

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.

Table with 3 columns: Date (March 7, April 4, May 2), Title (Lab Girl, An American Marriage, Before We Were Yours), Author (by Hope Jahren, by Tayari Jones, by Lisa Wingate)

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.

Table with 3 columns: Date (March 14, April 11, May 9), Title (The Other Einstein, Killers of the Flower Moon, Rabbit Cake), Author (by Marie Benedict, by David Grann, by Annie Hartnett)

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

Table with 3 columns: Date (March 12, April 9, May 14), Title (The Ballad of Black Tom, Redshirts, Behind Her Eyes), Author (by Victor Lavalle, by John Scalzi, by Sarah Pinborough)

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.

Table with 3 columns: Date (March 20, April 17, May 15), Title (The Black Echo, The Chinese Orange Mystery, Baltimore Blues), Author (by Michael Connelly, by Ellery Queen, Laura Lippman)

Next Chapter Book Club

Meets on Fridays at the Oswego Campus, 4:00-5:00 PM, March 1, 8, 15, 22 April 5, 12, 26 May 10, 17, 24, 31

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 table with 2 columns: Day (Monday-Friday, Saturday, Sunday), Time (9:00 AM-9:00 PM, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM, Noon-4:00 PM)

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Adult Services: Spring Programs

Movie Poster Exhibit and Matching Activity

Saturday, March 2
9:00 AM-4:30 PM
Oswego Campus



Presented by William Brandeis

A fun film themed event traditionally held at Montgomery comes to the Oswego Campus for the first time! Visit the Oswego Campus Library from 9:15 AM to 4:15 PM to view an exciting, vibrant display of full size movie posters from popular culture films. Furthermore, participate in a short, matching activity. Match several descriptions correctly to movie posters displayed in the lobby of the library for a chance to win a prize. No registration required.

The British Invasion

Saturday, March 9
1:00-2:00 PM
Montgomery Campus



Presented by Dave Rudolf

Join multi-award winning, gold record artist Dave Rudolf for a lively trip down memory lane. It's a night of music from the British invasion that influenced a whole new world of music, fashion and style. Hear the songs of all those great English bands that debuted in the US in the 1960s. Registration is required.

Legends of Sun Records

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



Presented by Randy Walker

Legends of Sun Records explores the birth of Rock 'n' Roll with a discussion of Sun Records' founder Sam Phillips, with stories and live music from Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Carl Perkins, Jerry Lee Lewis and Roy Orbison. Come and hear how it all started!

Registration is required.

Peaches and Baseball: The Story of the Rockford Peaches

Saturday, March 23
1:00-2:00 PM
Montgomery Campus



Presented by Rebecca Tulloch

The 1992 film, A League of Their Own, introduced modern America to the Women of the Greatest Generation who played professional baseball to keep up the morale on the American Home Front during WW2. The All-American Girls Professional Baseball League was so successful that it continued for nearly a decade after the war ended. Who were the real women who joined the league that inspired the film? Join Rebecca Tulloch, a modern Rockford Peach and manager of the "League of Our Own" vintage softball team, as she traces the truth and fiction about the film, A League of their Own. Registration is required.

The James Bond Phenomenon

Saturday, April 6
1:00-2:00 PM
Montgomery Campus



Presented by Raymond Benson

Everything you want to know about James Bond 007, straight from Raymond Benson, the third official continuation author, and first American commissioned by the Ian Fleming estate to write original Bond novels (between 1996-2002).

Registration is required.

Money Smart Program

Tuesday, April 9
7:00-8:00 PM
Oswego Campus



Presented by Margaret Remlinger

This year for Money Smart Week, Remlinger Financial Services' Margaret Remlinger will discuss Financial Literacy and How to Take Control of Your Financial World.

Topics to be covered, at a high level, may include:

College planning. 401K savings - You've retired, now what? What you need to know about Social Security. Myths and truths about annuities. You're 64...Basics of Medicare. The potential of tax advantages with life insurance.

