



# WORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

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## LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Spring is the time for new beginnings, so we thought it was a perfect time to launch our new newsletter as the library moves into new and upgraded ways to serve our community. Our newsletter will be mailed to every Worth address on a quarterly basis to share the events we have coming up and other library news.

Since the Pandemic, the library has shifted and pivoted its services again and again, with the aim of making the library easier to use (eliminating fines, removing fees for DVD rentals, lowering faxing prices, upgrading scanning/copying technology, streamlining how you get a library card), offering more resources beyond our four walls (Trail Tale at Homering Park, growing ebook and audiobook collection, take and make craft kits, the library attending community events), and leaning in to what we are great at (expanding program offerings for all ages, personalized customer service, and making a more inviting physical space). We continue to grow and evolve with your feedback!

We are honored to be a part of a community with so much town pride and one that is a true melting pot of cultures and backgrounds. We are a library for all our community and we welcome anyone who needs and enjoys the resources we can offer.

In an effort to make our library and programming more accessible, our newsletter is also available in Arabic, Spanish and Polish on our website. Follow the link here to read them: [worthlibrary.com/newsletters](http://worthlibrary.com/newsletters) or scan the QR code.

وفي محاولة لتسهيل الوصول إلى مكتبتنا وبرامجنا، تتوفر نشرتنا الإخبارية أيضا باللغات العربية والإسبانية والهولندية على موقعنا الإلكتروني. اتبع الرابط هنا لقراءتها

En un esfuerzo por hacer que nuestra biblioteca y nuestra programación sean más accesibles, nuestro boletín también está disponible en árabe, español y polaco en nuestro sitio web. Sigue el enlace aquí para leerlo.

W trosce o łatwy dostęp do biblioteki i oferowanych zajęć, nasz biuletyn jest dostępny w języku arabskim, hiszpańskim i polskim na naszej stronie internetowej lub przez zeskanowanie kodu QR.

We can't wait to see you!  
Best,

*Rachel Snyder*  
Library Director



## The Worth Public Library District is turning 60 years old!

Join us throughout the month of April for themed programs and keep an eye out for pop-up events as we celebrate our birthday.

### Make Your Own Lava Lamp

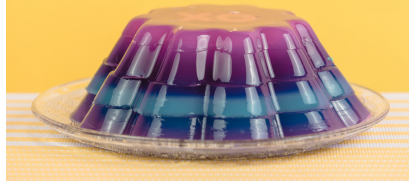
April 9th - 4pm

Kids of all ages, try your hand at making your own lava lamp using simple ingredients in this fun science project.

### Jello Mold Taste Off

April 10th - 12pm

Sweet, savory, both?! The jello mold desserts of the 1960's are the star of the show during this quirky taste off event. Vote for the best, weirdest, most nostalgic and more! Want to bring in a jello mold for tasting? Give us a call to sign up your dish for judging.



### Historical Photo Exhibit Opening Night

April 23rd - 6pm

Library Board Vice-President and local history buff Rachel Berlinski has curated a collection of historical photographs of the library over the years to showcase the ever changing library landscape in town. Join us for cake at the unveiling of our new art installation.

### Carole King - 60's Icon

April 24th - 6pm

With hits such as, I Feel the Earth Move, Will You Still Love Me and a solo album, Tapestry which was #1 and stayed on the album chart for six years, Carole has been writing pop hits since her teens. Music historian Gary Wenstrup tells her amazing story.



### Save the Date!

Our Ice Cream Social is back on **Saturday, June 1st from 1-3pm** to kick off our Summer Reading Program. Stay tuned for more details.

# KIDS

Programs with **R** require registration. Worth residents will be given priority. To register email [ysreg@worthlibrary.com](mailto:ysreg@worthlibrary.com) or call 708-448-2855.

## Make Your Own

**Mondays, 3:30-4:30pm**

**March 4:** Painted Medallions

**April 8:** Spa in a Jar

**May 6:** Suncatchers

Join Ms. Bonny as she shows you how to make your own new craft each month.  
*Grades 4-8.*



## Books with Ms. Bonny

**Tuesdays: 10:30-11am**

Enjoy weekly storytime with Ms. Bonny! Stories, activities and art for *ages 2-5*. Older and younger siblings are welcome. No registration necessary, just drop in.

## Show us Your Collection!

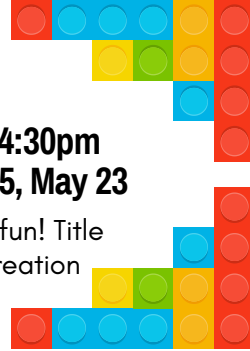
Calling all Worth kids! Do you have a collection you want to show off? Action figures, stuffies, rocks, seashells, baseball cards?! Or something completely different! We want you to display what you're most proud of in our display case!

