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Important Announcements

We have had a great start to our school year. Teachers and students have established good habits and were provided strategies to enhance reading and writing. We need your *continued support* of our school-wide reading initiative, South Loop Reads. Our quarterly newsletters will provide suggested student and adult readings, helpful at-home resources for parents, and community literacy activities and events. This is intended to get all students and their families involved in reading more regularly. We strongly encourage families to incorporate reading as part of your everyday routines. Reading can and should occur together as a family or individually. 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. There are many *benefits to reading*; it expands vocabulary, improves sleep, improves writing skills, develops empathy, and improves focus and concentration, to name a few. **Thank you to our parents and volunteers** that worked on our library makeovers, your hard work created inviting spaces. Please encourage your child to check out our revamped space. We encourage everyone to pick up a good book and read today!



What's Happening in Language Arts

At South Loop we have been working with our students and families to create a culture that supports literacy. Our teachers have created literacy rich environments by providing access to a variety of resources, such as books, magazines, literacy games, and field trips. There are/were scheduled library visits to the Harold Washington and Chinatown libraries. Teachers have also developed personalized learning pathways for each student based on their individual needs. Pre Kindergarten hosted The Kohl Children's Museum Story Bus to celebrate early literacy. Pre Kindergarten students are recognizing and learning how to write their first names. They can also tell you about the front and back cover of a book and that the spine of the book holds the pages together. They can tell you the role of the author and illustrator and locate the title on the front cover of books. To promote literacy, 3rd grade students completed a "Book In A Bag" book report project and students presented their work to their classmates. Students in 5th grade have completed amazing Hispanic Heritage Research Projects.

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A few suggested readings

Students should read *at least 20 minutes a day* outside of school time.

PreK - 2 The Very Last Leaf by Stef Wade Lance Cottonwood is the brightest leaf in the class, but even the brightest students have worries. Lance is afraid his final exam will take him from the top of his comfortable tree to somewhere he doesn't want to be. Will Lance conquer his fears and learn to let go, or will he let his worries take over?



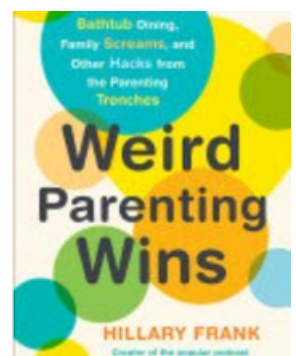
3rd - 5th The Wild Robot series by Peter Brown The Wild Robot is a trilogy of science fiction novels for children by American writer and illustrator Peter Brown, which consists of the following novels: The Wild Robot, The Wild Robot Escapes, and The Wild Robot Protects.



6th - 8th Percy Jackson and the Olympians, Book One: The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan The Lightning Thief is a light-hearted fantasy about a modern 12-year-old boy who learns that his true father is Poseidon, the Greek god of the sea. Percy sets out to become a hero by undertaking a quest across the United States to find the entrance to the Underworld and stop a war between the gods.



Adult - Weird Parenting Wins by Hillary Frank Some of the best parenting advice that Hillary Frank ever received did not come from parenting experts, but from friends and podcast listeners who acted on a whim, often in moments of desperation. These "weird parenting wins" were born of moments when the expert advice wasn't working, and instead of freaking out, these parents had a stroke of genius.



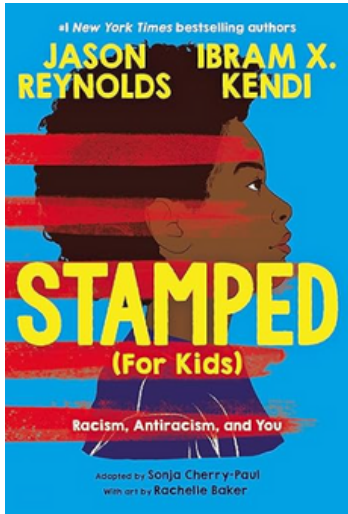
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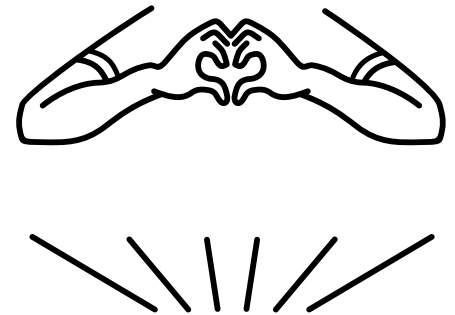


Book of the Quarter



Adapted from the award-winning, bestselling *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You*, this book takes readers on a journey from present to past and back again. Kids will discover where racist ideas came from, identify how they impact America today, and meet those who have fought racism with antiracism. Along the way, they'll learn how to identify and stamp out racist thoughts in their own lives.

