

Oswego Public Library District

Book Discussion Groups

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

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

Contact group moderator Gloria in Adult Services for more information.

<u>September 6</u>	<u>October 4</u>	<u>November 1</u>	<u>December 6</u>
<i>Behold the Dreamers</i>	<i>The Other Einstein</i>	<i>Killers of the Flower Moon</i>	<i>Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk</i>
by Imbolo Mbue	by Marie Benedict	by David Grann	Kathleen Rooney

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

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

Contact group moderator Laura in Adult Services for more information.

<u>September 13</u>	<u>October 11</u>	<u>November 8</u>
<i>The Pillars of the Earth</i>	<i>The Pillars of the Earth (cont'd)</i>	<i>The Nightingale</i>
by Ken Follett	by Ken Follett	by Kristin Hannah

Genre Book Club: *Explores and discusses a new genre every month.*

Meets the second Tuesday of the month at the Montgomery Campus, 7:00-8:00 PM

Contact group moderator Andrea in Adult Services for more information.


<u>September 11</u>	<u>October 9</u>	<u>November 13</u>
<i>Headhunters on My Doorstep</i>	<i>Frankenstein</i>	<i>The Sense of an Ending</i>
by J. Maarten Troost	by Mary Shelley	by Julian Barnes

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

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

Contact group moderator Camille in Adult Services for more information.

<u>September 19</u>	<u>October 17</u>	<u>November 14</u>
<i>Crossing Places</i>	<i>Incendiary</i>	<i>Mystery in White</i>
by Elly Griffiths	by Michael Cannell	by J. Jefferson Farjeon

 <p>Oswego Public Library District 1111 Reading Drive, Montgomery IL 60538 32 West Jefferson Street, Oswego IL 60543 Adult Services: (630) 978-1024 www.oswego.lib.il.us</p>	Hours	
	Monday-Friday	9:00 AM-9:00 PM
	Saturday	9:00 AM-5:00 PM
	Sunday	Noon-4:00 PM



Adult Services: Fall/Winter Programs

Noble Discontent: Louisa May Alcott

September marks the 150th anniversary of the publication of *Little Women*

Tuesday, September 4

7:00-8:00 PM

Oswego Campus

Presented by Debra Miller

Poet and author, abolitionist and nurse, patriot and suffragist: Louisa May Alcott was so much more than the author of *Little Women*.



Registration is required.

The Road That Leads to Lincoln: An Illinois Bicentennial Program

Saturday, September 8

1:00-2:00 PM

Montgomery Campus

Presented by Dave Clark

The Road that Leads to Lincoln takes a whimsical look at the commercial abuses of Lincoln's name, likeness and legacy. We then trace Lincoln's paths from his family's subsistence farm to the growth of his legal and political careers, and how those careers influenced the rise of Illinois as the crossroads of the nation and the Gateway to the West.



Registration is required.

Memory Loss, Dementia and Alzheimer's

Saturday, September 15

1:00-2:00 PM

Montgomery Campus

Presented by Mayra Ligeza of the Alzheimer's Assoc.

If you or someone you know is affected by Alzheimer's disease or dementia, it's time to learn the facts. This program provides information on diagnosis, risk factors, disease stages, treatment options and much more.

Registration is required.

Forging a President: How the Wild West Created Teddy Roosevelt

Saturday, September 22

1:00-2:00 PM

Montgomery Campus

Presented by William Hazelgrove

Author William Hazelgrove uses Roosevelt's own reflections to immerse viewers in the formative seasons that America's twenty-sixth president spent in "the broken country" of the Wild West. **Registration is required.**



Our 7th Annual Literary Fest

Sunday, September 30

9:00 AM-1:00 PM

Oswego Campus



The Oswego Cultural Arts Commission and Oswego Public Library District present the 7th Annual Oswego Literary Festival on Sunday, September 30, from 9AM-1PM. Yes, Sunday! Held on the sidewalk and main floor of the Oswego Campus, please join us for Illinois author signings and book sales direct from the authors themselves, a raffle, live music, a community art exhibit, readings and more!

Illinois Peregrines: From Decline to Recovery

Saturday, October 6

10:30-11:30 AM

Montgomery Campus



Mary Hennen, Director of the Chicago Peregrine Program, Bird Division, at the Field Museum will present a program on the return of Peregrine Falcons in Chicago. Once on the Endangered Species List and extirpated in Illinois from 1951 until 1986, the Peregrine Falcon population is now past historic levels.

