

Reading Matters

Warrenville Public Library District

Winter 2017–2018



"Today a reader, tomorrow a leader."
-Margaret Fuller

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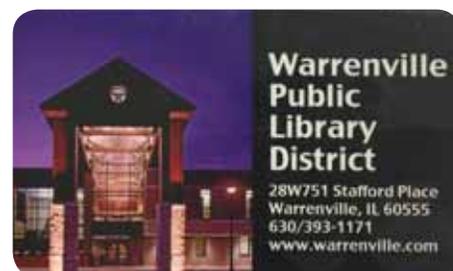
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Reading Matters to Warrenville

Welcome to the new-and-improved version of *Reading Matters*, a quarterly publication with listings of upcoming programs, special events and services at the Library. Just like the actual Library, *Reading Matters* has been re-designed to better connect with the Warrenville community. And just like so many reasons why reading matters to everyone—for education, exploration and discovery—Warrenville Library's *Reading Matters* provides information to learn, grow and enrich the lives of all our community members, from young children to teens to adults.

Become a Library Member

Enjoy all the benefits of having a Warrenville Public Library District card. Apply for a Library card in person or online at warrenville.com. Proof of Warrenville residency is required.



Book Discussions

Share insights with other readers and discover new books the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm. Books for discussion are available for checkout to Warrenville cardholders at the Member Services Desk one month prior to the discussion date. (There are no books to checkout for December discussion.)



December 7



January 4



February 1



March 1

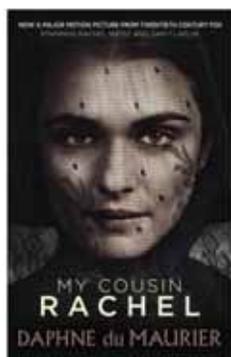
Book Club Social *

Tuesday, February 6 • 7 pm

Book Club Social is for book lovers who just have to tell someone about their favorite reads. Come chat about one or two books you simply couldn't put down. Leave with book recommendations from others in the group.

Afternoon at the Movies *

Bring your own popcorn and join us for a movie matinee.



My Cousin Rachel

Tuesday, January 23 • 2 pm

Ages 18 and up

Convinced that his cousin Ambrose was murdered by his wife Rachel, Philip travels to Italy to exact his revenge—but winds up falling in love instead. This 2017 movie starring Rachel Weisz and Sam Claflin is based on the novel by Daphne du Maurier. (PG-13, 106 min.)



Churchill

Tuesday, February 27 • 2 pm

Ages 18 and up

On the eve of D-Day, Winston Churchill is consumed with doubts, fearing the operation will be a disaster. With time running out, his closest allies must convince him to go ahead with the invasion. (PG, 105 min.)

Sunday Music Matinees

Enjoy music performances in the Library's state-of-the-art event room. If you would like an email reminder about these matinees, please register in advance.

Celebrate the Season

Sunday, December 3 • 2 pm

Tom Malouf leads a variety of traditional and contemporary carols, putting everyone in a holiday mood.

An Hour at the Opera

Sunday, January 14 • 2 pm

Heather Braoudakis transports listeners to an elegant afternoon at the Opera featuring well known arias from *Carmen*, *Porgy & Bess*, *La Boheme*, *Rigoletto*, Gilbert & Sullivan and many more!

Tom Sharpe World Music Ensemble

Sunday, February 11 • 2 pm

Tom Sharpe blends his orchestral background with world music instrumentation and cinematic imagery.

Sponsored in part by a City of Warrenville Hotel/Motel Tax Grant.



Did You Know?

Warrenville Library Members can access **Consumer Reports** for free to research ratings and reviews for cars, appliances and electronics. To get information about big-ticket items before you buy, use your Warrenville Library card and PIN to access **ConsumerReports.org** from any computer, at home or in the Library, at warrenville.com. Look for Databases A to Z under the Research tab.

Guess How Many

December 26–January 31

Kids, teens and adults can test their estimation skills in this friendly competition. A jar filled with goodies or gadgets will be located at the Adult Services Desk (ages 18 and up) and at the Youth Services Desk (ages 17 and under). The closest guesser in each group will win a \$10 Target gift card. One entry per person.





Celebrate the Season

Tech Gifts *

Tuesday, December 5 • 7 pm • Ages 18 and up
Need some gift ideas for the holidays? Michael Gershbein, founder of Very Smart People, Chicagoland's tech tutors, will show off unique technology products from inexpensive to pricey, from practical to off-the-wall.

