

25 Years Since 9-11



By Dr. R. Pletsch

Those of us who lived through the events of 9-11 may have trouble believing it has been 25 years. There have been numerous TV programs depicting events of that day. It brings back vivid memories.

Those of us over 40 recall it most vividly. Some of the younger ones might not have a response. Many of us cried, others prayed, and most had empathy for those involved. Did anyone we know become a victim, or presently fighting to survive? Could there be more planes to worry about? These were part of the worries of the day.

On 9-11, I was a Chicago Public School principal. It may sound strange, but I was worried about the Sears Tower being attacked. It seemed an obvious and easy target. You could see it clearly out the Eastern windows of my school. I ordered the shades pulled but allowed the teachers to keep their TVs on, hoping they would use good judgement.

I and many of the staff had children in other schools. When the calls came in, we told the parents to trust us and the children are doing okay. We also have children in other schools and we trust their staff to deal professionally.

As we remember the

25th anniversary, if you do not have family or friends involved in that event, it is less traumatic. There are many articles to involve you if you wish. Many Americans are wondering how some of our politicians are treating the situation. I will not list names, but several people who have just won the Democratic primaries in places like Michigan, and Wisconsin made it clear "the United States deserved 9-11". You can find the names easily on a web search. It is a shame that their party has had very few elected officials come out against this.

I found a great website on Wikipedia "National September 11th Memorial and Museum" with notations from the 127 articles in their research. This is where I found the material and you can too.

The Sun-Times reports individuals and organizations are asking some politicians not to attend the ceremonies because it would over-politicize the event and make them the center of attention. There will be ceremonies not only at the site of the former World Trade Center, but the monuments at The Pentagon and in the Pennsylvania field near Shanksville. These are all fine places and could be memorable trips for your family honoring the over 3,000 that were killed that day.

National Day of Remembrance of Aborted Children: Saturday, Sept. 12th there will be a memorial service at St. Mary Cemetery, 87th and Hamlin in Evergreen Park at Noon. Bishop Joseph Perry will be the homilist at the gravesite of 500 aborted children retrieved in 1987 from the dumpsters of abortion facilities in downtown Chicago. Please come and bring a lawn chair.

Heritage Museum of Asian Art



Photo provided by Heritage Museum of Asian Art

The Heritage Museum of Asian Art, 3500 S. Morgan st., has scheduled Chinatown Renaissance Man, The Life and Art of Andy Hoi-Csiu Chan now on view through Oct. 4th. Since 2025, the museum has worked with Andy Chan's family to preserve his archive of 30,000 items, including photographs, documents, artworks, tools, personal objects, and VHS recordings. A program in his memory is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 25th from 6 to 9 p.m.

An Intro to Chinese Fan Painting Workshop is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 12th from 2 to 4 p.m. Learn the basics of using ink, water, and color, then create your own lotus flower painting on a Chinese fan. All materials are included. \$35.

Free admission on

Friday, Sept. 18th from 5 to 8 p.m. Enjoy wine and appetizer. Guided tour start at 6 p.m.

Introduction to Chinese Ceramics on Saturday, Oct. 4th from 2 to 4 p.m. Join us for an engaging lecture and hands-on workshop led by artist Xiao Qin.

Introduction to Japanese Embroidery on Friday, Oct. 9th from 6 to 8 p.m. Discover the tradition of Japanese embroidery, through an introduction to its materials, visual language, and techniques. \$50.

Kintsugi for Beginners on Friday, Sept. 18th from 6 to 8:30 p.m. This beginner's workshop introduces the art of Kintsugi, a Japanese technique of repairing broken ceramics with gold-infused lacquer, emphasizing the beauty of imperfections. \$120.

For more information and tickets, visit www.heritageasianart.org. (312) 842-8884.

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Mexican Museum Offers Programs



Photo provided by The National Museum of Mexican Art

The National Museum of Mexican Art, 1852 W. 19th st. has scheduled a wide range of programs for families that provides opportunity to explore the galleries while learning about Mexican art and culture, with summer programs for children ages 7 and up.

The exhibition *Where Memory Lives: 40 Years of Día de Muertos*, opens on Friday, Sept. 25th in the Main Gallery. This exhibition looks back through the Permanent Collection to trace the evolution of Day of the Dead and the Museum itself.

This year's exhibition honors Dr. Gilberto Cárdenas (1947-2026), a scholar, pioneer of Chicano Studies, and friend of the Museum. The exhibition opens with a reception on Friday, Sept. 25th from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Visit these thought-provoking exhibitions: *Xochicagco: Floating Gardens of the Chicago River and México* in the Xicágo Gallery through Oct. 4th.

Vivir la Tierra: Acquisitions from the Permanent Collection 2010-2026, in the Rubin & Paula Torres Gallery through Feb. 7th.

Nuestras Historias:

Stories of Mexican Identity from the Permanent Collection, ongoing.

The National Museum of Mexican Art is delighted to be part of El Grito Chicago, taking place Sept. 12th and 13th, from 2 to 10 p.m. at Butler Field in Grant Park. The city's official Mexican Independence Day celebration features live musical performances, Mexican food and drinks, fireworks, a Mexican Mercadito, family activities, and the Civic Ceremony. NMMA's Education Team will provide on-site postcard printmaking.

This month's educational programs feature engaging art-making activities. Studio Saturday: Xochimilco Boats on Saturday, Sept. 19th from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Ages 7-12.

Listos para el museo: Pinta tu *Trajinera* on Saturday, Sept. 19th from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Ages 6 and under.

Viva la Vida: Painting with Paper on Thursday, Sept. 24th from 10 a.m. to 12 noon or 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Ages 55+.

Visit nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org to learn more and to register for the free tour.

Chicago River Swim & The Big Jump

The Chicago River Swim presented by the City of Chicago will bring back The Big Jump and expand the 2026 field to 750 qualified swimmers. Registration is now open for both events at ChicagoRiverSwim.org.

