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South Loop Reads

What's on your winter reading list?

Important Announcements

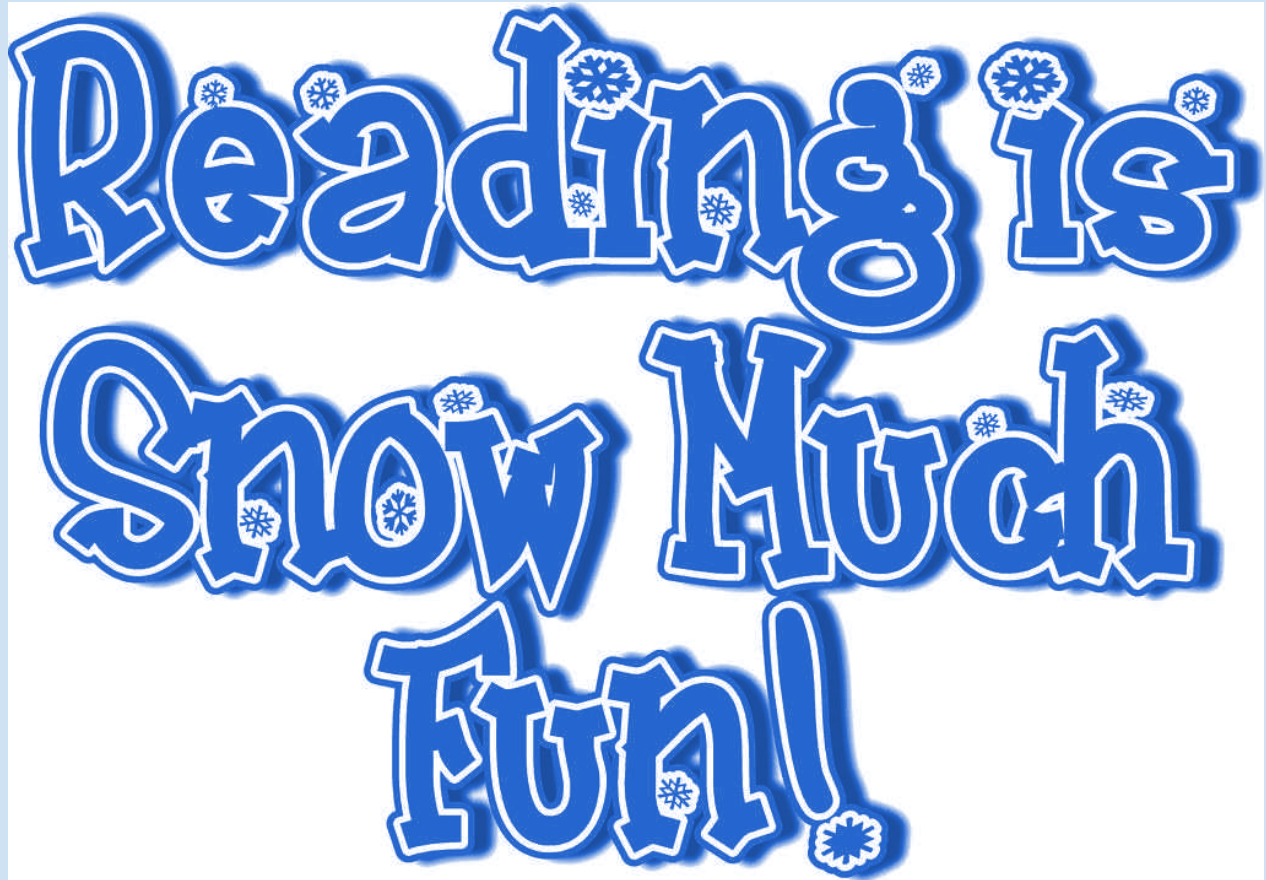
School reading initiatives are fantastic ways to promote literacy and a love for reading among students. They can include activities like book clubs, author visits, reading challenges, and providing access to diverse and engaging books. These initiatives not only improve students' reading skills but also foster critical thinking, creativity, and empathy. Plus, they can make reading feel like a fun and rewarding activity rather than a chore. To help kick-off our South Loop Reads reading initiative, during the second quarter students partook in several literacy activities and events. There was a Literacy door design contest and a bookmark design contest. Students and staff created some phenomenal and creative designs. Take a look for yourself. [door design](#)

Reading opens up new worlds, broadens our perspectives, and fuels our imagination. Whether it's fiction, non-fiction, articles, or poetry, there's always something new to discover and learn through reading.

