

## Chicago Activities

**Car Show** Is there a local car club in your neighborhood that would love to show off their 1920 automobiles? Arrange for a special car show on your property. Invite residents and guests to admire the cars and enjoy some time outdoors. Some car owners might even be willing to give residents a ride in a classic car.



**Flapper Headband** Sequins and feathers were an important part of the emerging fashion in the 1920s. Purchase sequin stretch trim, feathers, decorative buttons, gems or brooches. Invite your female residents to get into the spirit by creating and wearing their own headbands. Supply the men with top hats and let the celebration begin.



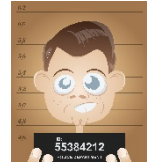
**Filmfest** *Chicago* takes place in the city of Chicago during the roaring 20s. Many popular movies were made about this interesting time in American history. Some suggestions are *The Great Gatsby*, *Some Like it Hot*, *The Artist*, *The Cat's Meow*, *Bullets over Broadway*, *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, and *Bugsy Malone*.



**Poker Game** Set up a poker room with poker tables and dealers. Provide your residents with poker chips and a secret password to enter the room.



**Mug Shots** Velma and Roxie are both arrested for murder and put in jail. During the 1920s the police were busy! Create a mug shot back drop against a wall. Supply your residents with props and take black and white “[mug shots](#).” Post the pictures on a “Most Wanted” wall.



**Book Club** Read the classic F. Scott Fitzgerald novel *The Great Gatsby* with your residents. Have a discussion about what was happening during the time of the novel. What do you think about the choices made by the characters in the novel? What was your favorite part of the novel? What are some other enjoyable novels set in the 20s?

**Stock Market** Black Tuesday, the crash of the stock market, occurred in 1929. Your residents are probably too young to remember that time, but most of them are familiar with the stock market. Why not create a stock market game for your residents. Create a stock chart on a wall in a common area. Have each resident choose a stock and then chart its rise and fall over the course of the month. The person whose stock goes up the most is the winner.



**Variety Show** Velma and Roxie were vaudeville performers and the musical *Chicago* is presented as a series of vaudeville routines. Why not bring vaudeville to your community? Have residents, staff, and even professional performers put on a show for invited guests.