



Wilmette Public Library

September-October 2023

Library Card Sign-up Month!

Explore the power of your
library card this September



Introducing our New Strategic Plan

This fall, we're excited to share our new four year strategic plan with you. Created in response to feedback from community members, trustees, and staff, the plan outlines a range of strategic priorities to help Wilmette Public Library grow and thrive in the coming years.

Our plan addresses priorities, trends, and aspirations that have frequently come up in our recent conversations: creating a welcoming environment, focusing on a connected community, and building a sustainable future.

We have also updated the library's mission and vision, and created a values statement outlining what we believe and how we serve our community.

This plan is an evolving document by design. Each year we will reflect on the work we've done and where we need to go, and create a new set of initiatives for the coming months. We have established our 2023-24 initiatives, and look forward to the planning and reflection that will come with this process each year.

We invite you to learn more about our plan and see this year's initiatives at: wilmettelibrary.info/plan2023.

Wilmette Public Library welcomes everyone with collections, resources, and experiences that enrich the lives of individuals and our community.



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Monday-Friday 9am-9pm
Saturday 9am-5pm
Sunday 12pm-5pm

Library Closures

Sunday, September 3
Monday, September 4

Book Return Sites

- Library parking lot
- Community Recreation Center
- Plaza del Lago
- Linden CTA Station

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New at the Library! Notary Services

Wilmette Public Library cardholders can now access free notary services by appointment. Schedule an appointment up to one week in advance by calling the library at 847.256.5025 or visiting wilmettelibrary.info/notary-services.

Shop Books Down Under, the used bookstore run by the Friends of the Wilmette Public Library, to buy used books for all ages and interests. All proceeds support library programs.

Find current BDU hours and information about joining the Friends at wilmettelibrary.info/friends



Wilmette Public Library may take photographs and video of patrons in the building for use in library promotions. Please notify staff if you prefer not to be photographed.

Events for Adults



Wills, Trusts and Estate Planning Basics **Wednesday, September 20, 7–8pm, Auditorium**

Learn about wills, trusts, powers of attorney, probate, and guardianship with attorney Jacob K. Ehrensaft.

Understanding Medicare Choices **Tuesday, September 26, 7–8pm, Auditorium**

Learn about Medicare and have your questions answered by Certified Financial Planner Karen Chan.

Fair Housing 101 with Open Communities **Wednesday, September 27, 7–8pm, Auditorium**

Join advocacy group Open Communities to learn principle rights and responsibilities that both renters and housing providers need to know.

Heat Pump Information Session **Thursday, September 14, 7–8pm, Auditorium**

Explore the environmental benefits, comfort, and potential savings that you can enjoy when utilizing a heat pump in your home. Presented in partnership with the Village of Wilmette and Go Green Wilmette.

Annular Solar Eclipse Day **Saturday, October 14, 10–1:30pm,** **Auditorium & Library Lawn**

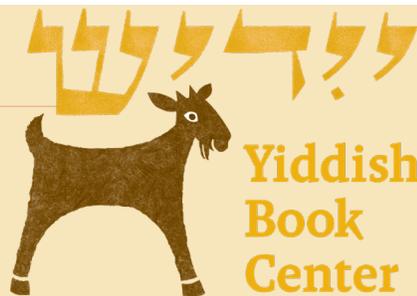
Stop by for events for the whole family. The annular solar eclipse will begin at approximately 10:30am in our area. View the eclipse on the Library Lawn, and watch the NASA live stream in the Auditorium.

Need eclipse glasses? Register for a pair starting October 1st. Find full details on our online calendar. There will also be a limited supply of approved glasses available for use the day of the eclipse.

Stories of Exile

Join us this fall for this grant-funded series from the Yiddish Book Center. Wilmette and 27 other libraries across the country will be

exploring Yiddish literature as a lens to reflect upon the experience of exile, displacement, and migration shared across cultures and throughout history.



Jewish Migration in the 18th and 19th Centuries

Thursday, September 14, 3–4pm, Auditorium

Understanding the historical context of Jewish migration in the 18th and 19th centuries is key to researching your Ashkenazi Jewish ancestors. We'll explore the forced migration of the Jews across eastern Europe into their chosen shtetls pre-WWII, as well as resources for family historians who are researching their Ashkenazi Jewish heritage. Presented by local genealogist Suzanne Hoffman.