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Looking for Flyboys: One G.I.'s Journey

Tuesday, April 23

7:00-8:00 PM

Oswego Campus

Presented by Tom Messenger



Vietnam veteran Tom Messenger will discuss his book and relate his experiences from August 12, 1970 to August 11, 1971. During that time he served with the 179th Aviation Company on a CH-47 Chinook helicopter. His mission areas of operation included Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos. He supported the 4th infantry division, the 101st airborne division and the 19th ranger battalion of the South Vietnamese Army. He supplied artillery bases on the Ho Chi Minh Trail that included food and ammunition. He also moved mountain villagers to Special Forces camps for their safety. **Registration is required.**

100 Years Along the Fox River

Saturday, April 27

1:00-2:00 PM

Oswego Campus

Presented by Scott Johnson



This "100 Years along the Fox River" program explores 50 black and white photographs taken by Dwight Young, resident of Oswego, on a 3-day canoe trip down the Fox River (from Oswego to Ottawa) in 1912. Comparisons are made to photographs taken on the 100 year anniversary canoe trip taken in the summer of 2012 by his descendants, including Scott Johnson, great grandson, doing the presentation. The subject matter of the historical photographs include buildings, bridges, dams and the sandstone bluffs of the lower Fox River.

Registration is required.

Wright Brothers, Wrong Story

Saturday, May 4

1:00-2:00 PM

Montgomery Campus

Presented by William Hazelgrove



A fascinating retelling of the Orville and Wilbur Wright story, the brothers credited with the first airplane flight at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. **Registration is required.**

The Generals: Patton, Rommel and Montgomery

Tuesday, May 7

7:00-8:00 PM

Oswego Campus

Presented by Robert Mueller



Three men stamped their images upon events during the 2nd 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.**

Operation Freedom: The Berlin Airlift

Saturday, May 11

1:00-2:00 PM

Montgomery Campus

Presented by Anette Isaacs



It was perhaps one of the greatest adventures in American military history, the Berlin airlift of 1948/49! When Soviet troops closed all access routes to West Berlin by land, sea, and rail, the lives of 2.5 million people were threatened. This provoked the first major international crisis of the Cold War. American General Lucius D. Clay did not hesitate and proceeded to build a bold and fantastic bridge across the sky, involving 700 planes and 250,000 flights over a period of 14 months! Join German Historian Anette Isaacs for a fascinating discussion of this exciting time in her country's postwar history. **Registration is required.**

A Competent Witness: Georgiana Yoke and the Trial of H. H. Holmes

Saturday, May 25

1:00-2:00 PM

Montgomery Campus

Presented by Judith Nickels



Georgiana's affectionate new husband, Dr. Henry H. Holmes, is also a swindler, a kidnapper, and will one day be known as America's first serial killer. Carefully researched and closely based on real events, *A Competent Witness* recasts the infamous story of H. H. Holmes as it unfolded to the woman he cruelly deceived. **Registration is required.**

Look Up at the Stars: An Astronomy Program

Friday, May 31

7:00-9:00 PM

Montgomery Campus

Presented by Kevin Manning



Join Astronomer Kevin Manning for a fascinating program for all ages. Come and learn about our amazing universe. Kevin will bring a powerful telescope for outside viewing (weather permitting) after sunset.

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

March 21, April 18 and May 16

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: March 13 (Button Art), April 10 (Wooden Egg Painting), and May 8 (DIY Sharpie Mugs) 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.

Tech Day

Tuesday, March 26 12:30 to 4:30 at the Montgomery Campus

Drop by the Montgomery Campus to see demonstrations of technology on offer by the Oswego Public Library District. Staff will be on hand to assist with E-readers, 3D Printing and other items. **No registration required.**

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

March 12, April 9 and May 14

Fridays 6:30-8:30 PM

March 8, April 12 and May 10



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. Have you seen any wildlife lately? Why not get a closer look with a good pair of binoculars?



Virtual Reality @ the Library

Mondays March 11, April 8 and May 13

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

Saturday, March 30

10:00-11:00 AM

Montgomery Campus

Memory Matters is a gathering for those with early to mid-stage memory loss and their caregiver. Join our informal social gathering in a safe, fun environment. 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.



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