Each child will sign up for a two-week slot in May or June and will have one shelf of the display to fill. Registration will be on a first come, first serve basis starting March 1st. Call 708-448-2855 to register.

## Build It Up Lego Club **R**

**Thursdays, 3:45-4:30pm**  
**March 21, April 25, May 23**

Come for building fun! Title your imaginative creation and put it on display. *Ages 6-10.*



## Budding Duplo Builders **R**

**Fridays, 1:00-1:45 pm**  
**March 22, April 26, May 24**

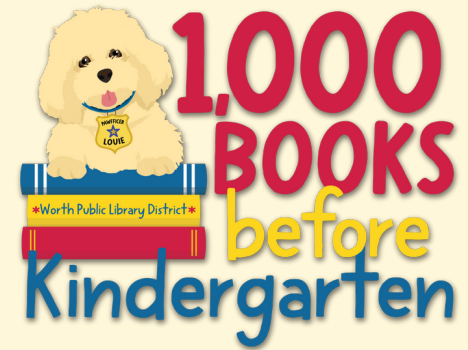
Build and create something amazing! Show off your creation in the kids' department. *Ages 3-5 with Caregivers.*



## Donuts with Grownups

**Saturdays, 10:30-11:15 am**  
**March 16, April 20, May 18**

Come one, come all! Bring your littles for a morning of stories, songs, crafts, and of course, donuts. *Ages 3-8 with caregiver.*



Pawfficer Louie knows the key to success is reading with your child every day!

Reading with your child every day helps to develop pre-reading skills that are a key to success in school and foster a lifelong love of reading. This new, ongoing literacy program is open to any child from birth to five-years-old who has not started kindergarten.

### How it Works:

- Sign up at the Children's Services Desk and pick up a starter packet. This self-paced program runs continuously.
- Color in or check off one circle on your log for each book you read together. If you read a book more than once, you can record it every time. You can also include books read at storytime, books read to your child by others, recorded books, and books read on e-devices.
- Each time you read 100 books, come back to the Library! Your child will get a prize, get to put their name on our Proud Paws Window and get their picture taken.

## Itty Bitty Playgroup

**Thursdays: 2:15-2:45pm**

Meet up at the Worth Library for a playdate! Lots of educational toys and fun for children *ages 5 and under*. Just drop in.



## Family Music Lessons

**Wednesdays, 4:30-5:30pm**  
**April 17 & 24 and May 1, 8, 15 & 22**

Local musician Tommy Joe will be on hand to teach your family the basics of guitar, ukulele, or piano. Come to each class in the series or just one! If you have an instrument, you are welcome to bring your own. A limited amount of ukuleles will be available for check out and use. Space is limited.



## Movie Matinee: Wish

**March 27, 1pm**

Spring break is the perfect time for popcorn and a movie. Just drop in!



## Eclipse Watching Party

**Monday, April 8th: 12:30-3pm**

All ages are welcome for our eclipse viewing party. We will have eclipse glasses, crafts, and activities while we wait to see how much of the eclipse we can see. Drop in with the whole family!



## Trail Tale at Homerding Park

For the month of April, the Worth Park District and the Worth Public Library District invite you to walk our Trail Tale at Homerding Park. We've put the picture book *Don't Touch That Flower!* by Alice Hemming on display so that as you walk the path from the parking lot to the playground, you will be able to read a story as a family. At the end, scan the QR code and fill out our quick survey for the chance to win a collection of our Trail Tale books!



## Family Photos at the Library

**April 6, 11am-1pm**

Put on your best matching outfits and join us for a Springtime treat! Joanna Szczepaniak Photography will be on hand to take family photos with our Spring Backdrop. Each family will sign up for a 5 minute time slot and will be sent 2 digital images after the event. Space is extremely limited. Registration opens March 15th.



## Taste Off: M&M's

**March 20, 4pm**

Which M&M will reign supreme? It's the M&M Taste-Off bracket tournament! We will taste test multiple types of M&Ms to determine once and for all, which is the best! *Grades 5-8*



## 5th Grade and Under Bingo

**Fridays, 3:30-4:30**

**March 8, April 12, May 10**

Play Bingo with friends and win prizes. Just walk in! First come, first served.

