

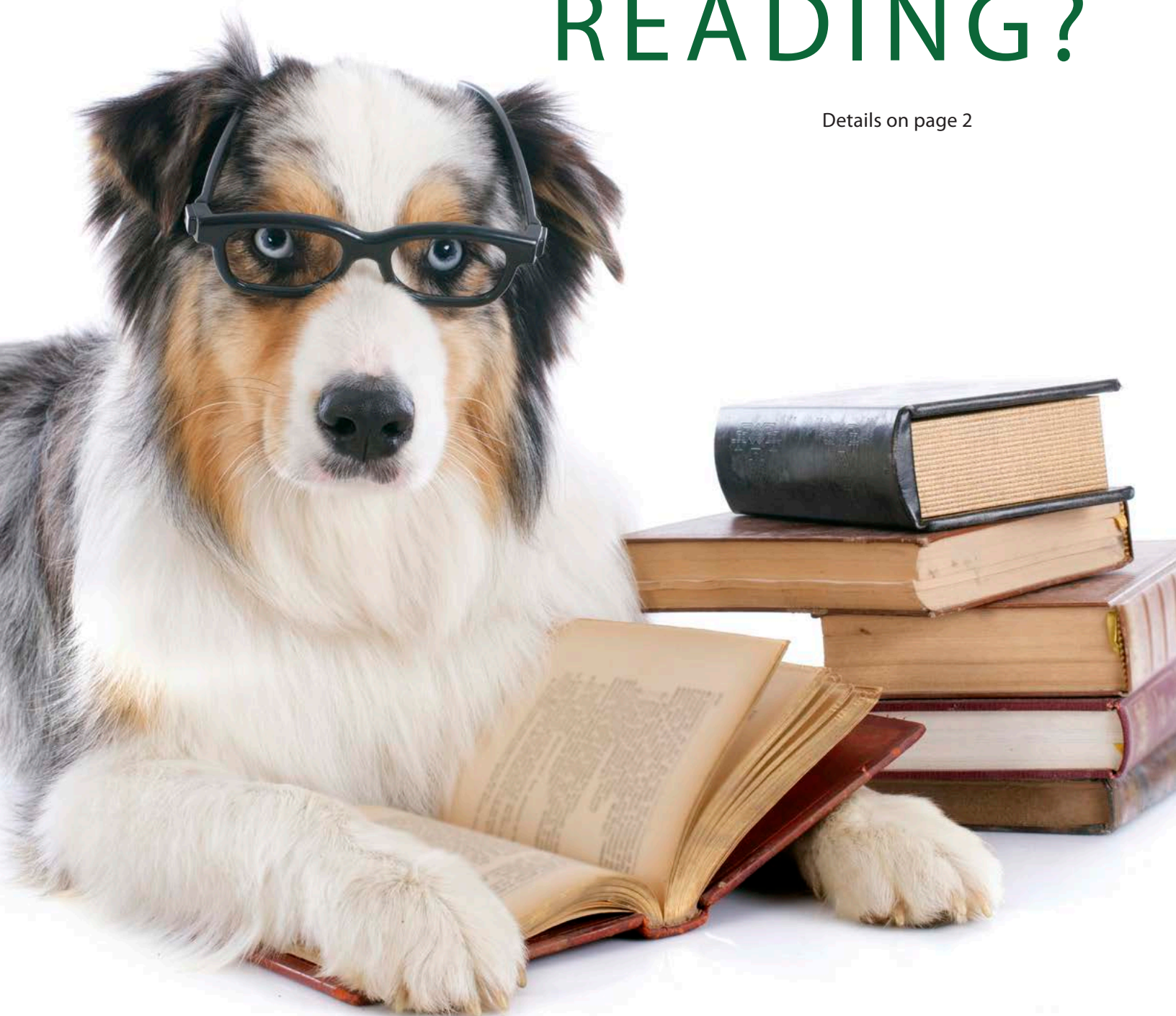
Deerfield Public Library

# Browsing

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## What is Deerfield READING?

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# From the Director



Long time readers know that I grew up going to my local branch of the Chicago Public Library every Saturday with my family. I rediscovered my love of reading when I started working at DPL. The staff continuously provide amazing book recommendations, and I've read books I never would have picked up. Here are some of the books that stuck with me in 2023.

- **Tom Lake** by Ann Patchett is a story about the little moments in life that make up a full and rich life. The audiobook is performed by Meryl Streep.
- **The Maid** by Nita Prose is a story about Molly, a 25 year old woman who struggles with social cues. She takes pride in her work as a maid but gets caught up with the wrong crowd and ends up being accused of murder! The story moves at a quick pace and reminds me of the board game Clue.

- I do enjoy a good thriller! This year, **Rock Paper Scissors** by Alice Feeney stood out for me. While neither of the main characters was particularly likable I appreciated the author's storytelling and found myself hooked. Alice Feeney draws a lot of her inspiration from Dame Agatha Christie.
- I also appreciate a celebrity memoir. Two that stuck out to me this year, Pamela Anderson's **Love, Pamela** and Paris Hilton's **Paris: The Memoir**. Both provided new insights on two famous blondes.
- My final recommendation is an oldie but a goodie, **A Man Called Ove** by Frederik Backman. It's a delightful story about a widower who only wants to die but life keeps getting in his way. Backman's characters are so real and sympathetic.

I hope you enjoy this issue. I like to hear what other people are reading and always welcome book recommendations. You can email them to me at [amy@deerfieldlibrary.org](mailto:amy@deerfieldlibrary.org).

Amy Falasz-Peterson, Library Director

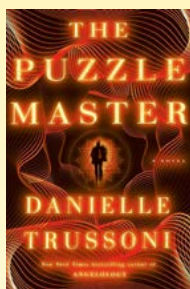
## What is Deerfield READING?