A Tour of the Yiddish Book Center **Thursday, September 21, 7–8pm, Virtual R**

Jennifer Young, Education Program Manager at the Yiddish Book Center, will guide us through a virtual tour of the Center, its collections, exhibits, and initiatives. The million books recovered by the Yiddish Book Center are a window on the past thousand years of Jewish history, a precursor of modern Jewish writing in English, Hebrew and other languages, and a springboard for new creativity.

Stories of Exile Book Discussion ***On the Landing* by Yenta Mash**

Tuesday, October 17, 2–3:30pm, Auditorium R

Join us to discuss a Yiddish work in translation as part of our "Stories of Exile" series. Led by Yiddish literature scholar Dr. Jessica Kirzane. Please register in order to access a copy of the book.

Adult Drop-in Coloring Program

Wednesday, September 13, 1–2:30pm,
Auditorium

Discover the therapeutic benefits of coloring—relax, reduce stress, and leave feeling restored!



Wilmette Walk & Talk

Friday, September 22, and Monday, October 9,
9:30–10am, Library Lawn

Chat about what you're reading or watching, make new friends, or just enjoy the walk. Meet at the flagpole by the library's main entrance.

Wilmette Walk & Talk: Local History Tour

Tuesday, October 3, 1–1:30pm, Library Lawn **R**
Learn some neighborhood history with our genealogy and local history librarian. In case of inclement weather, check the library calendar for alternate arrangements.

Film Screenings

At Home Film Series

Tuesdays, 7–8pm, Virtual
View the films on Kanopy with your Wilmette library card, then join us on Zoom for a discussion.

September 19: *On Golden Pond*

Starring Katharine Hepburn, Henry Fonda, and Jane Fonda. (1981)

October 10: *Charade*

Starring Audrey Hepburn and Cary Grant. (1963)

International Film Screening

The Lives of Others (2006)

Thursday, September 21, 9:30am–12pm, Auditorium

Presented in German with English subtitles.

Tacos & Tequila

Tuesday, September 26, 7–8pm, Virtual **R**
Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with Karla Alba as she discusses her Mexican heritage while she makes easy al pastor tacos and a great tequila cocktail in this virtual cooking demo.



The Haunted Page

Friday, October 20, 7–8pm, Auditorium **R**

Get in the Halloween spirit with this highly interactive night of spooky stories and thrilling magic with William Pack.

Armchair Travels

Join us for these on-site and virtual travel lectures, funded by the Rutherford Trust.

Armchair Travels

Thursdays, 1–2:30pm, Auditorium

September 7: Belgium and Luxembourg

September 21: Memorials of Washington D.C.

October 5: Barcelona

October 19: Andaluca: The South of Spain



The Glories of Newport: Magnificent Mansions

Thursday, October 12, 7–8pm, Virtual **R**

Join art historian Mary Woodward on a virtual tour of the stunning mansions of Newport.

Shooting Shipwrecks: The Stories Behind the Photos

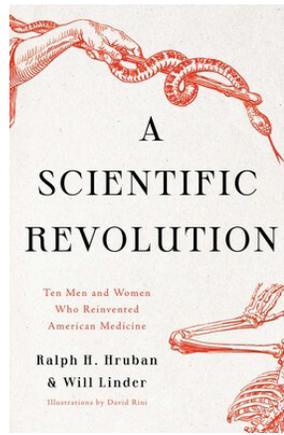
Monday, October 23, 7–8pm, Virtual **R**

Photographer Cal Kothrade shares his world famous shipwreck images and stories of high seas adventures and danger.

Author Reading and Signing with Author Will Linder

Tuesday, October 3, 7–8pm, Auditorium

Join us for a lively discussion of *A Scientific Revolution: Ten Men and Women Who Reinvented American Medicine* with author Will Linder. *A Scientific Revolution* tells the story of the transformation of medicine from a rough-and-ready trade into a profession based on research and evidence and explores the lives of pivotal figures who advanced rigorous standards for patient care and physician training.