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At-Home Resources

Reading Apps

www.starfall.com
www.learnwithhomer.com
www.getepic.com

Reading at Home

[Reading Rewards That Work](#)
[Easy Ways to Get Your Kids To Read This Year](#)
[Growing Readers](#)

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Visist a local library

<u>Harold Washington Library Center</u>	400 S State St, Chicago, IL 60605
<u>Chinatown</u>	2100 S Wentworth Avenue, Chicago, IL 60616
<u>West Loop</u>	122 N. Aberdeen Street, Chicago, IL 60607

Community Literacy Activities & Evetns

Event	Date/Time	Location
One-On-One Basic Computer Skills Interested in learning more about how to use the computer or need a refresher? We are now offering one-on-one basic computer skills development through the online resource Chicago Digital Learn. If you prefer to use your own laptop, feel free to bring it. Up to three, one-hour session per person. Sessions are by appointment only.	This will occur on Suddays 1:00PM – 4:30PM Sunday, September 1st - Sunday, December 29th	<u>Chicago Bee</u> 3647 S. State Street Chicago IL 60609 Contact: Kenneth Johnson Telephone: (312) 747-6872 Email: kjohnson12@chipublib.org
Chi-Soul Workshops with Avery R. Young Avery R. Young, Chicago's first Poet Laureate will lead "chi-soul workshops" at the Austin Branch. The workshops are designed for any writer, from beginners to experienced, to build poems and poetry manuscripts centered on the times and tales of Chicago.	Workshops will take place the first Sunday of each month, May through November. 2:00PM – 4:00PM	5615 W. Race Avenue Chicago IL 60644 Telephone: (312) 746-5038 Email: adultservices@chipublib.org
Literacy Chicago's ESL Series: English Conversation Do you want to practice speaking and understanding English and improve your communications skills? Then join Literacy Chicago instructors for 90 minutes of English conversation on current events, life in Chicago and many other topics. Learn to be more confident in expressing yourself in English and gain conversational vocabulary while meeting new people and having fun!	This group meets every Tuesday at 6:00pm to 7:30pm. Tuesday, September 3rd - Tuesday, December 17th	West Town 1625 W. Chicago Avenue Chicago IL 60622 Contact: Literacy Chicago Telephone: (312) 858-6020 Email: info@literacychicago.org



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Adult Fiction Book Discussion On Saturday, November 16, we'll discuss the novel <i>The History of Love</i> by Nicole Krauss.	Saturday, November 16 11:00AM – 12:00PM	Harold Washington Library Center 400 S. State Street Chicago IL 60605 Contact: Literature & Language Department Telephone: (312) 747-4700
ESL Practice: English Conversation Group Do you want to practice speaking and understanding English and improve your communications skills? Join our conversation group with Literacy Chicago and improve your ability to communicate. This conversation group is for people who already know some English and would like more practice. This group focuses on having lively discussions about current events, life in Chicago, and many other topics. Learn to be more confident in expressing yourself in English, gain conversational vocabulary, meet new people, and have fun! Please apply for enrollment at the Literacy Chicago website before attending your first session. For more information, contact info@literacychicago.org or call (312) 858-6020. ¿Quiere practicar hablar y comprender inglés y mejorar sus habilidades comunicativas? Únase a nuestro grupo de conversación con Literacy Chicago y mejore su capacidad de comunicarse. Este grupo de conversación es para personas que ya saben algo de inglés y les gustaría practicar más. Por favor solicite la inscripción en el sitio web de Literacy Chicago antes de asistir a su primera sesión. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con info@literacychicago.org o llame al (312) 858-6020.	The Fall session of this group meets on Wednesday afternoons from September 11 to December 20. 3:00PM – 4:30PM La sesión de otoño de este grupo se reúne los miércoles por la tarde del 11 de septiembre al 20 de diciembre. 3:00PM – 4:30PM	<u>Harold Washington Library Center</u> 400 S. State Street Chicago IL 60605 <u>Contact:</u> Literacy Chicago <u>Telephone:</u> (312) 858-6020 <u>Email:</u> info@literacychicago.org



