



## LA GRANGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Director's Message

March and April are Big Read months here at the Library. This year's book is *Zeitoun* by Dave Eggers. Set in New Orleans during Hurricane Katrina, *Zeitoun* tells the true story of a Syrian-American businessman and father who stays in the city during evacuation, helping stranded neighbors and animals, until the day he abruptly disappears. *Zeitoun* is very entertaining. For more information about Big Read programs at all area libraries, visit [thebigread.org](http://thebigread.org).

This year, we're adding a Big Read program for children, called "Kids Read, Too!" Kids can read *A Place Where Hurricanes Happen* by Renee Watson, and participate in some exciting programs related to the book. Visit Youth Services for more information, or register for programs online at [www.lagrangelibrary.org](http://www.lagrangelibrary.org).

*Jeannie Dilger-Hill*

### March/April Adult Programs

Visit our Calendar of Events at [www.lagrangelibrary.org](http://www.lagrangelibrary.org) for more information

#### Those Were the Days: Old Time Radio

Sunday, March 6 at 2:00 pm

#### AARP Driver Safety Program

Tuesday/Thursday, March 15 & 17, 10:30 am-2:30 pm, OR  
Tuesday/Wednesday, April 19 & 20, 10:30 am-2:30 pm

#### Retirement Has Changed. What's Your Next Move?

Sunday, April 3 at 2:00 pm

#### Paying for Education

Sunday, April 3 at 3:00 pm

#### From A to Z: The Speller in Me

Sunday, April 10 at 2:00 pm

# The Book Report

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### Big Read Adult Programs

#### Katrina @ Eye Level: Hands-On Relief Efforts in New Orleans

Sunday, March 13 at 2:00 pm

Hear the straight story from Katrina rescue volunteers John Prohl and Tom Lithio. View captivating photos of the disaster and hear personal stories of how the people of New Orleans coped with the hurricane.

#### Midway Ramblers Cajun Band Concert

Wednesday, April 6 at 7:30 pm

The Midway Ramblers Cajun Band is sure to get your toes tapping and feet stomping with the traditions of Cajun and Creole, high energy Zydeco, and even a little Swamp Pop.

#### Book Discussion: *Zeitoun* by Dave Eggers

Monday, April 11 at 7:00 pm

We invite you to read this year's Big Read selection, *Zeitoun*, and attend a book discussion to share your thoughts with others.

#### A Taste of Mardi Gras

Tuesday, April 12 at 7:00 pm

Popular chef, Dave Esau, will tickle your taste buds with typical Mardi Gras fare – beignets, gumbo, and fritters. Tastings and recipes included!

#### Real Cajun Culture

Monday, May 2 at 7:00 pm

Susan Boldrey takes us through the bayous, near the alligators, and into the home of a Cajun family. We'll stroll and eat our way through the streets of New Orleans, checking out Mardi Gras, jazz, and the Creole spirit.

#### Thank You Friends!

All Big Read programs, materials and Book Club in a Bag are made possible by contributions to the Friends of the Library.

[lagrangelibrary.org](http://lagrangelibrary.org) Learn. *Explore*. Connect.

# Youth Services March/April Programs

## Spring Storytime

March 21 through April 29

Registration is required for Children's Storytimes and programs unless indicated as "drop-in". Registration for March programs begins March 1. Registration for April Programs begins March 28.

## Lapsit Storytime

For children ages 6 to 23 months and their caregivers.

Wednesdays 9:15-9:45 am or 11:00-11:30 am or

Fridays 9:15-9:45 am

## Storytime

Ages 2 and 3

Tuesdays 10:00-10:30 am or Thursdays 10:00-10:30 am or

Fridays 10:00-10:30 am

Ages 4 and 5

Mondays 10:00-10:30 am or Wednesdays 1:30-2:00 pm

Grades K – 2

Thursdays 3:45-4:15 pm

## P. J. Storytime

All Ages with a Caregiver. No Registration Necessary.

