



Wilmette Public Library

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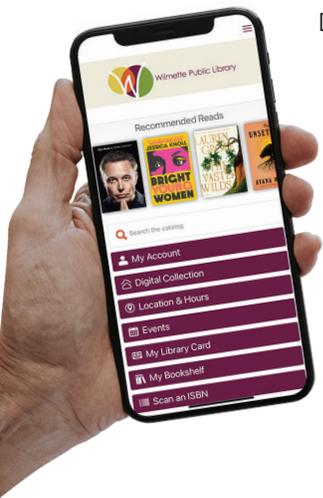
Makers of the Wilmette area, put Maker Fest on your calendars! On Saturday, March 9, 2024, the library will host a festival showcasing local Makers and Making opportunities.

We are seeking Makers to exhibit and demonstrate what they do and offer interactive experiences for attendees. We're looking for businesses, schools, clubs, and individuals who teach, create, or promote do-it-yourself activities in art, design, or technology.

Learn more and apply to be an exhibitor at wilmettelibrary.info/makers.



Download the Library App!



Did you know the library has an app? You can check your account, place holds, view the events calendar, and more. Best of all, you can store a digital version of your library card, so as long as you have your phone, you're good to go at the library! Search "Wilmette Public Library" on the App Store or Google Play to get started.

Shop Books Down Under, the used bookstore run by the Friends of the Wilmette Public Library, located on the Lower Level of the library. Find used books for all ages and interests and all proceeds support library programs.

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



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

Library Closures

November 22 at 5pm
November 23
December 24-25
December 31
January 1

Book Return Sites

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

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Events for Adults

All virtual programs require registration. On-site programs only require registration when noted.

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.



Indigenous Peoples History of Chicagoland Wednesday, November 29, 2-3pm, Auditorium

Indigenous people have lived in this area since time immemorial and were vital to the formation of Chicagoland as we know it now. Join Josee Starr (Arikara, Omaha, Odawa) to learn about the Indigenous tribes, leaders, and cultures that influenced not only Chicago's founding, but also make up the thriving Native American community today.

Book Discussions

In the Land of the Postscript by Chava Rosenfarb Thursday, November 2, 6:30-8pm, Virtual R

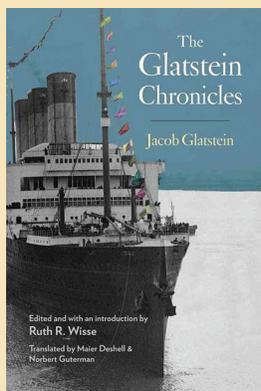
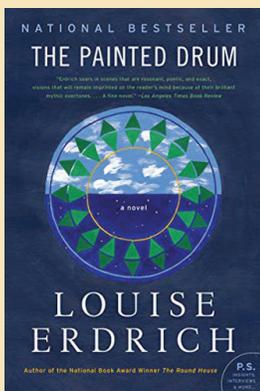
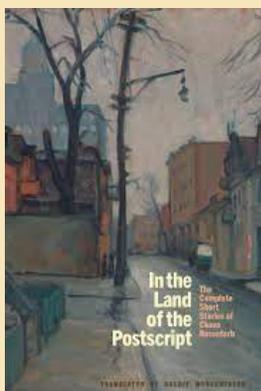
Led by Dr. Matthew Johnson.

The Glatstein Chronicles by Jacob Glatstein Wednesday, December 6, 2-3:30pm, Auditorium R

Led by Professor Anna Elena Torres.

The Painted Drum by Louise Erdrich Tuesday, November 14, 10:30-11:30am, Auditorium

This is the November selection for our Classics & Contemporary book discussion. Led by librarian Rachel Garcia.



The Power of Native Women Monday, November 6, 7-8pm, Virtual R

Celebrate Native American History Month learning about Native women who helped shape history with activist and decolonial education consultant Heather Bruegl.

