

Book Discussion Groups

Oswego Public Library District

Award Winners & Classics Book Discussion Group: Discusses classic novels and award winners.

Meets the first Thursday of each month at the Oswego Campus, 7:00-8:00 PM

Contact group moderator Gloria in Adult Services for more information.

January 3

February 7

Fahrenheit 451

The Second Mrs. Hockaday

by Ray Bradbury

by Susan Rivers

Thursday Afternoon Book Discussion Group: Discusses adult fiction and nonfiction.

Meets the second Thursday of each month at the Oswego Campus, 1:00-2:00 PM

Contact group moderator Laura in Adult Services for more information.

January 10

February 14

Fahrenheit 451

Dark Matter

by Ray Bradbury

by Blake Crouch

Sci-Fi, Fantasy and Horror Book Club: Discusses plots, settings, and characters of favorite sci-fi, fantasy, and horror novels. Meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Montgomery Campus, 7:00-8:00 PM

Contact group moderator Andrea in Adult Services for more information

January 8

February 12

The Bear and the Nightingale

The Invisible Library

by Katherine Arden

by Genevieve Cogman

Mystery Book Club: Discusses plots, settings, and characters of favorite mysteries.

Meets the third Wednesday of each month at the Oswego Campus, 7:00-8:00 PM

Contact group moderator Camille in Adult Services for more information.

January 16

February 20

Anatomy of a Murder

City of the Lost

by Robert Traver

by Kelley Armstrong

Next Chapter Book Club

Meets on Fridays at the Oswego Campus, 4:00-5:00 PM, January 4, 11, 18, 28

Adolescents and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities will read and discuss a book together. Join us and have fun reading, learning and making friends. Anyone age 16 and over can participate no matter the reading or ability level. The group will meet weekly for one hour to read and discuss a book of the group's choosing. To register or to find out more about the Next Chapter Book Club, please contact Christy Kepler at (630) 978-1276. **Registration is required.**



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Hours

Monday-Friday

9:00 AM-9:00 PM

Saturday

9:00 AM-5:00 PM

Sunday

Noon-4:00 PM

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Adult Services: Winter Programs



Ray Bradbury



2019 Community Read

The selection for our 2019 Community Read will be *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury.

Novelist and literary critic August Derleth described the book as "a savage and shockingly prophetic view of one possible future way of life," calling it "compelling" and praising Bradbury for his "brilliant imagination."

Runs January 2 through March 1

Copies are available now! Stay tuned!



The Generals: Patton, Rommel and Montgomery

Tuesday, January 22

7:00-8:00 PM

Oswego Campus

Presented by Robert Mueller



Three men stamped their images upon events during the Second World War like no others. Each led their country's armed forces to historic battlefield victories and two met inglorious ends. Join historian Robert Mueller as he contrasts and compares the personalities, tactics and leadership styles of George Patton, Erwin Rommel and Bernard Montgomery. **Registration is required.**



Winston Churchill: A Life Well Lived

Saturday, January 26

1:00-2:00 PM

Montgomery Campus

Presented by Daniel Myers



Winston Churchill was a soldier, author, historian and world leader. He led not only a life of wealth, privilege and success, but also had a life of disappointments and dismal failure. This talk includes PowerPoint photos and audio excerpts of Churchill's speeches. It is ideal for everyone from young students to seniors who wish to know more about this remarkable man.

Registration is required.



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Online Event Calendar: www.oswego.lib.il.us/eventcalendar.asp

The Taxman Cometh... Highlights of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017

Tuesday, January 29
6:30-8:30 PM
Oswego Campus
Presented by Harry Eng, CPA, EA, MBA



On December 22, 2017, the President signed into law the most comprehensive tax reform act since Ronald Reagan was President. It is officially titled, "An Act to Provide for Reconciliation Pursuant to Titles II and V of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for the Fiscal Year 2018." Politicians named it "The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017." The CPAs and tax professionals affectionately call it "The CPA and Tax Preparers Lifetime Job Security Act." Come hear Harry Eng, practicing CPA and Enrolled Agent, explain how the Highlights of the Tax Cuts & Jobs Act of 2017 will affect individual taxpayers and small business owners.

