



Wilmette Public Library

January-March 2023



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A Look Back at 2022

In January, we'll be sharing our 2022 Year in Review report. You'll find highlights of our year, an overview of the year in numbers, and lots of smiling faces. Find the full report on our website and via our email newsletter in January.



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

Library Closures

December 31
January 1
March 3

Book Return Sites

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

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A Quick Look at Our Year in Numbers

\$6,175,588 total library expenditures

Less than 4% of your tax bill goes to the library

The library had 156,720 visitors

14,520 patrons attended 681 programs

Top Online Resource: hoopla



Five Stars for Our Year

Wilmette Public Library has been named a *Library Journal* 5 Star Library for the fourth year in a row! Thanks to your visits, checkouts, WiFi sessions, and more, Wilmette is one of 13 Illinois libraries to receive a five-star designation in this annual statistical analysis. This year's recognition is particularly noteworthy as it reflects data gathered in 2020. Due to the unusual nature of that year, the five star designation truly shows the Wilmette community's outstanding engagement with the library and its services. Thank you for your ongoing support in helping us reach this achievement once again!

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

The library offers in-person and virtual programs for adults. Programs marked with an **R** require registration. Visit our online calendar for more details.

Home Energy Savings with CUB Tuesday, January 24, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Learn from Citizens Utility Board (CUB) how to better understand your utility bills and find out about the free programs available to help cut your monthly costs. Presented in partnership with Glenview Public Library.

Intro to Magic for Adults Thursday, February 23, 6:30–8pm, Auditorium

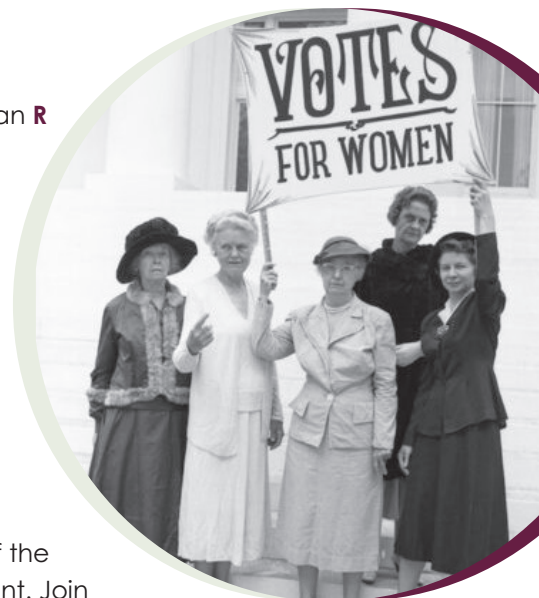
Do you want to learn magic tricks? Rarely do magicians share their craft, but you can get a peek into a magician's book of secrets with this special magic demonstration and workshop. After a magic demonstration, workshop attendees will learn a handful of amazing magic tricks and get to keep all the props.

Self-Defense For Women Monday, February 27, 7–8pm, Auditorium R

Learn the basics of self-defense for women with Windy City Self-Defense. This workshop is intended for women of all abilities ages 16 and up.

The Equal Rights Amendment: A Century in the Making Wednesday, March 8, 7–8pm, Auditorium

Celebrate Women's History Month with an update on the status of the Equal Rights Amendment. Join us as local attorney and legal scholar Michele Thorne discusses the history and future of the Equal Rights Amendment, the proposed amendment to the constitution that guarantees equal rights for women. This program is in partnership with The League of Women Voters of Wilmette.



Losing at the Oscars Friday, March 24, 2–3pm, Virtual R

Celebrate Oscar season by spending time with the fabulous performers, filmmakers, and movies that never won an Oscar. Presented by Steven Frenzel of Marquee Filmtalks.

Spotlight on: Finance & Small Business

Are you looking for more help with your small business? Work with our business librarian or request an appointment with a SCORE mentor. Email John Amundsen at jamundsen@wilmettelibrary.info to get started.

Design Thinking for Entrepreneurs Thursday, January 19, 7–8pm, Virtual R

John Amundsen, the library's business librarian and a certified user experience (UX) designer, will lead an overview of the essentials of Design Thinking, using the Grow with Google training framework.

Strictly Business Toolbox: Statista Thursday, March 16, 1:30–2pm, Virtual R

Explore the library's newest database Statista and learn how its 1,000,000+ statistics and over 7,000 market reports across 170 industries can help your business.

Wills, Trusts, and Estate Planning Basics Thursday, March 9, 7–8pm, Auditorium

Take the first step to create or update a plan that is appropriate for you with attorney Jacob K. Ehrensaft.

Giving: A Financial Planning Perspective Thursday, March 23, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Learn ways to optimize your portfolio and support your favorite causes through charitable giving.



Armchair Travels

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

Shipwrecks: Treasures of the Great Lakes

Thursday, January 12, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Join us for an evening with award-winning shipwreck photographer Cal Kothrade on a visual tour of ten of the most photogenic and commonly dived shipwrecks in the Great Lakes.

Virtual Tour: The Secret Annex

Tuesday, January 31, 2–3pm, Virtual R

Experience an interactive virtual tour of the Secret Annex in the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam to examine the extraordinary life of Anne Frank.

The Surreal World of Salvador Dali

Thursday, February 9, 2–3pm, Virtual R

Join Jeff Mishur of Art Excursions for a presentation about artist Salvador Dali. This program coincides with the Dali exhibition at the Art Institute of Chicago in 2023.