The Big Jump will kick off the weekend on Friday, Sept. 18th, giving registered members of the public a rare, sanctioned opportunity to enter the river while raising funds for ALS research and youth swim education. Mayor Johnson will serve as master of ceremonies, joined by Olympians and Paralympians, elected officials and notable Chicagoans.

The Big Jump revives an event first held in 2017, when Cook County Commissioner Josina Morita and Friends of the Chicago River brought public officials together in Chinatown for a sanctioned jump into the river.

The Chicago River Swim is a charitable open-water event held along the main stem of the Chicago River. Launched in 2025, the inaugural event brought 263 swimmers into the river for Chicago's first organized open-water swim in 98 years and attracted international attention to the transformed waterway.

This year's Chicago River Swim will take place Sunday, Sept. 20th. The City of Chicago has expanded the field from 500 to 750 qualified swimmers, reopening registration for a limited number of participants in the one- and two-

mile events.

A limited number of spots will be available to the public for The Big Jump. The cost to participate is \$500 per jumper, with proceeds supporting ALS research and youth swim education. Participants who raise \$1,000 or more may bring one guest to the event; guests will not participate in the jump.

Participants will enter the river in small groups. Each registered jumper will receive a personal swim buoy, robe, commemorative T-shirt, lunch, and a goodie bag. Registration is available at chicagoriverswim.org.

The Swim is open to qualified swimmers participating in either the one- or two-mile event. Qualified swimmers interested in participating can review the requirements and apply at chicagoriverswim.org.

ABC7 Chicago will stream the Swim live on Sunday, Sept. 20th from 6:30 to 10 a.m. Hosted by Greg Dutra and Jasmine Minor, the broadcast will showcase swimmers participating in one- and two-mile events along the main stem of the Chicago River and feature interviews with athletes, civic leaders and other special guests throughout the morning. Audiences can watch on ABC7Chicago.com, Disney+ under the Live tab by selecting ABC7 Chicago, and ABC7's Connected TV apps on Amazon Fire TV, Android TV, Apple TV and Roku.

Jazz Institute Offers Concerts

The Jazz Institute of Chicago's Emerging Artists Project has scheduled several free programs.

On Sunday, Sept. 27th take a cruise down the Chicago River while enjoying the sounds of Dev Shaw and the Ghetto Space Band from 5:30 to 7 p.m. To purchase tickets, visit chicagoline.com.

For more information, visit jazzinchicago.org.

Beats 815 & 821 Plan Meetings

Chicago Police Department Beats 815 & 821 will conduct a public meeting at the Archer Park Field House, 4901 S. Kilbourn on Wednesday, Oct. 7th at 7 p.m.

Boundaries for 815 are 38th st to 55th st. / Pulaski rd to Cicero ave. 821 boundaries are 38th st. to 51st st. / Pulaski rd. to Kedzie ave.

For more information, contact (312) 747-8724 or email at caps.008district@chicagopolice.org.

Chicago Celebrates Mexican Independence

The City of Chicago will celebrate Mexican Independence Day with multiple events and parades citywide beginning Friday, Sept. 11th, and continuing through the official holiday on Wednesday, Sept. 16th. Other large events taking place include El Grito Chicago, the 26th Street Mexican Independence Day Parade in Little Village among others. Public transportation is recommended.

El Grito Chicago on Sept. 12th & 13th from 2 to 10 p.m. The event in Grant Park's Butler Field will feature music, food and celebration.

2026 El Grito 5K Family Run/Walk - Little Village on Sunday, Sept. 13th at 9 a.m. Starts at the corner of 26th St. and Kostner and proceeds to Kedzie Ave where participants turn and head back down 26th St. to Manual Perez, Jr. Plaza. For details, visit El Grito 5K Family Run/Walk.

26th Street Mexican Independence Day Parade - Little Village on Sunday, Sept. 13th at Noon to 3 p.m. The parade will kick-off from the Little Village Arch on 26th street and Albany and proceed down 26th street to Kostner ave.

Annual Mexican Independence Day Parade -

Commercial Avenue on Sunday, Sept. 13th at 1 p.m. The parade route will head south along Commercial ave. from 87th st. to 100th st. and disband at 101st to 103rd st.

Downtown events include Dermont Kennedy at Northerly Island on Friday, Sept. 11th at 8 p.m.

2026 Sonic Pavilion Festival at Millennium Park on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 12th & 13th from 1 to 4 p.m. and Monday, Sept. 14th from 5 to 8 p.m.

Chicago Football Classic at Soldier Field on Saturday, Sept. 12th at 3 p.m. The Lincoln Lions v. MSU Delta Devils includes a halftime battle of the bands. Parking lots open at 11 a.m.

Chief Keef at Northerly Island on Saturday, Sept. 12th at 7:30 p.m.

Mojo Brookzzz at Wintrust Arena on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 12th and 13th. The two-night Otta Pocket Tour begins at 8 p.m. on Sept. 12th and 7 p.m. on Sept. 13th.

Chicago Fire v. New England Revolution at Soldier Field on Saturday, Sept. 12th at 5:30 p.m. For game details, visit SoldierField.com.

Open Studios At Bridgeport Art Ctr.



Image: SuRa Dupart - Green Sun Drummer, foam acrylic paint sculpture with black frame 54"x 40"x 6". Provided by Bridgeport Art Center

The Bridgeport Art Center, 1200 W. 35th st. will conduct 3rd Fridays Open Studio on Sept. 18th from 7 to 10 p.m. Visit bridgeportart.com or call (773) 843-9000 for more information.

Chgo. Animal Care Seeks Volunteers

Volunteers at Chicago Animal Care and Control work to introduce families to pets who will treasure them for life; improve the quality of life for the animals by providing enrichment, exercise, and TLC; prepare pets for their new homes through training and socialization; and inspire others to adopt, foster, volunteer, and donate. At the end of the day, volunteers go home knowing they made a difference in the life of a shelter animal.

