

# Acorn Public Library

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**Winter 2015**



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## New Library Catalog Coming This Spring

Patrons who enjoy using the library catalog to find and order books will have a lot more to like, starting this spring. Acorn Public Library, in connection with other public libraries in the SWAN library consortium, will switch over to a new software system in April 2015. The catalog will be easier to search and will offer many new features to enhance your library experience. Our online newsletter and website will provide more details as they become available. Using your library is about to get even better!

### Have you been to our new website?

Please check out the new site at :

[www.acornlibrary.org](http://www.acornlibrary.org).

We're eager to hear what you think about it, so drop us a line at [acorn@acornlibrary.org](mailto:acorn@acornlibrary.org) and let us know what you like and what you think could be improved.

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**Acorn Movie Club** – If you are 18 or older and consider yourself a movie buff or an amateur film critic—or if you just enjoy watching movies and talking about them—the Acorn Movie Club may be right for you. The group will be watching and discussing a variety of contemporary and classic films from around the world. Similar to our book discussion groups, members of the Acorn Movie Club will pick up copies of selected movies at the Reference Desk to watch and then meet to talk about them the third Wednesday of each month at 7 PM. If you have any questions or would like to join the group, contact the Reference Department.

**Timeless Cinema Tuesdays: Join us each month at 2 PM for the classics:** Jan 20. -*The Wizard of Oz*, Feb. 17 - *2001: Space Odyssey*, Mar. 17 - *Rocky*, Apr. 21 - *Jurassic Park*

**Monday Movie Matinees:** Featured Films monthly on the first Monday at 2 PM at the Library. Movies in date order include: Jan. - *Guardians of the Galaxy*, Feb. - *The Hundred Foot Journey*, Mar. - *Get on Up*, Apr. - *The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 1*

**Resume Writing Workshop** - Saturday, January 17 at 2 PM. Join Sarah Williams of 24 Hour Resume in an interactive workshop that will provide you with the tools to enhance your job search.

**Retirement 101 Seminar**- Thursday, January 22 at 6:30 PM. Get answers to important questions such as planning ahead, investment options, and budgeting. Presented by L2 Group at Morgan Stanley.

**Creating Your own Legacy and Lores** Thursday, February 5 at 6:30 PM. This workshop will help motivate you to capture stories and memories to hand down to the next generations. Join author Joann Dobbie to learn more about this process.

**Turning 65: Understanding Medicare Parts A & B:** Thursday, February 26 at 10:30 AM. Learn more about this program.

**Pizza Pizzal :** Thursday, March 5 at 6:30 PM. Chef Michael Niksic returns with a new take on one of America's favorite foods—pizza! Attendees will have tasting opportunities as pizzas will be toasted during the presentation.

**Spring Crafts:** Monday, March 30 at 7 PM. Learn to create crafts for Easter, Mother's Day, Graduations, Etc.

**Roadside History of Illinois:** Thursday, April 23 at 7 PM. Chicago author, Stan Banash will present this program giving a history of this state from the Ice Age to the present.

**Understanding Social Security:** Thursday, April 30 at 7 PM. Are you or someone you know ready to begin receiving Social Security? Join Greg Kurinec of Bentron Financial Group for an informative discussion about the Social Security System.

**Computer Classes:** Acorn Library offers computer classes each month in our lower level computer lab. There is a \$5 non-refundable fee for the class, and sign up is required in advance.

Please check the website at [www.acornlibrary.org](http://www.acornlibrary.org) or stop in to find a class that is right for you.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SIGN UP FOR A PROGRAM, CONTACT CIRCULATION THE DESK AT(708)687-3700.**

## OTHER LIBRARY SPONSORED PROGRAMS

**MUSE** - Meets on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at 7 PM. Interested in writing a book? This is your group.

**BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** - Our "Tuesday Night Bookies" meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM. For more details and to reserve a book for this group, contact the Circulation Desk.

**QUILT GROUP**- Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 PM. Bring your project and swap great ideas for quilting.

**MORAIN VALLEY ADULTS TEACHING ADULTS** - Meets every Wednesday at 6 PM. For more information, stop by the Library on Wednesday nights.

**NONFICTION BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** - The "Barcodes" meet on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM at Beggar's Pizza. For more information and book titles, contact the Reference Dept.

**FICTION IN A NUTSHELL** - Fiction in a Nutshell meets the last Saturday of every other month at 2:30 PM in the conference room. For more details and to reserve a book, contact the Reference Department.

