PEEPS DIORAMA CONTEST
MARCH 31-APRIL 4

Join us for our second annual celebration of the colorful marshmallow Peeps. Enter our contest with your own miniature “Peep World” in a shoebox. “Peep Prizes” will be given for the best entries in four categories: Family, Youth (grades 5 & under), Young Adult (grades 6-12), and Adult. Enter by yourself or with a group.

Pick up your entry form from the Information Center or print it from our website (www.caryarealibrary.info). Drop off your entry between Friday, March 27 and Sunday, March 29. Dioramas will be on display from Tuesday, March 31 through Saturday, April 4.

PEEPS PARTY!

Peeps Party Opening Reception
Tuesday, March 31, 5:30-7:30 pm
Come be a part of our second annual Peeps Diorama Contest! Vote for your favorite for the “Peeples Choice Award” and celebrate with the creators. All prizes will be awarded at the end of the reception.

USED BOOK SALE

Friday, April 17, 6-8 pm - Preview Sale ($5 admission for adults)
Saturday, April 18, 9 am-5 pm
Sunday, April 19, 1-5 pm

Don't miss the Friends of the Cary Area Library Spring Used Book sale. Many gently used books are looking for a new home; the selection is terrific and you can’t beat the bargain prices. Also, teachers who bring ID will receive half-off their purchases.
MAKE IT ▼

Stamping with Vicki
Sunday, March 8, 1:30-3:30 pm
Handmade cards add a special touch to traditional greetings. Join us in making four hand-stamped cards that can be used throughout the year. All supplies will be provided. There’s a $5 materials fee payable at registration.

Spring Flower Basket
Wednesday, April 1, 7-8 pm
Create a pastel basket filled with colorful spring flowers. Peggy Garvin will provide all the materials and instructions; please bring your own garden pruners. Please register at the library to pay the $17 materials fee.

FOR THE FOODIES ▼

Four Fundamentals of Coffee
Saturday, March 7, 10-11 am
Join Alison Cipri, manager of our local Starbucks, as she discusses the Fundamentals of Coffee. She will share brewing methods and demo how to make a great cup of coffee at home.

Irish Cuisine: Beyond Corned Beef
Wednesday, March 11, 6:30-8 pm
Everyone’s Irish in March! Join Chef Michael Maddox as he explores modern Irish cuisine which is lighter, more urbane, and reflects global influences while keeping its comfort food soul. Recipes will be provided.

You Can Brew It
Sunday, May 3, 1:30-3 pm
Home brewing is a fun and rewarding hobby enjoyed by millions of people all over the world. Award-winning home brewer, Scott Pointon, will discuss the equipment, ingredients, processes, and resources available to would-be home brewmasters.

BECOME AN EXPERT ▼

Filing For Social Security: Choices for Your Retirement Income
Wednesday, March 4, 7-8 pm
Will you be filing for social security within the next 5 years? Learn how to optimize your social security benefits for retirement and receive a planning workbook, too.

Instagram: A Photo Sharing Tool
Saturday, March 7, 1-2:30 pm
You’ve heard about Instagram. Learn how to use one of the most popular photo sharing tools available.

DNA: Behind the Scenes
Saturday, May 2, 10-11:30 am
DNA testing has become part of genealogy but what does it really mean? What are the different tests and what can they tell you? Dr. Daniel Hubbard will help you understand all this and more as he explores how DNA testing can be used in your research.

AARP: Driver Safety
Tuesday, May 12 and Thursday, May 14, 12-4 pm
This course is an eight-hour refresher for motorists aged 50 and older. The course provides a review of driving skills and techniques, as well as strategies and tips to help you adjust to normal physical changes that may affect your driving ability. Registration is required along with attendance on both days to receive your class certificate that may qualify participants to a discount on auto insurance. Fee: $15 for AARP members; $20 for non-members—Please bring a check payable to AARP, your AARP card and your driver’s license on the first day of class. Sorry, no cash or credit cards! Since this is a long class, you may want to bring water and a small snack.