What is the most frequently asked question at the Library's info desk? "Can you recommend a good book to read?" Many of us (library staff included) are on the eternal quest for the next great read. Staff is always happy to share favorites with library visitors, whether in-person, on our website, or in our newsletter. To expand our circle, we've asked your Deerfield neighbors and other notable people that serve our community. Many thanks to our generous contributors. Let's get reading!

### Lisa Barr

New York Times bestselling author of *Woman on Fire*

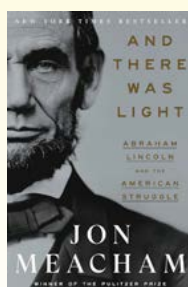
My husband and I traveled to Portugal this summer to celebrate twenty years together. While he was (deep) sleeping on the long flight home, I was reading one book the entire ride without stopping ... and months later, I'm still thinking about it. Original, bold, and brilliant, Danielle Trussoni's gripping thriller **The Puzzle Master** is about an expert puzzle master who finds himself embroiled in an ancient mystery. The author's awe-inspiring research alone gave me the best kind of goosebumps. This utterly absorbing novel is a little bit of everything: part *The Da Vinci Code*, part *Friday Night Lights*, part love story, philosophical, historical, sensual, supernatural, a little terrifying, with a strong spoonful of Jewish mysticism – *Kabbalah*. Can our hero save the girl with mind games? This book goes BIG, the writing is gorgeous, and I inhaled every word.



### Daniel Shapiro

Mayor, Village of Deerfield

**And There was Light** by Jon Meacham is a terrific biography of Abraham Lincoln. It explains his thoughts on the issues of slavery and how the status of African Americans changed during the course of the war, right up to the Union victory. It's a wonderful portrayal of President Lincoln's leadership in a democracy guided by practicality and morality. Lincoln's politics of compromise and faith would serve us well today. Jon Meacham is a well known historian and although this is a long book, it is very informative and well written. We all know about President Lincoln but Meacham brings in some of President Lincoln's core beliefs, religion, and very difficult and challenging upbringing, for us to better understand the foundation of his core principles against slavery, the importance of keeping the nation united, and the horrors of the civil war. Perhaps intentionally or unintentionally, Meacham finds several



parallels of President Lincoln's tenure with today's divisive political climate.

### Daphne Gil

DHS student, 2023 National Spelling Bee Semi-Finalist

Hi reader! I am thrilled to share with you my favorite book, **Jane Eyre** by Charlotte Bronte. *Jane Eyre* follows the life of a young orphan in Victorian-era England, who after living with her cruel aunt, is sent to live in a boarding school. From there, her life transforms, and we begin to see the spirited, intelligent, and humble Jane that emerges as she enters adulthood. Throughout her life, she endures love and heartbreak, tragedy and joy, all through her struggles as a poor woman in a rigid social order. The book is not only engaging in its many twists and turns, but it also inspires the reader to be grateful and true to themselves. Although the text can be challenging at times in terms of the vocabulary used, it is also enriching and rewarding. I enjoyed reading this book and hope that you will too!



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# Adult Programs

For full program descriptions, visit the DPL events calendar at [deerfieldlibrary.org](http://deerfieldlibrary.org), click on "Programs".

**R** = Please register in advance. Registration opens Wednesday, November 15, 9:00am at [deerfieldlibrary.org](http://deerfieldlibrary.org), click on "Programs", or call 847-945-3311.

**I** = In-person program

**H** = Hybrid program (in-person & online)

**V** = Virtual program (online only)

## Book Discussions

*Copies will be available one month in advance. Please provide email during registration.*

### A.M. Book Discussion

Thursdays, 10:30-11:30am **R I**

**January 11: *The Whalebone Theatre* by Joanna Quinn**

In 1928, 12-year-old orphan Cristabel Seagrave and the rest of the household build a theater from a whale's skeletal rib cage, where imagination comes to life and where her acting comes into play years later as she becomes a British secret agent on a dangerous mission in Nazi-occupied France.

**February 8: *The School for Good Mothers* by Jessamine Chan**

After one moment of poor judgment involving her daughter, Frida Liu falls victim to a host of government officials who will determine if she is a candidate for a Big Brother-like institution that measures the success or failure of a mother's devotion.

### Horror Book Discussion

*Dead Silence* by S.A. Barnes

Friday, January 19, 7:00-8:00pm **R I**

Off-site

Three words: Haunted Space Titanic. Claire Kovalik and her beacon repair crew discover the hulking wreck of the Aurora, the largest luxury space-liner that vanished on her maiden voyage. But all is not as it seems and soon Claire and the crew are experiencing terrifying and strange things. What happened on

the Aurora? We will be meeting at a local restaurant; appetizers provided, dinner at your own expense.

### HEA Book Discussion

*Partners in Crime* by Alisha Rai

Monday, February 26, 7:00-8:00pm **R V**

While settling her aunt's affairs with the help of Naveen, a lawyer – and the man she rejected, Mira and Naveen find themselves in a mad dash through Las Vegas, following clues to untangle the mess her dysfunctional family left behind.

### D&D Book Discussion

*Streams of Silver* by R.A. Salvatore

Tuesday, February 27, 7:00-8:00pm **R I**

The tales of Drizzt Do'Urden continue in the second of the Icewind Dale trilogy by R.A. Salvatore as Drizzt joins his friend Bruenor to take back his homeland of Mithral Hall.

### Classics Book Discussion

*Maud Martha* by Gwendolyn Brooks

Thursday February 29, 7:00-8:30pm **R H**

Teens and Adults

*Maud Martha* is the only novel by poet laureate—and famous Chicagoan—Gwendolyn Brooks. We will read this coming-of-age novel alongside a few selected poems. Materials available for pickup at the Adult Services Desk a month before the discussion.

