person and all virtual programs.

Summer programs, June 26th to Aug. 20th will be posted online for viewing April 24th. 6 week day camp runs June 26th to Aug. 4th. Online registration begins Monday, May 1st at 9 a.m. for in-person programs at parks located west of California Ave. and for all virtual programs.

On Tuesday, May 2nd at 9 a.m. for in-person programs at parks located east of California Ave. and at noon for gymnastics centers. In-person registration begins May 6th.

Midway C of C Plans Meeting

The Midway Chamber of Commerce will conduct a general meeting at St. Jane St. Faustina Hall, 5157 S. McVicker on Tuesday, May 2nd at 12 noon.

The event is open to all local businesses. Membership is not required.

Rabies Vaccine and Microchip

The Cook County Department of Animal and Rabies Control has opened its 2023 Partners in Prevention clinics through early November. ARC is partnering with local animal organizations to offer low-cost or free 1-year rabies and distemper vaccines in addition to microchips.

There are over 30 clinics currently scheduled on Saturdays throughout the coming months.

Rabies is always fatal to unvaccinated pets and is a preventable virus that causes inflammation of the brain in mammals.

View the list of rabies vaccine and microchip clinics at www.cookcountyl.gov/service/low-cost-rabies-clinic

Tournaments For Mario Kart 8

The Chicago Teen Gamers Guild will conduct Mario Kart 8 Tournaments at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State St. on Saturdays, April 22nd and May 27th from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The event is open to all skill levels, ages 13 and up. Pre-registration is not required. Arrive early, there will be an entrant cap of 64.

Friendly matches run from 11 a.m. to noon, followed by match play. The Gamers Universe Convention is scheduled for Saturday, June 24th.

For more information, call (312) 747-4300.

Bird Walks At Dan Ryan Woods

The Forest Preserves of Cook County will conduct Bird Walks at Dan Ryan Woods Visitor Center, 87th & Western on Wednesday, April 26th at 8 a.m.

Participants will join a naturalist to look for migrating and resident birds. A limited supply of binoculars are available for lending.

Obituaries



JOZEF MIKOLAJCZYK passed away on April 16th at the age of 91. He was the husband of late Maria Mikolajczyk; father of Andy Mikolajczyk, Harriet Benelachemi, Anna (Stanislaw) Kaczmarek; grandfather of Darek, Marek, Anita, Adam and Christopher; great-grandfather of Kayla, Caleb, Cayden, Antoni, Stefan and Ashley and son of late Katarzyna Klimeczak and late Anthony Mikolajczyk. Visitation was held at Szykowny Funeral Home, 4901 S. Archer, Jonathan F. Siedlecki, Owner/Director. Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Bruno Church. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery, Justice.

English Literacy Volunteers Needed

Aquinas Literacy Center, 1751 W. 35th St. needs volunteers to help adult immigrants learn English. You do not have to speak another language, all tutoring is in English for 90 minutes per week.

The next tutor workshop will be conducted on Saturday, April 22nd from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, contact the Associate Director at sabrina@aquinasliteracycenter.org or (773) 927-0512. The Literacy Center is sponsored by the Adrian Dominican Sisters.

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Saturday, April 22, 2023

The City's Annual Clean & Green Day of Service is scheduled for Earth Day, Saturday, April 22, 2023. On this day, residents, school groups and community organizations throughout the City team up to clean and beautify areas in their neighborhood.

All volunteer groups, large and small, are welcome to participate. Simply call 311 to register your group and the Department of Streets and Sanitation will lend the brooms, rakes, shovels, and bags for the clean-up projects.

Deadline for registration is Monday, April 17, 2023

For more information, or to register, call 311.



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Performances At Mexican Museum

The National Museum of Mexican Art, 1852 W. 15th st. is featuring Sor Juana Festival performances. The multidisciplinary festival honors Sor Juana Ines de la Cruz, a 17th-century Mexican nun, celebrated playwright, mathematician and poet.

Scheduled performances include Maria Hinojosa on Saturday, April 22nd at 6:30 p.m.; Encanto Oaxaqueno con Geo Meneses on Saturday, April 29th at 7 p.m. and Bidi Bidi Boom Boom: The Selena Tribute Dance Party on May 11th to 13th at 6:30 p.m.

