



Conversation With College Kids



By Dr. R. Pletsch

The issue of LGBTQ is as most things complicated and controversial. It is hard to make comments on this issue without sounding a bit judgemental. There are several groups that argue about this issue often. A group of college students that I had a discussion with, mentioned that both LGBTQ and abortions never seem to come up on campus.

There are, of course, a few on the far left and the far right that always argue about everything. But these students told me that was not common on their campuses. These students are planning their futures and, of course, the subjects come up on occasion. The simple thing they say about abortions is that they agree that very few people they know are 100% for abortion as many Democratic politicians demand. This group of students said they believe most of their friends have issues with how long in a pregnancy should abortions be permitted and the girl's age along with parent notification are issues they do talk about and hope to never be confronted with.

LGBTQ is an issue in some places more than

others. There have recently been arguments in the Supreme Court as a group of Muslims, Catholics and Ethiopian Orthodox parents have a case against a county school board in Maryland. The issue is that the county, at one time, allowed the parents to opt out of the LGBTQ curriculum as the county does with sex education curriculum. The students told me that they have seen in the paper that parents were not saying others should not take the class, but that the county took the parental rights to opt their children out.

Some argue it is a religious rights issue. Others say it is teaching mutual respect while others claim the books are too graphic and that one book was even set for Pre-k, ages 3 and 4. This is something you probably need to read the books to form a solid opinion. I have not. These students are interested in the results because they are at the point of life where they are considering having families. These young men and women plan to follow the law, but the issue that they really worry about is, where the state allows students born male to compete on girls' teams.

There are well documented cases of injuries that are probably caused by nature's natural muscle and strength issues. I let these students talk, I never asked what their faith was. But it seemed a non-issue with the students. Their hope is that the Supreme Court rules by what is correct, not their political party. If interested, the oral arguments in the Supreme Court are easy to look up. They made them on April 15, 2025.

Buckingham Fountain To Open Season



Photo provided by Chicago Park District

The Chicago Park District will conduct its Switch on Summer & Night Out Kick-Off at Buckingham Fountain on Saturday, May 10th from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Enjoy the NAJWA Dance Corps, West African Drumming & Dance; Dancer Starr Chief Eagle, Cielito Lindo, and wandering performers. Night Out in the Parks is the premiere event series throughout the summer with free cultural events and performances.

Gamer's Universe Showdown Series

The Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State st. will host The Gamer's Universe Showdown Series on Saturday, May 24th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Chicago Teen Gamer's Guild will run

Senior Showcase At McKinley Park

The Chicago Park District will conduct a Senior Showcase at McKinley Park, 2210 W. Pershing rd. on Thursday, May 15th from 12 to 2 p.m. Admission sis \$5.

Mario Kart Wii and Super Smash Bros. Ultimate tournaments plus a Just Dance tournament.

SquidWest will host Splatton 3 locals. Bring your switch, copy of the game, headset and controller. A variety of free-play stations will be available throughout the day featuring favorite games.

All ages and skill levels are welcome. Registration for Mario Kart Wii begins at noon, and the tournament will start at 12:30 p.m.

Super Smash Bros. Ultimate registration begins at 1:30 p.m., and the tournament will start at 2 p.m.

Splatton 3 will run throughout the day.

Mother's Day Spa At Strohecker Park

Mother's Day Spa at Strohecker Park, 4347 W. 54th st. will conduct Mother and Child spa for ages 3 to 5 on Saturday, May 3rd from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Have some refreshments and get your nails done with your child for \$20.

Open Studios At Bridgeport Art Ctr.



Provided by Bridgeport Art Center

The Bridgeport Art Center, 1200 W. 35th st. will conduct Third Fridays Open Studio on May 16th from 7 to 10 p.m. Attendees will explore various art studios, interact with local artists, and witness their works in progress. Reserve tickets for free at bridgeportart.com.

An exhibition, curated by Marci Rubin is accepting art works whose subject is "The Landscape is Changing". Open to all media and styles, including sculpture and installation based pieces. The \$27 application fee is due by June 18th. The opening reception is set for Friday, July 18th from 7 to 10 p.m.

