

# Off the Shelf

January-February 2014

## Library Closings

The Library will be closed for a staff in-service day on Friday, February 21.

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## Support the Friends

If you are interested in volunteering at the Library or in the bookstore, please contact Friends of WPL at [Wilmettepubliclibraryfriends@gmail.com](mailto:Wilmettepubliclibraryfriends@gmail.com).

## Find us on Twitter

If you're looking for a new way to stay on top of the latest events at the Library, plus fun book news and events from around the community, give us a follow on Twitter. You can find us at @WPLWilmette.

## The Future of the Book

In times of great change, there is a great opportunity. Explore the Future of the Book, a weekend of activities for book lovers. For more information about each of these events, please visit our website. The Future of the Book is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



### Gaming As an Interactive Book

**Thursday, Feb. 28, 7:00, Auditorium**

Virtual Services Manager Stephen Koebel reviews gaming software and how it emulates a book experience with narrative plot elements, character development, and a need for critical thinking skills on the part of the reader.

### Papermaking and Bookmaking with Book Artist Narae Kim

**Saturday, Mar. 1, 9:30 OR 11:30, Auditorium, Ages 8+.** Registration required. Register through the Library's online calendar beginning February 1.

### FOR KIDS! Writing Past, Present, and Future

**Saturday, Mar. 1 and Sunday, Mar. 2, drop in between 2:00 and 4:00, YPR**

Explore different ways of writing throughout history! Decorate an illuminated letter, experiment with a typewriter, make a simple book, and create stories on an iPad.

### What is the future of the book, literally?

**Saturday, Mar. 1, 2:30, Auditorium**

How long does a book, as a physical object, last? Why would a book published in 1895 be in worse shape than one published in 1750? Learn more with Helen McGettrick, a reference librarian at Chicago's Newberry Library.



### From Clay Tablets to Apple Tablets: The Evolution and the Continuity of the Book

**Sunday, Mar. 2, 2:00, Auditorium**

Jeffrey B. Garrett, Associate University Librarian for Special Libraries & Director, Special Collections and Archives, Northwestern University

### Explore the Digital Book

**Feb. 25 – Mar. 1, Recent Arrivals Area**

Your library is digital – discover all we have to offer. Try out different ereaders and tablets.

## Donna Herula & Tony Nardiello Sing the Blues

**Sunday, Jan. 5, 2:00**

This husband and wife are a Chicago-area based blues duo with a passion for performing pre-war, early Chicago, and Delta blues. Together, Donna and Tony bring harmony, heart, and driving rhythm to the blues tradition.



## Film Screening: *Murray the Hump*

**Thursday, Jan. 23, 7:00**

Enjoy this film about one of Al Capone's henchmen. Filmed in Welsh with English subtitles, you'll go deep into the life of a true criminal mastermind with this classic film. This screening is presented by The Cambrian Benevolent Society of Chicago.



## Northlight Theatre Presents *Tom Jones*

**Tuesday, Jan. 28, 1:00**

Members of the cast and artists from Northlight Theatre's production of *Tom Jones* will share scenes as well as experiences working on this new adaptation of Henry Fielding's classic novel, a charming tale full of timeless wit and good old-fashioned, bawdy fun. Enter a drawing at the presentation for a free pair of tickets.

## Chi-Town Hotshots

**Sunday, Feb. 16, 2:00**

The Chi-Town Hot Shots is a "hot" jazz and blues band playing music from 1900 through 1930, when Chicago was the jazz and blues capital of the world. Songs draw from the great composers and musicians of the era: Louis Armstrong, Jelly Roll Morton, King Oliver, Bix Biederbeck and many others. Played in the authentic style of the period, this band is a lot of fun!

### SPECIAL AUTHOR VISIT

Julia Sweeney Visits the Library

**Sunday, Jan. 19, 2:00, Auditorium**

**Tickets required**

Writer and performer Julia Sweeney discusses her new book, *If It's Not One Thing, It's Your Mother*. These funny and wise essays follow Sweeney through many adventures that shaped her life, from starring on Saturday Night Live to becoming a mini-van-driving mom. Copies of the book will be available for purchase; author signing follows program.