## Tuesday New Movie Night

Tuesdays, 6:30-8:45pm

December 12, January 9, February 13

Join us every second Tuesday evening of the month to watch a new movie with your community. Movies will be announced closer to the date. Snacks will be provided! **R I**

## Last Movie Standing:

### Deerfield Votes



Running alongside "Last Book Standing" (p. 12) we will also have a "Last Movie Standing" program. Each month you'll be invited to vote for your favorite "candidate." Near the end of the year, we'll have Deerfield's favorite! Movie contestants will be posted on our website, and will be emailed to those who are registered. Register to Vote (for your favorite movie) at [deerfieldlibrary.org/last-movie-standing](http://deerfieldlibrary.org/last-movie-standing).

### Memory Cafe

Wednesdays, 10:30-11:45am

December 6, January 3, February 7

The Memory Cafe is offered to support and connect those experiencing memory loss and their care partners. For more information or to register, contact Vicki Karlovsky, [vkarlovsy@deerfieldlibrary.org](mailto:vkarlovsy@deerfieldlibrary.org), 847-580-8938.



### DHS Chamber Orchestra Holiday Concert

Saturday, December 9, 3:00-4:00pm

Back by popular demand! Join us for the sound of holiday music as performed by the Deerfield High School Chamber Orchestra. **R I**

### Welcome the Winter Solstice with Mindfulness and Yoga

Friday, December 15, 2:00-3:00pm

Celebrate the upcoming Winter Solstice with a gentle chair and standing yoga practice to stimulate new energies in our bodies. We will also focus on the calming nature of breath awareness and introduce mindfulness techniques to help reduce stress. No prior yoga experience is necessary. **R I**

## Winter Wonderland Model Train Run

Saturday, December 2, 9:00am-3:00pm

All Ages

The North Central "O" Gaugers bring their popular Winter Wonderland model train run to the Library. This model railroad exhibit includes Thomas the Tank Engine and beautiful snow villages. Drop-in.



# Adult Programs

## Lunch, Listen & Learn!

*Bring your lunch; Dessert will be provided*

### Exploring Greece, Egypt, Israel and Turkey

**Wednesday, December 13, 12:00-1:00pm**

Join Celeste Brown as she revisits her Road Scholar trip to Greece, Egypt, Israel, and Turkey. Included will be practical details of her travels and breathtaking images of the countries she visited. **(R I)**

### The Donna Herula Trio

**Saturday, February 3, 12:00-1:00pm**

Playing a variety of blues and Americana music styles, the Donna Herula Trio tips the hat to tradition while creating a fresh, contemporary perspective on blues and roots music.

Donna Herula, blues singer, songwriter, resonator slide guitarist, and Chicago Blues Hall of Fame inductee will be joined by Marc Edelstein on upright bass and Tony Wittrock on acoustic guitar and mandolin for a fun show. **(R I)**



### Inside Chicago's Intriguing House Museums

**Wednesday, January 17, 6:30-7:30pm**

Chicago has many house museums that deserve to be known! Join historian Laurie Petersen for an illustrated talk about their owners, architects, and neighborhoods. Laurie is the editor of the American Institute of Architects' AIA Guide to Chicago. **(R H)**

### Virtual Sushi-Making Class

**Thursday, January 18, 6:00-7:30pm**

Discover the art of sushi-making from the comfort of your own home. You will be guided through selecting the freshest ingredients to mastering the delicate techniques needed to create sushi rolls. With easy-to-follow instructions and personalized feedback, you'll be rolling sushi like a master in no time! **(R V)**

## It's All Fun & Games

### Scrabble Club

**Mondays, 7:00-8:30pm**

**December 4, February 5**

Make some new friends while expanding your lexicon! Warm beverages will be served. **(R I)**

### D&D One Shot Night

**Monday, December 11, 6:30-8:30pm**

Explore different tabletop roleplaying games in this fun session! No experience necessary. **(R I)**

### Chess & Checkers Club

**Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30pm**

**January 10, February 14**

Make new friends and sharpen your strategic thinking skills by playing other fans of these classic games. Bring your own set or play with one of ours. *Please note: this program is not instructional.* **(R I)**

### Adult D&D Candlekeep

**Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30pm**

**January 31, February 28**

Join us to explore the mysteries at the Candlekeep Library in the world of D&D's Forgotten Realms. Come with your own Level 2 character or use one of ours. No experience necessary. **(R I)**

### PLACE Programs

**Saturdays, 6:30-7:30pm**

**Dates to be announced**

PLACE (Public Library Access and Community for Everyone) programs welcome adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities as well as their parents and caregivers. Join us for an evening of reading, conversation, friendship, and fun. For more information and to register, contact Vicki Karlovsky, [vkarlovsy@deerfieldlibrary.org](mailto:vkarlovsy@deerfieldlibrary.org). **(R V)**

### Professor Moptop Presents: Stevie Wonder

**Tuesday, January 23, 7:00-8:30pm**

Stevie Wonder's music was ranked among the most inventive, both by critics and listeners. Professor Moptop will discuss the music released by Stevie Wonder throughout the 1970s. **(R H)**

### Writing Workshop: There Are Only Seven Stories in the World

**Wednesday, January 24, 7:00-8:00pm**

Award-winning young adult author Sara Fujimura teaches participants how to find the "Universal Specific" of their story. A workshop for all kinds of storytellers! **(R I)**

### The Great North American Eclipse

**Tuesday, January 30, 6:30-7:30pm**

There is an impressive solar eclipse just around the corner on April 8, 2024! Learn what eclipses are, when and where to see them, and how to view safely. Presenter Michelle Nichols is Director of Public Observing at the Adler Planetarium in Chicago. **(R H)**

### Trivia Night @ the Library

**Thursday, February 1, 7:00-8:30pm**

Think you know it all? Prove it! We will be using Kahoot for this lively in-person game. Snacks will be provided. **Location:** The Library! **(R I)**

### Bagels! Nosh, Laugh, and Learn

**Thursday, February 8, 10:00-11:00am**

Have you ever wondered where the bagel was created? Who made the first cream cheese? And why do some people consider Illinois to be The Bagel Capital? Answer all of your hungry bagel questions and make your own sweet and savory cream cheese in this delicious program. **(R I)**



## Make It! *All materials supplied.*

### Gingerbread Houses: Decorate and Take Home

**Tuesday, December 19, 6:00-8:00pm**

A basic gingerbread house will already be built and ready to decorate for each attendee. All it needs is a creative touch!