Exhibitions include "Thirst Trap" curated by Stacey Kalmanovsky. This group of artists employs their prowess to lean into questions about thirstiness.

"Surfaces" curated by Marci Rubin features the works of tenant artists in the 3rd floor gallery.

Artistic surfaces include paper, canvas, wood, metal, clay, fabric, glass, found objects, or the outside of anything that can be built upon. Artists activate a surface by applying their medium to the selected substrate using their specific techniques and skills.

Be sure to explore the other floors of the Art Center and discover the studios and workshops of tenants. In addition to over 10,000 sq. ft. of gallery space, there are artists on every floor.

Visit the Sculpture Garden Exhibit Space for a holiday market featuring tenants of the BAC and select vendors and creators of all types.

The Chicago Maritime Museum is open for free on the River Level during open studios.

Are you an artist looking for a perfect office in a unique creative community? Learn about finding your space at the Bridgeport Art Center, call (773) 843-9000.

Preservation Expo Returns May 19th

Chicago's top historic preservation projects, programs and practitioners will be celebrated at the second annual Chicago Preservation Expo at the Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington st. on Monday, May 19th from 4 to 8 p.m.

Hosted by the Chicago Department of Planning and Development and emceed by WGN TV personality Ana Belaval, the free event will feature more than 40 exhibitors that offer products and services, including the Chicago Bungalow Association, Landmarks Illinois, the Coalition of Black House Museums and Harboe Architects.

The expo will also include the 25th edition of the Commission on Chicago Landmarks Preservation Excellence Awards. Held in honor of Preservation Month, the awards showcase the best preservation work to

advance through the Landmarks Commission in the last year.

The 2025 awardees include: CircEsteem, 4730 N. Sheridan Road, Uptown; Fine Arts Building, 410 S. Michigan Ave., Loop; Gunnison Lofts, 1215 W. Gunnison Ave., Uptown; Little Village Arch, 3100 W. 26th St., South Lawn-dale; Pui Tak Center, 2216 S. Wentworth Ave., Armour Square; Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral, 835 N. Oakley Blvd., West Town; 6901 Oglesby Cooperative Apartments, 6901 S. Oglesby Ave., South Shore; Single-family homes at 2139 N. Cleveland Ave., Lincoln Park; 2037 W. Haddon Ave., West Town; and Elijah Muhammad House Museum, 4847 S. Wood-lawn Ave., Kenwood.

For more information and to register visit www.chicago.gov/city/en/sites/preservation-month.

Makin Music Jam At Ryan Woods



Photo provided by the Forest Preserves of Cook County

The Forest Preserves of Cook County will conduct a Makin' Music Community Jam at Dan Ryan Woods Pavilion, 87th & Western on Saturday, May 24th at 12 p.m. Create music with the community and listen to local talent. Bring your own instrument.

Digital Access To Social Security

The Social Security Administration is taking steps to provide an enhancement for my Social Security account holders, by introducing secure digital access to their Social Security number. This innovative feature is designed to provide the public with a modernized, secure, and accessible alternative to the traditional SSN card.

Account holders are encouraged to take advantage of this new

feature, which will be available starting early this summer. For more information on how to create a my Social Security account, please visit <https://www.ssa.gov/myaccount/>.

We are working to create a more accessible and secure future for all Social Security beneficiaries.

For more Social Security news, follow X @SocialSecurity.

New Option For College Loans

Illinois students struggling to obtain traditional college loans have a new option to borrow money for in-state higher education costs.

The new Funding U Illinois No-Cosigner Loan is part of the Student Empowerment Fund, State Treasurer Michael Frerichs' plan to provide private college loans for residents at lower rates than private competitors and help bridge the gap with federal financial aid. The No-Cosigner Loan joins ISL Education Lending's Illinois Partnership Loan and Illinois College Family Loan options.

