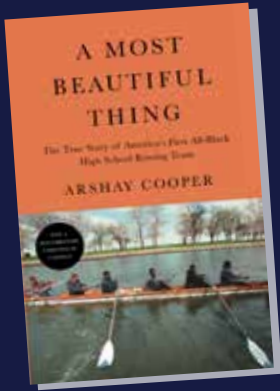


# LAKE PARK READS

A MULTI-COMMUNITY READING EVENT

Sunday, April 3 - Saturday, April 9



The Bloomingdale Public Library, Roselle Public Library District, Itasca Community Library, and Lake Park High School District #108 are proud to welcome author **Arshay Cooper** as he presents the moving story behind ***A Most Beautiful Thing***, the true story of a group of young men growing up on Chicago's West Side who formed the first all-Black high school rowing team in the nation and, in doing so, transformed a sport and their lives.

Saturday, April 9, 2022 | 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Lake Park West High School - 500 West Bryn Mawr Avenue, Roselle  
Residents from Bloomingdale, Itasca, and Roselle are invited

AUTHOR VISIT:

## ARSHAY COOPER

Arshay Cooper is a rower, Benjamin Franklin award-winning author, the protagonist of the novel and critically acclaimed film *A Most Beautiful Thing*, a Golden Oar recipient for his contributions to the sport of rowing, motivational speaker, and activist.



## LIBRARY COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

### Becoming & Being a Chef: The Inside Scoop

Monday, April 4  
7:00 – 8:00 p.m. • In-Person Event

Interested in a culinary career or just curious what it takes to be a professional chef? Chef Susan Maddox will share her wisdom, knowledge, experience, and entertaining stories about her career path. This insight will hopefully assist the next generation of culinarians.

Register at the Itasca Community Library, online at [itascalibrary.org](https://itascalibrary.org), or call (630) 773-1699.

Held at:  
Itasca Community Library  
500 West Irving Park Road  
Itasca, IL 60143

### Vision: See Yourself There Before You Get There

Tuesday, April 5  
7:00 – 8:00 p.m. • In-Person Event

Learn to achieve your goals with motivational expert, producer, and author Cherise Nicole Ragland. Cherise encourages participants to get a vision for their future. Without vision, you can't see where you're going. Her motto is if you can see it, you truly can achieve it!

Register at the Bloomingdale Public Library, online at [mybpl.org](https://mybpl.org), email [bdref@mybpl.org](mailto:bdref@mybpl.org), or call (630) 924-2730.

Held at:  
Bloomingdale Public Library  
101 Fairfield Way  
Bloomingdale, IL 60108

### Emancipation to Inauguration: The Black Experience in Chicago

Thursday, April 7  
7:00 – 8:30 p.m. • Virtual Event

From Chicago's first settler to the nation's Chief Executive, the African American presence is deep, rich, and proud. Historian Clarence Goodman will explore the African American presence all around Chicago.

This is a **virtual program** provided by the Roselle Public Library District.

Register at the Roselle Public Library, online at [rosellepld.org](https://rosellepld.org), or call (630) 529-1641.