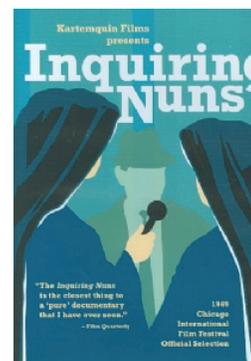
Inflation and Small Business Tuesday, November 7, 7-8pm, Virtual R

Understand ways businesses can contend with an inflationary environment with certified financial advisor Jeff Doblin.

Documentary Screening & Director Q&A

Inquiring Nuns Thursday, November 16, 7-9pm, Auditorium

Join us for the 55th anniversary of this seminal documentary. *Inquiring Nuns* takes you on a journey back in time to 1960s Chicago as two nuns greet strangers on the street and ask the pivotal and nuanced question, "are you happy?" The screening will be followed by a discussion and Q&A between director Gordon Quinn and filmmaker Michael Glover Smith.



The Heart of Hospice Tuesday, November 28, 7-8pm, Auditorium

Learn about hospice care and have your questions answered in a compassionate and understanding environment with Aidan McCormack, volunteer coordinator with Moments Hospice.

Film Screenings

At Home Film Series Tuesdays, 7–8pm, Virtual

View the film on the Kanopy streaming service with your Wilmette library card, then join us for a discussion.

November 14: *Pali Road* (2015)
December 12: *99 Homes* (2014)



**International Film Screening:
*The Intouchables***
Thursday, 9:30am–12pm, Auditorium
Presented in French with English subtitles.

Introduction to Country Line Dancing Friday, November 3, 1–2pm, Auditorium

Kick off the weekend with a beginning line dancing class with Desueño Dance! No partners or registration necessary.

Jonas Friddle and Anna Jacobson Friday Night Folk Concert Friday, November 10, 7–8pm, Auditorium

Enjoy a folk concert with Jonas Friddle and Anna Jacobson featuring banjo, guitar, fiddle, and trumpet.

Opera Lovers Lecture Corps *Jenůfa* by Leoš Janáček Monday, November 13, 2–3pm, Virtual R

Learn about the Lyric Opera's production of *Jenůfa* by Leoš Janáček.

Bobby Lewis, Andy Brown and Stewart Miller Jazz Trio Early New Year's Concert Friday, December 29, 7–8pm, Auditorium

Celebrate 2024 at the library's traditional early New Year's concert. Space is limited and overflow guests may not be accommodated. Doors will open at 6:40pm.

Armchair Travels

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



The Best of England's Dramatic Cornwall Monday, November 20, 6:30–7:30pm, Virtual R

Join Anglophile and former UK resident Claire Evans for a lively discussion on Cornwall, England's far west country.

DIY Safari Thursday, November 30, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Join travel experts Matt Sparapani and Alison Newberry as they share their experiences on trips to South Africa's Kruger National Park as well as tips to plan your own affordable self-drive safari.

Ludwig II of Bavaria: Germany's Fairy Tale King Tuesday, December 5, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Join German Historian Anette Isaacs in an exploration of "Mad" Ludwig II of Bavaria, an eccentric whose love for art and architecture is legendary.

Chicago's Sweet Bakeries Remembered Monday, December 18, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Take a trip down memory lane and reminisce about wonderful Chicagoland bakeries of the past.



Afternoon Armchairs Thursdays, 1–2:30pm, Auditorium

November 2: Disney's Animal Kingdom

November 16: French Influence in Chicago

December 7: Parks in Montana and the Dakotas

December 21: Film Screening: *Walking the Camino*

A Taste of Love with Maya-Camille Broussard

Wednesday, November 8, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Join Maya-Camille Broussard, star of Netflix's *Bake Squad*, and owner of Chicago-based Justice of the Pies, for a demo from her kitchen just in time for Thanksgiving. Justice of the Pies has partnered with Chicago area charities to provide meals for communities on the south and west sides. As a member of the Deaf and hearing-impaired community, Broussard works to set an example for young bakers by telling the story of her struggles and success.



Surviving the Holidays with Lori Gottlieb

Wednesday, December 6, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Lori Gottlieb, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Maybe You Should Talk to Someone* and co-host of the "Dear Therapists" podcast, joins us for a conversation about mental health. Gottlieb will share tools to help in everyday life and especially as you prepare for the holidays.



These events are made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events.

Save the Date!

Join the Family Action Network for these great **FAN** FAMILY ACTION NETWORK upcoming speaker events. Visit the FAN website for full details; registration required for virtual programs.

David Leonhardt in Conversation with Matthew Desmond
Thursday, November 2, 7pm, Virtual

Devorah Heitner in Conversation with Heidi Stevens
Monday, November 6, 7pm, Sears School, Kenilworth

Stephanie Land in Conversation with Molly Smith Metzler
Monday, November 13, 7pm, Virtual

Book Discussions

Visit our online calendar to learn more about each book and reserve a copy. Registration required where noted.

Read Around the World Book Discussion

Winter in Sokcho by Elisa Shua Dusapin

Thursday, November 9, 2–3pm, Auditorium

Animal Life by Auður Ava Ólafsdóttir

Thursday, December 28, 2–3pm, Auditorium

Classics & Contemporary Book Discussion

The Bridge of San Luis Rey by Thornton Wilder

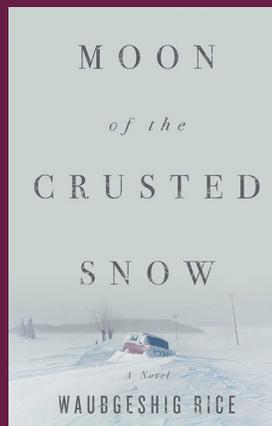
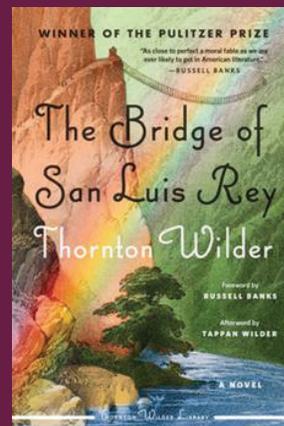
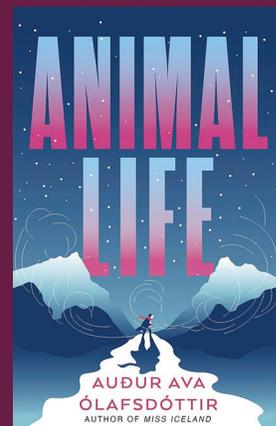
Tuesday, December 12, 10:30–1:30am, Auditorium

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Novels @ Night

Moon of the Crusted Snow by Waubgeshig Rice

Thursday, December 21, 7–8pm, Auditorium



Technology & Devices

Intro to the Internet

Wednesday, November 15,
2–3pm, Small Meeting Room R

Learn the basics of how to use a web browser to access the Internet.

Introduction to Password Management

Wednesday, November 15,
6–7pm, Virtual R

Motivate to get organized and secure with your passwords.

Cutting the Cable Cord

Thursday, November 30,
5–6pm, Virtual R

Thinking about cutting the cord with your cable company? Learn about popular streaming video services and devices used to stream video content.

Email Basics

Tuesday, December 5, 2–3pm,
Small Meeting Room R

Get started with email in this introductory class.

Google Photos

Thursday, December 7, 6–7pm,
Auditorium R

Learn to organize, edit, and share your photos easily with Google Photos.

Library of Things Petting Zoo

Friday, December 8, 5:30–
6:30pm, Auditorium R

Explore the library's collection of things—technology, tools, and toys— in this hands-on hour.

Get Crafty!

These events are open to teens and adults unless otherwise noted.

DIY Turkey Stencils

Friday, November 10, 6–7pm,
Youth Program Room R

Using Silhouette software, create your own reusable Thanksgiving-themed stencils.

Drop-In Coloring

Friday, December 1, 1–2:30pm,
Auditorium

Discover the therapeutic benefits of coloring at this drop-in adult coloring program.

Advanced Canva: Gift Stickers

Thursday, December 14,
6–7pm, Auditorium R

Create magical festive gift stickers with our Silhouette Cameo cutter.

Ghost in a Jar: DIY Hologram

Tuesday, November 14,
6–7pm, Auditorium R

Using the Pepper's ghost illusion technique we will make our own ghosts trapped in a jar. Phone or tablet required; open to all ages.

Digitizing the '80s and '90s!

Friday, December 1, 4–5pm,
Auditorium R

Learn to convert analog materials to digital files using the library's digitizing tools.

Make a Woven Wire Ring

Friday, December 15, 1–3pm,
Auditorium R

Make a woven wire ring in a workshop led by Wired Lotus Jewelry. Adults only.

Holiday Cards with Silhouette Cameo

Monday, November 13, 6:30–
7:30pm, Youth Program Room R

Wow your friends and family with layered cut-paper cards.



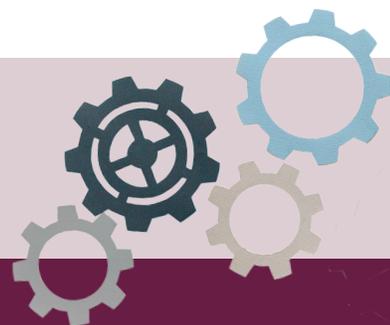
3D Print Your Own Snowflake

Friday, December 15, 5–6pm,
Auditorium R

Design and print a 3D snowflake using the library's equipment!

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.



Spotlight on Genealogy

Researching the Veteran in Your Family Saturday, November 11, 12–3pm, Auditorium

Honor the veterans in your family by discovering their military story. This all-afternoon program will feature two distinct parts, with a break for refreshments in between. Presented by Jennifer Holik in partnership with North Suburban Genealogical Society.

12–1pm: Research a Veteran: Exploring the Basics of Military Research

2–3pm: Exploring the Greatest Generation: Adding Context to the Veteran's Story

FindMyPast: A Source for British & Irish Research

Wednesday, December 13, 3–4pm, Virtual R

A beginner's guide to the FindMyPast website and historical records collection. Presented by Jen Baldwin, research specialist and North American content manager at FindMyPast.

Looking for more ways to conduct genealogy

research? Visit wilmettelibrary.info/genealogy to find books, databases, and other resources compiled by our genealogy and local history librarian.

Events for Teens

Teen programs are open to grades 7-12 and hosted in the Teen Room unless otherwise noted.

Crafting for a Cause: Plarn Blankets

**Wednesday, November 1, 4:30–5:30pm,
Youth Program Room R**

Drop in to make sleeping mats for people experiencing homelessness using plastic bag yarn or crochet yarn.

Hunger Games Movie Party

Friday, November 3, 4:30–5:30pm, Auditorium R

Celebrate the release of the *Hunger Games* prequel movie with themed crafts, games, snacks, and giveaways. May the odds be ever in your favor!

Dungeons & Dragons

**Saturdays, November 11 and December 2,
1–4pm, Small Meeting Room R**

Welcoming experienced and new players alike, we will be playing *Dungeons and Dragons 5E*!



Teen Take & Makes

Beeswax Food Wrap

Registration begins October 20

Kit pickup begins November 10

Take your snacks to the library and school in a sustainable way with this DIY beeswax food wrap kit.

Hot Cocoa Sugar Scrub

Registration begins November 17

Kit pickup begins December 8

Pamper yourself with this delectable sugar scrub that smells just like hot chocolate.

Heartstopper Book

Release Party

Wednesday, December 13,

4:30–5:30pm, Auditorium R

Celebrate the release of the 5th volume of the popular graphic novel and Netflix series *Heartstopper*, by Alice Oseman, with crafts, photo booth, snacks, giveaways, and more!



Teen Pizza Study Night

Monday, December 18, 7–8pm, Auditorium

Take a break from studying for finals and eat some pizza. Pizza and snacks will be served at 7pm sharp until we run out.

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**, followed by the date registration opens when applicable. Questions? Contact Youth Services at 847.256.6945 or youthdesk@wilmettelibrary.info.



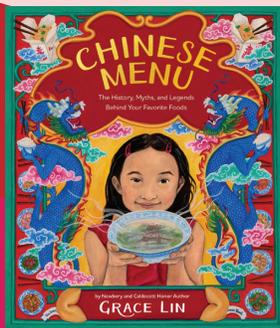
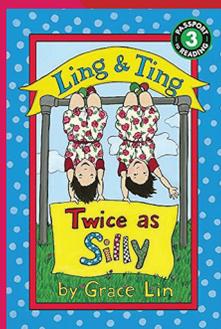
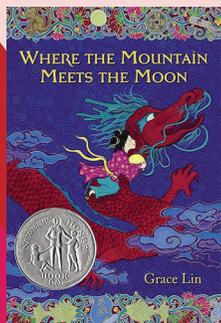
An Evening with Grace Lin

Monday, November 6, 7–8pm, For the whole family R
Wilmette Junior High School, 620 Locust Road

Meet award-winning author and illustrator Grace Lin to discover the process behind creating her beloved children's books.

Grace Lin, a *New York Times* bestselling author and illustrator, won the Newbery Honor for *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* and the Theodor Geisel Honor for her early reader book *Ling and Ting*. Her novel *When the Sea Turned to Silver* was a National Book Award Finalist and her picture book, *A Big Mooncake for Little Star*, was awarded the Caldecott Honor. Her latest book is *Chinese Menu: The History, Myths, and Legends Behind Your Favorite Foods*. A book signing will follow the presentation.

Register for this event on our events calendar.



Ticketed Events

Space for these events is limited and a free ticket is required. Tickets will be given out on a first come, first served basis at the Youth Desk starting at 9am.

Dinosaur Dimensions

Saturday, November 25, 11am–12pm and 2–3pm, Auditorium

Meet a collection of animatronic (and realistic) dinosaur puppets as they roar, blink, and maneuver their way into your heart. The show features plenty of audience participation, humor, and a chance for photos with a dino after the program!

Hebrew Bilingual Storytime

Thursday, December 21, 10–10:45am, Youth Program Room

Read books, do an activity, and have fun in English and Hebrew during this special bilingual storytime with local author Arianna Brooks.

Puppet Show with Firefly Family Theater

Saturday, January 6, 10–10:45am, Auditorium

Spark's Snow Day includes puppets, original music, interactive movement and lots of winter fun for families! Join Spark as she learns all about snow, hibernation and exciting winter activities like sledding and ice skating. The show is recommended for ages 2-7.

Events on this page require registration. Visit wilmettelibrary.info/events to register.



Art for Big Feelings

Thursdays, November 2 and December 7,

4–4:45pm, Grades K-2 **R**

School, relationships, and other challenges can lead to big emotions. Help organize those complex feelings and relieve stress through process-oriented art activities.

K-9 Reading Buddies of the North Shore

Thursdays, November 2 and December 7, 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.



Lego Club

Fridays, November 3 and December 1, 4–4:45pm Grades K-3 **R**

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

Minecraft Club

Wednesdays, November 8 and December 13, 4:30–5:30pm, Grades 3-5 **R**

Do you love Minecraft? Join our Minecraft Club to make friends, collaborate, and build together on the library's private server.

Tween Lab

Thursdays, 7–7:45pm, Grades 5-8 **R**

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

November 9: Make a unique drink coaster using cork backing pads.

December 14: Make gift wrap using a variety of fun materials. Bring in gifts to be wrapped!

Printmakers Club

Monday, November 13, 4–4:45pm, Grades 2-4 **R**

Make frameable art prints using a gelatin plate and your creative ideas.

Improv at the Library

Tuesdays, November 14 and December 12, 7–8pm, Grades 5-8 **R**

Join librarian and Second City graduate Sheri Reda in improv games and challenges. Dress for movement and activity!

STEAM Lab: Treat Machine

Wednesdays, 4:30–5:15pm, **R**
Grades 3-5: November 15
Grades K-2: December 6

Explore ways to make a simple machine that delivers delicious snacks.

Flavored Butter for the Table

Thursday, November 16, 4:30–5:15pm, All Ages **R**

Whip up your own butter, and flavor it with herbs or spices for your Thanksgiving table.

Confetti Candle Lanterns

Wednesday, November 29, 4:30–5:15pm, Grades 4-8 **R**

Make a lantern using waxed paper and colorful confetti!



Secret Gift Workshop

Saturday, December 9, 1–2:30pm and 3–4:30pm, Grades 1-8 **R**

Make your own cards and gifts at the library, out of sight of the recipients.

You'll be ready for winter holidays—and your family won't suspect a thing. We'll send you home with a wrapped gift.

Kugel: The Side Dish that Stole Our Hearts

Saturday, December 16, 1–2pm, Auditorium, Ages 8 and up with an adult **R**

Join children's book author and food enthusiast, Arianna Brooks, for kugel's origin story while enjoying both sweet and savory kugels.

Storytimes at the Library

Join us in the Youth Program Room for storytimes through December 14. These programs will not meet the week of Thanksgiving. 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.

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

Stories, songs, and rhymes for the whole family.

Big Kid Storytime Tuesdays, 4pm, Ages 4+ **T**

Stories, songs, and dramatic play for big kids only.

Babytime Thursdays, 9:30am, Ages 0-24 mo. **T**

A bonding experience for caregivers and babies, with songs, cuddles, and bounces.

Little Dabblers Fridays, 9:30–10:30am, Ages 2+

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

Drop-In Free Play Mondays, 9:30–12pm

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



Early Childhood & Family Events

Pajama Storytime Wednesday, November 1, 6:30–7pm

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

Spanish-English Bilingual Storytime

Saturdays, November 4 and December 2, 10–10:30am

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

Building with Bits and Bobs Sundays, November 5 and December 3, 2–3:30pm

Drop in and build with us! We'll supply a random assortment of items for you to upcycle into your own amazing creations!

Mandarin-English Bilingual Storytime

Saturdays, November 11 and December 9, 10–10:30am

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

Little Play Cafe

Saturdays, November 18 and December 16 & 23, 10–11am

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

Chess Club

Sundays, November 12 & 26 and December 10, 2:30–4:30pm, All Ages

Improve your chess game with the guidance of an experienced chess player.

Family Lego Drop-in

Monday, November 20 and Tuesday, January 2, 2:30–4:30pm

Drop in to play and build with our Lego and Duplo bricks.

Wigglegorms Party!

Tuesday, November 21 and Wednesday, December 27, 10–10:30am, Auditorium

During the storytime break, bring your little ones for music and dancing with a teacher from the Old Town School of Folk Music.

Movie: Paddington

Thursday, January 4, 10–11:45am, Auditorium

A young bear travels to London, finding a new home with the kindly Brown family. Rated PG.

Book Clubs for Kids

Caldecott Club

Thursdays, November 9 and December 14, 4–4:45pm,
Grades 2-5 R

Explore the art in picture books by making some art of your own. Join our discussion to decide which picture book should win this year's Caldecott Medal for best illustrated book.

Graphic Novel Book Club

Wednesdays, 7–7:45pm, Grades 4-8 R

Love graphic novels? Discuss each month's selection and make your own comic book art!

November 15: *One Dead Spy*, by Nathan Hale

December 6: *The Deep and Dark Blue*, by Niki Smith

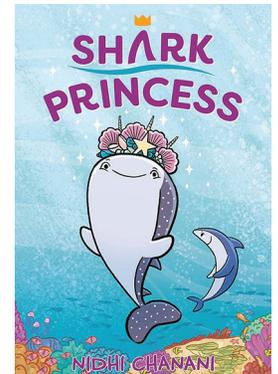
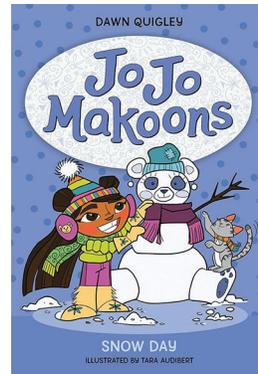
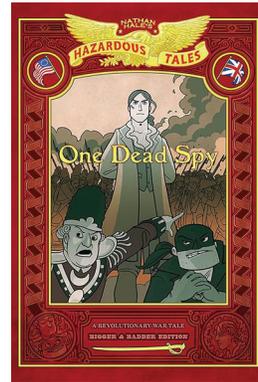
2nd and 3rd Grade Book Club

Thursdays, 7–7:45pm, Grades 2-3 R

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

November 16: *Jo Jo Makoons: Snow Day*, by Dawn Quigley

December 21: *Shark Princess*, by Nidhi Chanani



Great Gift Books

Tuesday, December 5, 7–8pm, For Parents & Educators, Youth Program Room R

Join our children's librarians for a fun roundup of the best gift books for kids, from babies through high school. From classics to new releases, you'll discover the perfect book for every child in your life. Attendees will be entered in a prize drawing for a gift card for The Book Stall in Winnetka.

Diwali Celebration

Saturday, November 4, 2–4pm, For the whole family

Celebrate Diwali, known as the festival of lights, at our spectacular event! Drop in between 2pm and 4pm to experience family-friendly activities and vibrant cultural traditions. Hosted in collaboration with the South Asian Families of Wilmette.

Bollywood Dance Lesson 1–2pm R

Get the Diwali Celebration started with a Bollywood dance class!

Let's Learn Together

These programs are for parents and educators.

Using Picture Books to Talk About Sharing

Tuesday, November 7, 7–8pm, Youth Program Room R

Picture books are gateways for having meaningful conversations with children. Bring your questions to this open dialogue and discover books that are just right for your family or classroom. Picture books offer talking points, examples, and language for real life situations.

Social Stress

Thursday, November 30, 7–8pm, Auditorium R

Local counselors and social workers will discuss the social stresses unique to the middle and high school and offer strategies for supporting students during this critical developmental stage. Topics will include relationships, identity, and social media.

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Residential Customer



2023 Staff Favorites

Our team has put together some of our favorite books from the past year. Check out the list to find your next read or the perfect gift book for the holiday season.

Lone Women by Victor LaValle

The Fraud by Zadie Smith

The Handyman Method by Nick Cutter and Andrew F. Sullivan

Light Bringer by Pierce Brown

The Spectacular by Fiona Davis

Age of Vice by Deepti Kapoor

Days at the Morisaki Bookshop by Satoshi Yagisawa

All That Is Mine I Carry With Me by William Landay

Business or Pleasure by Rachel Lynn Solomon

America Redux by Ariel Aberg-Riger

While You Were Out by Meg Kissinger

A Living Remedy by Nicole Chung

Empress of the Nile by Lynne Olson

The Rediscovery of America by Ned Blackhawk

Quietly Hostile by Samantha Irby

Paved Paradise by Henry Grabar

The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny and Murder by David Grann

Palo Alto: A History of California, Capitalism, and the World by Malcolm Harris