**Story Time Winter Session:** Thursdays, January 22 - February 26, 2015

**Story Time Spring Session:** Thursdays, March 26—April 30, 2015

Lapsit (Infants-2-years-old): 9:30-9:50 AM OR 10- 10:20 AM      3-5-year-old Story Time: 11- 11:30 AM

Registration is required, beginning January 9 continuing until session is full. You must choose either the 9:30 AM or the 10 AM session of Lapsit. All registrants should plan on regular attendance of all meetings in order to register.

**Story Time at Panera Bread:** Wednesdays, Jan. 7, Feb. 4, Mar. 4, Apr. 1, and May 6, 2015 @ 10 AM. No Registration Required, 15845 Harlem Ave., Orland Park. Join us for stories, songs and cookies! Each child in attendance will receive a free cookie and milk, courtesy of Panera.

**Bedtime Story Time:** Wednesdays, Jan. 14, Feb. 11, Mar. 11, Apr. 8, and May 13, 2015 @ 7 PM. Up to Age 7. Wear your PJ's for a fun night of stories, songs and a craft!

**Story Time Fun:** Tuesdays, Jan. 20, Feb. 17, Mar. 17, Apr. 21, and May 19, 2015 @ 6:30 PM. Up to Age 7. Join us for a night of stories, songs and a craft.

**Registration for all Programs starts two weeks prior to program and ends when full.**

**LEGO Club:** Saturdays, Jan. 24, Feb. 21, Mar. 21, Apr. 18, and May 16, 2015 @ 10:30 AM. Ages 6+ Each meeting we will create around a different theme.

**After School Crafts:** Tuesdays, Jan. 13, Feb. 10, Mar. 10, Apr. 14, and May 12, 2015 @ 4 PM. Ages 6+

**Blocks, Bean Bags and Balls:** Saturdays, Jan.31, Feb. 28, Mar. 28, Apr. 25, and May 23, 2015 @10 AM. 3 and Under with an adult.

**Saturday Craft Club:** Saturdays, Jan. 10, Mar. 7, Apr. 4, and May 2, 2015 @ 11 AM. Ages 6+ January craft: Rainbow Looms - bring your loom, we'll provide the rubber bands. Also, each session will start off with a book exchange! You bring a book, you pick a book.

**Family Bingo:** Saturdays, Jan. 17, Feb. 14, Mar. 14, Apr. 11, and May 9, 2015 @ 2:30 PM All Ages Bring the family for an afternoon of fun games, prizes, and snacks!

**Teen Advisory Group- TAG:** Thursdays, Jan. 15, Feb. 19, Mar. 19, Apr. 16, and May 21, 2015 @ 7 PM Gr. 6 - 12

### Party Corner:

**Valentine's Day Party:** Saturday, February 7 @ 11 AM. Ages 3 -7 w/parent. Come for games, crafts, and fun!

**Fancy Nancy Party:** Saturday, May 16 @ 2:30 PM. Ages K-3rd Grade. Listen to books, play games and activities.

### Reading Programs:

**Young Adult Book Discussion Group:** Fridays, Jan. 9, Feb. 6, Mar. 6, Apr. 3, and May 1, 2015 @ 3:30PM. Gr. 6-12. Join our book discussion group. Members pick what we'll read. Snacks served, copies of the book are at the YS Desk.

**Read to Succeed Reading Program with the Chicago Wolves:** January and February, 2015 All Ages Register for the reading program and set your own reading goals. If you reach your goal by the end of the month you are entered in a raffle for Wolves prizes! See the YS Desk for more details.

**World Wide Wonders Club:** Saturdays, Jan. 24, Feb. 21, Mar. 21, and Apr. 18, 2015 @ 2:30 PM Gr. 1-4 Magic Tree House kids Jack and Annie travel all over the world! Go on a different place every month with us.

**Creative Expressions Art Club:** Wednesdays, Jan. 21, Feb. 18, Apr. 15, and May 20, 2015 @ 4 PM Ages 11-17 Are you an artist? Do you love to be creative? This is for you!

**Drop in Button Making:** Tuesday, January 27 @ 5 PM. Ages 11-17 Using our button maker, you can create unique and fun buttons! Bring any pictures that you would like to make into a button, or we'll have magazines and pictures here.

**Halo Xbox Tournament:** Tuesdays, Feb. 3, and Mar. 3, 2015 @ 5 PM Age 11-17. Join our Halo Tournament! Because Halo is rated M, a signed parent permission slip must be filled out in order to participate.

**Board Game Fun:** Wednesday, March 18, 2015 @ 4 PM. Ages 11-17. Play a variety of board games.

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## Friends of the Library:



The Friends of the Library would like to thank the patrons of our library who have donated and purchased so many books over the years.

If you have creative ideas and a little time to offer, please consider volunteering to help out Acorn Library through the Friends! Membership is open to everyone. The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 3, 2015.

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