You will have the opportunity to provide hands-on care for the animals including:

Walk, socialize, and show dogs available for adoption. Socialize, exercise, and show adoptable cats.

Adoption Counseling. Off-site events (adoptions, vaccine, and microchip clinics, etc.). Social Media and Marketing

Plus, you can volunteer at the shelter between the hours of 12 and 7 p.m. almost any day of the year.

Interested candidates should attend the next Volunteer Information Session to: Learn how the shelter operates. Review our volunteer opportunities. Tour the shelter. Receive information on how to complete the application process. Information Sessions are held once a month:

Sunday, Sept. 20th, 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 10th, 10:30 a.m., Monday, Nov. 23rd, 5 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 13th, 10:30 a.m.

Apply to become a volunteer through the City of Chicago Department of Human Resources application portal at cityofchicago.org/cacc.

MPDC Schedules Fall Programs

The McKinley Park Development Council announces that Chicago Corps will conduct a BBQ+ Volunteer Fair at the corner of 32nd pl. and Morgan st. on Saturday, Sept. 12th from 4 to 6 p.m.

Speaker Series: "Rethinking Lawns: Damen Island Native Plant Experiment" at the McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th st. on Wednesday, Sept. 16th from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. Lauren Umek from the Chicago Park District will explain the native plant experiment on the Damen Island in McKinley Park. Children are welcome to attend. Snacks will be provided.

The McKinley Community Play Garden, 3518 S. Wolcott will conduct a Community Potluck on Tuesday, Sept. 22nd at 6 p.m. If possible, bring a food item to share.

Oktoberfest at the Play Garden on Saturday, Sept. 26th from 6 to 10 p.m. featuring founders' bourbon slush, local beer, food, a sing-along, and silent auction. This is a 21+ event with a suggested donation of \$30 person. Proceeds fund events such as Spookfest and the spring egg hunt.

Fall Events At Lincoln Park Zoo



Photo provided by Lincoln Park Zoo

Lincoln Park Zoo, 2001 N. Clark st. invites families to see the animals and enjoy the beauty of the zoo, which is also an accredited arboretum and botanic garden.

Haunted History Tours for age 16+ Tuesday and Wednesday nights in October. Take a spine-tingling walking tour that digs into the zoo's cemetery roots and infamous locations from its haunted history.

For the most up-to-date schedule, visit go.lpzoo.org.

Jamaican Iguana Care 11 a.m., Mondays and Wednesdays at Regenstein Small Mammal-Reptile House.

Monkey Cognition 11:45 a.m., Mondays through Fridays at Regenstein Macaque Forest.

Ape Cognition and Care 1 p.m., daily at Regenstein Center for African Apes.

African Penguin Feeding 2 p.m., daily at Robert & Mayari Pritzker Penguin Cove.

Visit the Rhino Calf, Hazina and her mother Kapuki are now outside intermittently, and you might get a chance to see her if you come to the zoo and head to the southern-most rhino habitat at Regenstein African Journey.

'80s vs. '90s Night at the Zoo will be presented by River North Fests on Saturday, Sept. 19th from 6:30 to 10p.m., 21+. Whether you were living for synth-pop and shoulder pads or grunge and Game Boys, this is your chance to relive the best of both decades with karaoke, cocktails and throwback jams. Tickets for ages 21+ are \$20.

Fall Fest on Fridays - Sundays, Sept. 25th to Nov. 1st from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free at this family-friendly celebration. Every weekend brings something new, rides on the Ferris wheel and giant fun slide, s'mores roasting over a fire pit, fall-themed enrichment for the animals, live music ad entertainers, fall garden tours, and seasonal decor.

LEAP: Learn, Explore and Play, various dates. Investigate and explore the natural world

through play. Children guide the way as they choose whether to dig in the dirt, create a collaborative work of art, or settle in with a story.

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Sunset Garden Tour: Fall Color on Thursday, Oct. 8th. Explore the science behind fall color.

Sound Meditation with Jay Taylor on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Lie back, relax, and enter a soothing sonic landscape or singing bowls.

Spooky Zoo on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Hosted by the Auxiliary Board, Spooky Zoo offers free trick-or-treating.

Zoo Brews: Howls and Growls on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 23rd and 24th. This 21+ Halloween party comes with free samples of craft beers and ciders, plus a pumpkin-carving demonstration, a costume contest with prizes. The cost is \$60 person.

Junior Joust with Faire in the Field on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. The young learn how to joust and become a knight at this ticketed activity hosted by Chicago's Faire in the Field.

Story Time and Book Giveaway with Reading is Fundamental on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Stop by Pepper Family Wildlife Center for story time and come home with a free book from Reading is Fundamental.

Through Oct. 31st, Malott Family Penguin Encounters, Age 6+.

Aunt Martha's Celebrates Gala
Aunt Martha's Health & Wellness hosted its 2026 Gala, *The Power of Possibility*, on Sept. 9th at The Dalcy in Chicago. Supporters, partners, community leaders, and friends enjoyed cocktails, bites, live music, and an opportunity to connect.
Aunt Martha's provides high-quality care to more than 105,000 children and adults each year. Through its health centers and community-based programs, the organization coordinates medical, behavioral health, and support services designed to help patients access care, manage their health needs and stay connected to local resources.
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Ridge Library Plans Programs

The Garfield Ridge Branch Library, 6347 S. Archer, has scheduled interesting programs.

KIDS

Morning Stories for ages up to 4 are recited on the first Saturdays of each month at 10:30 a.m. Featuring a simple story, new song and familiar nursery rhyme. Playtime follows.