**R I**

### An Introduction to the Chinese Art of Paper Cutting: Preparing for the Lunar New Year

**Friday, January 26, 2:30-4:00pm**

Educator Yvonne Wolf will present an introduction to Chinese paper cutting as it relates to other cultures. Papercutting beginners through



masters welcome! 12+. Yvonne will bring samples of Chinese master artwork paper cutting as well as demonstrate beginner projects that can be finished within the allotted time to celebrate the Lunar New Year of the Dragon. Templates will be provided. **R I**

### Valentine's Day Weaving Program

**Wednesday, February 14, 2:30-4:00pm**

Welcome to Wea(V)e Day with SHENEQUA where you take time to learn the basics of weaving something lovely for your special someone or yourself. You will use everyday materials and learn a new skill set. So grab your favorite color yarns and let's weave our hearts out. All materials provided. **R I**

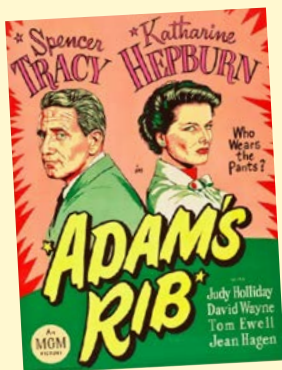
### Great Decisions 2024 with Gary Midkiff

**First meeting: Tuesday, February 20, 6:30-8:00pm, 8 dates in total**

This program provides background information and policy options for the eight most critical issues facing America each year. Register for all 8 meetings. Held on Zoom. **R V**



## Classics Film Discussion



**NEW!**

Our new series kicks off with a classic American screwball comedy, George Cukor's 1949 masterpiece, *Adam's Rib*.

### Classics Film Showing: *Adam's Rib*

**Thursday, January 25, 5:00-7:00pm**

Watch the film together ahead of our discussion later in the evening. The runtime for *Adam's Rib* is 1hr. 41 min. and will begin promptly at 5pm. Sign up separately for the film discussion held hybrid-style at the library. **R I**

### Classics Film Discussion: *Adam's Rib*

**Thursday, January 25, 7:30-8:30pm**

Come for the optional film screening at 5:00, or watch on your own time. DVD copies and streaming services available for checkout. Then, participate in an hour-long discussion, led by Media Librarian Sam and Adult Services Coordinator Dylan Z. **R H**

### Threads of History: The Story of the Bayeux Tapestry

**Friday, February 16, 2:30-3:30pm**

This world-famous embroidery depicts the meeting of Harold of England and William, Duke of Normandy and later the Conqueror - then graphically illustrates the 1066 Battle of Hastings. Created within a few years of the battle, it continues to hold mysteries, which intrigue us to this day. Cathy Grafton will talk about the tapestry, the needlework and the history. **R I**



### Hidden Messages in Negro Spirituals on the Underground Railroad

**Tuesday, February 27, 7:00-8:00pm**

Powerful, sacred songs that derived from the heart of the antebellum enslaved Africans were melodic outflowing of religious expression, passion, and the hope to be free. Negro spirituals, as originated in America, tell of trials and tribulations, secrecy and hiding, and hope for a sense of community. Connie Martin will share the connections of Plantation songs, or Negro spirituals, with interpretations of lyrics used in regions of the South that signaled multiple signs and tips that aided enslaved fugitives to find freedom. **R H**

## Deerfield Filmmakers' Short Films: Screening & Live Podcast

**February 8, 7:00-8:00pm**

Watch two recent short films from Deerfield filmmakers - Marina Shifrin, Bryan Simpson, and Taylor Simpson - on the Library's big screens! The screenings will be followed by a conversation with the filmmakers for our Deerfield Public Library Podcast (stream our seven year archive of podcast conversations at: [deerfieldlibrary.org/podcast](https://deerfieldlibrary.org/podcast)). **R I**

**Pickled Herring** (2023, 18 min.) directed by and starring Milana Vayntrub, written by Marina Shifrin. After an embarrassing accident knocks a woman down, her absentee father decides this is a good time to visit, committed to fixing everything possible, except their relationship.

**Creating Things** (2022, 10 min.) directed by Bryan Simpson and Taylor Simpson. Two brothers use thoughtful interview fragments, pieces of art, and various family mementos to explore the legacy of their father and what he left behind.

# Children & Teens Programs

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**D** = Drop-in, no registration required

**T** = Tickets available 20 minutes before start time

We offer adaptive programs for children with disabilities and will make reasonable accommodations for every program for all abilities. For more information about programs and services for Youth and Teens, please contact Cristina Bueno at [cbueno@deerfieldlibrary.org](mailto:cbueno@deerfieldlibrary.org).

## STORYTIMES & PLAY

### Character Storytimes with Meet & Greet

**Wednesdays, 3:00-4:00pm**

**Youth All Ages with Adult**

**January 31:** Tinkerbell

**February 28:** Rapunzel

Join us for a fun-filled storytime featuring a special guest! Children will have a chance to meet and take a picture with our guest at the end, as time allows. One picture per family. **R**

### Movin' & Groovin'

**Tuesdays, 10:00-10:30am**

**January 9, 16, 23; February 6, 13, 20**

**Ages 0-5 with Adult**

Get up and dance in this fun, movement-based storytime!