Let Freedom Read: The State of Book Bans in America

Thursday, October 5, 7–8pm, Auditorium

Celebrate Freedom to Read Week by learning the latest on book challenges and bans in America. Join Wilmette librarians as they educate you on the current challenges facing libraries in America and what it means to "Let Freedom Read".

Illinois Libraries Present

Save the date for these great virtual author programs presented in partnership with Illinois Libraries Present. Find more information and register on our online calendar.

Colson Whitehead Wednesday, September 6, 7–8pm

Stephen Graham Jones Wednesday, October 4, 7–8pm

Book Discussions

Visit our online calendar to learn more and reserve a copy. All book discussions are in-person and held in the Auditorium

Classics & Contemporary

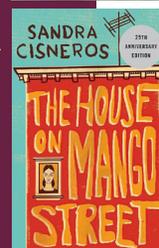
Trust by Hernan Diaz Tuesday, September 12 10:30–11:30am

The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros
Tuesday, October 10, 10:30–11:30am

Read Around the World

Join us for this new book discussion focusing on literature from other countries.

Drive Your Plow Over the Bones of the Dead by Olga Tokarczuk
Thursday, September 28, 2–3pm



Music & Concerts

The Elaine Dame Trio Sunday Jazz Concert

Sunday, September 10,
2–3pm, Auditorium

Enjoy a jazz concert with The Elaine Dame Trio! Elaine brings her unique, superlative interpretations to vintage vocal classics and modern standards alike.

Opera Lovers Lecture Corps The Flying Dutchman

Thursday, September 28,
7–8pm, Virtual R

Learn about the Lyric Opera's production of *The Flying Dutchman* by Richard Wagner.

Hamilton: The Man vs. The Musical

Monday, October 2, 7–8pm,
Virtual R

Examine some myths from the musical and go beyond the lyrics to learn more about the ten-dollar founding father, Alexander Hamilton.

Alloy Horn Quartet Classical Concert

Sunday, October 22, 2–3pm,
Auditorium

Enjoy diverse music that showcases the versatility and beauty of the French Horn.

Technology & Devices

Browser Extensions

Friday, September 1, 5–6pm, Virtual R

Use browser extensions to boost your productivity on the internet.

Symbols of Technology

Friday, September 8, 3–4pm, Virtual R

Icons are everywhere! Learn common technology symbols and what they mean in this program.

Computer Basics: Files & Folders

Wednesday, September 20, 2–3pm, Small Meeting Room R

Gain an understanding of folders, file types, and how to move items to different locations.

Cutting the Cable Cord

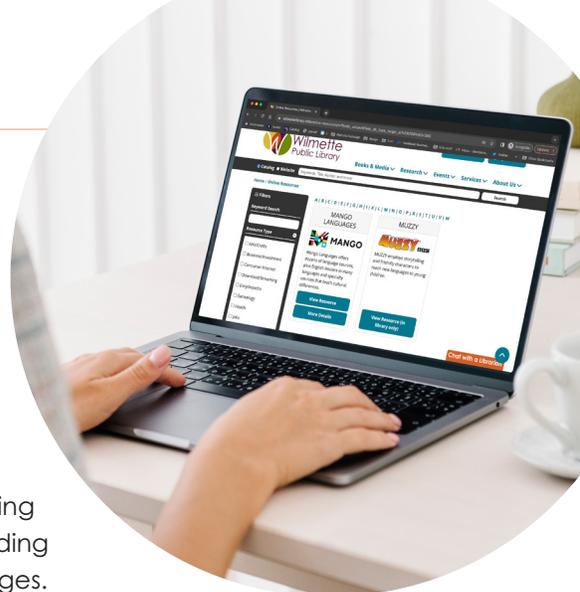
Friday, September 29, 6–7pm, Virtual R

Learn about popular streaming video services and devices used to stream video content.

Language Learning Online Resources

Tuesday, October 24, 5–6pm, Virtual R

Explore various language learning resources, including Mango Languages.



Cyber Security

Thursday, October 26, 6–7pm, Virtual R

Learn valuable steps to protect yourself from online scams.