Homeschool Family Meet Up Fridays, Sept. 11th, Oct. 9th and Nov. 13th from 1 to 2 p.m. Games and activities are available for kids while caregivers can join in the fun or chat and share resources. For ages 6 to 13, “Tot Spot Learning” on Wednesday, Sept 16th at 11 a.m. ages 18-36 months. Registration required. We will sing songs and learn our letters, numbers, colors and shapes in this fun, 45 minute program. Using puzzles, ABC letter matching, scissors, glue and more. Kids will get a taste of preschool.

Play Doh Fun! Wednesday, Sept. 23rd at 10:30 a.m. Ages 2 to 4 years. Registration required. Using rollers, cookie cutters and other manipulatives, children can be creative.

“Tot Play Time” Saturdays, Sept. 12th & 19th and Oct. 10th to 24th at 9:30 a.m. Ages 0-4 years. Babies and toddlers will have fun, educational toys to choose from while older kids can play with Duplo blocks, magnetic tiles, puzzles and pretend play toys. No registration is required.

Children’s LEGO Club: Build an Airplane on Thursday, Sept. 17th from 3 to 4 p.m. Ages 7 to 13. Each registered child will get a kit to build an airplane to take home.

ADULTS

Spanish Book Club on the first Thursday of each month from 1 to 2 p.m.

Learn to Play Chinese Mahjong on Wednesdays during September and October from 12:30 to 2 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion of “The Guest” by Emma Cline on Thursday, Sept. 10th from 6 to 7 p.m.

Senior Chair Yoga Fall Fridays with Ms. Kim through Oct. 2nd from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Register at (312) 747-6094 or in person for each session.

Register for events at chipublib.org/events.

Programs At Beverly Arts Center

The Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th st. has scheduled Burning Red: Tribute to Taylor takes the stage on Saturday, Sept. 12th at 7 pm for a high-energy celebration of the music of Taylor Swift. Tickets are \$35 for non-members.

The Stevie Wonder Experience is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, Sept. 18th & 19th at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35 for non-members.

Second Hand News, a Fleetwood Mac Tribute will perform an evening of timeless music on Friday, Sept. 25th at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35 for non-members.

Free Programs At Architecture Ctr.

The Chicago Architecture Center, 111 E. Wacker Drive will conduct We Build! through Oct. 4th from 1 to 5 p.m., a hands-on program for 6th-8th grade students who are introduced to architecture and design.

Open House Chicago is a free public festival that offers rare behind-the-scenes access to sites of architectural, historical and cultural significance on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 17th & 18th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event also spotlights businesses, organizations and creative leaders contributing to the vitality of Chicago’s diverse neighborhoods.

Register at www.architecture.org/

Fall School of Fine Arts Classes for artists of all ages begin Sept. 14th. Classes include: the traditional Japanese weaving art of Kinusaiga, Tai Chi for seniors, lyrical dance for preteens and teens plus Uniting Voices Chicago.

Upcoming events include Sept. 17th: Old House Lecture Series. Sept. 26th: Beverly Art Walk. Oct. 9th-Nov. 24th: Chicago Kids Co. Presents The Tortoise and the Hare. Oct. 10th: Petty Kings: A Tribute to Tom Petty. Oct. 17th: Sons of Chicago Tribute. Oct. 24th: Smiley Tillmon Band. Nov. 7th: Chicago Jazz Philharmonic & Orbert Davis.

Visit thebeverlyarts-center.com or by calling (773) 445-3838.

Adopt Local At Chicago Shelter

Chicago Animal Care and Control, 2741 S. Western ave., will waive adoption fees during Adopt Local: Chicago Shelter Pet Week on Sunday, Sept. 13th from 12 noon to 6 p.m.

Community Clean-Up

The McKinley Park Development Council will conduct a Community Cleanup of Canal Origins Park, 2701 S. Canal on Saturday, Sept. 12th from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

National Dog Day At PAWS Chicago



Provided by the State of Illinois

Illinois Treasurer Michael Frerichs marked National Dog Day by returning \$28,000 in unclaimed property to PAWS Chicago.

“PAWS Chicago does such a great job finding so many dogs and cats their forever homes, and it’s our job to reunite people with money that belongs to them through the I-CASH program,” Treasurer Frerichs said. “We are proud to team up with PAWS Chicago to put the money to good use helping connect people with pets.”

Alderman Brian Hopkins said, “I’m proud to join Treasurer Frerichs in returning these funds to PAWS Chicago, whose lifesaving work is building a No Kill community, addressing animal homelessness, and setting a

higher standard for animal welfare.”

PAWS Chicago has helped more than 94,000 animals find homes since it was founded in 1997. The organization operates an adoption center, training center, spay/neuter clinic and medical hospital, along with community outreach programs. Last month, PAWS broke ground on the Chicago Rescue Ranch in north suburban Hawthorn Woods, a 20-acre campus that will expand lifesaving efforts for homeless dogs and cats.

On Aug. 29th, the shelter held its 26th 5K Walk/Run for Their Lives, a day of fun, dog agility courses, raffles and entertainment at Montrose Harbor.

Back of the Yards Schedules Programs

The Back of the Yards Branch Library, 2111 W. 47th st. has scheduled the following events.

CHILDREN

Fun with Reading on Tuesdays at 2 p.m. Ages 2 to 8.

Outdoor Play on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. Ages 3 to 12.

Story Time at Coffeehouses on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. Ages 0 to 5.

STEAM Kids for ages 3 to 12 on Thursdays from 6 to 7 p.m.

Family Story Time on Saturdays at 2 p.m. Ages 0 to 5.

Bilingual Story Time on Saturdays, Sept. 12th and 26th from 2 to 3 p.m. Join us for lively stories, songs and rhymes. Then stick around to play after the program or to make a craft. For ages 0 to 5 and their caregivers.