Just drop in. **D**

### STEAM Playtime

**Wednesdays, 10:00-10:30am**

**January 10, 17, 24; February 7, 14, 21**

**Ages 0-5 with Adult**

Come play with STEAM toys in this new playtime! **T**

### Family Storytime

**Thursdays, 10:00-10:30am**

**January 11, 18, 25; February 8, 15, 22**

**Ages 0-5 with Adult**

Join us for a storytime full of stories, songs, and fingerplays for the whole family. **T**

### Creative Clubhouse

**Thursdays, 4:15-5:00pm**

**January 11, 18, 25; February 8, 15, 22**

**Grades K-2**

This program, specially designed for younger elementary students, features books and a fun craft project each week! Please dress for artistic mess! **R**

### Baby Lapsit

**Fridays, 10:00-10:30am**

**January 12, 19, 26; February 9, 16, 23**

**0-18 months with Adult**

Join us for stories, rhymes, and songs for you and baby, plus social time after the program. **T**

### Sensory Storytime

**Saturdays, 10:00-10:45am**

**February 3, 17**

**Suggested for Ages 2-6 with Adult**

Inclusive and interactive storytime filled with stories, songs, sensory play, and socialization. **R**

### ASL Storytime

**Saturday, February 24, 10:00-10:45am**

**Youth All Ages with Adult**

Join us for a special storytime by the Chicago Hearing Society. There will be stories told in American Sign Language, activities, and opportunities to learn some signs. **R**



## Grab & Go Kits

**Available every third week of the month**

**Starts Mondays December 18,**

**January 15, February 19**

Stop by for a kit to take home. Choose one of 3 options: PreK & K / Grades 1-4 / Grade 5+. While supplies last.

### Baby Book Bunch

**Mondays, December 4, January 8,**

**February 5**

**Birth - 24 months**

Let the library surprise your baby (and you) with five selected board books, as well as an activity or craft to keep! **R**

### Youth Advisory Board

**Wednesdays, 4:00-4:45pm**

**December 6, January 10, February 7**

**Grades 2-5**

Join us to plan future events, get behind the scenes tours, socialize, and share your opinions about our favorite place... DPL! **R**

### First Chapter Fridays

**Fridays, 4:00-5:00pm**

**December 8, January 12, February 9**

**Grades 3-5**

Try out a new style of book club with us! We'll read the first chapter of a book together and discuss what we think will happen in the rest of it. We will provide the book to take home if you want to keep reading it. **R**



### Gingerbread Houses

**Saturday, December 9**

**10:00-11:00am OR 2:00-3:00pm**

**Youth All Ages with Adult**

Join us for family friendly gingerbread house building and decorating! Only one house guaranteed per family. **R**

## Model Train Run & Youth Activities

**Saturday, December 2, 9:00am-3:00pm**

**Family Friendly**

Join us for the North Central "O" Gaugers Winter Wonderland model train runs. Then stop by the Youth Department for a train themed scavenger hunt and coloring sheets! **D**





### For the Birds!

**Monday, December 11, 4:00-4:45pm**

**Grades 1-3**

Learn how to help our feathered friends, as we read about birds and make bird feeders for them. **R**



### LEGO Club

**Tuesdays, 3:45-4:45pm**

**December 12, January 9, February 13**

**All Ages**

Stop by the Youth Program Room to design and build your next great LEGO creation! **D**

### Let's Make: Holiday Gifts

**Thursday, December 14, 4:00-5:00pm**

**Grades 4-6**

Make a gift to give to a friend or family member in the upcoming holiday season! **R**

### Crafternoon: Art Collab

**Thursday, December 21, 4:00-4:45pm**

**Youth All Ages, Family Friendly**

Drop in and help decorate a poster we'll hang in Youth Services. You can also test out different art materials we have! **D**



### K-9 Reading Buddies of the North Shore

**Mondays 4:00-5:00pm (15 minute time slots)**

**January 8, February 12**

**Grades 1-5**

Come read a story to one of our volunteer dogs right here at the Library! Only one child in the room at a time. *Please register for only one time slot per day.* **R**

### Wet Felting: Polar Bear Picture

**Tuesday, January 16, 4:30-5:30pm**

**Grades 1-5**

Create a polar bear picture out of real wool with fiber artist Natasha Lehrer Lewis. **R**

### Winnie the Pooh Day!

**Wednesday, January 17, 4:00-4:45pm**

**Ages 3-6 with Adult**

Winnie the Pooh and his friends are excited to celebrate with you! You'll have a Tigger-ific time as we read and play together. **R**

### EcoKids Academy

**Fridays, 4:00-5:00pm**

**January 19, February 16**

**Grades 3-8**

Learn how to be an Eco Educator! We'll talk about creative ways you, your family, and friends can conserve and preserve our beautiful planet. Participants will develop action plans and share results at our next meeting. **R**



### ASL for Kids

**Tuesday, January 23, 4:00-5:00pm**

**Grades 1-5**

Curious about American Sign Language? Join the Chicago Hearing Society in fun-filled activities and learn some signs along the way. **R**



### Winter Walks

**Fridays, 4:00-4:45pm**

**January 26, February 23**

**Youth All Ages, Family Friendly**

Bundle up and join us for an activity-filled walk outside in Jewett Park! We'll meet at the front of the library first. Activities include stories, scavenger hunts, and maybe even playing with snow! **R**



### Family Concert: Little Miss Ann!

**Saturday, January 27, 10:00-11:00am**

**Youth All Ages with Adult, Family Friendly**

Get ready to dance along to award-winning musician Little Miss Ann! **R**

### Choose Your Own Story: Pete the Cat Mystery [online]

**Available All of February**

**Link will be posted on Thursday, February 1**

Too cold to go outside? We're bringing back this fun, virtual mystery! Pete the Cat has lost his groovy buttons! Work with his friends and family to help him find them. **D**

### Lunar New Year Celebration

**Tuesday, February 6, 3:45-4:45pm**

**Youth All Ages, Family Friendly**

Join us for crafts and activities to celebrate the Lunar New Year! **D**

### Family KiDLS: Toy Time!

**Monday,**

**February 5,**

**4:00-4:45pm**

**Ages 5-10 with Adult**

Create and build your own fun toys and games! **D**



### Family Show: Get Excited About Science!

**Saturday, February 10, 10:00-10:45am**

Marvel at amazing experiments in action, ask scientist Steve Belliveau questions, and get excited about science! **R**

# Children & Teens Programs

**NEW!**

## Raising a Reader



A series for Parents, Educators, and Caregivers wanting to learn more about specific library topics. Programs are offered in **hybrid format** (in-person and online).