During the evening, Harry will discuss which laws, regulations and procedures have changed. He will answer your technical questions and offer suggestions you might consider adopting to minimize your taxes in this and coming years. Also, he will explain in simple and easy to understand terms why the return you will file this spring will be radically different from any tax return you may have filed in the last 30+ years. In addition to being a practicing CPA and Enrolled Agent, Harry is a principal partner of Fox Valley Tax Solutions and a certified SCORE mentor. He is a well-known speaker on federal and state taxes.
Registration is required.

Without a Mask: Hockey's Daredevil Goalies

Tuesday, February 5
7:00-8:00 PM
Oswego Campus
Presented by Craig Pierce



Through the 1960s, most goalies never wore face masks. They were a special kind of eccentric. Hear tales of ice hockey's most courageous, quirky and colorful characters. This is an action-packed presentation filled with glory and guts and includes a tribute to the 1961 Champion Chicago Blackhawks too! **Registration is required.**

A Family and Nation Under Fire

Tuesday, February 12
7:00-8:00 PM
Oswego Campus

Presented by Georgiann Baldino

To help commemorate the 210th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birthday, Georgiann Baldino presents little-known details of Lincoln's presidency. Her most recent book, *A Family and Nation Under Fire*, is a collection of previously unpublished diaries and letters between Maj. William Medill, 8th Illinois Cavalry, and his older brother Joseph, one of the influential owners of the *Chicago Tribune* and Lincoln's friend. The brothers corrected newspaper coverage of the war, disagreed with official military reports and criticized Lincoln administration policies. When shots were fired at Fort Sumter, the Medills mobilized, unaware of how their courage would be tested in the coming years.

Registration is required.

Monthly Programs

34/30 Writers' Group

Meets the third Thursday of the month except December at the Montgomery Campus, 7:00-8:30 PM

January 17 and February 21

All writers, whether beginner or pro, are invited to network and share their work at our monthly meetings. The group is intended for adults and high school age students who write novels, short stories, poetry or nonfiction or enjoy writing exercises. **No registration required.**

Get Crafty

Meets: January 9 (Book Page Art) and February 13 (Card Making) at the Montgomery Campus, 6:30-8:15 PM

Tap into your inner DIY nature by joining us every second Wednesday for crafts and conversation. All skill levels are welcome to explore a new crafting theme every month. To ensure we have enough supplies, please register in advance. Adults 18+

Registration is required.

Makerspace on Demand

Book time to use some of our Makerspace equipment.

- 3D Printer
- Virtual Reality*
- Sewing Machines
- Cricut Cutter
- Xyron Sticker Maker
- Button Makers
- Ellison Die Cut Machine
- VHS to DVD Machine*
- Green Screen

Email Krista Katzen at kkatzen@oswego.lib.il.us or *Bill Thurston at bthurston@oswego.lib.il.us for more details

Genealogy Help Sessions

These consultations take place the 2nd Tuesday of the month and the 2nd Friday of the month at the Oswego Campus.

Tuesdays 9:00 AM-Noon
January 8 and February 12
Fridays 6:30-8:30 PM
January 11 and February 8



Members of the Fox Valley Genealogical Society will assist patrons in researching their family history with the library's local history and genealogy collection. **No registration required.**

Did You Know We Have Binoculars?

Both the Oswego and Montgomery Campuses have binoculars available for checkout. Seen any wildlife lately? Why not get a closer look with a good pair of binoculars?



Virtual Reality @ the Library

Mondays January 14 and February 4

Session 1 6:00-7:00 PM

Session 2 7:00-8:00 PM

Oswego Campus

Sign up for a 60 minute Virtual Reality session. You will have a 5 minute tutorial and 50 minutes to play. You can choose an experience or a game to play. It's all up to you!

Ages 12 to Adult. Registration is required.

Memory Matters

Meets on the last Saturday of each month at the Montgomery Campus, 10:00-11:00 AM

January 26 and February 23

Memory Matters is a monthly gathering for those with early to mid-stage memory loss and their caregiver. Join our informal social gathering in a safe, fun environment. Enjoy music, games, and other activities. Connect with others, socialize, and celebrate your strengths! Please note: the caregiver **must** accompany participant. Please contact Laura for more information. **Registration is preferred.**

Have you ever wanted to take the internet with you when you travel?

Check out a Library Wi-Fi hotspot and you can access the internet wherever you may roam! Units are available for checkout at the Oswego and Montgomery Campuses.