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## Tonies

Now available for checkout are our Tonies collections! Each bag comes with a speaker box and 3-4 figurines, each of which will tell your child a story. We have a variety of themes such as Pixar, Mickey Mouse, Things That Go, Non-Fiction titles, Classics and more, sure to capture the attention of your child. Find them at the top of the stairs in the Youth Department.



Things that Go Collection

Princess Collection

## Third & Fourth Grade Book Club **R**

**Wednesdays, 3:45-4:30**  
**March 6, April 10, May 8**

Third and fourth graders are welcome to sign up for reading, activities, and fun! Registration is required. For more information contact Youth Services.



## Vox Books

VOX™ Books are the world's first audio books that live in print books. The permanently attached VOX Reader transforms an ordinary print book into an all-in-one read-along. No need for computers, tablets, or CDs—children simply push a button to listen and read. These books are great for building reading confidence and we have titles in English, Spanish, and Arabic with more on the way.

## Museum Passes

Explore More Illinois is a free service provided by the Worth Library that provides instant online access to free and discounted tickets to museums, science centers, sporting events, zoos, park districts, theatres, and other fun and local cultural venues.

With our Museum Adventure Passes, you can check out free or reduced admission to a plethora of Chicagoland museums and attractions, including the Brookfield Zoo.

See what passes you have access to at [worthlibrary.com/adult-services](http://worthlibrary.com/adult-services).

## Bookmark Design Contest

**March 1-31**

Design your best Library or reading themed bookmark for a chance to win the opportunity for your design to be one of our featured giveaways for the Summer Reading Program. Come by the Children's desk to pickup an official form.



## Stuffed Animal Sleepover Storytime

**April 16, 4-4:30**

Bring your stuffy friend to the Library to enjoy a fun storytime together before leaving your buddy at the library overnight to get into some mischief! Pick your pal up the following day and see photos of all the shenanigans they get into during their stay at the library. Ages 4-10



## How to Get a Library Card

Do you need a library card or to renew an expired one? We have made it easier than ever! All you need is to live in Worth and bring in your photo ID with a proof of residence (if your ID shows a different address) that can be a utility bill, rental agreement, property tax bill, or we can send you a postcard to bring back to the library. Once you have an adult card, kids cards are easy to add. Stop by the Circulation Desk the next time you are in the library and we will get you signed up.

# ADULTS

Programs with **R** require registration. Worth residents will be given priority. Call 708-448-2855 to register.

Programs marked with an \* means funds (in whole/part) for this program were provided through a Library CARES award from AgeOptions through funding from the American Rescue Plan Act via the Illinois Department on Aging.

## Bingo with Bob\* **R**

**March 8, April 12, May 10 at 12pm**

Fun, snacks, and prizes! Our guest Bingo caller is Bob Trzeciak. Bob is a local Historian who has presented several historical presentations at the Worth Public Library. Bob will be calling the Bingo numbers with some trivia, funny facts, and amusing stories.

## Ageless Grace\* **R**

**March 18, April 15, May 20 at 1pm**

Ageless Grace® is a fun and playful brain health exercise program practiced to upbeat music while seated in the chair. This innovative program is composed of 21 tools or exercises. We lubricate our joints, strengthen our muscles, exercise our brains and tickle our funny bones! Come and experience timeless fitness for the body and brain™.



## Make and Take

Each month a new kit will be available for pickup at the Circulation Desk. Limited quantities available on a first come-first serve basis.



**March 11:** St. Patrick's Day Button Art



**April 8:** Recycled Magazine Picture Frame

**May 6:** Paper Flower Bouquet

## Worth Watching

Enjoy a movie and popcorn at the library! Movies start at 1pm.



**March 15:** Oppenheimer (R)



**April 19:** The Color Purple (2023, PG-13)



Seed Library  
WORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

## Seed Library

Save the date to pickup seeds at the library: our Seed Library opens on March 4th.

Stop by to take the seeds you need to start your own kitchen garden. We have tomatoes, herbs, peppers, veggies, and more! We can't wait to see what you'll grow in your backyard, in containers, or on windowsills. Please only take what you will use so there is enough for the fellow gardeners in our community.

## The Senior Center

Thanks to grant funding through AgeOptions, we are pleased to introduce our newest collection. The Senior Center houses books both for seniors and their caretakers as well as the new **Healthy Living Kits** on topics such as Arthritis, Mindfulness, Joint Health, and more.



Additionally, we are happy to introduce you to our most adorable additions, the **Companion Pets** (named after some of our favorite literary characters). The next time you're in the library, be sure to give it a look and take something home to the Senior in your life.