### Graphic Novels

**Wednesday, January 24, 7:00-8:00pm**

Does your emergent reader love graphic novels? Not reading anything other than Dog Man or Babysitters Club? Learn about all the great literacy skills kids develop while reading graphic novels, and walk away with new recommendations! **R**

### Leveling Books

**Thursday, February 22, 7:00-8:00pm**

Do you have a reluctant reader? Are you flummoxed by Fountas and Pinnell? Do you look at Lexile levels? Learn the pros and cons of leveling systems and how you can support your child on their reading journey! **R**

### Ready, Set, Build!

**Monday, February 26, 4:00-4:45pm**

**Grades 2-5**

Up for a challenge? In this program, we'll provide a box of materials. Then, you'll build different things based on prompts. Work by yourself or with a group of friends. **R**

### Leap Year!

**Thursday, February 29, 4:00-4:45pm**

**Grades K-2**

Come celebrate Leap Year and the extra day in February that only happens every four years! We'll do activities and crafts about things that leap! **R**



## TEEN PROGRAMS

*For Grades 6-12 unless noted otherwise.*

### Gingerbread Houses: Teens Only Edition

**Tuesday, December 12, 5:00-6:00pm**

Don't want to share your gingerbread with parents or siblings? Build and decorate your very own gingerbread house! **R**

### Teen Advisory Board

**Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00pm**

**December 13, January 10, February 14**

Do you love the Library? Join us for pizza, socializing, and the chance to contribute to our programs and the Teen Space! **R**



### Finals Week @ the Library

**December 14-19, Grades 9-12**

Don't forget to use the Library for all of your study AND study break needs. **D**

### Teen Book Bunch

**Tuesdays, December 19, January 23, February 27**

**Grades 7-12**

Looking for Teen books but don't know where to start? Let Teen Librarian Dylan surprise you with a wonderful pair of books. Once a month, we will have a themed box for you with one book checked out from our collection and one paperback book for you to keep! Each box will also come with some extra goodies. Sign up for one or all boxes. **R**

### Teen RPG Winter Break One-shot

**Wednesday, December 20, 6:00-8:30pm**

Have some fun to kick off winter break and learn the simple RPG game called "Roll for Shoes." No experience necessary! **R**

### Needle Felting: Polar Bear

**Tuesday, January 16, 6:30-7:30pm**

Learn how to create a polar bear using real wool and needle felting techniques from fiber artist Natasha Lehrer Lewis. **R**

### Teen D&D

**Wednesdays, 6:00-8:00pm**

**January 17, February 21**

Continue discovering the secrets of Candlekeep. New players welcome! Play a premade character, come in early to build a character with Dylan, or bring in a level 5 character of your own. No experience necessary. **R**



### Back to Kindergarten Night

**Wednesday, February 7, 5:00-7:00pm**

Miss the simplicity of Kindergarten? Come capture that nostalgic feeling as we do simple crafts, watch cartoons, and drink juice boxes! **R**

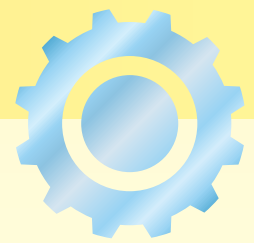
### Let's Make: Keychains

**Thursday, February 15, 5:30-7:00pm**

Learn how to use different MakerSpace equipment to make different kinds of keychains and take a couple home with you! **R**



# MakerSpace Programs



Teen/Adult Programs (Age 13-Adult)

All materials provided unless noted otherwise.

**R** = Register in advance. Registration opens **Wednesday, November 15, 9:00am** at [deerfieldlibrary.org](http://deerfieldlibrary.org), click on "Programs," or call 847-945-3311.



## Holiday Gift Ideas @ the MakerSpace (Open House)

**Tuesday, December 5 and Wednesday, December 6, 5:00-6:00pm**

See how the MakerSpace can help with your holiday gifts. We'll do a tour of the MakerSpace and talk about how you can use each piece of equipment to make personalized gifts. For inspiration, we'll share examples of pieces our library patrons have done in the MakerSpace over the past year. *Drop-in.*

## 3D Scanning the World with Qlone (3D Printing)

**Tuesday, January 9, 4:30-6:00pm**

Learn how to use Qlone, a 3D scanning app that allows you to create 3D models out of real-world objects! You'll learn about the concept of photogrammetry, which is the process of taking many two-dimensional photos and converting them into a singular 3D model for 3D printing. *Software demonstration.* **R**

## Barbie Trash and Refashion (Crafting)

**Tuesday, January 16 or Wednesday, January 17, 4:30-6:00pm**

**Youth/Teens Ages 8-18, with an Adult** Use your leftover holiday wrapping paper ribbons and bows to create a new outfit for Barbie to wear! This will be a program for youth and adults to work on a fun Barbie project together. Bring your own Barbies or use one of our collection of Barbies! **R**

## Laser Engraved Stone Plates (Laser Engraver)

**Tuesday, January 23 or Wednesday, January 24, 4:30-6:00pm**

Let's take your laser engraver projects to the next level! We'll show you how to use various things like paint markers and alcohol inks to give your laser project the contrast it deserves. Create a stone plate with your own inspirational saying. **R**