Wrap & Watch Party

Tuesday, December 12 • 2–8 pm • All ages
Drop in anytime to wrap your gifts while you watch holiday movies on the big screen. Scissors, tape and gift wrap will be provided (while supplies last) or you can bring your own. Featured movies will include *Elf* (PG), Burl Ives' animated versions of *Frosty the Snowman* (G) and *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer* (G), and others. Please note that there will be conversation and some lighting for wrapping during the movies.

Vintage Cocktail Parties *

Thursday, December 14 • 7 pm • Ages 18 and up
What's old is new again! Just in time for the holidays, vintage cookbook and craft blogger Amy Alessio will show you how to make your next get-together classy and memorable with vintage yummys and beverages. Sample treats and take home recipes to wow your family and guests.

Mrs. Lincoln in Love *

Thursday, February 15 • 7 pm • Refreshments 6:30 pm
Go back to January, 1862, when Mrs. Lincoln and her family are settled comfortably in the Executive Mansion. Actress and historic researcher Laura Keyes puts on a one-woman show as Mrs. Lincoln, reflecting on the loves of her life—her children, her husband and her country. She even shares some of Mr. Lincoln's love letters! This program is presented in association with the Warrenville Historical Society.

Introduction to Calligraphy *

Thursday, February 22 • 7 pm • Ages 18 and up
Hand-drawn calligraphy is a beautiful art worth exploring. Learn the basics of the Chancery Cursive font in this hands-on class taught by Robin Stephens of Water Street Studios in Batavia. Calligraphy markers and parchment paper will be provided.



Inside Writing & Publishing

Throughout the month of March a series of free programs are offered at local libraries to help budding authors learn more about writing and publishing. A complete list of programs will be available after January 1 at warrenville.com.

Finding the Novel Inside You, presented by William Hazelgrove *

Tuesday, March 20 • 7 pm
We all have a novel inside of us, burning to be told. William Hazelgrove tells the secrets and method to getting started on that idea and keeping at it through the first draft and subsequent revisions. He covers the "ins-and-outs" of getting published, sharing stories of paperback auctions, movie options and his first big contract. Co-sponsored by Wheaton Public Library.



Book a Librarian for Help with Technology

Do you need help using a new mobile device or app, or getting started with digital resources available through the Library? Librarians can help you learn how to download books or music, take an online class or use other digital resources. Warrenville Library members can register for a one-hour session at the Adult Services Desk in person or by calling 630/393-1171 x121.

What's New at Warrenville Public Library



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The Quiet Room offers peaceful surroundings and a two-sided fireplace.

There's never been a more comfortable or inviting time to learn or simply relax at the Library. The \$2.5 million renovation completed in June 2017 ushered in beautiful new spaces with furniture designed for just about any mindset.

Whether you like quiet, cozy or flexible, you'll find several spaces throughout the Library to meet your needs or moods. Try one of the armchairs or tables in the Adult Services area with windows overlooking the Commons. The new two-sided fireplace is sure to warm up any study session this winter. Comfortable seating abounds at the top of the atrium stairwell and along the south wall of the Library.

Whatever your style or preferences, come to the Library and take a seat!

Winter Library Club: "Spark Your New Year at Your New Library"



December 26–January 31 • All Ages
Spark your new year and get to know your new library by joining the Winter Library Club. It's easy to join—simply visit the Adult or Youth Services Desk for your Spark Card or print one online at warrenville.com. Spark Cards include several library-themed activities like

reading, listening to an audiobook, attending a program and many other options for sparking your new year. Complete five Spark Card activities by January 31 to receive a special gift. Spark Cards will be specific for youth, teen and adult activities. One completed Spark Card entry per person.

Club de Invierno de la Biblioteca: "Empieza tu Año Nuevo en tu Nueva Biblioteca"

26 de diciembre–31 de enero • Para todas las edades
Completa cinco actividades de la hoja del Club de Invierno antes del 31 de enero para recibir un regalo especial. Para obtener la hoja de actividades, visite la Biblioteca o visite a warrenville.com.

Embrace the New Year with Meditation *

Thursday, January 11 • 7 pm • Ages 18 and up
Learn how meditation can be the key to a calmer, healthier and more balanced lifestyle. Markus Schramm brings humor and over 30 years of meditation experience to helping you renew your spirit.