The Illinois No-Cosigner Loan is open to residents attending a state public or private not-for-profit university or college and is an attractive option for students who have maxed their grants, scholarships, and financial aid and have no access to a co-signer. The fixed annual percentage rate ranges

from 7.99% to 9.49%.

The Treasurer's Office is partnering with ISL Education Lending to offer the Partnership and College Family loans. Families can save thousands of dollars in interest when they choose the Illinois Partnership Loan in comparison to other private loan lenders. And the Illinois College Family Loan for parents has lower APRs than the Federal Direct PLUS Loan. Borrowers or their co-signers must have a credit score of at least 660, and the fixed annual percentage rates range from 3.45% to 6.77%.

The State Treasurer's Office makes investments with student loan providers that lend to Illinois residents. Lenders then make private loans at affordable rates, and students or their families repay the loans. The lenders make interest payments to the State Treasurer's Office, which are reinvested to provide more loans.

New Programs At Brookfield Zoo Chicago



Photo credit Brookfield Zoo Chicago

Brookfield Zoo Chicago invites everyone to enjoy experiences that evoke the feeling of a tropical staycation. Guests can marvel at flamingos in the Swamp and watch dolphins at Seven Seas. The Living Coast offers an immersive underwater world to explore, including a habitat that recently welcomed more than 75 new fish. Colorful species include queen angelfish, Spanish hogfish and Pistachio the sea turtle.

Opportunities to engage with the natural world include an observation at pollinators at the new honeybee observation hives or visit koalas Brumby and Willum as they experience their first Chicago winter. Virtual learning opportunities through programs like the Zoo Adventure Passport and its resources for teachers are available at brookfield-zoo.org/education.

Learn the secrets of successful birdwatching from seasoned professionals. A free 30-minute tour through the zoo will be offered twice per day of the event. Signups will be available soon.

Take a ride on seasonal attractions (open weather permitting). Separate fees apply for these experiences.

For those setting health and wellness goals, the Zoo's 235 acres offer ample space to explore. Such time in nature extends beyond physical benefits to support cognitive, emotional and social development and well-being. Guests are encouraged to explore the five walking paths available as a map on

brookfieldzoo.org/visit.

Through the Animal Adoption program, community members support the care and well-being of animals throughout the Zoo as well as research and conservation efforts. More information is available at brookfield-zoo.org/donate.

The gorilla troop at Brookfield Zoo Chicago has moved into a new indoor habitat and primate care facility within the *James & Elizabeth Bramsen Tropical Forests* habitat. They're already making themselves at home—climbing, interacting and exploring their new environment.

Leading the family of six western lowland gorillas is Jontu (28), a silver-back and females Binti Jua (37), Koola (30), Kamba (20), Nora (11), and Ali (6).

When the *Bramsen Tropical Forests* opens this summer, this addition will include two indoor habitats and four expansive outdoor habitats for western lowland gorillas, Bornean orang-utans, and several species of monkeys.

More information is available at brookfield-zoo.org/visit.

Discover A Champion Tree

The Forest Preserves of Cook County is reintroducing its Champion Tree Register, an initiative that lists the largest specimens of each of the diverse species identified in the Forest Preserves. On the updated webpage, the public can use an interactive Champion Tree Map at fpdcc.com/nature/champion-tree-register/# map to learn more about more than 80 registered champion trees. Users can see the locations, including the common and scientific names of the species, where the tree is located, and measurements of its height, circumference and crown spread.

Nominations will be verified by a Forest Preserves tree inspector, who will visit confirm its species and dimensions. The nominator the tree will receive a certificate of recognition. Visit fpdcc.com/nature/champion-tree-register/#nominate

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.

Current exhibitions include: Puntadas del Alma, Told Through Quilts in the Chicago Gallery through Oct. 12th.

Join us on Saturday, May 3rd at 11 a.m. for Con carino, a letter-writing event connecting people with incarcerated women. In preparation for Mother's Day, we will write letters to women in prison, whether meant for anonymous women or a loved one. Visit nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org to learn more and sign up.