*Free tickets will be available starting Saturday, Jan. 11, 9:00, Recent Arrivals desk. Must be Wilmette or Kenilworth residents. In-person reservations only.*



## Simple Steps to Improve your Mood

**Wednesday, Feb. 26, 7:00**

This presentation from Dr. Sarah Allen will help you cope with the winter blues and see the bright light at the end of the season.

## Art, Culture & Film

*For more about any of these events, visit our online calendar via our website.*

### Foreign Film Screenings

**Thursdays, Jan. 16 and Feb. 20, 9:30, with refreshments starting at 9**

### Lyric Opera Lecture

**Wednesdays, Jan. 22 and Feb. 12, 10:00**

### Fiber Arts Group

**Every Thursday, 10:00**

### Wilmette Writers Group

**Every Sunday, 7:00**

## Winning Artists Mount Shows in the Library

The Library is pleased to present two solo art shows by finalists in our 2012 and 2013 Juried Art Shows.

Art Fox, an artist and physician from Chicago, will present selected works from his photography collection from January 9 through January 28.

In February, the Library will exhibit the work of Julie Rice, whose work placed third in the 2013 Art Show.

If you are interested in viewing these shows, please call the Library to ensure the Auditorium is available.



## Support Groups

ADHD Support Group

*Wednesdays, Jan. 8 & Feb. 5,  
7:00*

Diabetes Support Group

*Wednesdays, Jan. 8 and Feb.  
12, 7:00*

Caregivers of Children  
with Mental Illness Support  
Group

*Friday, Jan. 17, 9:30*

Alzheimer's Support Group

*Mondays, Jan. 27 &  
Feb. 24, 7:00*

# Speaking of Books

## Winter Reading Club

Laugh your way through winter with the Adult & Teen Winter Reading Club. Pick up your sign-up gift and reading log at the Recent Arrivals Desk starting January 2 and running through March 2.

Those who read or listen to three books will receive a \$5.00 gift card and be entered to win the grand prize of a \$50.00 gift card to the Wilmette Theatre.



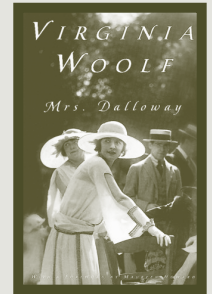
## Classics and Contemporary

*Mrs. Dalloway* by Virginia Woolf

*Tuesday, Jan. 14, 10:30*

*One Hundred Years of Solitude* by Gabriel García Márquez

*Tuesday, Feb. 11, 10:30*



## Fourth Monday Book Discussion

Classic Mysteries – The Roots of the Genre

Join us to discuss classic mystery writers who continue to inspire the authors of today. After you read the book, see the movie! The book group meets in the Small Meeting Room at 7:00, and the film screenings will be in the Auditorium at 7:00.

Edgar Allan Poe, *The Murders in the Rue Morgue*

Book Discussion: **Monday, Jan. 27** Film Screening: **Friday, Jan. 31**

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, *The Hound of the Baskervilles*

Book Discussion: **Monday, Feb. 24** Film Screening: **Friday, Mar. 7**

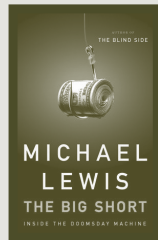
Agatha Christie Book: *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd*, Film: *Ten Little Indians*

Book Discussion: **Monday, Mar. 24** Film Screening: **Friday, Mar. 28**

## Online Book Club at Goodreads.com

*Is Everyone Hanging Out Without Me? (And Other Concerns)* by Mindy Kaling

Great for commuters and anyone who prefers a book club without meetings. Simply create an account at Goodreads.com; search Groups for Wilmette Public Library and post your comments.



## Power and Politics Book Discussion

*The Big Short: Inside the Doomsday Machine* by Michael Lewis

*Thursday, Feb. 6, 9:30, Fiction Room south end*

Lewis explores the financial meltdown and gives readers an engrossing account of the players. Co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters.