Organizing Digital Photos and Files *

Tuesday, January 16 • 7 pm

We all have digital photos, important emails, maybe even sentimental voicemails we want to hold on to forever. Learn how to save, find, preserve, back up and archive your digital memories well beyond the lifespan of your current devices.

Joy and Health Benefits of Tea *

Thursday, January 25 • 7 pm • Ages 18 and up

Come in from the cold and expand your knowledge of this popular beverage with tea expert Sarine from Serene Teaz. Taste fragrant and delicious samples while Sarine shares a brief history of tea, its health benefits and proper preparation techniques.

Maintaining Your Computer *

Saturday, January 27 • 10 am

You change the oil in your car every few thousand miles, but are your computer and devices getting the same kind of care and attention? Learn how to reduce the risks of data loss, computer viruses and aggravating slowdowns.

Appy Hour: Healthy Living *

Tuesday, March 6 • 7 pm

There's an app for everything! Spend an hour at the Library and discover apps for Android and iOS devices that can help you eat healthier, get more exercise, sleep better and track your health goals.

Teen Writing Club

Wednesdays • 6–7:30 pm • Ages 12–17
December 6, January 3, February 7

Whether you write stories, poetry or nonfiction, join the Teen Writing Club for inspiration, feedback and support.



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Just Hanging Around

Friday, December 8 • 4:30–6 pm • Ages 12–17

Come for the donuts, stay to give us ideas for YOUR Teen Lounge! We'd like to hear about Library programs, books and movies that interest you. While we're hanging around other hot topics might just come up, like current events, the latest shows or the newest games.

Teen Craft Night *

Wednesdays • 6–7:30 pm • Ages 12–17
December 27, January 24, February 28

Make your own creations in the Teen Lounge. We provide the materials, you provide the talent, or at least the willingness to experiment!

Fall in Love with a Book

February 1–28 • Ages 12–17

Start looking for love in all the right pages. Mysteriously-wrapped books will be available in the Young Adult Fiction section. Read the descriptions, pick a book and check it out (literally) to see if you've found your perfect book match.

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A Wrinkle in Time Movie Pre-Release Party *



Friday, February 23 • 4:30–6 pm
Ages 12–17

You are cordially invited to the pre-release party of the season! Enjoy making your own tesseract model, drawing Mrs. Who, Mrs. Whatsit or Mrs. Which and answering trivia questions. Sweet treats for everyone will be served while we watch the preview of this epic tale.

Nintendo Club *

Fridays • 4:30–6 pm • Ages 12–17
December 1, January 5, February 2, March 2

Game on with other fans of *Nintendo* characters and video game series. Bring your *Nintendo 3DS* (or *DS*) and any multi-player games you wish to play. You can also try out different *Wii* and *Wii U* games.

Super Smash Bros. Tournament *

Fridays • 4:30–6 pm • Ages 12–17
December 15, January 19, February 16

Challenge other gamers to *Super Smash Bros.* battles on the *Wii U*. The tournament winner will receive a gift card.



Test Prep with LearningExpress

LearningExpress offers free Math and Essay tutorials and practice tests just in time to prep for the SAT exam Saturday, December 2 or the ACT exam Saturday, December 9. Have your Warrenville Public Library District card and PIN handy when you access LearningExpress at the Online Learning link at warrenville.com under the Research tab.



Storytimes

Family Storytime

Tuesdays • January 9–March 13 • 10–10:30 am • All ages
Drop in for stories, rhymes, songs and finger plays.

Toddler Time

Thursdays • January 11–March 15
10–10:45 am • Ages 1½–3

Children will enjoy singing, dancing, stories, finger plays and playtime.

Spanish Storytime

Mondays • February 5–March 12 • 6–6:30 pm • All ages
Enjoy a fun storytime in Spanish. We will have books, songs and rhymes.

Cuentos en Español

Lunes • 5 de Febrero–12 de Marzo • 6–6:30 pm
Todos están invitados

Vengan a la biblioteca para escuchar cuentos, canciones y rimas presentadas en español. No es necesario matricularse.

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A Little Something Special

Toddler Time Bubble Bash *

Thursday, December 7 • 10–10:30 am
Ages 1½–3 years old

We will wiggle and jiggle and have some fun with bubbles, listen to a story and do a craft.