# SPECIAL EVENTS



## Agatha Christie: a Body of Evidence March 11th - 6:30pm **R**

In the Spring of 1950, Agatha Christie accompanied her husband, archeologist Max Mallowan to Iran and the tells of Kalhu; the ancient city also known as Nimrud. Join Agatha Christie in Beit as she reminisces with you about her childhood, her life as a writer and adventurer, and contemplates beginning her autobiography- a project that took nearly 20 years.

## Garbo: the Musical **R** March 14th - 6pm

An original one woman musical on the legendary and enigmatic Swedish film star Greta Garbo starring Jillann Gabrielle.



## Laugh & Learn: It IS Good Medicine March 19th - 10am **R**

Laughter Yoga is a unique concept where we laugh without relying on jokes, humor, or comedy. It combines laughter exercises with deep breathing. Join Cindy Nissen, RN, Certified Laughter Yoga Leader to learn more about the FUNdamentals of this health promoting practice.



## Paula Marr presents Keep on Rocking in the Free World **R** March 20th - 6pm

Paula Marr and special guest star Jenny Rockets invite you into the world of rock stars as they prepare for their upcoming summer tour. Take a look at what it takes to become one of the Chicagoland's top rock bands, The PriSSilla's.




## Just Jane: a Visit with Jane Austen April 11th - 6pm **R**

Jane Austen visits you from the autumn of 1815. Her first three novels, Sense and Sensibility, Pride and Prejudice, and Mansfield Park are published, and Emma is complete. Jane visits with you at this, the most vibrant and hopeful time of her life. Drawing from her letters, juvenilia, and novels, this 45-minute performance delves into the personal life of one of the most beloved and intriguing novelists of the 19th century.



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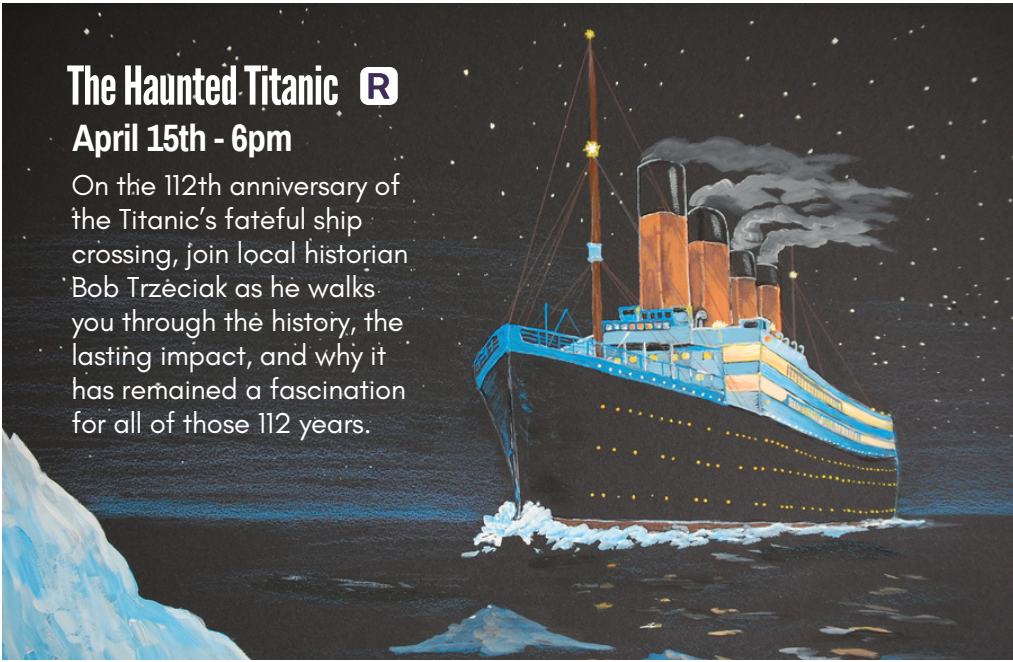
### One-on-One Tech Help

Book a session with one of our librarians for help with your specific technology issues. Call (708) 448-2855 ext 2 to schedule your time slot.

## The Haunted Titanic

April 15th - 6pm

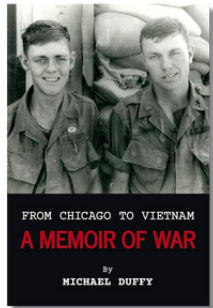
On the 112th anniversary of the Titanic's fateful ship crossing, join local historian Bob Trzeciak as he walks you through the history, the lasting impact, and why it has remained a fascination for all of those 112 years.