New exhibitions are Los huecos del agua, Recent Indigenous Art from Mexico, Giving Shape: Yollocalli Artistic Practice Through the Years, and Yollocalli Class of 2022. Visit Nuestras Historias: Stories of Mexican Identity from the Permanent Collection for a span of

artworks from ancient Mesoamerican to contemporary.

For more information, visit nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org/ or call (312) 738-1503.

Summer Jobs For Youth

One Summer Chicago is an initiative that provides youth ages 14 to 24 with employment and enrichment opportunities during the summer months. Most programs are 20 to 25 hours per week from June 26th to August 4th.

Partner agencies and organizations, include Department of Family and Support Services, Housing Authority, Park District, Public Libraries, Public Schools, City Colleges, Forest Preserves of Cook County and After School Matters.

Depending on the opportunity, jobs could range from working outdoors, to work placements at local businesses, to involvement in arts and academic enrichment programs.

Each partner organization will have its own employment requirements, but the most basic requirements are: be a city of Chicago resident, between 14 and 24 years of age and have permission to participate from a parent or guardian if under the age of 18.

Apply at www.one-summerchicago.org.

Exhibitions At Photo Museum

The Museum of Contemporary Photography at Columbia College Chicago, 600 S. Michigan ave. will present the exhibition "Shift: Music, Meaning, Context" through Aug. 6th. Organized by the Goethe-Institut Chicago and MoCP, "Shift" opens questions about the contours of cultural ownership as it explores how music and other sonic forms can become sites of play, ritual and power.

The artists include: Bani Abidi, Lawrence Abu Hamdan, Tony Cokes, Jeremy Deller, Hassan Hajjaj, Sven Johne, André Lützen, Cecil McDonald, Jr., Emeka Ogboh and Taryn Simon.

Upcoming programs include RE*VER*BER*ATE Multi-Disciplinary CPS Arts Festival Sunday, April 30th, 1-3 p.m.

Lecture with Priscilla Layne, PhD "Injecting Old Europe with New Ideas: Appropriating Black Music in Germany" Thursday May 4th, 6-7:30 p.m.

Artist Talk with Emeka Ogboh and Bani Abidi: "Remaking the Anthem" Thursday, June 15th, 12 p.m. and broadcast at 6 p.m. Via Zoom. Check moep.org for more details.

Shared Cost Sidewalk Program



The 2023 Shared Cost Sidewalk Program is open for applications from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. The cost per square foot charged to property owners is well below what a private contractor would charge. Senior citizens and persons with disabilities may qualify for a further discounted rate.

Applications will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis and is based on availability of funds. Note that if you applied for the program in previous years, you must apply again in 2023. Applications will only be accepted by calling 311, through the City's service request website <https://311.chicago.gov>, or through the free CHI311 mobile apps on iOS Apple and Android. The property owner's contact information and the address are required.

As always, residents can report other sidewalk conditions to 311 by phone or chicago.gov.

Brookfield Zoo Offers Virtual Spring Lectures

This spring, Brookfield Zoo is offering a virtual lecture series featuring an array of topics about dolphin conservation, connecting children and their families with nature through play and exploration. Join Dave Becker, senior manager of learning experiences for the Chicago Zoological Society, as he highlights past, present, and future trends of nature play.

Learning and Growing Through Nature Play: Past, Present, and Future on Tuesday, May 16th. A little over 20 years ago,

Bird Walks At Dan Ryan Woods

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Participants will join a naturalist to look for migrating and resident birds. A limited supply of binoculars are available for lending.

Brookfield Zoo's Hamill Family Play Zoo opened. At the time, it was a revolutionary concept of connecting children and their families with nature through play and exploration. Join Dave Becker, senior manager of learning experiences for the Chicago Zoological Society, as he highlights past, present, and future trends of nature play.

CDA To Host Expo & Job Fair

The Chicago Department of Aviation will host an Airport Expo and Job Fair at the UIC Forum, 725 W. Roosevelt rd. on Wednesday, May 24th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Job seekers will have the chance to meet companies seeking employees of all experience levels for positions at O'Hare and Midway.

Local businesses will have the opportunity to learn about: Upcoming contracting opportunities with the CDA's Construction Managers at Risk. Hiring and contracting initiatives.

Requirements to obtain certification as an Airport Concessions Disadvantaged Business Enterprise, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise, Minority-Owned Business Enterprise, Woman-Owned Business Enterprise, Veteran-Owned Business Enterprise, and Business Enterprise Owned by People with Disabilities. To learn more or register as either a job seeker or vendor, visit [flychicago.com/airport-expo](https://chicago.com/airport-expo).

