

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.

5th to April 23rd. Join Mx. Dannie for stories, songs and other fun activities, practice literacy skills and build a love for books. For babies up to 18 months and their families. Siblings are welcome.

Teen Highway is available on Tuesdays, March 4th, 11th and 25th plus Thursdays through March 27th from 5 to 7 p.m. Read in the teen area, create art or learn to use the 3D Printer, button maker, sewing machine or vinyl cutter. Board games are also available.

Visit chipublib.org to register.

LEAP Sessions At Lincoln Park Zoo



Photo provided by Lincoln Park Zoo

LEAP Sessions (Learn, Explore, and Play) at Lincoln Park Zoo lets ages 2-4 explore the natural world through play. Young ones guide the way in digging, creating art, playing with parts, or listening to stories. Commit to nine-week sessions on Wednesdays or Thursdays between March 19th and May 15th, or attend stand-alone Saturday classes on March 15th and 29th, April 12th and 26th, or May 10th.

Applications to join the Malott Family Zoo Intern Program, Malott Family Research Apprenticeship Program, and Camp Teen Volunteers are due by March 10th. Students can earn money or service learning hours, experience professional development and connect with the natural world. Lincoln Park Zoo is home to two pygmy hippos, Annie and Pogo. Learn about these endangered animals and what you can do to help them both here and in the wild. For more information, visit lpzoo.org.

Archer Heights Library Schedules Programs

The Archer Heights Branch Library, 5055 S. Archer has scheduled a wide range of informative programs.

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).

ADULTS
Family Bingo Night on Wednesday, March 26th at 6 p.m.

CHILDREN
Family Story Time for children 0 to 5 and their caregivers feature stories, songs and fun on Thursdays through March 20th at 11 a.m.
Let's Make 2nd Tuesdays at 4 p.m. March 11th, String Pull art. For ages 8 to 12.
LEGO Club Mondays at 4 p.m. through March 31st, ages 6 and up.

TEENS
Do you need community services hours? Ask about our Teen Volunteer Program.

Work 'n Waffles for ages 10 to 19 is offered on Wednesday, March 19th from 4 to 5 p.m. Visit our meeting room and make a waffle and have other snacks while you work. Bring headphones for quiet study time or work on a project with others. Teen laptops will be available for in-library use.

Research Help with a Librarian high school students who need help with research for a school assignment can request an appointment with our Teen Librarian to review databases, printed

Spring Flower Show At Garfield Park



Photo provided by Chicago Park District

Garfield Park Conservatory, 300 N. Central Park ave. will present its Spring Flower Show, "Rooted in Mystery" through May 11th that explores the critical parts of plants that we don't usually see. In addition to finding and delivering water and nutrition to the leaves and stems, roots perform many lesser known but important functions. For instance, plants "talk" to each other via chemical and electrical signals emitted by their roots to aid in survival. Visitors will learn about the different types of roots while enjoying a display of spring plants, including azaleas, pansies, snapdragons, astilbe, baptisia, hydrangeas, and 26 varieties of tulips, daffodils, and hyacinths. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday to Sunday and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Free registration is required at <https://garfieldconservatory.org>.

Gamer's Universe Showdown Series

Gamer's Universe Showdown Series, a monthly esports celebration leading up to the 2025 edition of Gamer's Universe will be staged for the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State on Saturdays, March 29th, April 19th and May 24th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Chicago Teen Gamer's Guild will run a monthly Mario Kart 8 Deluxe tournament, plus a rotating series of fighting game tournaments. February is Guilty Gear Strive.

No registration is required for any of the tournaments or activities. All ages and skill levels are welcome. Registration for Mario Kart 8 begins at noon, and the tournament will start at 12:30 pm. Guilty Gear Strive registration begins at 1:30 pm, and the tournament will start at 2:00 pm. Splatoon 3 will run throughout the day, but arrive early to get a spot. For more information, visit chipublib.org.

Molina Honored

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College announce that Megan Molina of Chicago, has achieved Dean's List Highest Honors for the fall 2024 semester.

Polar Plunge At North Ave. Beach



Photo provided by Polar Plunge Chicago

The 25th Annual Chicago Polar Plunge will be conducted at North Avenue Beach on Sunday, March 2nd from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the nearly 5,000 athletes of Special Olympics Chicago. For more information about plunging, donating or just watching, visit <https://bit.ly/2025ChiPolarPlunge>.

Free Test Prep Courses

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission, the state's college access and financial aid agency, has contracted global education company Kaplan to provide free test preparation courses to students enrolled in public universities and five community colleges. Students at these institutions will have free access to Kaplan's preparation for professional licensing exams, graduate-level admissions exams, and credential exams. They will also have access to a suite of professional and academic skills development courses. Learn more at kaplan.com.

Midway C of C Plans Meeting

The Midway Chamber of Commerce will conduct its monthly meeting at the Wintrust Sports Complex, 5449 W. 65th st. on Tuesday, March 4th at 12 p.m. For more information or to register, visit midwaychamber.org.

Chinatown Library Schedules Programs

The Chinatown Branch Library, 2100 S. Wentworth ave. has scheduled interesting programs.
Multilingual Play group for ages to 5 will meet on Thursdays through March 27th from 12 to 1 p.m. For children who speak Mandarin or Cantonese Chinese.
Family Story Time for ages to 5 is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 27th from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Support your child's pre-literacy skills through songs, stories and play.
Stories and STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) inspired story time for ages 3 to 8 is available on Fridays, Feb. 28th and

Puppet Exhibit At Cultural Center



Photo provided by Chicago Cultural Affairs and Special Events

The Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington st. is featuring "Potential Energy: Chicago Puppets Up Close" through April 6th. Drop-in touch tours will be conducted on Saturdays, Feb. 22nd and March 22nd from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, visit chicago.org/dcse.

MPCA Schedules Awards Dinner

McKinley Park Civic Association announces the winners for this year's Award Dinner to be held on Sunday, March 9th at Blessed Sacrament Church Hall. Chris Bania will be receiving the William H. G. Toms Community Service Award. The Educators of the Year are: Andrea Osorio Morales of Blessed Sacrament Religious Education, Francisco Martinez of De La Salle Institute, Alora Scofield of Evergreen Academy Middle School, Maggie Cavada of N. Greene School, Suzanne Duran of Thomas Kelly College Prep, and Annabel Ramirez of Namaste Charter School. For more information, call Sue Pletsch, vice president of the MPCA, at (773) 847-0261.

Free Smoke Alarm For 60632 Homes

The American Red Cross states that smoke alarms can cut the risk of death from home fires in half. Residents of 60632 can request a free smoke alarm installation on Saturday, March 15th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/SouthwestSideSmokeAlarms> or call (312) 890-2790.

Nature Play Day At Ryan Woods

The Forest Preserves of Cook County will conduct Nature Play Day at Dan Ryan Woods Visitor Center, 87th & Western on Wednesday, March 12th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Enjoy the play space while helping your children connect with nature, stories, art and exploration. For more information, visit fpdcc.com.

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, March 15th 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.chicago-bar.org.

Police Beat 912 Plans Meeting

The Chicago Police Department 9th District will conduct a public meeting for Beat 912 at the McKinley Park Field House, 2210 W. Pershing rd. on the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. At the March 12th meeting, residents are invited to meet their beat officers, discuss problems and crime conditions, receive crime stats and learn crime reduction strategies. For additional information contact the Community Policing office at (312) 747-3501.



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