Fridays 7:00-7:30 pm

## Special Needs Storytime

Saturdays, March 12 and April 9, 10:00-10:30 am

The entire family is invited to a special storytime designed for children with various needs. We'll have stories, songs, fingerplays and a simple craft. We encourage pre-registration, so we have enough supplies for all children attending.

## Spanish Storytime presented by Language Stars

Ages 6 months to 6 years

Fridays, March 11 and April 8, 11:15am

Take part in a storytime presented entirely in Spanish. Presented by a native Spanish speaker from Language Stars in Hinsdale, this is a perfect opportunity for native and non-native speakers to experience the Spanish language. Registration is not required.

## Read to the Dogs

Grades 1-6

Mondays, March 21 and April 18, 7:00 pm

Readers are welcome to sign up to read to a specially trained dog for 15 minutes. Dogs are great listeners no matter what your reading level!

## The Kids Read Too!

Similar to the Big Read for Adults, La Grange kids are invited to partake in a community-wide literary event for young people. We will be reading *A Place Where Hurricanes Happen* by Renee Watson. Stop by the library for the Resource Guide listing all the programs offered at participating libraries. The programs hosted at the La Grange Public Library are:

Kidsworks Touring Theatre Co. presents

## The Music, Traditions and Stories of New Orleans

Sunday, March 20, 2:00-3:00 pm

This hands-on program will introduce the audience to the people, culture and historic events of New Orleans. Children will use costumes and theatrics to play an active role in re-creating the story *A Place Where Hurricanes Happen*.

Afternoon at the Movies showing of Disney's

## The Princess and the Frog

Thursday, March 31, 2:00-3:45 pm

Drop in for this big screen showing of Disney's retelling of the classic princess tale set in New Orleans.

## Weather Workshop presented by Mad Science

Sunday, April 10, 2:00-3:00 pm

What are hurricanes? Learn about these fierce storms and other types of weather in this hands-on science workshop. Registration is required.

## The Kids Read, Too! Book Party

Wednesday, April 13, 4:00-5:30 pm

We are having a book party and you're invited! Come explore the book *A Place Where Hurricanes Happen* and the rich culture of New Orleans through games, food, music and more.

## Book Discussions

Join us for our monthly interactive book discussion groups. We provide the snacks, you provide the enthusiasm! A copy of the book will be available for checkout at the Youth Services desk.

Registration for April book discussions will begin on Monday, March 21.

## Fun with Books

Grade 1

Tuesdays, March 8 and April 12, 3:45-4:30 pm

## Adventures in Reading

Grades 2-3

Tuesdays, March 15 and April 19, 3:45-4:30 pm

## For Kids Only

Grades 4-6

Tuesdays, March 22 April 26, 3:45-4:30 pm

## Junior Explorers

Grades 1-3

Mondays, March 14 and April 18, 3:45-4:45 pm

Explore a different theme each month using visuals and crafts. In March, we will take a look at rainbows and construct a rainbow mobile complete with a pot of gold. Then, in April, we will construct a lighthouse while learning its history and purpose.

## Waste Not / Want Not

Grades 3-6

Monday, March 21, 3:45-4:45 pm

Get creative by making something old new again while learning about the 3 R's: reduce, reuse and recycle. We will make fun and funky magnets and key chains using recycled bottle caps.

## Young Poets

Grades 3-6

Monday, April 25, 3:45-4:45 pm

April is National Poetry Month! We will take a look at a few types of poetry, from rhyming poems to tongue twisters. After sharing some of our favorites, we will each create our own magnetic poetry set to take home.

## Tyler's Time Programs

The Tyler's Time programs are paid for through the generous donations to the Tyler Duelm Fund.



## Mother Goose and Her Friends

Preschool through Kindergarten

Thursday, April 14, 3:45-4:30 pm

This year's theme for National Library Week is Create Your Own Story @ Your Library. What better way for our youngest patrons to celebrate than with Mother Goose? Full of rhyme, puppetry, and creative dramatics, this program offers the opportunity to interact with a professional storyteller and participate in the "magic" of puppetry and nursery rhymes.