Join us on May 7th for the next Late Wednesday when we'll be open extended hours until 8 p.m. Visit our galleries and take part in a free tour of Into the Hourglass: Pano Arte from the Rudy Padilla Collection. A docent will guide visitors through the gallery, exploring artworks created by incarcerated artists.

El Arte de lo Pequeño in the Rubin & Paula

Torres Gallery through Sept. 28th.

Yollocalli Class of 2024 in the Courtyard through August 22nd and Nuestras Historias: Stories of Mexican Identity from the Permanent Collection.

On Friday, May 16th, the annual fundraiser supporting Yollocalli Arts Reach will include dinner, drinks, music, and dancing.

Puntadas del Alma Told Through Quilts is open in Xicago Gallery. Stitches of the Soul is a collective of women who share stories and create quilts.

The annual Gala de Arte will be held at the Hyatt Regency Chicago on Friday, May 2nd. Themed "Orgullo Mexicano" (Mexican Pride), the black-tie fundraiser is presented by the Museum's Board of Trustees. The event generates funding to support an art museum and cultural landmark. Visit nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org/events/galadearte to learn more and to reserve tickets.

Most programs are free of charge; however, registration is required at email angela@nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org

Author Lectures At H-W Library

Renee Watson will present the annual Sutherland Lecture for teachers, librarians and book lovers at the Harold Wshington Library Center, 400 S. State st. on Friday, May 2nd from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Journalist Michael Luo will discuss his new book, "Strangers in the Land: Exclusion, Belonging, and the Epic Story of the Chinese in America" on Tuesday, May 6th from 6 to 7 p.m.

Environmental journalist Alan Weisman will discuss his new book, "Hope Dies Last: Visionary People Across the World Fight on to Find us a Future" on Thursday, May 8th from 6 to 7 p.m.

Journalist Mary Anette Pember will discuss her new book, "Medicine River: A Story of Survival and the Legacy of Indian Boarding Schools" on Monday, May 12th from 6 to 7 p.m.

A Spring Tree Identification and Guided Walking Tour will be held on Wednesday, May 14th from 10 a.m. to noon. Join us for a fun and educational walk to learn how to identify trees and

observe the springtime emergence of buds, leaves and blossoms.

Saturday Mending with a Chicago Fair Trade on Saturday, May 10th from 2 to 4 p.m.

Senator Ron Wyden will appear in conversation to discuss his new book, "It Takes Chutzpah: How to Fight Fearlessly for Progressive Change" on Thursday, May 29th from 6 to 7 p.m.

Free Events At Forest Preserves

The Forest Preserves of Cook County has scheduled free outdoor events including Children's Day at Crabtree Nature Center on Sunday, May 4th at 10 a.m.; Spring Festival at Thatcher Woods on Sunday, May 4th at 12 p.m.; Frog Frenzy at River Trail Nature Center on Sunday, May 4th at 1:30 p.m.; Beautiful Sounds at Twilight at Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center on Monday, May 12th at 7:30 p.m. and a scavenger hunt for children in grades 2-8 at Dan Ryan Woods on Thursday, May 29th at 3 p.m.

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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.

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Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MCLP ASSET COMPANY, INC., Plaintiff, vs. SHANNON SIMMONS; ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants. 2024CH02931

7921 S Albany Avenue, Chicago, IL 60652 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 3/4/2025, an agent of Auction.com, LLC will conduct the auction in person at 12:00 PM on June 11, 2025 located at 100 N LaSalle St., Suite 1400, Chicago, IL 60606, and will sell at public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate. Commonly known as 7921 S Albany Avenue, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-36-02-013-0000 The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence. The judgment amount was \$192,999.20 Sale Terms: 20% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to Auction.com, LLC. No third party checks will be accepted. All registered bidders need to provide a photo ID in order to bid. The balance, in certified funds or wire transfer, is due within twenty four (24) hours. (relief fee not required) The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a certificate of sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property, prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgage, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9 (g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgage shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC (630) 453-6960 please refer to file number 1446-200183. Auction.com, LLC 100 N LaSalle St., Suite 1400 Chicago, IL 60606 - 872-225-4985 You can also visit www.auction.com. Attorney File No. 1446-200183 Case Number: 2024CH02931 NOTE: PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, YOU ARE ADVISED THAT PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 13263548