## Book Nooks/Dioramas (Crafting)

**Wednesday, January 31, 4:00-8:00pm**

Discover the enchanting world of book nook miniatures! Bring your favorite piece of media to life in a charming and compact diorama designed to fit between the books on your shelf. Whether you're a seasoned crafter or a beginner, our staff will be on hand to help execute your creative vision and create an extraordinary, miniature masterpiece. *Please note the four hour run time of this program is to allow people the opportunity to craft leisurely and utilize the full variety of the machines available in our space.* **R**

## Valentine's Day Cards (Crafting)

**Tuesday, February 6 or Wednesday, February 7, 5:00-6:00pm**

Create a personalized Valentine's Day Card. We'll use the laser engraver to cut intricate heart designs in blank cards. Tissue paper and art supplies will be available to make a beautiful personalized Valentine's Day Card. **R**

## Pressed Flowers (Crafting)

**Tuesday, February 13 or Wednesday, February 14, 5:00-6:00pm**

Celebrate Valentine's Day by creating a clear acrylic heart shaped flower press. We'll have the dried flowers and all of the supplies you need to create your own unique heart shaped sun catcher. **R**

## Create a Monster in Blender (Software)

**Tuesday, February 20, 4:30-6:00pm**

The Gates of Oblivion need a new protector.... and you're going to create it! Learn basic concepts in Blender to kitbash various monster parts together. You'll pick a Torso, 2 Legs, 2 Arms, and a Head from a pre-prepared pool of choices, and create a truly unique monster, one the world has never seen before! *Software demonstration.* **R**



## Hat Loom (Crafting)

**Tuesday, February 27 or Wednesday, February 28, 5:00-6:00pm**

Use a hat loom made on our 3D printers to create a winter hat! We'll give everyone a 3D printed hat loom and a ball of yarn. You'll learn how to make your own winter hats, and will leave with your hat loom so you can make your own winter hats at home. **R**



## Did You Know?

We have multiple sewing machines available for use in the MakerSpace. Don't know how to use a sewing machine? You can set up an individual sewing class with our sewing expert by appointment. Learn to sew!

# What is Deerfield READING? (continued from page 2)

## Michael Simeck Superintendent, Deerfield School District 109

One favorite audiobook experience this year was *Dinners with Ruth*, written and read by the author, Nina Totenberg. Nina's NPR reports on the Supreme Court count among my favorite radio moments, and Nina is at her best in this book as she describes through dozens of anecdotes her lifelong friendship with Ruth and Marty Ginsburg. At times poignant, it's also memorable and astute, like everything Nina ever did.

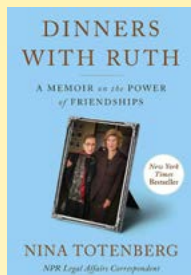
The other book I listened to recently was written and read by a different smart and insightful journalist, Amanda Ripley. *High Conflict* is another book best listened to as she utilizes a good deal of original research audio. Her work is as applicable in home/familial settings as it is in one's professional life. This is because just like individuals, organizations can find themselves in protracted and intractable conflicts with participants often wondering how things became such a mess.

## Betty Becker Retired Literature Professor

As a senior myself, when I read that 83 year old Annie Ernaux won a Nobel prize in Literature in 2022, I wanted to read her work. I dipped into three of her books: *A Girl's Story*, *A Woman's Story*, and *The Years*.

She does an amazing literary trick. She not only fictionalizes her life story but tells it in a simple straightforward style, all the while examining what she is thinking as she relates the events. At times she is brutally frank; at times prosaic. These stories may not be everyone's "cup of tea" though the books are short.

When I saw the movie *Oppenheimer*, I could not hear all the dialogue, but was so intrigued that I read the book, a long one: *American Prometheus: Triumph & Tragedy of J. Robert Oppenheimer* by Kai Bird & Martin J. Sherwin. Got it on Libby. A fascinating Pulitzer Prize winner, the story



of Oppenheimer's brilliant, charismatic life glued me to my chair with many insights into his curiosity, commitment and humility. I learned maybe more than I wished to know about events through WWII and the Cold War.

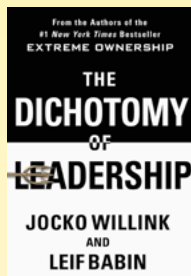
## Justin Keenan Assistant to the Village Manager, Village of Deerfield

My favorite books for 2023 are *Extreme Ownership: How U.S. Navy Seals Lead and Win* along with its follow up companion, *The Dichotomy of Leadership*, both of which are written by Jocko Willink and Leif Babin. These books encourage readers to adopt "extreme ownership" of their personal and professional lives. The text illustrates the skills required to become more effective leaders through taking responsibility for one's performance and that of their teams. Additionally, the authors utilize their experiences leading Navy Seals in war zones to demonstrate how leaders can prepare for success. Although leading Navy Seals in an international setting may present differences compared to working in a local government, the principles conveyed by the authors are still highly applicable. I strongly recommend both of these books to any manager seeking to enhance their leadership abilities.

## Deanna Musurlian Superintendent of Marketing, Deerfield Park District

I love reading non-fiction that promotes self-growth and functional understanding. *Never Split the Difference* by Christopher Voss is a great read to help you master negotiations and communication in general. You learn different strategies that focus on listening, creating trust through emotional bonding and tactical empathy. It will help you understand that receiving a "no" in a negotiation is never a bad thing.

*The Willpower Instinct* by Kelly McGonigal, Ph.D. gives you science-backed systems to improve your self-control, break bad habits and choose long-term goals over



instant gratification. An individual working towards lofty goals will have an advantage by understanding that willpower is far more than resisting temptations, but also "I won't", "I will", "I want" power. If you have a hard time finding motivation this is the book for you, it will help you understand the why behind your own actions. Two great reads that will teach you valuable information in life.