Digitizing the '80s!

Friday, October 27, 5–6pm, Auditorium R

Explore the library's Digitization Station and learn how to convert analog materials to digital files.

Small Business Resources

Build Your Business Brand on Social Media

Thursday, September 7, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Join best-selling author and Wilmette-based Realtor Ali Wenzke for a presentation on how you can leverage your social media to help build your brand and engage with the community. Presented by the Wilmette, Glenview, and Skokie Public Libraries.

Strictly Business Toolbox: SimplyAnalytics

Tuesday, September 12, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Learn about SimplyAnalytics, our demographics, marketing, and mapping tool and how it can help businesses, nonprofits, and students alike.

Financial Fitness 2023

Presented in partnership with area libraries.

Investing Made Simple

Tuesday, October 3, 7–8:30pm, Virtual, R

Financial educator Karen Chan will make stocks, bonds, and mutual funds crystal clear.

Retirement Income Strategies for Today's Markets

Wednesday, October 11, 7–8:30pm, Virtual R

Learn how to navigate your retirement savings strategy in today's complex market with Ed Gjertsen II, CFP.

Terry Savage Talks Money

Wednesday, October 18, 7–8:30pm, Virtual, R

Join us for a timely overview on personal finance and the economy from nationally renowned expert Terry Savage.

Hands-On & Maker

Want to try more hands-on tools? Make an appointment to use our equipment! Appointments are available to all ages, kids through adults. Find full details and make an appointment at wilmettelibrary.info/makers.

Programs are in the Youth Program Room unless otherwise noted. Please note the intended age group for each program.

Make a Mini Macrame Wall Hanging

Registration: October 5th

Kit pickup: October 11

Online Class: Friday, October 20, 2–3pm, Virtual, Adults R

Register for your kit and join us for a class on Zoom to make your own mini macrame wall hanging.

Custom Halloween Tea Towel

Wednesday, October 18, 6–7:30pm, Small Meeting Room, Adults & Teens R

Use our Silhouette Cameo cutter to create a Halloween tea towel.

Paper Lanterns

Monday, October 23, 6:30–7:30pm, Adults & Teens R

Brighten up autumn nights with a cut-paper lantern.

Nintendo Switch Vinyl Stickers

Thursday, September 28, 4:30–5:30pm, Small Meeting Room, Teens R

Make custom vinyl stickers to decorate your Switch.

All Ages

School Supply Workshop

Monday, September 11, 6–7:30pm, All Ages R

Bling out your school supplies using the library's maker equipment and craft supplies.

3D Printer Demo

Monday, October 9, 6–7pm, All Ages R

See one of our 3D printers in action and learn more about how 3D printing works.

Halloween Decoration Workshop

Saturday, October 14, 1:30–3pm, All Ages, R

Make spooky decorations and special effects.

Events for Teens

Events are in the Teen Room unless otherwise noted. Visit our online calendar for more details.

Dungeons & Dragons

Saturdays, September 2 & October 7, 1–4pm, Small Meeting Room R

Welcoming experienced and new players alike, we will be playing Dungeons and Dragons 5E! Open to grades 7-12.

Back to School Karaoke Party

Friday, September 29, 4:30–5:30pm, Auditorium, Grades 5-12 R

Bring a friend, grab a mic, and rock the stage with an afternoon of karaoke fun!

Halloween Games Galore

Friday, October 13, 2–4pm

Drop in on your day off to play spooky board games and compete in Luigi's Mansion 3 on the Switch.

Teen Take & Make: Cemeterium

Registration opens Friday, September 22

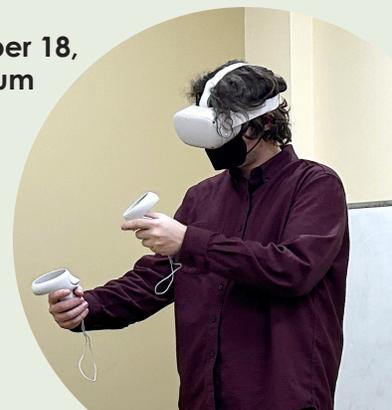
Pickup begins Friday, October 13

Make a spooky graveyard terrarium with this Halloween kit. Gr. 7-12.