Kids’ Sewing Craft on Wednesday, Sept. 16th from 4 to 5 p.m. Learn the basics of machine sewing and more. All levels welcome. All materials are provided. Participants are also encouraged to bring clothing and materials. For ages 3 to 13.

Kids’ Cooking Demo on Wednesday, Sept. 23rd from 4 to 5 p.m. Join the children’s staff as we teach kids how to make some yummy snacks. For ages 5 to 13.

TEENS

Teen Chess Open Play on Fridays to Sept. 25th from 3 to 4 p.m. All levels

of experience are welcome. For teens 13 to 18.

ADULTS

Adult Book Club on Thursday, Sept. 17th from 6 to 7 p.m.

ALL AGES

Mexican Heritage Night on Tuesday, Sept. 15th from 5 to 7 p.m. Celebrate Mexican Independence Day with a fun evening of arts and crafts, games and music. For all ages.

Create Space on Saturdays through Oct. 31st from 11 a.m to 1 p.m. Learn how to use our 3D printers, vinyl cutter, and more. Use our various art supplies. Have a low pressure space to create.

Visit chipublib.org to register.

Author Smith At Library Center

EveryLibrary will present author Alexander McCall Smith at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State st. on Thursday, Sept. 17th at 6 p.m.

Smith will discuss his latest book “The Big Cats Dance Party No. 1 Ladies’ Detective Agency (27)” that has sold more than 2.1 million copies across formats in the United States. In this latest installment, Mma Ramotse and Mma Makutsi volunteer for an important case up north involving an elephant sanctuary, leaving assistant detective Charlie to manage a complicated one back home.

His works have been translated into more than forty languages and have been bestsellers throughout the world.

Doors to the Winter Garden open at 5 p.m., for ages 18+ and seating is first come, first served (280 capacity). Overflow seating will be available for those who wish to view the live simulcast in the South Hall. (200 capacity). Books will be available for purchase and the author will sign a maximum of 3 books per person, as time permits.

This event will also take place live on CPL’s YouTube channel and Facebook page. The video will be archived on YouTube to watch later. For more information email: adultservices@chipublib.org

Literacy Center Invites Tutors

Aquinas Literacy Center, 1751 W. 35th st. invites volunteers to tutor an adult newcomer in the English language.

Pre-service training is provided and a two-hour weekly commitment is required.

Email Sabrina@aquinasliteracycenter.org or call (773) 927-0512.

Gage Park Library Schedules Programs

The Gage Park Branch Library, 2807 W. 55th st., has scheduled exciting programs for all ages. Hours are Monday and Wednesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday 12 p.m. to 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. Call (312) 747-0032 or visit www.chipublib.org for more information and to register for the following programs.

Family Story Time on Mondays through Nov. 23rd from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Join us for a story time full of books, songs and rhymes for ages 2 to 8.

LEGO Club on Tuesdays through Nov. 10th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Ask a librarian for a build challenge and display your creations. LEGO bricks will be provided for use in the library. Ages 6 to 13.

Baby Story Time on Wednesdays through Nov. 11th, 11 to 11:30 a.m. A gentle story time of songs, rhymes and stories

aimed at babies 0 to 18 months and an engaged grownup. Siblings always welcome!

Family DIY Days: Felt Fidgets on Monday, Sept. 14th from 4 to 5 p.m. Join us for an afternoon of crafting, community, and creativity. All materials provided. For ages 5 and up and their families.

Teen Volunteer Club on Saturday, Sept. 19th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you need service/volunteer hours for school or are looking to help out your community. Materials will be provided, but bring your timesheets. For ages 13 to 19.

After-School Reading Practice on Mondays, Sept. 21st to Nov. 30th from 4 to 5 p.m. All levels of experience are welcome! Each week, we will rotate between popcorn reading in groups, word games and one-on-one assistance. Afterward, we’ll enjoy a simple craft or sensory play time. For ages 6 to 13.

New Season At Symphony Center

The start of the 2026/27 Season at Symphony Center is right around the corner, and members of the Sales & Patron Experience team are here to help by recommending their can’t-miss concerts.

Sept 17th to 19th: Petr Popelka & Hilary Hahn, Orchestral. Mendelssohn’s Violin Concerto. Dvořák’s Fifth Symphony.

Sept. 24th to 26th: Mäkelä Conducts Sibelius & Shostakovich, Orchestral. Two exhilarating symphonies launch the fall residency of Zell Music Director Designate Klaus Mäkelä.

Oct. 1st to 4th: Mäkelä Conducts Mahler 9, Orchestral.

Oct. 2nd: Freedom Riders with special guests Kurt Elling & Lizz Wright, Jazz.

Chinatown Library Schedules Programs

The Chinatown Branch Library, 2100 S. Wentworth ave. has scheduled interesting programs.

Board Game Play on the first Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Learn to play that gifted or purchased game or the ones that the Chicago Tabletop and Board Game Meetup Group has on hand. For ages 13 and up.

Film Screening of “Mean Girls” (2024) on Saturday, Sept. 26th from 1 to 3 p.m. From the comedic mind of Tina Fey comes a new twist on the

modern classic. © Paramount Pictures [2024]- 112 minutes - PG-13. Teens and adults.

Teen DIY: “Felt Name Flags” on Wednesday, Sept. 30th from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Learn how to use the Cricut and create a felt pennant flag with your name on it. No sewing required! All materials will be provided while supplies last.

Registration is suggested at (312) 747-8013.

Fountain is Back On

The Clarence F. Buckingham Memorial Fountain is back on and operating following maintenance earlier this week.

Engineers determined that a pump used for the Fountain’s hourly major water display requires additional repair for the Fountain’s 100th anniversary season in 2027.

While the hourly major water display at the top of the hour will not operate for the rest of the season, visitors can continue to enjoy the Fountain through Oct. 31st, weather permitting.