Reading should be a habit and not a chore. We encourage families to incorporate reading as part of their daily/nightly routines. Reading can occur together as a family, or individually. The benefits of reading range widely for all age groups. Some [benefits of reading include](#):

1. Reading Exercises the Brain
2. Reading is a Form of (free) Entertainment
3. Reading Improves Concentration and the Ability to Focus
4. Reading Improves Literacy
5. Reading Improves Sleep
6. Reading Increases General Knowledge
7. Reading is Motivational
8. Reading Reduces Stress
9. Reading Sets a Positive Example
10. Reading Teaches Empathy

Pick up a good book today!

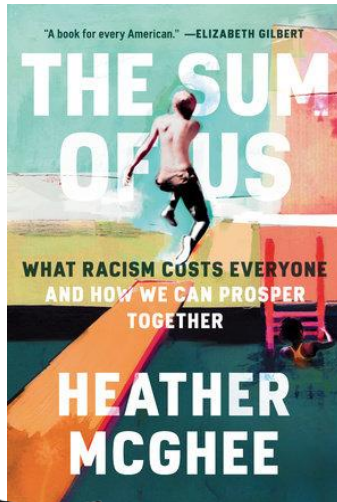


Reading is
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Fun!

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BOOK OF THE QUARTER... *The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How*

We Can Prosper Together by Heather McGhee.



McGhee embarks on a deeply personal journey across the country from Maine to Mississippi to California, tallying what we lose when we buy into the zero-sum paradigm—the idea that progress for some of us must come at the expense of others. Along the way, she meets white people who confide in her about losing their homes, their dreams, and their shot at better jobs to the toxic mix of American racism and greed. This is the story of how public goods in this country—from parks and pools to functioning schools—have become private luxuries; of how unions collapsed, wages stagnated, and inequality increased; and of how this country, unique among the world’s advanced economies, has thwarted universal healthcare.

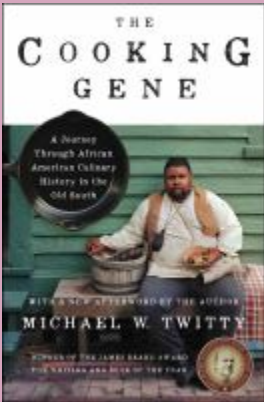
Suggested Readings	
Students	Adults
Students should read at least 20 minutes a day outside of school time. • https://www.readingrockets.org/books-and-authors/literacy-calendar/celebrating-and-learning-about-black-history-and-culture • 45 Books to Teach Children About Black History – The Culture • Top 15 children’s books for black history month -Family Education • 8 Black History Month Books and Resources for Kids -JusticeJonesie	• African American History Month Resources for Parents – Adlit.org • Learning More About Black History for Parents and Families – NYC Dept. of Education • 5 ways to celebrate Black History Month with your family – ChicagoNow.com • Celebrating Black History and Diversity Builds Self-Esteem and Empathy -Too Small to Fail • How to talk to your child about Black History Month (A script) -Mama Knows it All

What's Happening in Language Arts	
➤ Spring Scholastics Book Fair	April 22-26, 2024
➤ Literacy Activities Day	April 26, 2024

At-Home Resources	
Reading Apps	www.starfall.com www.learnwithhomer.com www.epic.com
Reading at Home	Reading Rewards That Work Easy Ways to Get Your Kids To Read This Year Growing Readers