## Bird Nest Creation

presented by the La Grange Garden Club

Grades 3-6

Monday, April 11, 3:45-4:45 pm

Spring is in the air, and the La Grange Garden Club will share their talents to help you bring the season indoors. Register to create a colorful bird's nest that will brighten any table in the home.

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# Programs for Young Adults

## Who's Your Caddy?

Tuesday, March 1 and Tuesday, March 8, 6:00-8:30 pm

Caddying is a great way to make a few bucks! Larry Regan, who has caddied at Butler National Golf Club, Medinah, and La Grange Country Club will illustrate the rules, etiquette, and strategies of golf for country club caddying. Registration for both classes is required.

## Are You Ready for the ACT?

Practice Test: Saturday, March 12, 12:00-3:30 pm

Discussion of Results: Wednesday, March 23, 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration required by March 6

Come experience firsthand what test day will be like. Kaplan will provide a proctored ACT practice test on March 12, and will return scores during an ACT strategies workshop on March 23. Bring #2 pencils, an approved calculator ([act.org](http://act.org)) and a healthy snack. Space is limited for this FREE test!

## Teen Advisory Board

Thursdays, March 10 and April 14, 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration required

We are seeking teens who love the Library and want to help shape its teen services. TAB is a forum for teens aged 12 through high school who suggest materials that the Library should purchase. We will meet from September through May on the second Thursday

of the month for an hour to discuss books, magazines, teen issues, and programs.

## Teen Writing Club

Tuesdays, March 22 and April 12, 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration required

Do you have an inner writer itching to come out? Let's meet every month to share our work and try fun writing prompts and exercises.

## Babysitting Clinic

Monday, April 18, 4:00-6:30 pm and

Monday, April 25, 4:00-5:30 pm

In-person registration required by April 11

George Scukanec from the Willowbrook Park District will guide you through this hands-on clinic, covering child care, first aid, and babysitter training. If you attend **both** sessions, you will receive your **Babysitting Certification** at the end of the second class! Cost: \$20.00, payable at registration. Open to ages 11-15.

## Registration Information

Young Adult programs require registration. Visit [www.lagrangelibrary.org](http://www.lagrangelibrary.org), call the library at 708.352.0576, or email us at [ya@lagrangelibrary.org](mailto:ya@lagrangelibrary.org).



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## Board Meetings

Tuesday, March 15 at 7:30 pm  
Tuesday, April 19 at 7:30 pm

## Friends of the Library

### Annual Membership Meeting

Wednesday, April 6 at 7:30 pm

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## Book Discussions

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Call Reference  
Services at  
708.352.0576  
ext.18.

*Stoner*  
by John Williams  
Thursday, March 10, 2011 at 7:00 pm

### Great Books Discussion

This group discusses  
classical selections  
with the assistance  
of volunteer  
Al Silinis.

*Six Characters in Search of an Author*  
and *An Enquiry Concerning Human  
Understanding*  
Wednesday, March 16 at 7:00 pm

*Interpreter of Maladies* by Jhumpa Lahiri  
and *Introduction to the Second Sex* by  
Simone de Beauvoir  
Wednesday, April 20 at 7:00 pm

### Noir in a Bar

Edgy books, perhaps  
a drink, in a local  
bar or restaurant.

*Truth and Beauty* by Ann Patchett  
Call Reference Services at 708.352.0576  
ext.18. Meet at Palmer Place, 56 S.  
La Grange Rd.  
Tuesday, March 29 at 7:30 pm

## Classic Film Club

Friday, March 18 at 10:00 am  
Friday, April 15 at 10:00 am

Join us once a month for a classic film, freshly popped corn, and a short discussion. Call 708.352.0576 for titles.

## Master Gardener

Saturdays, April 2 & April 16, 10:00 am-2:00 pm

U of I Master Gardener Bob Resch will be in the lobby to answer questions and provide gardening information.

## March/April Exhibits

### March

Art from Lyons Township High School students will be featured on all three floors of the Library.

### April

Public elementary schools in School Districts 102 and 105 will showcase student artwork throughout the Library.

## Closed

Sunday, April 24 for Easter