Kayak Tour of Bubbly Creek



Photo credit to Shedd Aquarium

McKinley Park community members are invited to explore the Chicago River from a new perspective with Shedd Aquarium’s guided kayak tours along Bubbly Creek.

Every Wednesday night through September from 5 to 7 p.m., Shedd experts will conduct a quiet river journey with a focus on wildlife spotting, insight into ongoing re-

search and habitat restoration projects.

Registration fee is \$10. Participants ages 8 and up are welcome. Participants under age 12 will ride in a tandem kayak with an adult, and all minors under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Signup at <https://www.sheddaquarium.org/bubbly-creek-kayak-tours>

Community Learning At Aquinas Literacy

Aquinas Literacy Center, 1751 W. 35th st. will conduct Open Mic & Game Night on Monday, Sept. 14th from 5 to 7 p.m. Share a story, poem, song, or something else at the open mic, or come to listen, play games, meet people, and enjoy the evening. No experience needed.

Growing Together: Gardening for Community and Well-Being is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 30th from 1 to 2 p.m. Participants will discover how plants work together through companion planting, pest management, and garden ecosystems. No registration is required.

English Language Studio an ongoing weekly program on Tuesdays from 12 noon to 1 p.m. A welcoming, interactive space for English learners to practice communication through conversation, games, storytelling, everyday situations and creative activities. No registration is required.

Conversation Cafe, an ongoing drop-in group on Thursdays 10 to 11 a.m. at Aquinas Literacy Center and Saturdays, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at McKinley Park Branch Library. Each session features engaging topics and interactive activities designed to strengthen speaking and listening skills. No registration is required.

Special Conversation Cafe at Casa Guanajuato, 3661 S. Archer on Wednesday, Sept. 23rd from 10 to 11 a.m. English learners of all levels are welcome.

Stories That Connect

Girls Day of Play At Local Parks

The Chicago Park District will conduct Girls Day of P.L.A.Y. at Marquette Park, 6743 S. Kedzie and Ping Tom Park, 1700 S. Wentworth on Friday, Sept. 25th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Girls have the opportunity to engage in sports, arts and crafts and fun. This free event is available during a free public school day. Participants should pack a water bottle, lunch and snack, wear gym shoes and comfortable clothes. Ping Tom Park also offers swimming.

Printers Row Lit Fest

The 41st Annual Printers Row Lit Fest will be held on the streets of South Dearborn, from Ida B. Wells to Polk st. on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 12th & 13th from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is free, rain or shine.

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McKinley Library Schedules Programs

The McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th st. has scheduled interesting and informative programs. Hours are: Monday and Wednesday, 12 to 8 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 am. to 5 p.m. Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.

KIDS & FAMILIES

Little Learners Story Time for ages 0 to 5on Fridays to Sept. 25th at 10:30 a.m. for 30 minutes of songs, movements, and stories. Play time follows.

Family Nintendo Switch (ages 8+) on Sunday, Sept. 27th from 1 to 3 p.m.

Teacher in the Library, Monday to Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m. Schedule is subject to change.

Family Fun: Building Activities on Saturday, Sept. 12th from 3 to 4 p.m. Family Fun: International Dog Day Art, Tuesday, Sept. 15th from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Most weeks we feature a drop-in activity which may include a simple STEM or craft activity, building materials, puzzles, toys or maybe even a coloring bonanza. For families with kids of all ages.

Singing Lesson 101, Ages 6 -15 on Sunday, Sept. 13th from 2 to 4 p.m. Come learn, sing and build your confidence with Ms. Song. No experience is needed.

McKinley Park Music School Recital on Sunday, Sept. 20th from 1 to 4 p.m.

TWEEN/TEEN

Need service hours? Ask the front desk for a volunteer application, ages 12-17.

Teen Gamer's Choice on Wednesdays, Sept. 23rd & 30th from 3 to 5 p.m. We have Nintendo games such as Princess Peach: Showtime!, Minecraft, Mario Wonder and more. For ages 12 to 16.

LEGO Club on Thursday, Sept. 17th from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Complete our design challenges or let your imagination run wild. LEGO bricks and materials are provided. For kids 6 to 13.

STEAM DAY on Thursdays, Sept. 10th , Oct. 8, & Nov. 12th from 4:15 to 5:30 p.m. A fun, story powered introduction to science, technology, engineering, art and math for young learners presented by FIRST STAR FORCE. Each ses-

sion starts with an engaging picture book read aloud, followed by an activity inspired by the story. For ages 6 to 10.

Spy Science on Monday, Sept. 21st from 4 to 5 p.m. Uncover the science behind popular secret agent tricks like reflective glasses and color-decoded messages. Participants receive their own science kit from Griffin Museum of Science and Industry, while supplies last. For kids 6 to 13 and their caregivers.

ADULTS

A Dance & Movement class for older adults will be held on Saturdays, Sept. 12th & 26th from 1 to 2 p.m. Join us for gentle stretches to improve flexibility and mobility. Easy-to-follow, music based movement routines.

ESL Conversation Cafe with Aquinas Literacy Center, ages 18+ on Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Practice English in a friendly space and improve speaking and listening skills. Ask librarians to register. Tutoring is also available.

Adult Book Club: "The Book Club for Troublesome Women" on Wednesday, Sept. 23rd from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Plus Size Clothing Swap on Saturday, Sept. 19th from 2 to 4 p.m. Sizes XL - 6X. Shoes, jewelry, handbags, and accessories. All genders are welcome. Donations not required to participate.

Visit chipublib.org to register.

Canoe Outing For Birders

The Chicago Park District will conduct "RiverLab: Birding Paddle" at Marquette Park, 6743 S. Kedzie on Saturday, Sept. 12th from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

This peaceful guided canoe outing is designed for bird enthusiasts of all levels to observe and experience the beauty of the Chicago River. We'll provide waterproof field guides and binoculars, but feel free to bring your own. Wear comfortable clothing and bring water and sunscreen. All equipment is included in your registration fee of \$5. Basic instruction will be provided, and beginners are encouraged.