Virtual Reality Hangout with Meta Quest 2

Wednesday, October 18, 6:30–8pm, Auditorium R

Interested or curious about virtual reality? Hang out with a Meta Quest 2 VR Headset and play some games with us.



Kids & Families

Find full program details on our online calendar. Programs are hosted in the Youth Program Room unless otherwise noted. Programs requiring registration are marked with an **R**. Check our online calendar for registration open dates.



Open Books, Open Minds Saturdays, September 30 & October 28, 11:30am–12:15pm **R**

At this interactive story hour for the whole family, we'll use books and art activities to engage with thought-provoking topics.

Parent-Teacher Programs

School Stress Thursday, September 28, 7–8pm, Auditorium **R**

Parents and caregivers, support your student's social-emotional health as they navigate middle and high school. Teens are welcome.

Using Picture Books to Talk About ...

Tuesdays, 7–8pm **R** September 19: Autism October 17: Mental Illness

Children's librarians will demonstrate how to use books to have safe, loving conversations about real life situations. Bring your questions to this open dialogue and discover books that are just right for your family or classroom.

Save the Date!

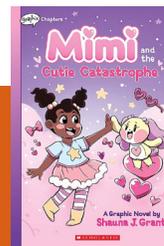
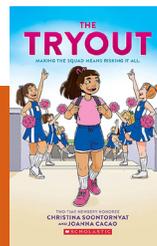
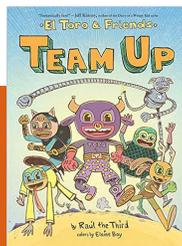
An Evening with Grace Lin Monday, November 6, 7–8pm, Wilmette Junior High School Auditorium, 620 Locust Road, For the Whole Family

Meet award-winning author and illustrator Grace Lin to discover her process behind creating beloved children's books like *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* and *A Big Mooncake for Little Star*. A book signing will follow the presentation.



Get Ready for Grace!

Grace Lin-Themed Storytime Friday, October 13, 4–4:45pm
Illinois Libraries Present Grace Lin Tuesday, October 17, 7–8pm



Kids' Book Groups

Caldecott Club

Thursdays, September 14 & October 12, 4–4:45pm, Grades 2-5 **R**

Discuss and vote for which picture book should win this year's Caldecott Medal for best illustrated book based on the official criteria from the American Library Association.

Graphic Novel Book Club Wednesdays, 7–7:45pm, Grades 4-8 **R**

Discuss this month's selection and make your own comic book art!

September 27: *The Tryout*, by Christina Soontornvat and Joanna Cacao

October 25: *Snapdragon*, by Kat Leyh

2nd & 3rd Grade Book Club Thursdays, 7–7:45pm, Grades 2-3 **R**

Chat with your friends about this month's book and make a craft.

September 28: *Team Up: El Toro & Friends* by Raul the Third

October 26: *Mimi and the Cutie Catastrophe* by Shauna J. Grant

Art for Big Feelings

Thursdays, September 7 & October 5, 4–4:45pm, Grades K-2 **R**

Help organize those complex feelings and relieve stress through process-oriented art activities.

Lego Club

Fridays, September 8 & October 6, 4–4:45pm, Grades K-3 **R**

Your imagination is the limit as you build with our bricks.

Chess Club

Sundays, September 10 & 24 and October 8 & 22, 2:30–4:30pm, All ages

Improve your chess game with the guidance of an experienced chess player. The 9/10 and 10/8 programs will begin with an introduction to chess for beginners.

Improv at the Library

Tuesdays, September 12 & October 10, 7–8pm, Grades 5-8 **R**

Join librarian and Second City graduate Sheri Reda in improv games and challenges.

Minecraft Club

Wednesdays, September 13 & October 11, 4:30–5:30pm, Grades 3-5 **R**

Make friends, collaborate, and build together on the library's server.

Tween Lab

Thursdays, 7–7:45pm, Grades 5-8 **R**

Bring your friends and make new ones while crafting, gaming, and eating snacks.

September 14: Book art

October 12: Washi tape notebooks

STEAM Lab: Hurricane Challenge

Grades 3-5: Wednesday, September 20, 4:30–5:15pm **R**
Grades K-2: Wednesday, October 25, 4:30–5:15pm **R**

Design, build, and test a house that can withstand a hurricane!

School's Out Movie *Dora and the Lost City of Gold*

Friday, September 22, 2:30–4:15pm, For the Whole Family, Auditorium

Rated PG.

Marble Runs

Monday, September 25, 2–2:45pm, Grades K-5

Engineer a marble run using peg board, cardboard tubes, pipe cleaners, and more!

Building with Bits and Bobs
Sunday, October 1, 2–3:30pm, For the Whole Family

We'll supply a random assortment of items for you to upcycle into your own amazing creations!

Fall Leaf Lanterns

Wednesday, October 4, 7–8pm, Grades 5-8 **R**

Use a papier-mache process to make a lantern featuring colorful fall leaves.

K-9 Reading Buddies of the North Shore

Thursday, October 5, 6–7pm, Grades 1-5 **R**

Read some of your favorite stories to a trained therapy dog. Register for a 15-minute slot at the Youth Desk or by phone at 847.256.6945. Registration is limited to Wilmette and Kenilworth residents.

Family Karaoke

Friday, October 27, 4–5:15pm, For the whole family **R**

Join us for an afternoon of karaoke and have fun singing your favorite songs with family and friends.

Sensory Friendly

Lego Hour

Friday, September 8, 5–5:45pm, Preschool-Grade 5 **R**

Build with Legos and Duplos in this program for all abilities.

Marble Runs

Monday, September 25, 3–3:45pm, For the whole family **R**

Engineer a marble run using peg board, cardboard tubes, pipe cleaners, and more!





Special Storytimes

Events marked with a **T** require a free ticket.

Mother Goose Storytime

**Wednesday, September 6,
9:45–10:15am and 10:30–11am T**

Join us for Mother Goose songs, stories, and rhymes with a special visit from Mother Goose herself!

Pajama Storytime

**Wednesdays, September 6 &
October 4, 6:30–7pm**

Get cozy in your PJs and bring your favorite lovie to enjoy stories, songs, and rhymes before bedtime.

Healthy Teeth Storytime

Friday, September 8, 10–10:30am T

Hear stories from a real dentist and learn about how to keep your pearly whites healthy and strong. Presented by Pediatric Dentistry Specialists.

Mandarin-English Bilingual Storytime

**Saturdays, September 16 &
October 14, 10–10:30am**

Join us for stories, songs, and fun in Mandarin and English! Presented by local educator Ling Liu.

Spanish-English Bilingual Storytime

**Saturdays, September 9 &
October 7, 10–10:30am**

Join us for stories and fun activities in Spanish and English! Presented by local bilingual speech-language pathologist Paula Acuña.

Weekly Storytimes

Space is limited. Storytime tickets will be given out on a first come, first served basis at the Youth Desk starting at 9am for the morning programs and at 3:30pm for Big Kid Storytime. The fall storytime session runs September 12–December 14.

Family Storytime Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 9:30am or 10am,
For the whole family

Big Kid Storytime Tuesdays, 4pm, Ages 4+

Babytime Thursdays, 9:15am or 9:45am, Ages 0–24 mo.

Early Childhood Activities

Wiggleworms Lawn Party!

**Thursday, September 7,
10–10:30am, Library Lawn**

Bring your little ones for music and dancing with a teacher from the Old Town School of Folk Music.

Drop-in Free Play

**Mondays beginning September
15, 9:30am–12pm,
For the whole family**

Little ones can drop in to explore and play with a different selection of toys and manipulatives each week.

Little Dabblers

**Fridays beginning September 15,
9:30–10:30 am, Ages 2+**

Drop by for messy fun as we explore art, science, and our own senses.

Little Play Cafe

**Saturdays, September 23 & 30,
and October 21 & 28, 10–11am**

Join your librarians for a short storytime, followed by free play for the little ones and coffee for the grown-ups.

Do More of What You Enjoy with Your Library Card

September is Library Card Sign-up Month!