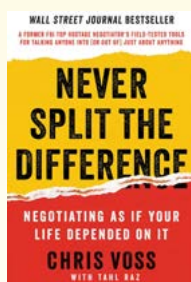
## Victoria Street Executive Director, DBR Chamber of Commerce

*The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray is the historical fiction of an independent, single woman succeeding in the business world at the turn of the century. Breaking through gender and racial stereotypes, the protagonist "made it" in the high-class art world of New York City as curator and personal librarian to J.P. Morgan, but at the cost of hiding her true racial identity. Belle Greener became Bella DaCoste Green making herself Portuguese so she could explain her olive complexion. She paid the price for her success by never marrying or having children, so her secret would remain safe.

This book so resonated with me personally. My mother's cousin lived a very similar life being of mixed race and becoming an entertainer in 1940s Los Angeles. She too changed her name, so she would appear South American and became an incredibly successful business woman, never marrying or having children so her secret would remain safe as well.

## Kaye Kharasch Owner, The Wild Roaster

One of my tastiest reads of 2023 was *Made in Chicago: Stories Behind 30 Great Hometown Bites* by Monica Eng and David Hammond. This tour of Chicago's long history of specialty dishes reads like a collection of short detective stories! I picked it up out of curiosity only to find so much more than I had expected. Each chapter contains factual and pithy



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**Join us!** Consider becoming a member and help give back to the library that we all love. All contributions help to make possible a variety of new library programming and facility upgrades. The Friends have helped fund improvements to the MakerSpace, new browsing bins in the children's section, Summer Reading Program prizes, and more. For more information on becoming a member, *check out our website*.

**Holiday shopping time!** The Friends run Deerfield's only book store! Browse our collection of gently used fiction, non-

fiction, children's books, DVD, video games, and more. Our fabulous volunteers keep the area well stocked for readers of all interests and ages. Donation for books are accepted through cash and Zelle.

**Book donations always welcome!** If you have a collection of books that you've finished reading, consider donating them to the Friends. Donation bins are in the front lobby. All proceeds from the books we sell go directly into new and exciting library projects and improvements.

Our next meeting will be **November 13 at 7:00 p.m.** in the library – all community members are welcome.

## Many thanks to the current members of the Friends of the Deerfield Public Library:

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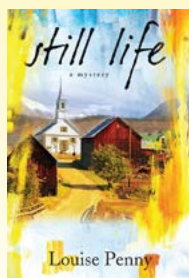
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## What is Deerfield READING? (continued from page 10)

stories about the origins of famous Chicago dishes, such as the Chicago hot dog, deep dish pizza and chicken vesuvio. Hammond and Eng have created an anthology of great eats throughout the city; the stories kept me entertained while providing lists of places to go to find the perfect bites. I had often wondered about the origins of famous Chicago foods. On top of Chicago's famous fast food dishes, this book unveiled a host of lesser known foods. What is Akitagawa? What does Flaming Saganaki have to do with Chicago? *Made in Chicago* has the feel of a mystery novel as the authors act as detectives searching for the ins and outs of Chicago's best food-related hot-spots and rich restaurant history.

### Judy Geuder President, Friends of the Deerfield Public Library

In early 2023, I saw a Louise Penny book on a suggested reading list in a magazine. After realizing that it was part of the **Chief Inspector Armand Gamache series**, of course, I had to start at Book 1 and then spent months reading all 18 books of the series. Armand Gamache is now my favorite literary character. The books are not only murder mysteries, but a look into personal relationships and the



psyche of a small town, with a plethora of quirky characters. Meet Armand, Beauvoir, Clara, Myrna, Olivier, Gabri and especially Ruth! The characters are well developed and multi-faceted. Armand Gamache stands out, not only as a quintessential Surete officer, but as a husband, father, mentor and friend, exhibiting kindness and great integrity. He is the centerpiece of each story.

Most of the series takes place in Three Pines, a small village in rural Quebec. It has been compared (in reviews) to the mystical village of Brigadoon, not on any map and most visitors stumble upon it by accident. And like Brigadoon, you just don't ever want to leave...



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## Upcoming Holiday Closings and Late Openings

### The Library Will Be Closed All Day

Thursday, November 23  
Sunday, December 24  
Monday, December 25

Sunday, December 31  
Monday, January 1  
Monday, January 15

### The Library Will Close at 3pm

Wednesday, November 22

### The Library Will Open at 10am

Thursday, November 30  
Tuesday, January 23  
Wednesday, February 28

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Mon–Thurs: 9:00am–9:00pm  
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Sunday: 1:00pm–5:00pm

## Last Book Standing: Deerfield Votes



How could one work of literature be regarded as the best, above the others? It can't! But during this competition, we'll find value in endorsing and debating literature. So let's get reading. Vote early, vote often! At the end of each month, you'll be invited to vote for your favorite "candidate." Near the end of the year, we'll have Deerfield's favorite book! Reading lists will be posted on our website, and will be emailed to those who are registered. Register to Vote (for your favorite book) at [deerfieldlibrary.org/last-book-standing](http://deerfieldlibrary.org/last-book-standing).

### Timeline

- **January–April:** Each month there will be an "election" with four candidates.
- **May:** Four Monthly Finalists Compete for the First Half Winner Title.
- **June–September:** Again, each month there will be an election with four candidates.
- **October:** Four Monthly Finalists Compete for the Second Half Winner Title.

**November** is Election Month!\* (First Half Winner vs Second Half Winner)

*\*Don't like our November candidates? You may "write in" a favorite!*

**December 2024...** Announce Winner!

Prizes will be awarded periodically to "registered voters"!

But wait, there's more! See **Last Movie Standing: Deerfield Votes** on page 3.