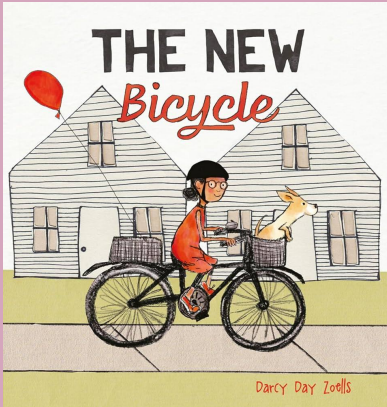
Visit a Local Library	
Harold Washington Library Center	400 S State St, Chicago, IL 60605
Chinatown	2100 S Wentworth Avenue, Chicago, IL 60616
West Loop	122 N. Aberdeen Street, Chicago, IL 60607

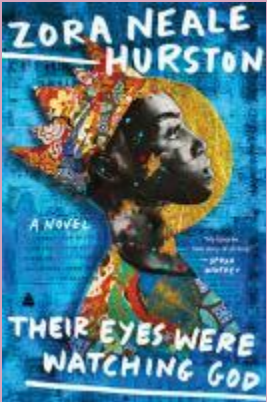
Community Literacy Activities & Events		
EVENT	DATE/TIME	LOCATION
Mini Comic Workshop Learn to create 8-page, handheld stories with Nate from Optimist Comics. We'll learn to draw with digital software to create our own illustrations. Final designs will be printed to create a	Thursday, February 1, 2024 3:30PM-5:00PM	Harold Washington Library Center 400 S. State St. Chicago, IL 60605 Popular Library, 1st floor Registration is required <u>How to Attend</u>

short comic book to take home! All supplies will be provided for this program. This event is for high school teens.		This event takes place in person. Masks are strongly encouraged in all CPL locations.
<u>Family Story Time</u> Stories, songs and fun for kids 0 to 5 and their families.	Saturdays 2/10~2/17~2/24~3/2 10:00am-10:30am	Harold Washington Library 400 S. State Street Chicago IL 60605 <u>How to Attend</u> This event takes place in person.
<u>Adult Nonfiction Book Club: The Cooking Gene</u> Join us at Harold Washington Library Center on the 1st Saturday of each month at 1:00 pm for a nonfiction book discussion for adults. February's selection is The Cooking Gene by Michael Twitty.	Saturday, February 3, 2024 1:00PM-2:00PM 	Harold Washington Library 400 S. State Street Chicago IL 60605
<u>Korean Book Discussion: 트러스트</u> 알바니팩 도서관 한국어 북클럽에 초대합니다. 이번 달에는 에르난 디아스의 <트러스트> 를 읽고 토론합니다.	Monday, February 5, 2024 1:00PM - 2:30PM	Harold Washington Library 400 S. State Street Chicago IL 60605 <u>How to Attend</u> This event takes place in person.

1920년대 월 스트리트를 주요 배경으로 금융계에서 전설적인 성공을 거두며 어마어마한 부를 쌓은 앤드루 베벨과 밀드레드 베벨 부부에 대해 네 가지 서로 다른 이야기를 펼쳐나가면서 경제, 금융, 돈, 권력, 계급 등 오늘날 가장 시급하고 중요한 문제를 다루고 있습니다. 소설의 제목 ‘트러스트(Trust)’는 신뢰, 신탁, 위탁, 기업 합병 등 다양한 의미를 품고 있는 단어로, 같은 인물에 대한 여러 이야기 중 어느 이야기가 신뢰할 만한지, 어느 서술을 믿을 것인지 등의 질문을 담은 중의적 의미로 쓰였습니다. 이번달 모임은 Zoom과 대면으로 진행합니다. HWLC 8층 8S-14로 오시거나 Zoom으로 참여하세요. 오른쪽 Registration 버튼을 누르고 연락처를 적으시면 북클럽 24시간 전에 Zoom미팅에 참여할 수 있는 link를 받게 됩니다. 등록하실 때 자동으로 Library Use Guidelines에 동의하시는 것으로 간주합니다.		
Lunar New Year Bilingual Story Time Join our bilingual story time dedicated to celebrating the Lunar New Year. This story time is co-led by Ms. Kim and Mr. Neil from the Chinatown branch and social worker Ms. Shiwei from Chinese American Service League's (CASL) Prevention Initiative (PI) Home Visiting	Thursday, February 8, 2024 10:30AM – 11:30AM	Chinatown 2100 S. Wentworth Avenue Chicago IL 60616 <u>How to Attend</u> This event takes place in person. REGISTRATION REQUIRED <u>Register online by</u> <u>Wednesday, February 7 at</u> <u>10:30 a.m.</u> Due to space limitations, please include