GET GARDENING ▼

Veggie Gardens
Wednesday, April 29, 7-8 pm
Plant big gardens in small spaces. Large plots are not needed when you grow in vertical gardens, raised beds, and on windowsills. A bit of planning, a few seeds, and a little work can result in a harvest that keeps taste and nutrition high and grocery bills low.

Backyard Composting
Wednesday, May 6, 7-8:30 pm
Horticulturist Sharon Yiesla, owner of “Sharon Yiesla, Horticultural Services” will show you how to compost in your backyard. She will discuss composting techniques and clear up the misconceptions that may be keeping you from getting started.

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION ▼

Join one of our book groups for a lively discussion. Books are available each month at the Circulation Desk.

MARCH
Wednesday, March 25, 10:30-11:30 am
The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared • Jonas Jonasson

Thursday, March 26, 7-8 pm
And the Mountains Echoed • Khaled Hosseini

APRIL
Wednesday, April 22, 10:30-11:30 am
And the Mountains Echoed • Khaled Hosseini

Thursday, April 23, 7-8 pm
Shotgun Lovesongs • Nickolas Butler

MAY
Wednesday, May 27, 10:30-11:30 am
Quiet • Susan Cain

Thursday, May 28, 7-8 pm

Program registration begins Friday, February 20.
**JUST FOR FUN ▼**

**Mark Rothman: Life & Observations From the Sitcom Trenches**
**Wednesday, March 18, 7-8:30 pm**
Remember laughing to hit shows such as *Laverne and Shirley*, *Happy Days*, and *The Odd Couple*? Meet the man behind the humor, famed TV sitcom writer Mark Rothman. Mark has stories to tell, and his books will be available for purchase and signing afterwards.

**Wrigley Field Year by Year**
**Wednesday, April 8, 7-8 pm**
Sam Pathy, a noted Wrigley Field expert and the author of *Wrigley Field Year By Year: A Century at the Friendly Confines* will share his knowledge of this storied ballpark. Copies of Mr. Pathy's book will be available for purchase after the program.

**After Hours Bunco!**
**Friday, April 24, 6:30-8:30 pm**
Join us after hours to play this fast paced, easy to learn dice game. Enjoy some refreshments and compete for a variety of delightful prizes. Register early as there is a limit of 24 players.

**YOUR HEALTH ▼**

**Alzheimer's: Meaningful Connections**
**Wednesday, April 22, 7-8:30 pm**
Do you feel unsure or ill at ease around a person with memory loss? Gain insight into dementia and how it affects communication and behavior. Plus you will learn some techniques to help make your interactions more comfortable and meaningful.

**Healthy Body/Healthy Home**
**Monday, May 18, 7-8:30 pm**
Many of our common household products contain chemicals that harm our health. Dawn Duffy will share valuable information on making your own healthy alternatives.

**ALL ABOUT ART ▼**

**Dr. Seuss Creation**
**Monday, March 2, 4:30-5:30 pm**
Grades K-2. Let’s check out some of the characters by Dr. Seuss. We’ll draw and paint a Tufted Mazurka, a kind of bird from his book *If I Ran the Zoo*. Limited to 20 students.

**Bubbles**
**Monday, March 23, 3-4 pm**
Grades 3-5. Do you like bubbles? We will look at real bubbles and photos of bubbles and then draw them using oil pastels on black paper. Limited to 20.

**Recycled Bugs**
**Thursday, April 9, 4:30-5:30 pm**
Grades K-2. It’s Earth Day this month so let’s recycle materials and make some bugs. Limited to 20 students.

**Notan Inspired Collages**
**Thursday, April 30, 4:30-5:30 pm**
Grades 3-5. This is a type of Japanese art using cut paper that uses the contrast of light and dark to make an eye catching composition. Limited to 20.

**Mother’s Day Hearts**
**Monday, May 4, 4:30-5:30 pm**
Grades K-2. Mother’s Day is coming! Let’s work with hearts and make her something special. Limited to 20.

**SCIENCE TIME ▼**

**Wired for Science Club**
**Tuesdays, March 10 & May 12, 5-6 pm**
Grades 3-5. Each session we will feature exciting experiments to get kids exploring different methods of science. Register for each one.

**FAMILY FUN ▼**

**Improv Playhouse presents Jack and the Beanstalk**
**Saturday, March 14, 10:30-11:30 am**
Bring the whole family to a fun musical performance of *Jack and the Beanstalk*. Enjoy interaction, improvisation, fun characters, and catchy songs. Please register each attendee.

**Bunny Bingo**
**Saturday, March 28 1-2 pm**
All ages family program. Celebrate spring with Bunny Bingo - we will be playing Bingo for spring themed prizes. Please register each attendee.

**LEGO Club**
**Monday, March 16, 4:30-5:30 pm**
Grades 1-6. Each month we will build based on a new theme and your creation will be put on display in the Library. Register for each session.

**LEGO Artist Workshop**
**Friday, May 1, 2-3 pm**
Ages 7-10. Learn the artistic ability of LEGO bricks. Kids will make their own unique LEGO sculpture and will use mathematics to figure out how to create and build a large-scale model of their original sculpture. Presented by LEGOLAND Discovery Center.

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BOOK CLUBS

Story Explorers: Celebrations Around the World
Tuesdays, March 17 & April 28
4:15-5 pm
Grades K-2. We’ll continue our travels around the world learning about how people celebrate through stories. We’ll also enjoy a fun activity. Register for each session.

Mother Daughter Book Club
Thursdays, March 19, April 23, May 21, 7-8 pm
Grades 4 & 5. Enjoy a chance to read with your mother or other adult female, and then join us for a fun-filled discussion with other activities. The book club will meet monthly.

Book Busters
Tuesdays, March 31, April 21, May 26
7-8 pm

HEALTHY KIDS

Fruits & Veggies to the Rescue!
Saturday, April 11
9:30-10:30 am: Ages 5-7
11:00-12 pm: Ages 8-9
This healthy eating program taps into kids’ imaginations and love of superheroes to inspire them to love and eat their fruits & veggies! Kids become part of the show by dressing as superhero and junk food characters. They create art with their healthy food plates and then eat their masterpiece! Kids receive adventure tokens redeemable for free items at local food stores or restaurants.

JUST FOR FUN

Paddington Bear Party!
Saturday, April 25, 10:30-11:15 am
Ages 3-6, with a caregiver. Join us as we read Paddington Bear, play musical bears and make a craft.

Mommy & Me Spa Day
Saturday, May 9 1-3 pm
Ages 5 & up. Girls bring your mom to a fun afternoon of pampering, sponsored in part by Lisa Raupp, Mary Kay consultant. You’ll have a facial, give each other a manicure and get a nice hand/neck massage from a certified massage therapist! Raffle prizes and more! Please register each attendee.

Between May 4-10, join us for a program or checkout a book and enter to win a special prize basket.

Mother Goose and Friends
Monday, May 4, 10:30-11:10 am
Ages infant-6, with an adult caregiver. We’re kicking off Children’s Book Week with a special visit from Mother Goose and Her Friends! Full of rhyme, puppetry and creative dramatics, this program offers young children the opportunity to interact with a professional storyteller and participate in the “magic” of puppetry and nursery rhymes! No registration, pick up your free tickets that day at the Info Center.

Special Storytime and Craft
Thursday, May 7, 6:30-7:15 pm
All ages family program. Special Children’s Book Week storytime and craft. Please register each attendee.

STORYTIMES

FAMILY STORYTIMES
For children birth to age 6 with an adult. Stimulate your child’s senses through books, rhymes, music and movement. Pick up your free tickets at the Info Center.

Mondays, 10:30-11 am
March 2, 9, 16, 30
May 4, 11, 18

Tuesdays, 10:30-11 am
March 3, 10, 17, 31
May 5, 12, 19

Thursdays, 6:30-7 pm
March 5, 12, 19
May 14, 21

PRESCHOOL STORIES
For children birth to age 6 with an adult. Help your preschooler get ready to read and build skills through stories, music and movement. Caregivers must remain in library; pick up child’s name tag at the Info Center.