## From Chicago to Vietnam: A Memoir of War

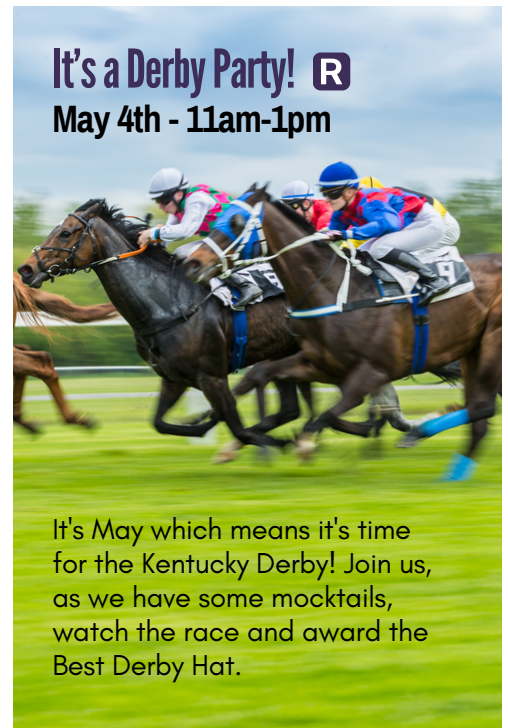
May 21st - 6pm

Author of the powerful memoir, *From Chicago to Vietnam*, Michael Duffy discusses the United States' involvement in Vietnam along with his personal experiences as an Army draftee during the war.



## It's a Derby Party!

May 4th - 11am-1pm



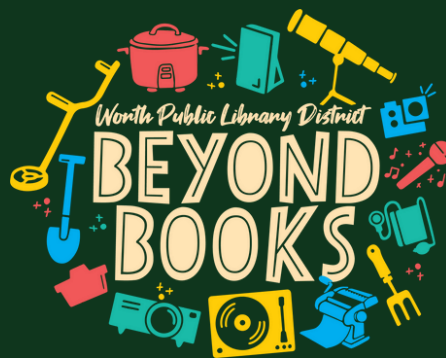
It's May which means it's time for the Kentucky Derby! Join us, as we have some mocktails, watch the race and award the Best Derby Hat.



## What Should We Do this Weekend?

May 16th - 6pm 

With summer just around the corner, there's so much to do in Chicago. Trying to make plans can feel overwhelming. Molly Page wants to help! In this one-hour presentation she'll share tips for planning a staycation, give you ideas for your next date night, and introduce a few hidden gems to explore with the whole family. Whether you're new to the area or a life-long Chicagoan, you're sure to be surprised and inspired to explore.



## Beyond Books Collection

The library isn't just books anymore! Our new collection of non-traditional items such as technology, crafts, tools, and more are now available with your library card.

A telescope, record player, an outdoor movie projector, a metal detector, a gardening kit, laser level, specialty cake pans and more will all be at your finger tips, and all it takes is a library card. This collection will be constantly growing so check back often to see the new additions. Items must be checked out on an Adult library card and some items require a signed waiver before use.

## Coin Collecting 101

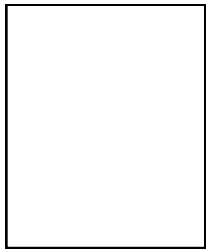
May 23rd - 6pm

Coins have a rich history, making collecting a rewarding hobby. People collect coins for many reasons, including historic or artistic value, or to invest in coins for potential long-term profit. Some people are casual enthusiasts, collecting foreign coins from trips or coins found by chance, such as a "W" quarter. Bring your change for this fun and informative hour!





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## HOURS

Monday- Thursday 9am-8pm  
Friday 9am-5pm  
Saturday 10am-2pm

*The library will be closed  
on May 17 & 27.*



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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- Bahira Karim**, President
- Rachel Berlinski**, Vice-President
- Wendy McCarthy**, Secretary
- Carol Looby**, Treasurer
- Amy Estrada**, Trustee
- Paul Kaczor**, Trustee
- Jane McCarthy**, Trustee

## BOARD MEETINGS

Library Board meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm (March 12, April 9 and May 14). Minutes and agendas are posted on the library website. Meetings are open to the public.

**PHOTO POLICY:** Attendance at Library programs and events constitutes consent to be photographed for Worth Public Library District policy purposes. Photos/Videos may be used on our website, Facebook/Instagram, publications and for promotional purposes. Such photos and videos will remain property of the Worth Public Library District.

**INCLUSIVE PROGRAM STATEMENT:** Patrons of all abilities are welcome at our programs. Please contact the Library regarding accommodations.