Program. Families can expect arts and crafts activities, stories, and songs related to the Lunar New Year, as well as an exposure to what socializations times are like for the PI program participants. For kids 0 to 3 and their caregivers.		the total number of children and adults as attendees when you register.
<u>Mad Hatters Story and Craft Time</u> The Mad Hatters are coming to Logan Square Branch! Join us for a fun-filled program of books, poems and songs performed by the Junior League of Chicago. Hear some all-time favorite books dramatized using hats and props. A craft will be available after the story time. For ages 3 and up and their families.	Saturday, February 10, 2024 10:30AM-11:30AM	Logan Square 3030 West Fullerton Chicago IL 60647 This event takes place in person and especially welcomes patrons with print disabilities. An accessible digital audiobook or braille book format is available to those who qualify via the Chicago Public Library Assistive Resources and Talking Book Center. Masks are strongly encouraged in all CPL locations.
<u>Lunar New Year Celebration</u> The Year of the Dragon is almost here. Celebrate the Lunar New Year by making fabulous dragon crafts!	Thursday, February 8, 2024 4:00PM – 5:00PM	China Town 2100 S. Wentworth Chicago IL 60616 <u>How to Attend</u> This event takes place in person.

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<u>Storytime with Darcy Day Zoells - "The New Bicycle"</u> Join local author/illustrator, Darcy Day Zoells as she introduces her new book The New Bicycle About the Book: The New Bicycle (for ages 4-8) has been described as “an imaginative little road movie, layered with meaning...” Mari sets off on her new bicycle and travels from her simple neighborhood into increasingly fantastic settings. On the journey, she overcomes obstacles to make her own way, finds friends and discovers new places before returning home. The New Bicycle was awarded the Gold Medal in the Key Colors Competition and is a 2024 Illinois Reads selection. About the Author: <u>Darcy Day Zoells</u> is an award-winning author and illustrator. Her work has been exhibited locally, and in 2019 and 2020, was included in the exhibition "The	Saturday, February 10, 2024 10:30 AM 	57th Street Books 1301 E 57th St Chicago, IL Free Parking is generally readily available on Kimbark Ave between 56th and 57th streets

Children-Spectators" at the Bologna Children's Book Fair. Darcy lives and works in the South Loop, with her husband and their very large rescue dog.		
<u>Adult Fiction Book Discussion: Their Eyes Were Watching God</u> Join the Literature and Language Book Club for a discussion of the novel <u>Their Eyes Were Watching God</u> by Zora Neale Hurston. A PBS Great American Read Top 100 Pick. "One of the most important and enduring books of the twentieth century, <u>Their Eyes Were Watching God</u> brings to life a Southern love story with the wit and pathos found only in the writing of Zora Neale Hurston. Out of print for almost thirty years—due largely to initial audiences' rejection of its strong black female protagonist—Hurston's classic has since its 1978 reissue become perhaps the most widely read and highly acclaimed novel in the canon of African-American literature."	Saturday, February 17, 2024 11:00AM – 12:00PM 	<i>Registration is Required</i> Harold Washington Library 400 S. State Street Chicago IL 60605 7th Floor, Room 7N-5

From the publisher, Harper Collins.		
<u>Art in Fiction Book Club: Harlem Redux</u> Explore the Harlem Renaissance through Persia Walker's novel, <u>Harlem Redux</u>. Join us for a discussion delving into the art, music and literature that shaped American history. Copies of the book are available at the 8th floor reference desk, while supplies last.	Saturday, February 17, 2024 2:00PM – 3:00PM	<i>Registration is Required</i> Harold Washington Library 400 S. State Street Chicago IL 60605 <i>8th floor conference room</i>