Royal Bash *

Saturday, January 20 • 2–3 pm • Ages 3–8

Calling all princes and princesses! You are invited to the Royal Kingdom of Tales. Dress up in your favorite royal attire to enjoy stories, games and special crafts.

Mother-Child Sweetheart Tea *

Saturday, February 17 • 2–3 pm • Ages 5–13

Save a relaxing moment for someone special this February. Bring your mom, grandma, big sister or other important lady to share tea and treats, crafts and games and a cozy afternoon together. Registration is required for each child (no need for “grown-ups” to register separately).



Favorite Visitors

Nature-Telling *

Wednesdays • 10–10:30 am • Ages 2–5
December 13, January 10, February 14

Kids and parents are invited to join a naturalist from the Lincoln Marsh to listen to a nature-themed story and participate in a related craft and/or activity.

Paws for Tales *

Saturdays • 10–11:30 am • Grades K–2
January 13, February 10

Young readers build their confidence by reading aloud to a certified dog from the Naperville Area Humane Society. Bring your own books or choose one of ours. Young readers will take home stickers and coloring pages. To sign up for a 15-minute session with a certified dog and volunteer team, call 630/393-1171 x124.



Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math

Lego Time *

Thursday, December 28 • 2–3 pm • Ages 7–12

We bring the Legos, you bring your imagination—and maybe a friend or two!

Snap Circuits *

Thursday, January 4 • 2–3 pm • Ages 7–12

Snap Circuits is a colorful building set that lets kids safely and easily experiment with electricity. From building simple machines like an electric light to more complex projects like a motion detector, Snap Circuits will strengthen basic physics concepts for young engineers in a creative, hands-on environment.

Art Camp Junior *

Thursdays • 4:30–5:15 pm • Ages 5–7

January 11, February 8

It's time to let younger kids get in on the Art Camp fun with painting, drawing, sewing and sculpting. Each session will offer a featured project and Creation Stations. It's okay to bring your own art projects to work on at camp.

Crafty Kids *

Wednesdays • 10–10:45 am • Ages 2–5

January 17, February 21

Kids and parents are invited to join us for stories, finger plays and a themed craft to take home.

Science Explorers Plus *

Thursdays • 4:30–5:30 pm • Ages 8–12

January 18, February 15

Learning about science can be squishy, squelchy, creepy-crawly, surprising and exciting. Our popular Science Explorers program is graduating to an older age group. These activities and experiments might just get goeey—wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty.



See what your Library holds for young explorers



Ask a Librarian at the Youth Services Desk for help locating materials, accessing a computer or reserving a study room.



The Discovery Room is for our youngest library users to learn as they play. Visit often as many play elements are frequently rotated.



The Youth Area has several seating arrangements for kids and grown-ups, too. Many are just right for easy child-parent reading time. Other options are geared for working or traditional learning.



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Library Hours

Monday–Thursday 9:30 am–9 pm
Friday 9:30 am–7 pm
Saturday 9:30 am–5 pm
Sunday 1–5 pm

Library Closings

Thanksgiving Eve, early closing at 1 pm
Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Eve Day
Christmas Day
New Year’s Eve Day
New Year’s Day

Library Photos

Photos taken during Library programs may be used for promotional purposes. If you do not want to be photographed, please inform Library staff.

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Board Meetings

Third Wednesday at 7 pm
Public welcome
Agendas and minutes available online

Dear Warrenville Library Members,

Thank you for investing in your community! The Warrenville Public Library District offers a wealth of reading materials, both hard copy and online, as well as an impressive array of programs and services for adults, teens and children.

In Fiscal Year 2017 (July 1, 2016–June 30, 2017), you invested \$1,758,280 in public library services. Our analysis of the use of library materials, programs and services indicates that for every dollar you invested, the Library returned over \$2.50 in services to the community, a 250% return! The total value of services provided to the community was \$4,446,694.

The forecast for 2018 indicates steady growth in materials borrowed, strong gains in use of Library spaces and a significant jump in the number of visitors. Expert librarians and support staff are committed to providing relevant and engaging collections and services. We are confident the Library will continue to be a wise investment in 2018.

We welcome your support and input. Please join us at an upcoming Library Board meeting.

Regards,

Sandy Whitmer
Director



98,022
individuals
visited



10,536
people
attended
233
programs



205,107
physical
items
borrowed



12,687
digital items
downloaded



13,832
questions
answered



17,788
hours of
computer
use



647
meeting and
study room
reservations



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