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Shut Up & Write: Writing Program That thing you want to write isn't going to write itself! Join the Chicago chapter of <u>Shut Up & Write</u>, hosted by Shauntionne. Quietly, members carve time into their everyday lives to focus on the craft we love the most, and find camaraderie amongst fellow writers in Chicagoland.	Mondays October 7th - December 16th 5:30PM – 7:30PM	<u>Harold Washington Library Center</u> 400 S. State Street Chicago IL 60605 <u>Contact:</u> Sharon Gissy <u>Email:</u> sgissy@chipublib.org
College and Career Saturdays: Visual Arts, Gaming and Graphic Design Design Your Life After High School by exploring the wide variety of options available to you after you graduate! • Network with industry professionals. • Learn about opportunities, internships, college and trade programs. • Discover what it takes to pursue your passions. • Engage and fun related activities that give you a taste of the field of choice. • Win prizes that will help you get started. • Get free lunch! Each event will cover a different field. This one is on careers and opportunities in Visual Arts, Gaming and Graphic Design. For ages 14-22. Online registration is encouraged! Note: The event starts at 1pm and the first hour is open for industry presenter tables, partner tables, programs, lunch, and activities. The panel discussion with industry professionals and the raffle of prizes doesn't begin until 2pm. Winners must be present to claim their prizes.	Saturday, November 16 1:00PM – 3:00PM	<u>Harold Washington Library Center</u> 400 S. State Street Chicago IL 60605 <u>Contact:</u> Faith Rice <u>Telephone:</u> (312) 747-4210 <u>Email:</u> frice@chipublib.org



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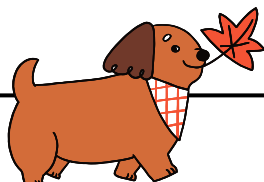


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Korean Book Discussion: 하얼빈 Monday, November 04 on November 4, 2024, 1:00pm–2:00pm 1:00pm to 2:00pm Harold Washington Library Center location: Harold Washington Library Center 알바니팩 도서관 한국어 북클럽에 초대합니다. 이번 달에는 김훈의 <하얼빈> 을 읽고 토론합니다. 영웅 안중근 대신 한 인간으로서의 내면적 갈등에 집중 한 김훈의 최근작입니다. 소설 안에서 이토 히로부미로 상징되는 제국주의의 물결과 안중근으로 상징되는 청년기의 순수한 열정이 부딪치고, 살인이라는 중죄에 임하는 한 인간의 대의와 윤리가 부딪치며, 안중근이 천주교인으로서 지닌...	Mondays November 4, 2024 1:00PM – 2:00PM	<u>Harold Washington Library Center</u> 400 S. State Street Chicago IL 60605 <u>Contact:</u> <u>Young Park</u> <u>Telephone:</u> <u>(312) 747-4100</u> <u>Email:</u> y.park@chipublib.org
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3-Week, Online Percy Jackson Workshop! Ages 10-14 Join us for Modern Mythology: Percy Jackson and Writing Your Own Contemporary Myths! This pop culture workshop will focus on the TV series Percy Jackson and the Olympians, based on the books by Rick Riordan.	Thursdays, Online @ 3:45 PM Eastern November 7th November 14th November 21st	Please register at: https://www.writopialab.org/portal/enroll/pgportal/pv-register-step-1.php?PID=D49AF5E1-1E50-409E-91A5-E6DD507390F4&EID=0
Calling all Swifties! Come connect with fellow fans, discover what we can learn from Taylor Swift's use of literary devices and narrative techniques, and write our own songs, poems, and stories based on our favorite songs.	Thursdays, Online @ 3:45 PM Eastern • December 5th • December 12th • December 19th	Please register at: https://www.writopialab.org/portal/enroll/pgportal/pv-register-step-1.php?PID=B86479C3-E22A-47F0-B2A9-22A1BB7849ED&EID=0



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