Building Walt Disney World's Magic Kingdom

Tuesday, February 28, 2–3pm, Virtual R

Learn secrets behind the construction of the Magic Kingdom, take a virtual tour around the park as it currently stands, and discuss popular rides and attractions. Presented by Valerie Guglala.

Summer Palaces of Russian Tsars

Thursday, March 9, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Explore the residences of the Russian royal family with Olga Cardamone of Eagle Travel.

The Delicious Dish on German Food

Tuesday, March 21, 2–3pm, Virtual R

Join German historian Anette Isaacs, M.A., on a fascinating journey through the culinary wonders of her native country.

Armchair Travels

Thursday, 1–2:30pm, Auditorium

January 5: Step into Illinois History

January 19: All Things British

February 2: Amazing Castles Around the World

February 16: The Netherlands and Belgium: Windmills, Tulips and More

March 2: A Musical Journey Through Ireland

March 16: A Tour of Five National Parks

Spotlight on: Genealogy

Mixers & Shakers: Tracing Your Pre-Prohibition Bartending Ancestors

Tuesday, January 24, 7–8:30pm, Virtual R

Learn how to trace your bartending, saloonkeeping, and tavernkeeping ancestors before Prohibition, plus enjoy a brief whiskey cocktail-making demonstration.

Genealogy 101: Just the Basics

Friday, February 3, 3–4pm, Auditorium R

Back by popular demand! Wilmette librarian EvaAnne Johnson will walk you through starting your family tree, where to begin looking for your roots at home, and some basic online tools to use when you're ready to start researching.

Your Next Step: Write Your Family History

Saturday, March 11, 1–2:30pm, Auditorium

Genealogy lecturer and researcher Steve Szabados will share a process and format to simplify transforming your research efforts into a written family history. Cohosted with the North Suburban Genealogical Society.



For Music Lovers

Opera Lovers Lecture Corps

Hansel and Gretel by Humperdinck
Tuesday, January 17, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Carmen by Georges Bizet
Monday, March 6, 7–8pm, Virtual R

The Power of Song: A Sing Along Tribute to Pete Seeger

Friday, January 27, 7–8pm, Auditorium

Enjoy a program with Mark Dvorak featuring some of Pete Seeger's best-known songs, which have become standard in the American folk repertoire.

Nicole Kestler Trio Friday Night Jazz

Friday, February 17, 7–8pm, Auditorium

Nicole Kestler pays tribute to the heyday of the jazz standard with her fresh and fun interpretations. Nicole is accompanied by her long time collaborator Brian O'Hern at the piano and Lou Marini at upright bass.

Every Song Has a Story: Black Music's Impact on America

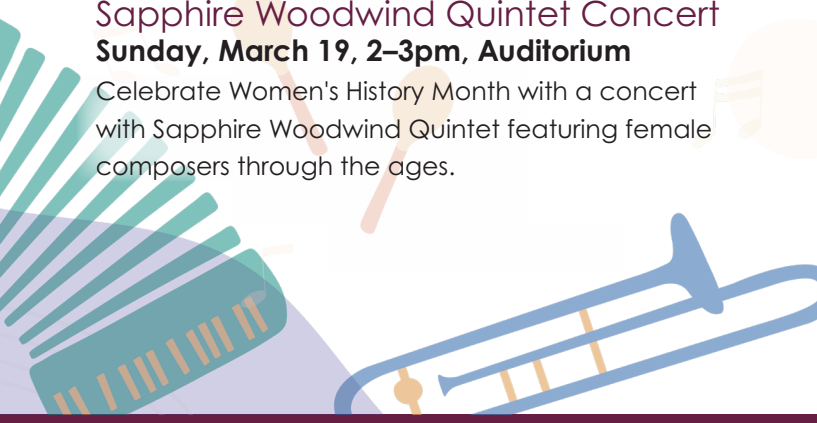
Monday, February 20, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Explore the stories behind influential songs by Black artists that helped shape American music and attitudes, including Marian Anderson, Billie Holiday, Stevie Wonder and Marvin Gaye. Presented by Linda Gorham.

More Than Muses: Female Composers Throughout History

Sapphire Woodwind Quintet Concert
Sunday, March 19, 2–3pm, Auditorium

Celebrate Women's History Month with a concert with Sapphire Woodwind Quintet featuring female composers through the ages.



Film Screenings

At Home Film Discussion

Tuesdays, 7–8pm,
Virtual R

Links to view the films are available on our online calendar.

January 10: *Driveways* (2021)

February 7 : *Eye in the Sky* (2015)

March 14: *Wildlife* (2018)

International Film Screening

Thursdays, 9:30am–12pm, Auditorium

January 19: *Playground*

French with English subtitles.

February 16: *Le Grand Voyage*

Arabic, French, Bulgarian, Serbo-Croatian and Italian with English subtitles.

March 16: *Miracle*

Romanian with English subtitles.



Are you looking for more movies to explore with your Wilmette library card? Try Kanopy and hoopla! These streaming services offer access to thousands of new and classic streaming films, as well as ebooks, audiobooks, music, and TV shows.

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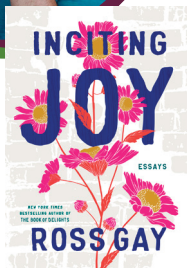


Inciting Joy: A Conversation with Ross Gay

**Wednesday, January 11,
7–8pm, Virtual R**

Kick off your new year with a conversation with best-selling essayist and award-winning poet Ross Gay. He'll be discussing his recent collection of essays, *Inciting Joy* and exploring the joy we find when we turn our attention to what brings us together and to what we love. