



## Atlanta Public Library March 2017

### *Explore Your Inner Artist!*

**HOURS:** Monday 10-12:30; Tuesday/Thursday 10-7; Wednesday/Friday 10-4:30; Saturday 9-3  
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#### Children's Programs

**March 16, 6:30pm.** *Let's make art!* Join Heather Rogers for a variety of creative projects designed to bring out the artist in you! Stories and refreshments! Please call 217-648-2112 by February 13th to sign up. FREE! *Sponsored by the Illinois Prairie Community Foundation*

**ART CONTEST!** Submit one of your own unique creations by March 31. Judging will be on March 31, and winners will have their work displayed in our *Community Collections Cabinet* in April. Open to ages K-12th grade. Entries may include: painting, graphic design, poetry, drawing, sculpture, or mixed media. *Sponsored by the Illinois Prairie Community Foundation*

#### Adult Programs

**March 6, 13, 20, 6:00pm.** *Write for Life.* Adult amateur writing workshop open to anyone ages 15 and older. Friendly, supportive environment that encourages experimentation and creativity. We will read and discuss each other's work, enjoy refreshments together, and explore a variety of writing styles and genres. Call 217-648-2112 by February 3 to register and bring something to read (whatever you are working on) to the first session. FREE

**March 10, 5:30pm.** *Dinner at the Palms Grill: Danny Tackett.* The ever-popular Danny Tackett will be with us to discuss his newspaper career and his recent book, "Big Stories from a Small Town," a collection of essays about growing up in and around Armington in the 1960s. Reservations required. Call 217-648-5077. Cost of dinner. *Sponsored by the Atlanta Betterment Fund*

**March 14, 9:00am.** *Color Me Happy!* Coloring books and jig-saw puzzles make their reprise at the Library. Join us for continental breakfast and good conversation as we pull out the coloring books and puzzles for the last time this year. It's about time to start gardening, so explore our flower and garden coloring books and our beautiful garden puzzles to whet your appetite! FREE

**March 17, 6:30pm.** *Fireside Friday.* Our well-loved story hour for adults returns for the last time this year. Come take the chill out of winter, enjoy refreshments, and hear stories by the fire. This is a really fun evening of food and fellowship that will take your mind off whatever ails you! FREE

**March 21, 8:30am.** *This Golden Age: Painting with Kirk Billiter.* Join us for coffee and refreshments followed by a discussion with Kirk Billiter whose passion and talent for painting are among Atlanta's best-kept secrets. Hear from Kirk about how he got started painting and what inspires his art. Also, enjoy some of Kirk's personally selected paintings which will be on display. Refreshments available at 8:30, with program to follow at 9:00. FREE

**March 23, 5:30pm.** *Cool Ceramics: Field Trip to Artful Designs in Bloomington.* Join us for a trip to Artful Designs Studio. Choose your own ceramics piece to paint and enjoy creating alongside your friends. Supper afterward at a location to be announced. Call 217-648-2112 by March 17 to sign up. Cost of ceramics piece/dinner. The Library will pay the studio fees.

**March 24, 5:30PM.** *Dinner at the Palms Grill: Life and Love...after 60.* We welcome Dr. Terri Ryburn back to conclude our dinner programs series. Terri will present three short, humorous plays which she wrote and directed—all celebrating life and love after 60. It's sure to be a fun evening! Reservations required. Call 217-648-5077. Cost of dinner. *Sponsored by the Atlanta Betterment Fund*



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**March 27, 6:00pm.** *Worldviews Book Group.* This month we delve into The Muse, Jessica Burton's seductive story of greed, power and ambition. Traveling between England in 1967 and Spain in 1936, Burton's novel centers on a mysterious painting discovered by young Odelle Bastien, a Caribbean immigrant trying to make her way in London. Excitement and intrigue abound in this complex web of secrets and deception. Books available at the Library. A light supper will be served. FREE

**March 30, 6:30pm.** *Pearls: The Queen of Gems.* Ever wanted to try your hand at making jewelry? Join Michelle Buettner for an exploration of pearls: their history, mystery and folk lore. Shelley will discuss her life-long love of pearls, show some of her own designs, and lead a workshop that incorporates pearls and leather to make a lovely bracelet. You'll have your own original creation to take home with you! Cost: \$5.00. Sign up by calling the Library at 217-648-2112 by March 27.

*Coming on April 22!*

Illinois Symphony Orchestra: *Gershwin's Greatest Pops Concert*

Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts, 7:30pm

The ISO's brass quintet was such a hit in February that many of you asked whether we could organize an outing to a full symphony concert. SO...

We are currently working with the ISO on a group ticket price for the Gershwin concert in April. Please call the Library if you would like information about this "field trip" as we will have to confirm with the ISO by April 1.

The program features *An American in Paris*, *I Got Rhythm Variations*, *Rhapsody in Blue* with Canadian pianist Ian Parker, and selections from *Porgy and Bess*.