## Small Business Help

One-on-One Counseling

Schedule a free, one-hour session with Mark Lieberman, a SCORE mentor and Kellogg MBA. Go to [www.scorechicago.org](http://www.scorechicago.org) and click on "Make an Appointment" to sign up for a session.

SCORE Small Business Workshops

Register through the Library's calendar at [www.wilmettelibrary.info](http://www.wilmettelibrary.info) or call 847-256-6930.

The Affordable Care Act:  
What Every Small Business  
Should Know

*Monday, Jan. 20, 7:00*

This one-hour workshop focuses on four key provisions that small businesses from 1-50 employees need to know, including available tax credits, possible fines, and how to purchase insurance on SHOP.

How to Sell on the Internet  
Using Video

*Monday, Feb. 17, 7:00*

Presented by Irwin Myers, president of Video One Productions, this information-rich workshop will show you what it takes to make a successful video and how to market your video once it's complete.

## Senior Book Talks

January: Biographies to Enjoy

Mallinckrodt: *Thursday, Jan. 9, 10:30*

Mather Place: *Monday, Jan. 13, 10:30*

# Youth Services

## ScreenBreak Challenge Drawing Workshop

**Thursday, Jan. 16, Drop-in  
from 3:30-5:00, YPR**

Get ready for this spring's ScreenBreak! Participate in our ScreenBreak drawing contest for a chance to be included in the official ScreenBreak materials. Can't make the workshop? No problem! Pick up instructions and an entry form at the Youth Services desk. Entries are due at 5:00 on Monday, January 20. *ScreenBreak is sponsored by the Alliance for Early Childhood.*

## Fossil Fun

**Thursdays, 4:30-5:15,  
YPR, Grades 3-6: Jan.  
23 R 1/9; Grades K-2:  
Jan. 30 R 1/16**

What was Illinois like thousands of years ago? Learn through fossils! Handle genuine fossils and create one of your own using shells, rocks, and other small objects. Bring your own "fossil fuel," or use what we have.



## Dinosaur Detectives

**Thursday, Feb. 27, 4:30-5:15,  
YPR, Grades 3-6**

How well do you know dinosaurs? How about the Dewey Decimal system? Test your skills in this scavenger hunt through the stacks to identify your team's mystery dinosaur before the clock runs out. **R 2/13**

## Special Events for Kids



### Scratch Jr.

**Monday, Jan. 20, 2:00-4:00, Small Meeting Room, Grades 2-4**  
Young Scratchers, unite! This special session of Scratch will help our younger patrons learn coding basics by creating an easy game or animation. Participants must be able to read. Please bring a flash drive. **R 1/6**

## Chinese New Year Celebration

**Saturday, Feb. 1, 1:00-3:00, Auditorium, Ages 4+**

Celebrate the Chinese New Year with Mandarin students from Highcrest Middle School through skits, crafts, and activities.

## Wednesday Afternoon Improv

**Wednesday, Feb. 5, 4:30-5:00, YPR, Ages 3+**

Laugh your socks off with the youth members of the Wilmette Park District Improv Troupe as they perform original sketch comedy.

## Do You Wanna Dance?

**Monday, Feb. 10, 4:30-5:00, YPR, Ages 4+**

Learn fun and easy dance moves this Valentine's Day—Rumba, Swing, Waltz, and Salsa! Presented by Ballroom Dance Center of Northfield.

## Babysitting Basics

**Monday, Feb. 17, 1:00-3:00, YPR, Grades 5-8**

Do you want to get started as a babysitter? Come learn the ABCs of caring for and entertaining young children, as well as some tips on marketing yourself and ensuring your own safety. **R 2/3**

## Travel the World through Folktales: African-American Stories

**Saturday, Feb. 22, 3:00-4:00, YPR, Grades K-3**

Celebrate African-American History Month with stories and crafts. **R 2/8**

## Registration for Youth Services Programs

Programs marked with an R require registration. The sign-up dates listed following each program description are for Wilmette and Kenilworth residents; nonresidents may register 7 days later, unless otherwise specified. Stop by or call the Youth Services desk at 847-256-6945 to register.

## School's Out Movies!

### Planes

**Monday, Jan. 20, 1:30-3:00, Auditorium**

Dusty dreams of competing as a high-flying air racer, but he's not exactly built for racing—and he happens to be afraid of heights. Can he reach heights he never dreamed possible? Snacks will be served. Rated PG



### Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2

**Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2:00-3:30, Auditorium**

Flint Lockwood must come to the rescue when he learns that his infamous machine is churning out menacing food-animal hybrids. Snacks will be served. Rated PG

### Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2: Sensory Friendly Screening

**Tuesday, Feb. 18, 10:30-12:00, Auditorium**

Enjoy this animated favorite in an environment friendly to children and families with special needs. To accommodate children with allergies, no snacks will be served. Rated PG

## Winter Storytimes

Our winter storytime session begins Monday, January 13. Bring your little one for good stories, fun crafts, and imaginative play. For a detailed schedule, stop by the Youth Services department or visit our online calendar. Registration is not required. Children younger than 3 must be accompanied by an adult.

### Special Storytimes

#### Instrument Petting Zoo

**Tuesday, Jan. 7, 10:00-11:00 & Saturday, Jan. 11, 2:00-3:00, YPR, Ages 3-7 with an adult**

You and your child can learn about instruments and teaching methods with experts from the Music Institute of Chicago.

#### Ants in Your Pants? Let's Dance!

**Saturday, Jan. 18, 10:30-11:00, YPR, Ages 3-6, Siblings welcome**

Shake and shimmy at our preschool dance party. It'll be a rockin' great time! Pretzels and water will be served.

#### Pajama Storytime

**Monday, Feb. 24, 6:30-7:00, YPR, Ages 3+**

Come in your PJs and bring your favorite blankie or lovie for bedtime stories, songs, and a craft.



#### Year of the Horse Storytime

**Saturday, Feb. 1, 10:30-11:00, YPR, Ages 3+**

Celebrate the Lunar New Year with this Korean-English storytime.

## Dig Into READING



Take part in our winter reading club! Goals differ for each age group, but all who meet their goal will be entered into our grand prize drawing. All finishers will receive a free book and a ticket to the end-of-club celebration with T-Rexplorers Dinosaur Discovery. Pick up a reading log at the Youth Services desk from January 2 through March 2. Open to Wilmette and Kenilworth residents, and students who attend Wilmette and Kenilworth Schools.



## Recurring Events

Visit our website or stop by the Youth Services Desk for information on these programs:

**NEW!** Boys and Books

**Tuesday, Jan. 21, 7:00-7:45, YPR. Grades 3-4 with an adult.** Enjoy snacks, activities, and discussion about *Alvin Ho: Allergic To Girls, School, And Other Scary Things* by Lenore Look. **R 12/30**

Family Lego Drop-In Ages 2+

Hands-On Science: Simple Machines Grades K-2 & 3-5, **R**

K-9 Reading Buddies of the North Shore Grades 1-5, **R**

Kids' Library Council Grades 5-8, **R**

Lego Club Grades K-4, **R**

Mother-Daughter Book Club Grades 3-4, **R**

Youth Chess Drop-In Ages 5+

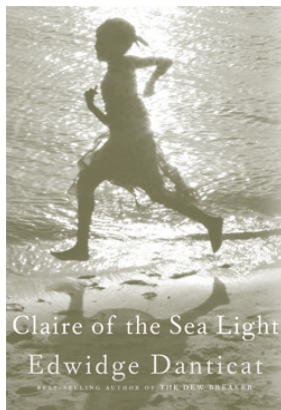
## Claire of the Sea Light Selected for Wilmette's 2014 One Book, Everybody Reads

The Wilmette Public Library is thrilled to announce that *Claire of the Sea Light*, by National Book Award finalist Edwidge Danticat, has been selected as the 2014 title for the Library's annual One Book, Everybody Reads program.

The stunning novel tells the story of 7-year-old Claire, a Haitian girl who disappears on the night her father tries to give her away in anticipation of giving his only child a better life. Presented as a haunting and magical narrative of interwoven tales and lives, the individual stories all connect back to Claire, her parents, and to the small fishing village where they live. Named as one of Publishers Weekly's "Best Fiction Books of 2013" and The New York Times' "100 Notable Books of 2013," *Claire of the Sea Light* explores the roles of parent, child, neighbor, and friend, as well as the themes of love, loss, and redemption.