Tuesdays, 10:30-11:15 am
March 3, 10, 17, 31
May 5, 12, 19

BILINGUAL STORYTIME
All ages welcome. Join Ester Figueroa for 30 minutes of interactive stories, songs and fun for parents and children to enjoy together. No registration required.

Para todas las edades. 30 minutos de cuentos música, rimas, manualidades y mucho más para el disfrute de toda la familia! No necesita registrarse.

Wednesdays, 6-6:30 pm
March 4, 18
May 6, 20
Teen Advisory Board
Tuesdays, March 10, April 14 & May 12, 7-8:30 pm
Join us to suggest new programs, help FOCAL set up their book sale, and earn volunteer hours! Bring a friend!

Teen Gaming
Tuesdays, March 17, April 28 & May 19, 7-8:30 pm
Drop in to play Wii Brawl, Guitar Hero and more on the big screen. No need to register.

Spring Paper Bowls
Saturday, March 21, 1-3 pm
Create stylish, recyclable bowls using paper coiling technique with crafter Julie Thornton. Registration required. Limited to 20.

Mother’s Day Cupcake Bouquet
Tuesday, May 5, 6-7 pm
Baker Angela Javor will teach decorating techniques that will allow you to make a cupcake bouquet at home. Practice on fondant toppers; then bring your final creation home on top of an edible cupcake. You will also receive a frosting tip you can re-use. Register in person to pay the $5 materials fee. Limited to 15.

Robotics Workshop
Sundays, March 22, April 12 & May 17 1:30-4:30 pm
Learn how to manipulate hardware and software components that make up LEGO’s EV3 Mindstorms robot in this hands-on workshop. You and a partner will proceed at your own pace with help available for beginners and more experienced programmers. Stay for up to 3 hours. Sign up for one or more sessions. Limited to 12 teens.

FREE COMIC BOOK DAY
SATURDAY
MAY 2
Discover the amazing world of comic books on Free Comic Book Day! Annually on the first Saturday in May, comic book sellers offer free books to their many fans. This year Modern Age Comics in Algonquin will bring a fabulous selection of free books for the first 200 people who stop at the Information Center. Choose from Sonic, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Dr. Who, Marvel and many more. Limit 1 book per person.

SUCCESSFUL BATTLE OF THE BOOKS
This year's Battle of the Books was bigger and better than ever! Students from SS Peter and Paul joined the program, and we had a record 69 students compete on 12 teams. The winning team, SRS, was composed of students from the Cary Junior High and SSPP. A special thanks goes out to the Friends of the Cary Area Library, the Cary Education Foundation, and SSPP for sponsoring this program.

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FRIENDS OF THE CARY AREA LIBRARY

- If you’re interested in joining FOCAL, please attend one of our upcoming meetings at the Library: **March 5, April 2, or May 7 at 7 pm**. (Meetings are the first Thursday of each month.)

- Donations of gently used books are always welcome during library hours, and are tax deductible! Please do not put donations in outside drop boxes. Note that we no longer accept encyclopedias and reference sets, yearbooks, textbooks over 5 years old, VHS and cassette tapes.

HEALTH SCREENING FOR MEN

On **Wednesday, March 4 from 9:30-11:30 am**, the Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) test is being offered free of charge by the McHenry County Department of Health. Men age 50 and above and those who are age 40 and above who are at higher risk due to family history or being African American are eligible. The screening will also include Heart Age analysis and general health education information. Fasting is not required and the screening will take approximately 20 minutes. Appointments can be made online at www.mcdh.info or by calling 815-334-4851; screenings take place in the Library meeting room.

COMMUNITY SHOWCASE

Be sure to stop by the Library’s booth at the Community Showcase on **Saturday, March 7 at the Cary-Grove High School between 10 am-4 pm**. Our Director, Diane McNulty, and Library trustees will be on hand to answer any questions and listen to your comments.

TRUSTEE TO SPEAK AT CONVOCATION

We are proud to announce that Cary Area Public Library District Trustee Scott F. Migaldi has been selected as featured speaker for the 2015 University of Illinois Graduate School of Library and Information Science Convocation. Scott will be speaking on how libraries are changing to meet the needs of users in the 21st century and changes occurring in the library and information science field.