Hot Rod Drag Week On Route 66



The 22nd annual HOT ROD Drag Week is the world's toughest competition to find the ultimate street-legal drag car puts competitors through a grueling test over five days, requiring racers to drive their vehicles on a specified route from city to city, approximately 1,000 miles, while securing the quickest elapsed time.

The schedule includes: Tech Inspection, Registration, Test N' Tune, Sept. 13th, Route 66 Raceway, Joliet, IL. Day 1: Sept. 14th, Route 66 Raceway, Joliet, IL. Day 2: Sept. 15th, Byron Dragway, Byron, IL. Day 3: Sept. 16th, Cordova Dragway, Cordova, IL. Day 4: Sept. 17th, World Wide Technology Raceway, St. Louis, MO. Finals / Day 5: Sept. 18th, Route 66 Raceway, Joliet, IL. For more information, visit hotrod.com/hot-rod-drag-week.

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.

The Southwest Collective community box is available for patrons to take or leave toiletries and non-perishable food items.

Crafting Corner for adults on Wednesdays, Sept. 16th and 30th; Oct. 21st and 28th; Nov. 4th to 18th from 4 to 5 p.m. and Sundays, Sept. 20th and Oct. 4th from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Family Story Time on

Beatdown Concert At Ping Park

The Chicago Park District will present Beatdown Sound System's "Vibrations of Freedom" at Ping Tom Park, 300 W. 19th st., beneath the 18th Street bridge on Saturday, Sept. 26th from 1 to 7 p.m.

Beatdown Soundsystem brings powerful bass, vinyl selections and live energy celebrating reggae, dub, and cultural expression.

Tuesdays through Nov. 17th from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Join us for picture books, stories, songs and a simple craft or play time. For families with children up to 5 years old.

Toddler Time and Play Time on Wednesdays through Nov. 11th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. We sing songs, read stories and do fun activities to build early literacy skills! For ages 18 months to 3 years and their caregivers.

Visit chipublib.org to register.

Archer Heights Library Schedules Programs

The Archer Heights Branch Library, 5055 S. Archer has scheduled a wide range of informative programs. Hours: Monday and Wednesday 12 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday 1 to 5 p.m.

ALL AGES

Technology Help is available Drop-in (first come, first served when adult librarian is on duty) or by appointment. Get help with your devices, computer questions, using online library resources (eBooks, databases, job resources).

TWEENS & TEENS

Teen Volunteer Hours Thursday, Sept. 24th from 4 to 5 p.m. Earn 1 volunteer hour while helping at your library. Bring your timesheet. Grades 6 - 12 only.

Tween Tuesday - Sept. 15th, Tissue Paper Jar Luminaries, 4 to 5 p.m. Bi-monthly craft just for ages 10 to 14. Materials and snacks will be provided.

CHILDREN

Matinee Movies, Thursdays, 2 to 4 p.m. Join us for family films and snacks. Family Movie, Sunday, Sept. 27th "Coco". Snacks available while supplies last.

Family Story time on Thursdays, Sept. 17th and 24th from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Stories, songs and fun for the whole family. For children 0 to 5 and their caregivers.

Paper Cup Rocket Launcher on Tuesday, Sept. 22nd at 12 p.m. Make a set of paper cups decorated as rockets.

They launch with rubber bands.

Messy Art: Paper Bag Pinata on Wednesday, Sept. 23rd at 6 p.m. Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by making paper bag pinates.

LEGO Club on Monday, Sept. 28th from 6 to 7 p.m. Put your engineering skills to the test with one of our challenges or use your imagination to build your own creations. For ages 5 and up.

ADULTS

Adult Book Discussion of "The Great Divide" by Cristina Henriquez on Wednesday, Sept. 23rd from 1 to 2 p.m. Copies are available at the Circulation Desk.

Craft Lab: Wire-Wrapped Jewelry on Monday, Sept. 14th at 6 p.m. Try a new craft, socialize and have fun. All materials are provided. Register online.

Adult Book Discussion on Wednesday, Sept. 23rd from 1 to 2 p.m. Join a friendly conversation of "The Great Divide" by Christina Henriquez. Books are available at the circulation desk.

Watch N' Craft Project Hail Mary on Saturday, Sept. 26th from 1 to 4 p.m. Create mini-galaxy magnets while watching Project Hail Mary on the big screen. Register online.

Grab and Go: Spice Club Kits (Ginger Powder) on Mondays to Sept. 28th from 12 to 8 p.m. Visit the Adult Reference Desk for a spice kit that will include a sample plus recipes and information.

CINEMA

Join us on Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. Snacks available while supplies last. Sept. 13th, "The Sheep Detectives" (PG); Sept. 20th, "La Bamba" (PG-13) and Sept. 27th, "Coco" (PG).

Gamer's Universe Showdown Series

YOUmedia will conduct the Gamer's Universe Showdown Series at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State st. on Saturday, Oct. 24th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Join us for Gamer's Universe Showdown Series, our monthly esports celebration leading up to the 2026 edition of Gamer's Universe.

The Chicago Teen Gamer's Guild will run monthly tournaments showcasing a variety of competitive games.

SquidWest will host Splatton 3 locals. Participants must bring their switch, copy of the game, headset, and controller.

A variety of free-play stations will feature competitive and non-competitive games.

Registration is not required for any of the tournaments or activities.

All ages and skill levels are welcome.

Mario Kart 8 Tournament begins at 12 p.m., and a 2nd tournament will start at 2 p.m.

Brookfield Zoo Schedules Events



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Wildlife and seasonal traditions come together at Brookfield Zoo Chicago for festive fun this fall and winter, but there's still time to enjoy summer with a new buy-one-get-one-free summer special! From fall festivals and Halloween fun to holiday traditions and opportunities to discover new wildlife, guests can fill the months ahead with experiences for every generation. The lineup now through January includes returning favorites, new celebrations and a day at the Zoo.