Ms. Danticat will speak about her book on Sunday, May 4, in Wilmette. As in previous years, the library will present a series of programs related to the book in the weeks prior to the author's visit. Watch for more information about this spring's One Book, Everybody Reads at [www.wilmettelibrary.info/onebook](http://www.wilmettelibrary.info/onebook).

*One Book, Everybody Reads* is sponsored by the Friends of the Wilmette Library.



## Greener Choices

Food Patriots - Film Screening and Discussion

*Saturday, Jan. 25, 2:00 or Wednesday, Jan. 29, 1:00*

Touched by their son's battle with a foodborne superbug, Northbrook filmmakers Jeff and Jennifer Spitz document their family's struggle to raise backyard chickens, grow food, and transform into "Food Patriots." The filmmakers will lead a Q&A following the Jan. 25 screening, and Go Green Wilmette will lead a discussion on Jan. 29.



Join the Good Food Revolution!

*Sunday, Feb. 23, 2:00*

Do you care about the food you eat and how it is produced? Join FamilyFarmed.org Founder and President Jim Slama for an active discussion about the Good Food Movement. We'll explore what it is, where it's going, and how you can get involved!

TED Talks at the Library: "Addicted to Risk"

*Wednesday, Feb. 5, 1:00*

In this TED talk video, Naomi Klein explores how our societies have become addicted to extreme risk in areas such as finding new energy, and how, too often, we're left to clean up a mess afterward.



## Armchair Travels

*Every Thursday, 12:30 coffee; 1:00 program*

See the world without ever leaving Wilmette. Armchair Travels brings you speakers who have traveled the globe.

## Current Events Roundtable

*Mondays, Jan. 6 & 20 and Feb. 3 & 17, 10:00*

Current Events Roundtable is the place to enjoy your second cup of coffee along with a roundup of the leading national, international and local news of the day. Moderated by Deerfield resident Don Levinthal.

## Veterans' Roundtables

*Korean/Vietnam War: Feb. 5*

*World War II: Feb. 19*

*Joint Session: Jan. 15*

*All sessions at 10:00*

Conversations are lively, the coffee plentiful and participants rarely miss a meeting.

## After the Fast Lane

Two introductory investment programs presented by Richard Little of Edward Jones. Registration required.

Foundations of Investing

*Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2:00*

This presentation will explore the key features of investment tools, the importance of asset allocation, and the impact of inflation on your long-term goals.

Taking Stock in the Market

*Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2:00*

Learn about the basics of the stock market, including types of stock, the basics of the S&P 500 and Dow Jones Industrial Average, and how a stock order is executed.





### **Mike at the Movies: Falling in Love with Screwball Comedy**

**Sunday, February 9, 2:00**

Join film historian Mike Smith as he showcases clips from classic movies and contemporary films representing the best of screwball comedy. Before Mike's talk, familiarize yourself with the genre with these classic screwball flicks.

The Awful Truth

**Friday, Jan. 24, 3:00 & 7:00**

Starring Cary Grant and Irene Dunne.

The More the Merrier

**Friday, Feb. 7, 3:00 & 7:00**

Starring Jean Arthur, Charles Coburn, and Joel McCrea.

## **TeenTalk**

Teen Advisory Board

**Jan. 19 & Feb. 16, 7:00, Teen Room**

Plan programs like pizza exam nights, college prep workshops, poetry readings and more. New members welcome; snacks served.

Pizza Study Break

**Jan. 14, 21, & 22, 7:00**

You're invited to a study break during exams. We'll be serving pizza and refreshments. The Auditorium and Small Meeting Room will be available all afternoon and evening for group study.

## **Digital Universe**

Gain the confidence and skills you need to be proficient on computers, tablets, and smartphones with classes at the Wilmette Library. Registration required where noted; please register online or by calling 847-256-6930.

### **Using your Devices**

Wondering how to get books and magazines on your new device? Look no further! The Library has e-books and magazines that you can download to most devices. Attend a class to learn more or set up a one-on-one appointment by calling 847-256-6930.