Whether you're a new or longtime cardholder, Library Card Sign-up Month is the perfect time to explore all of the ways you can use your library card. From borrowing the latest titles to access to nearly 100 online resources, here are **10 ways to get the most out of your card**:

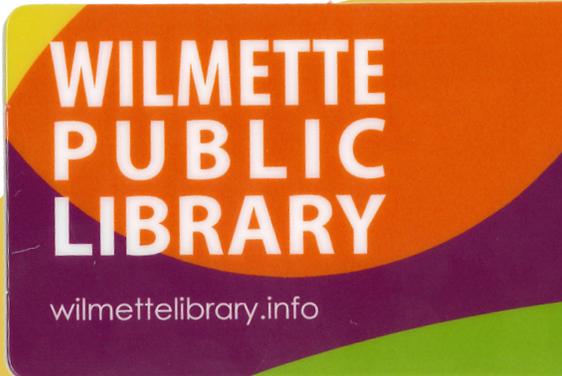
- Check out items from the **Library of Things**: including the newly added DSLR camera, sewing machine, and VR headset
- **Pick up your holds from our outdoor lockers** at any time, regardless of whether the library is open
- Read **popular magazines and newspapers on Pressreader** like *The Economist*, *Vogue*, and the *Chicago Tribune*
- Access free **notary services** by appointment
- Borrow books, audiobooks, magazines, tv shows, music, and movies on **hoopla, Kanopy, and the Libby app**
- **Check out a museum pass** to get free or discounted tickets to the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago Children's Museum, and more
- Take an expert-led virtual **art workshop on Creativebug**

Just for Kids

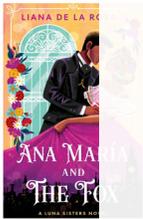
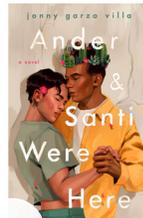
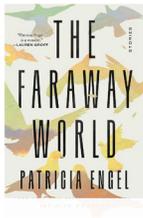
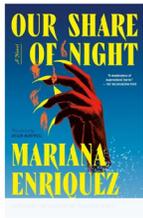
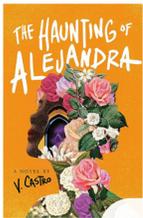
A library card is one of the most powerful back-to-school supplies. Throughout the school year, kids can practice reading aloud to a trained therapy dog at our K-9 Reading Buddies of the North Shore program.

Apply for your library card on our website or by stopping by the Circulation Desk on the First Floor.

- Get **personalized book recommendations** from our librarians based on your interests
- Learn to speak Spanish, German, Mandarin, and more with **Mango Languages**
- **Trace your family tree and get research assistance** at a genealogy help session



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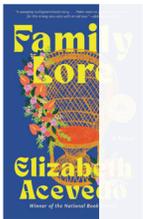
On Our Shelf: Hispanic Heritage Reads

In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month in October, we're highlighting some of our favorite reads by Hispanic and Latino authors.

Fiction



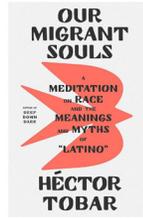
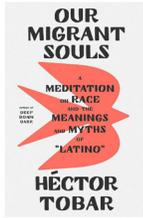
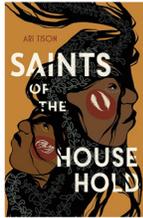
Ana María and the Fox by Liana de la Rosa
The Faraway World by Patricia Engel
The Wind Knows My Name by Isabel Allende
The Haunting of Alejandra by V. Castro
Silver Nitrate by Silvia Moreno-Garcia



Family Lore by Elizabeth Acevedo
Vampire of El Norte by Isabel Cañas
Where There Was Fire by John Manuel Arias
Sammy Espinoza's Last Review by Tehlor Kay Mejia



The Night Travelers by Armando Lucas Correa
Our Share of Night by Mariana Enríquez
What Happened to Ruthy Ramirez by Claire Jiménez



Nonfiction

Chita: A Memoir by Chita Rivera
Crying in the Bathroom: A Memoir by Erika L. Sánchez
Solito by Javier Zamora
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