Fall hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekends. Hours and information are available at brookfieldzoo.org/visit.

Don't miss your last chance to see the dinosaurs before they go extinct on Oct. 25th. Guests can dig for fossils, journey through a massive ribcage tunnel and come face-to-face with life size dinosaurs.

Throughout September, Zoo members receive special offers, giveaways, discounts and more as a thank you for their support. The celebration will conclude with opportunities to meet Animal Ambassadors and with each visit, earning a raffle entry for the chance to win a one-year membership, a Wild Connections experience or free admission for 10 guests.

Sept. 13th: Seventh Annual First Responders Day. Guests are invited to show appreciation for firefighters, police officers, Emergency Medical Services workers and other first responders. It includes a ceremonial parade at 11 a.m., meet and greets with K-9 units, "touch a truck" experiences and the opportunity to interact with representatives from up to 50 agencies and organizations.

NEW! Sept. 13th: Grandparents Day Launches Senior Sundays powered by Uber* Guests can enjoy a new discount offered on site for buy-one-get-one senior admission on Sundays through Nov. 22nd.

Sept. 19th – 20th: Oktoberfest presented by Leinenkugel. Prost! to family-friendly fun music, games, giveaways and more. This German-style event will feature a seasonal menu with bratwursts, specialty beers, pretzels with cheese and more available for purchase.

Sept. 26th: Hispanic Heritage Fest returns with live music, cuisine, cultural performances, bilingual experiences, Zoo

Chats featuring animals native to Latin America and more.

Oct. 3rd – 25th: Boo! at the Zoo. This family-friendly Halloween celebration is packed with thrills, festive decorations, Halloween-themed photo opps, animal enrichment and more fun for all ages. Weekend programming includes Boats-tastic costume parades, trick-or-treating stations on the East Mall, inflatables, purchasable pumpkin decorating experience and more.

Select Dates Oct. 4th – 31st: Haunted Walking Tours* Recommended for guests ages 13 and older, these 4 p.m. guided tours explore the Zoo's southwest corridor while sharing stories.

Oct. 5th: Conservation Leadership Awards Dinner*. The Board of Trustees and Women's Board invite guests to the Four Seasons Chicago for an evening recognizing individuals and organizations making a lasting difference for wildlife, communities and conservation. Tickets are available now.

Oct. 17th: Cook County Military & Veterans Resource Fair* from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Advance registration and proof of military service are encouraged.

Oct. 24th: Boo! Brunch*. This Halloween celebration features a festive buffet with brunch favorites and a signature witches' brew lemonade. Tickets include Zoo admission, pumpkin decorating, face painting, themed photo opps and more. Advance reservations are required for 10 a.m. or noon seatings.

Visit brookfieldzoo.org for more information.

5K Run For The Parks

The Chicago Parks Foundati will present Run for the Park! 5K Run, Walk or Roll at Burnham Park just south of 31st Street Beach, 3155 S. Lake Shore Drive on Sunday, Sept. 13th at Race begins at 9 a.m. and the party concludes at 12 p.m.

Features include Timed out-and-back Lakefront Trail 5K course; 1-Mile Nature Walk on the Burnham Wildlife Corridor; 400m or 800m Lakefront Trail Kids Dash; Post-Race Pancake Party; t-shirt designed by David Lee Csicsko. Food, drinks, fun, DJ and freebies.

Learn more at chicago.parksfoundation.org.



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Chicago History Museum, 1601 N. Clark st. Free for Illinois residents on Sept. 24th; chicagohistory.org.

Griffin Museum of Science and Industry, 5700 S. DuSable Lake Shore Drive. Free for Illinois residents on Sept. 10th, 15th - 16th, 20th-23rd and 27th to 30th; griffinmsi.org.

Heritage Museum of Asian Art, 3500 S. Morgan st. Free admission on the third Friday of each month; heritageasianart.org.

Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, 2430 N. Cannon dr. Free for Illinois residents on Sept. 10th-11th, 14th-18th, 21st-25 and 28th-30th; naturemuseum.org.

Free All Year Long
Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington st.; chicago.gov.

Chicago Fed Money Museum, 230 S. LaSalle

Fitness Training At Ping Park

The Chicago Park District will conduct Fall into Fitness: Circuit Training at Ping Tom Park, 1700 S. Wentworth on Wednesdays, Sept. 16th to 30th from 6 to 7 p.m.

The total body workout is focused on strength building exercises and cardio movements. Open to all fitness levels.

st.; chicagofed.org.

Climate Action Museum, 300 S. Riverside Plaza; climateactionmuseum.org.

Hyde Park Art Center, 5020 S. Cornell ave.; hydeparkart.org.

Jane Addams Hull House Museum, 800 S. Halsted st.; hullhousemuseum.org.

Mindworks: The Science of Thinking at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business, 224 S. Michigan ave.; chicagobooth.edu/mindworks.

Museum of Contemporary Photography, 600 S. Michigan ave.; mocp.org.

National Museum of Mexican Art, 1852 W. 19th st.; nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org.

Smart Museum of Art, 5550 S. Greenwood ave.; smartmuseum.uchicago.edu.

Yoga Class At Ryan Woods

The Forest Preserves of Cook County will conduct Wellness in the Woods: Yoga at the Dan Ryan Woods Visitor Center, 87th & Western ave. on Saturdays, Sept. 12th and Oct. 10th at 11 a.m.

The free 60-minute class focuses on building stability, flexibility, and relaxation through breath-work, movement, and meditation. Liz, from Serendipity Yoga and Wellness in Homewood, will demonstrate a series of seated, kneeling, lying, and standing poses. Come dressed in active wear with a yoga mat. Search fpdcc.com.