E-Book Basics

**Mondays, Jan. 13, or Feb. 3, 7:00**

Learn how to download library e-books and e-audiobooks to your iPad, Kindle, ereader, or mobile device.

iPad Basics

**Tuesday, Jan. 28, 10:30, or Monday, Feb. 24, 2:00**

Take a tour of the basic features and functions of your iPad. iPads provided for class use. Registration required.

iPad Tips & Tricks

**Thursdays, Jan. 23, 3:30 or Feb. 20, 3:30**

This class is intended for intermediate users; go beyond the basics and explore some neat features you can use on your iPad. iPads provided for class use. Registration required

Zinio – Magazines for your Tablet, Smartphone or Computer

**Wednesday, Jan. 29, 11:00 or Monday, Feb. 10, 7:00**

Wilmette and Kenilworth residents, learn to download popular magazines to your device—for free!

iPad Q&A Session

**Tuesdays, Jan. 14 or Feb. 11, 2:00**

Intended for intermediate & advanced iPad users. Share your insights and have questions answered by the group and facilitator. Registration required. iPads provided for class use.

### **Microsoft Classes**

We offer classes throughout the year that will get you up to speed with Microsoft Windows, the world's most popular operating system.

Introduction to Excel 2010

**Wednesday, Feb. 5, 7:00**

Learn the tool bars and what they mean.

Creating formulas in Microsoft Excel

**Wednesday, Feb. 19, 7:00**

Learn how to create formulas using Microsoft Excel.



## Wilmette Public Library

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### Regular Library Hours

Monday-Friday 9am-9pm

Saturday 9am-5pm

Sunday 1pm-9pm

### Upcoming Closings

Friday, February 21

### Book Drop-off Sites

Library parking lot

Community Recreation

Center

Plaza del Lago

### Books Down Under

Monday 1pm-5pm

Tuesday 9am-5pm, 7pm-  
8:45pm

Wednesday 11:30am-5pm

Thursday 9am-5pm, 7pm-  
8:45pm

Friday 11:30am - 5pm

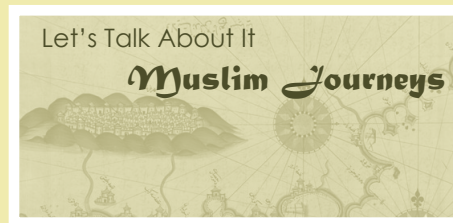
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Sunday 1:30pm-4:30pm

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## POSTAL PATRON



*Muslim Journeys is made possible by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association.*

The Influence of Arab-Islamic Culture on the European Renaissance

**Sunday, Jan. 26, 2:00, Auditorium**

Mustapha Kamal, PhD., professor in Arabic at the University of Illinois at Chicago will discuss the achievements of Arab-Islamic intellectuals.

Islam and Its Role in Iran

**Tuesday, Feb. 4, 7:00, Auditorium**

The origins of Islam and its role in Iran's religious and political history, as well as the current situation, will be explored by Ahmad Sadri, Professor of Islamic World Studies and Sociology at Lake Forest College.

Sweet & Savory Ramadan: 30 Nights of Foods That Nourish

**Saturday, Feb. 15, 1:00, Auditorium**

Food writer Yvonne Maffei will discuss the traditional and modern food rituals of fasting and eating, demonstrate a few dishes, and provide a sampling of some sweet and savory favorites.

### Reading and Discussion Series

The series continues through March 2014.

*House of Stone* by Anthony Shadid

**Wednesday, Jan. 15, 7:00, Auditorium**

A compelling saga of redemption and renewal and the process of coming to terms with the turbulent history of the Middle East.

*Broken Verses* by Kamila Shamsie.

**Wednesday, Feb. 19, 7:00, Auditorium**

*Broken Verses* is a thrilling journey through modern-day Pakistan and an intimate story that asks how we forgive a mother who leaves.

Register for the discussion series at the Recent Arrivals Desk or by calling 847-256-6930. Copies of the books are available at the Recent Arrivals Desk.