Lawyers Offer Phone Advice

The Chicago Bar Association is reminding the public that attorneys are available to provide legal assistance online or over the telephone.

The CBA sponsors a monthly "Call A Lawyer" program through the Lawyer Referral Service, making attorneys available to take calls from the public. On Saturday, May 20th from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, the public may call (312) 554-2001 and explain their situation to an attorney.

These services can also be accessed on CBA's website at www.chicagobar.org.

Free Days At Children's Museum

In partnership with the Chicago Children's Museum, Navy Pier guests can enjoy five fun-filled days of activities for families and children (ages 10 and under) on the last Thursday of each month through May.

Admission to the Chicago Children's Museum is free, in addition to the Pier's workshops, programming, activities and other resources. This event is made possible by generous support from the Pritzker Foundation.

Dates are April 27th, May 25th, Sept. 28th and Oct. 26th.

Money Smart Week For College Access

Illinois Student Assistance Commission, encourages students and families to take advantage of the events and resources available during Money Smart Week®, coordinated by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, April 15-21. As the state's college access and financial aid agency, ISAC supports students and families with free tools and resources to help them make informed decisions about education after high school and improve financial literacy.

"We meet with many students who don't think education after high school is financially possible for them, but once they learn more about different types of funding, institutions, and their potential eligibility for aid, they are often surprised to find a postsecondary education path that is both a personal and a financial fit for them," said ISAC Executive Director Eric Zarnikow. "Money Smart Week events offer great opportunities to develop and improve financial literacy. These supports, combined with the free resources that are always available from ISAC, can help students and families take control of their finances and make informed decisions for the future."

Check out the list of events, resources, and assistance available to support financial literacy and college planning:

Money Smart Week® Virtual Events. Check out Money Smart Week® virtual events through Friday, April 21st. Register for a free Money Smart Week® event to get money smart and better manage your personal finances. www.money-smartweek.org.

Money Smart Resources for Students: Don't miss out on money for college. Get free assistance in completing financial aid applications from your local ISACCorps member. Get money smart by finding out how much funding is available for your education after high school. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid to determine how much federal, state, and institutional aid you might qualify for, or for those students who are not eligible for federal student aid, complete the Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid to determine eligibility for state financial aid. The ISACCorps, ISAC's expertly trained near-peer mentors, are available statewide and offer free assistance in helping you complete your financial aid and college applications, and can help you with college planning, career exploration, and more. To find your local ISACCorps member, visit <https://studentportal.isac.org/isacorgs>.

Find scholarships, search for Illinois colleges, compare financial aid award letters, find a summer job or internship, and more by using the tools and resources on the ISAC Student Portal, studentportal.isac.org/.

Watch ISAC College Minute™ videos in the Now Playing section of the ISAC Student Portal, <https://studentportal.isac.org/blog/> to get quick tips about college planning, the transition to college, and financial aid.

Get financial aid and college planning questions answered via text through the ISAC College Q&A free text messaging service, <https://www.isac.org/collegeqa>. ISAC experts respond to questions, and the service also provides important notifications to subscribers about college planning events and deadlines.

If you will be the first in your family to graduate from college, join ISAC's First Generation Scholars Network. The ISAC First Generation Scholars Network is a new resource where first gen students can find support and resources from ISAC, college peers, and colleges across the state to help make the transition from high school and first year of college easier and successful. Learn more at <https://studentportal.isac.org/FirstGen>.

Do you work in public service or for a non-profit? Check out the federal Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program. Find

out more and see if you are eligible for student loan forgiveness under this program, <https://studentaid.gov/manage-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/public-service>. ISAC also provides information and resources about PSLF. Visit <https://www.isac.org/pslf> for information, our recorded PSLF webinar, and check back frequently for upcoming live PSLF webinars.

Check out Illinois loan forgiveness programs for those in specific careers, such as teaching, nursing, social work, community behavioral health, and more. <https://www.isac.org/students/after-college/forgiveness-programs/>

Learn about student loan repayment options and more. The Biden-Harris one-time federal student loan debt relief plan has currently been blocked by courts, and the administration is seeking to overturn those orders. As a result, the pause on federal student loan repayment has been extended to 60 days after the litigation over the plan is resolved, or 60 days after June 30th, 2023, whichever is sooner. In the meantime, student loan borrowers should ensure that they know who their loan servicer is, understand the type of loan that they have, and learn about student loan repayment options and forgiveness programs. Visit <https://studentaid.gov/manage-loans> to learn about student loans and repayment programs for student loan borrowers.