Mary's presentation will take us through the recovery of the Peregrines in Illinois. As the majority of the population now lives in an urban habitat, learn what it means to live in close proximity to this remarkable bird. Mary's presentation will include photos of some of the beautiful watercolors of Field Museum artist-in-residence Peggy Macnamara used as illustrations in Mary's book *The Peregrine Returns* (Univ. of Chicago Press).

Also, weather permitting, Mary will bring her live permanently disabled Peregrine Falcon. **Registration is required.**

Medicare Can Be Confusing

Tuesday, October 9

7:00-8:00 PM

Oswego Campus

Presented by Liliana Rubiano

Liliana Rubiano of Existential Insurance Senior Services will be presenting a free educational seminar to get you up to speed on what Medicare covers, what it doesn't and your potential out of pocket exposure. She'll discuss Supplements, Advantage Plans, Part D and cost strategies.

Registration is required.



Illinois at 200

Tuesday, October 23

7:00 PM-8:00 PM

Oswego Campus

Presented by William Pack

Celebrate the Illinois Bicentennial! William Pack will take you through 200 years of state history, testing you on your knowledge of state trivia and offer a chance to win prizes. Along the way, he'll tell stories about the creation of the state, how your community got its name and some of the strange and humorous tidbits of Illinois lore.

Registration is required.



Movie Poster Exhibit and Matching Activity

Saturday, November 3

9:00-4:30 PM

Montgomery Campus

Presented by William Brandeis



View the poster exhibit in the lobby of the Montgomery Campus and take part in a fun matching activity. Match several descriptions correctly and you could win a prize. Limited to one entry per participant due by 4:20 PM that day.

No registration required.

What Happens After the Paychecks Stop?

Tuesday, November 6

7:00-8:00 PM

Oswego Campus

Presented by Justin Gifford, Financial Advisor



A seminar that discusses income during retirement. We'll explore how to budget for retirement expenses, examine potential sources of retirement income and identify ways to address potential risks.

Registration is required.

Christmas Memories

Tuesday, December 11

7:00-8:00 PM

Oswego Campus

Presented by Becky Tatar and Marilee Foltz



Come join us for an evening of traditional and new Christmas songs and feel free to join in and sing along.

Registration is required.

Monthly Programs

The 20 to 30s Club

Meets: September 18 (Game Night), and October 16 (Anime Night)

Oswego Campus, 6:30-8:30 PM

Come join others in their 20-30s for board game nights, art sessions, nostalgic themes, fandom activities, life skills and more! Fun and food guaranteed!

Registration preferred, but drop-ins are welcome.

34/30 Writers' Group

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

September 20, October 18, November 15

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.**

Keep Calm and Color

Meets the last Tuesday of the month at the Oswego Campus, 6:30-8:15 PM

September 25 and October 30

Take your mind off of the daily stresses of life and join us for a relaxing evening of good company, soothing music and a nice cup of coffee or tea. Coloring materials will be provided. People of all artistic skill levels are welcome.

Drop-ins are welcome, registration is preferred.

Registering helps us to be able to provide enough materials to accommodate all attendees.

Though advance registration is not required, it is strongly advised to make sure there will be adequate seating, materials, and of course, plenty of coffee!

Get Crafty

Meets: September 12, October 10, November 14 and December 12 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+

Next Chapter Book Club

Meets on Fridays at the Oswego Campus, 4:00-5:00 PM

September 7, 14, 21 and 28; October 5, 12, 19 and 26; November 2, 9 and 16

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.

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

September 11, October 9, November 13 and December 11

Fridays 6:30-8:30 PM

September 14, October 12, November 9 and December 14

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.**

Restorative Yoga

Debbie Konopka, Instructor

Mondays 6:30-7:30 at the Montgomery Campus

October 1 and November 26



Restorative yoga is an excellent opportunity to disconnect from the frenetic activity of daily life and let your speedometer return to 0 mph. Please join us for a beginner's restorative yoga class. We will be using props to aid us in holding some simple poses and stretches, helping us achieve a deep level of relaxation while restoring our physical and mental balance.

Registration is required. Please bring a mat or towel. For Adults 18+

Please note! Class is limited to 21 participants so please register early to secure your spot.

Virtual Reality @ the Library



Sundays September 23, October 21, November 18 and December 16

Session 1 1:00-1:30

Session 2 1:30-2:00

Session 3 2:00-2:30

Session 4 2:30-3:00

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Mondays September 10, October 8 and November 12

Session 1 6:00-6:30

Session 2 6:30-7:00

Session 3 7:00-7:30

Session 4 7:30-8:00

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Sign up for a 30 minute Virtual Reality session. You'll have a 5 minute tutorial and 20 minutes to play. You can choose an experience or a game to play. It's 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

September 29, October 27 (Please note: No meeting in November and December)

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.**