



The Invention of
HUGO CABRET

by Brian Selznick

Resource Guide 2012



Kids Read

The Invention of Hugo Cabret



Kids Read Programs

Participating libraries will present a variety of programs that explore and celebrate this excellent book. Registration requirements, including age or grade levels, will vary. Contact individual libraries or check their websites and newsletters for more information. See back cover for contact information.

Kids Read Book Parties

Hooray for Hugo! Attend a party filled with games, art and science activities, discussion and trivia, and overall fun. Parties will differ at each library, but all are guaranteed to bring the book to life!

- Thurs., March 15, 4 – 5 p.m., Gr. 2 – 5
Clarendon Hills Public Library
- Fri., March 16, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Gr. 3 – 6
Lisle Library District
- Mon., March 19, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Gr. 2 – 5
Hinsdale Public Library
- Mon., March 19, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Gr. 3 – 6
Woodridge Public Library
- Wed., March 21, 4 – 5 p.m., Gr. 3 – 6
La Grange Park Public Library
- Thurs., March 22, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Gr. 3 – 6
La Grange Public Library
- Thurs., March 22, 4 – 4:45 p.m., Gr. 3 – 6
Downers Grove Public Library
- Wed., March 28, 2 – 3 p.m.
Gr. 2 and up with parents
Thomas Ford Memorial Library
- Wed., March 28, 6:30 – 8 p.m., Gr. 2 and up
Westmont Public Library

Arts and Science

Hugo worked hard, keeping the clocks in the busy Paris train station in good running order. In his free time he tried to find and decipher a hidden message using a cryptic drawing, a treasured notebook, a stolen key, and a mechanical man. The following programs explore art and science concepts at play in *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*.

Magician Matt Scherer

- Fri., March 2, 2 – 2:45 p.m., Family Event
Downers Grove Public Library

Make-Your-Own Mechanical Man

- Sat., March 3, 1 – 2 p.m., Ages 6 – 12
La Grange Park Public Library
- Mon., March 5, 3:45 – 4:45 p.m., Gr. 3 – 6
La Grange Public Library
- Mon., March 12, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., Ages 6 – 9
Thomas Ford Memorial Library
- Thurs., March 29, 2 – 3 p.m., Gr. 4 – 6
Woodridge Public Library

Machines and Inventions

- Tues., March 6, 4:30 – 5:15 p.m., Gr. 1 – 5
Thomas Ford Memorial Library

Mad Science: Shutterbugs

- Wed., March 7, 3:45 – 4:45 p.m., Gr. 3 – 6
La Grange Public Library

Magician Steve Belliveau

- Thurs., March 8, 7 p.m., Gr. K – 6 and Parents
Woodridge Public Library



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**LEGOLAND® Discovery Center Presents
The Creative Challenge Workshop**

- Fri., March 9, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Gr. 3 – 6
Indian Prairie Public Library

**LEGO™ Clubs and LEGO™ Night
Trains & Machines**

- Sun., March 11, 4 – 5 p.m., Family Event
Hinsdale Public Library
- Thurs., March 15, 3:45 – 4:45 p.m., Gr. K and up
La Grange Public Library
- Thurs., March 22, 7 – 8 p.m., Ages 3 and up
Clarendon Hills Public Library

Science Saturday: Simple Machines

- Sat., March 17, 1 – 2:30 p.m., Ages 7 – 10
Westmont Public Library

Mad Science: The Science of Magic

- Sat., March 17, 2 – 3 p.m., Gr. 2 – 5
Hinsdale Public Library

The Art of Invention: Hugo Cabret Art Festival

- Sat., March 24, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Gr. 3 – 6
Lisle Library

Hugo Cabret Science Fair and French Snacks

- Fri., March 30, 6:30 p.m. or 7:45 p.m., Gr. K – 6
Indian Prairie Public Library

Fan with Food

Hugo had to steal food to survive and didn't get to sample all that Paris has to offer. Get a taste of French food at these programs.

Afternoon Tea in Paris

- Sun., March 4, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Ages 7 – 10
Westmont Public Library

Paris Treats: Family & Food

- Thurs., March 8, 6:30 – 8 p.m.
Gr. 3 – 5 and Parents
Hinsdale Public Library

Movies with a Parisian Touch

The Aristocats

- Mon., March 26, 2:30 – 4 p.m., All ages
Free popcorn
Indian Prairie Public Library

Ratatouille

- Thurs., March 29, 2 p.m.
Snacks and drinks allowed
La Grange Public Library

The Tale of Despereaux

- Fri., March 30, 2 p.m., All ages
Clarendon Hills Public Library

Discussion Questions

What ideas do you think are presented in this book?
What is it about?

What did you like best about the book?

Author/illustrator Brian Selznick won the Caldecott Medal for *The Invention of Hugo Cabret* in 2008. How did you respond to the art in this book? Did it enhance or distract from the story?

What did you discover or learn from the book that you did not know?

Is the setting of the book, Paris in the 1930s, important to the story? Could it happen in another time or place?

How are the magic tricks and machines presented in the book alike or different? What purpose do they serve?

Why was the notebook so important to Hugo?

Relationships are central to this book. What do you think about the bonds Hugo created with Isabelle and his father?

Who is your favorite character and why?

What would you ask the author about this book?

What would you do to change the story if you could?



Participating Libraries

Clarendon Hills Public Library

7 N. Prospect Avenue
Clarendon Hills • (630) 323-8188
www.clarendonhillslibrary.org

Downers Grove Public Library

1050 Curtiss Street
Downers Grove • (630) 960-1200
www.downersgrovelibrary.org

Hinsdale Public Library

20 E. Maple Street
Hinsdale • (630) 986-1976
www.hinsdalelibrary.info

Indian Prairie Public Library

401 Plainfield Road
Darien • (630) 887-8760
www.ippl.org

La Grange Public Library

10 W. Cossitt Avenue
La Grange • (708) 352-0576
www.lagrangelibrary.org

La Grange Park Public Library

555 N. La Grange Road
La Grange Park • (708) 352-0100
www.lplibrary.org

Lisle Library District

777 Front Street
Lisle • (630) 971-1675
www.lislelibrary.org

Thomas Ford Memorial Library

800 Chestnut Street
Western Springs • (708) 246-0520
www.fordlibrary.org

Westmont Public Library

428 N. Cass Avenue
Westmont • (630) 969-5625
www.westmontlibrary.org

Woodridge Public Library

3 Plaza Drive
Woodridge • (630) 964-7899
www.woodridgelibrary.org

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*The clocks featured in the **Kids Read** guide are located in the Musée d'Orsay, formerly the Gare d'Orsay, a train station situated in central Paris on the site of the ruined Palais d'Orsay.*

“Maybe that’s why a broken machine always makes me a little sad, because it isn’t able to do what it was meant to do... Maybe it’s the same with people,” Hago continued. “If you lose your purpose... it’s like you’re broken.”