Bike Ride In Brighton Park

12th Ward Alderwoman Julia Ramirez will sponsor a 7-mile community bike ride through Brighton Park starting and ending at the Community Campus (Park no. 596), 4830 S. Western ave. on Saturday, May 3rd at 11 a.m. Meet at the corner of 48th & Rockwell st. at 10 a.m. Registration for a chance to win a free bike. Limited Divvy bikes will be available on a first come, first serve basis. Register at bit.ly/BrightonParkBikeRide. For more information, contact (773) 475-6783 or ward12@cityofchicago.org



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2025 Home Repair Program is Open

The Home Repair Program provides grants to income-eligible homeowners for improvements to their roof or porch. For more information, call (312) 744-3653, visit chicago.gov/housing or email doh@cityofchicago.org. This year, the Home Repair Program will also provide small repairs (ie. grab bars, lever faucets, etc.) for homeowners who need accessibility improvements. Registration is now open online, by calling 311. Homeowners will be prioritized based on the length of tenancy. All interested homeowners will be contacted within a month of registration.

Ridge Library Plans Programs

The Garfield Ridge Branch, 6347 S. Archer, has scheduled interesting programs. 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. An in-person screening of the Mather's Grow-It Together Garden Program is scheduled for Wednesdays, May 14th and June 11th from 1 to 2 p.m. This online garden club is for adults 50 years and older who are interested in hydroponic gardening. Experience the joys of fresh herbs and vegetables in the comfort of your home with Grow-It-Together Garden Kits. Registration for kits is currently on backorder. You can still attend club meetings even if you do not have a kit. "Games People Play" will be offered for adults on Thursdays through May 29th from 2 to 4 p.m. Bring your own games or use one of ours. Featuring chess, Scrabble, UNO, board games, Pinochle and Canasta. Senior Drop-In Games will be played on Saturdays through May 31st from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bring a game or borrow some of ours.

Steelmakers Exhibit At Griffin MSI



Photo credit: Griffin Museum of Science and Industry

Griffin Museum of Science and Industry exhibit *Steelmakers* explores the science and stories behind one of the world's most essential and versatile materials.

A collection of artifacts and oral histories, will explain how steel became an indispensable part of our modern world, contributing to expansive industrial growth and creating steelworker communities in Chicago and the Calumet Region. *Steelmakers* will teach guests about the science and metallurgy at tactile tables and share their experiences through oral histories. Interactives like an "Is It Steel or Not?" quiz and a Museum-wide scavenger hunt will illuminate the ubiquity of steel.

Artifacts on display include: Beams from Chicago's Home Insurance Building (1885-1931), considered the world's first skyscraper; Olympic torch made of recycled steel; Richard Hunt Sculpture, *Angle Form* (1968); Inland Steel Skyscraper Model, displayed at the Century of Progress World's Fair (1933) and Steel Plant Signed by women steelworkers during World War II (1943).

Bootcamps For Total Fitness

The Chicago Park District will conduct a Total Body Bootcamp at Ping Tom Park, 1700 S. Wentworth on Wednesday, May 7th from 12 to 12:45 p.m. and Brighton Park Community Campus (Park No. 596) 4830 S. Western from 6 to 6:45 p.m. This class combines strength and cardio movements to target the entire body. All fitness levels are welcome. Registration is encouraged, but not required at chicagoparkdistrict.com.

