

## 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>March 1</u>	<u>April 5</u>	<u>May 3</u>
<i>Arthur &amp; George</i>	<i>Cooking for Picasso</i>	<i>No One Is Coming to Save Us</i>
by Julian Barnes	by Camille Aubray	by Stephanie Powell Watts

**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>March 8</u>	<u>April 12</u>	<u>May 10</u>
<i>This Is How It Always Is</i>	<i>The Second Mrs. Hockaday</i>	<i>A Change of Heart</i>
by Laurie Frankel	by Susan Rivers	by Sonali Dev

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

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

Contact group moderator Andrea in Adult Services for more information.


<u>March 8</u>	<u>April 12</u>	<u>May 10</u>
<i>The House of Silk</i>	<i>Dark Matter</i>	<i>All Other Nights</i>
by Anthony Horowitz	by Blake Crouch	by Dara Horn

**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>March 21</u>	<u>April 18</u>	<u>May 16</u>
<i>Before the Fall</i>	<i>Love, Lies and Liquor</i>	<i>The Ranger</i>
by Noah Hawley	by M.C. Beaton	by Ace Atkins

 <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

## Spring Programs

### Cleopatra: The Last Pharaoh of Egypt

Saturday, March 10  
 1:00-2:00 PM  
 Montgomery Campus



**Presented by Martina Mathisen**

She was the most famous female ruler in history. Her story is more amazing and incredible than a fiction author could imagine! Cleopatra "herself" will share her astounding story, audacious spirit, and astonishing guile in a presentation sure to entertain and inform. Oh, the daring of Cleopatra! In costume and in character, Martina Mathisen is Cleopatra.

**Registration is required.**

### Wet Plate Photography and the American Civil War

Tuesday, March 13  
 7:00-8:00 PM  
 Oswego Campus



**Presented by Rebecca Sutera Tulloch**

A presentation on the history and use of wet plate photography during the Civil War. The audience will learn about the history of the birth of photography, famous 19th century photographers such as Louis Daguerre and Matthew Brady, a description of the wet plate photographic process, and a demonstration of a wet plate 1850s box camera.

**Registration is required.**

### America Through My Eyes

Saturday, April 14  
 1:00-2:00 PM  
 Montgomery Campus

**Presented by Rania Zeithar**

Author Rania Zeithar will present a program discussing her book, *America Through My Eyes: Experiences of an Egyptian American Muslim Woman*.

**Registration is required.**

### Oil Painting Demonstration

Saturday, April 21  
 1:00-2:00 PM  
 Montgomery Campus

**Presented by Artist Leah Mitchell**

Leah Mitchell, whose art is currently on display at the Montgomery Campus, will give an art demonstration.

She will demonstrate how she creates an oil painting and answer questions about her techniques.

**Registration is required.**

### Al Capone and the 1933 World's Fair: The End of the Gangster Era in Chicago

Saturday, April 28  
 1:00-2:00 PM  
 Montgomery Campus



**Presented by William Hazelgrove**

A historical look at Chicago during the darkest days of the Great Depression. The story of Chicago fighting back against the grip that organized crime had on the city to present the 1933 World's Fair.

**Registration is required.**



## Meet Mary Cassatt: An American Artist

Tuesday, May 8  
7:00-8:00 PM  
Oswego Campus

**Presented by Lynn Rymarz**



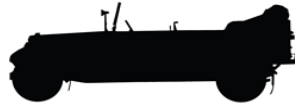
Meet Mary Cassatt. Hear about her childhood growing up in a wealthy family in Pennsylvania and her early desires to become a professional artist. Discover her determination as she moved to Paris where she studied the master artists of her day.

**Registration is required.**

## Bertha Benz and the History of the German Automobile

Saturday, May 12  
1:00-2:00 PM  
Montgomery Campus

**Presented by Anette Isaacs**



Hardly anyone knows that the history of the automobile's origin is, to a great extent, due to Bertha Benz, a young mother of five, who 130 years ago - in a secret attempt to visit her mother - became the first human being ever to drive an automobile over a long distance.

**Registration is required.**

## The Adventures of a Desert Queen: A Lecture by Gertrude Bell

Saturday, May 19  
1:00-2:00 PM  
Montgomery Campus

**Presented by Betsey Means**



Gertrude Bell (1868-1926) was a lone English woman in the male Muslim world of the Middle East. She was a famous author who wrote about the Arabs, an acknowledged archaeologist, a courageous traveler who dined with china and crystal, dressed in extravagant clothes, rode on a camel and horse and penetrated dangerous regions of the Arabian desert. **Registration is required.**

## Monthly Programs

### The 20 to 30s Club

Meets: March 20 (Throne of Games Night), April 17 (Blanket Forts) and May 15 (Throne of Games 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! The club meets the third Tuesday of every month. Fun and food guaranteed!

### 34/30 Writers' Group

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

March 15, April 19 and May 17

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

March 27, April 24 and May 29

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.**

## Next Chapter Book Club

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

March 2, 9, 16 and 23-April 13, 20 and 27 and May 4, 11 and 18



Adolescents and adult 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. Four to eight members and two volunteer club meeting facilitators 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

March 13, April 10 and May 8

Fridays 6:30-8:30 PM

March 9, April 13, and May 11

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.**

**Local Artist Spotlight** – Artist Leah Mitchell will exhibit her work at the Montgomery Campus February through March.

Leah Mitchell is a contemporary realist oil painter. Her work is primarily figurative, centering around human beings in all of their flawed glory. Her work is traditional in that it emphasizes the aesthetic and emotive experience and employs technical rigor in the creation of paintings that will withstand the test of time. Her work has been exhibited nationally and is currently available for viewing locally at The Paramount Theater in Aurora, and the Aurora Public Art Commission's "Nevertheless" exhibit. Mitchell earned a bachelor's degree in History from North Central College and then went on to study at The School of Representational Art in Chicago for two years. In 2017 she earned her MFA in painting from Northern Illinois University and is currently working on an MA in Art History from NIU. She lives in Sugar Grove with her husband and three children.

**Artist Submissions**-Are you an artist who would like to exhibit your artwork at the Oswego Public Library District? If so, please contact Laura in Adult Services at 630-978-1024 for more information. Priority will be given to Oswego and Montgomery-area residents. The Local Artist Spotlight is for display only. No sales may be allowed in the library.

## OsweGrow Presents: SCORE Workshops

Join OsweGrow, the small business partnership between the Village of Oswego and the Oswego Public Library District, for monthly morning workshops presented by SCORE. Workshops will focus on how to connect small business owners and entrepreneurs with the people and information they need to start, grow and maintain their businesses.

**Hiring the Best People:** Thursday, March 22, 8:00-9:30 AM at the Oswego Campus. Selecting employees and people to work for you is key to your business success. This workshop will provide you some key methods for making sure you do this right the first time.

### SCORE Workshop Series: Creating Your Business Plan

Whether you are starting a new business or own an existing one, these six workshops can help you to develop and review all the key sections of your business plan and learn how to tailor your plan to your business needs. Homework is required. Attendees who complete all six sessions will leave with a complete and thorough business plan. SCORE mentors will be available to work with you before, during, and after class.

Fridays, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

April 20, April 27, May 4, May 11, May 18, May 25

REGISTRATION AND FEE

There is a one-time \$99 fee which should be paid directly to SCORE at the time of registration at:

<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07ef3xmlweea969c37&oseq=&c=&ch=>

### Memory Matters

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

March 31, April 28 and May 26

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.**



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