Student loan scams are on the rise—know how to protect yourself! Learn how to spot and avoid student loan scams. Visit the Federal Trade Commission Consumer Advice website and find more resources about how to avoid student loan scams here: [isac.org/students/after-college/repaying-your-student-loans/](https://www.ftc.gov/identity-theft/avoiding-your-student-loans/)

Home Repairs For Veterans

In partnership with Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago, Cook County has allocated \$1.25 million to complete free indoor and outdoor repairs to at least 15 veteran-owned homes each year for the next two years.

The program focuses on warm, safe and dry priorities or the need for home modification improvements. Low-income veterans homeowners will be prioritized.

This free program is available to Cook County veterans homeowners, dependent spouses or caretakers who provide housing for a veteran.

If you need assistance filling out the online application or if you have any questions, call (312) 818-1196 or email apply@rebuildingtogether-chi.com.

Applications close Monday, May 1st.

Spring Flower Show At Lincoln Conservatory



Provided by Chicago Park District

The Lincoln Park Conservatory, 2391 N. Stockton Drive will present its Spring Flower Show, "Cooler by the Lake" through May 14th. Come in and enjoy the endless blooms of cinerarias, snapdragons, osteospermums and more. With a nod to the chillier spring weather produced by Lake Michigan, cooler color tones will be used throughout the Show House. The Show also includes features familiar to Chicago's Lakefront, like the iconic Chicago Harbor Lighthouse and boats that have sailed into the Conservatory. Admission is free with a suggested donation. Reservations are required. at www.eventbrite.com/o/lincoln-park-conservatory-17342067619

McKinley Library Schedules Programs

The McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th st. will conduct Little Learners Story Time with Ms. Katie featuring songs and stories for children 0 to 5 and their caregivers on Fridays, through May 26th from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

Crazy for Cars Story Time will be conducted on Saturday, April 29th from 11 to 11:45 p.m. Kids 4 and up are invited to hear stories about cars and then build their own. COVID-19 related resources for teens and adults including PPE, vaccine information, at-home COVID tests, are offered by The Resurrection Project on Tuesday, April 25th from 3 to 5 p.m.

Kids age 4 and up are invited to explore STEAM concepts each Thursday in April from 4 to 4:45 p.m. Register for each session individually and include the number of children that will be attending. Space is limited. Topics include: Week 3, April 20th: Rainbow Engineering and Week 4, April 27th, Sunflower Science.

Kids 5 age and up are invited to take on a variety of LEGO challenges or free build on Saturday, April 22nd at 2 p.m.

Chinese Zither Performance will be enjoyed on Saturday, May 7th from 2 to 3 p.m. Presenter Menghua Guan will demonstrate the 21-string plucked instrument that has more than 2,500 years of history. It has a great impact on other Asian zithers, such as the Japanese koto, the Korean gayageum and Vietnamese dan tranh.

A legal pro-bono workshop will be conducted on Monday, May 8th from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The presentation will address legal

services for Powers of Attorney for healthcare and property, living will declarations, last wills and testaments, as well as information about real property transfer on death instruments. This is provided by the Center for Disability & Elder Law.

A series of nutrition/exercise lessons will be taught on Tuesdays, May 16th, 23rd and 30th from 1 to 2:15 p.m. Participants will learn about increasing fruit and vegetable consumption, physical activity, cooking skills and saving money on food. No registration is required. Contact an adult librarian at (312) 747-6082 for more information. This is an Illinois SNAP-Ed program by the Chicago Partnership for Health Promotion.

Visit chicagopubliclibrary.org to register.

Programs At Symphony Center

Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan ave. has scheduled an exciting lineup of performance to welcome the spring season.

Trifonov Plays Rachmaninov Piano Concerto No. 3, April 20th, 22nd and 23rd; In Context featuring Jessie Montgomery & Rachel Barton Pine, April 24th; Jurkowski, Helmchen & Shostakovich 8, April 27th to 29th; Once Upon a Symphony: The Elves and the Shoemaker on April 29th; Jerusalem Quartet with Pinchas Zukerman & Amanda Forsyth, April 30th.

For ticket information visit CSO.org or call (312) 294-3000.



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