OIG Schedules Listening Tour

The Office of Inspector General will conduct a Listening Tour at the 15th Ward Service Office, 2650 W. 51st st. on Thursday, May 1st from 4 to 6 p.m. The survey is also available at igchicago.org/listening-tours

Free Admission At Shedd Aquarium



Photo Credit: ©Shedd Aquarium

Shedd Aquarium offers free admission to Illinois residents on Free Tuesday Evenings: 5-9 p.m. on May 6th, 13th 20th and 27th. In Shedd's historic rotunda, Wonder of Water two towering saltwater and freshwater habitats display live corals, freshwater plants and an array of colorful fishes. In Amazon Rising, guests are transported to a biodiversity hotspot for encounters with an anaconda, river stingrays, poison dart frogs and piranhas. Live programs give guests the opportunity to watch animal caretakers feed arapaima or electric eels and learn about their behaviors. Admission includes daily Animal Spotlights to join caretakers as they highlight adaptations of dolphins, beluga whales, sea lions and more in the Abbott Oceanarium and touch experiences to discover the textures of different animals. Advance reservations are recommended due to the high demand. There is a \$5 convenience fee per order for Free Day reservations made online. However, you can reserve tickets by phone at no extra cost by calling (312) 939-2438. For the latest information, visit sheddquarium.org.

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Summer Concerts At Brookfield Zoo

The online ticket queue is now open for Brookfield Zoo Chicago's Roaring Nights summer concert series. The Lineup includes +LIVE+ on Saturday, June 21st, \$75 for general public and \$15 for children, ages 0-11. Third Eye Blind on Friday, July 18th. \$85 for general public and \$15 for children ages 0-11. Better than Ezra and Tonic on Saturday, June 16th. \$70 for general public and \$15 for children ages 0-11. For \$30, your Early Access for Conservation ticket add-on will provide to the East Mall 30 minutes ahead of the crowds. More information is available at brookfield-zoo.org

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.
ADULT
Sit & Stitch Crochet takes place on Fridays, May 2nd, May 16th and May 30th from 10 to 11 a.m. Bring your crochet hooks and yard. We have limited materials to get started. Get to know fellow creators and learn new tips.
TEEN
Teen Volunteer Club is available on Saturday, May 17th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For those who need service/volunteer hours for school or are looking to help out your community. Materials will be provided.
A Resume Workshop will be offered on Saturday, May 3rd from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. We'll walk you through making your first resume or edit your current version.
An Anime/Manga Club will meet on Sunday, May 18th from 2 to 3 p.m. Snacks will be provided.
CHILDREN
"Read with Me" story time encourages attendees in grades K to 3 to read aloud, add sound effects, act out scenes and discuss their thoughts and feelings. Dates are Tuesday, May 6th and 20th, June 10th and 24th from 5 to 6 p.m.

Nature Play Day At Ryan Woods



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The Forest Preserves of Cook County will conduct Open Nature Play Day at Dan Ryan Woods, 87th & Western on Wednesday, May 14th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Enjoy the play space while helping your children connect with nature. Enjoy stories, art and exploration. Visit fpdcc.com

Chinatown Library Schedules Programs

The Chinatown Branch Library, 2100 S. Wentworth ave. has scheduled interesting programs. A Drop-In Knit and Crochet Series for ages 18 and up is scheduled for Tuesdays, May 13th and 20th from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Meet new friends, learn new techniques or just have fun. Bring your own materials or borrow our limited supplies. Board Game Play for ages 13 and up is available on the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. In collaboration with the Chicago Tabletop and Board Game Meetup Group, all levels are welcome. Teen Open Lab will feature YOUmedia's 3D printer, Cricut and other creative technology on Mondays, May 26th and June 23rd from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Family Story Time for ages 0 to 5 and caregiver will be offered on Thursdays, May 1st to 15th from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Support your child's pre-literacy skills through songs, stories and play. Guzheng Music Appreciation for all ages will be performed by Menghua Guan on Saturday, May 17th from 2 to 3 p.m. She has more than 30 years of guzheng playing and more than 20 years of teaching experience. Registration is suggested at (312) 747-8013.
Resurfacing For 38th Street
The Chicago Department of Transportation will be repaving 38th street from Sacramento to California due to potholes and the overall poor condition. Construction is scheduled to start Friday May 9th, and be completed in the following weeks, weather permitting. Be mindful of the orange 'No Parking' restrictions posted during construction. For information contact the 12th Ward at (773) 475-6783 or ward12@cityofchicago.org.

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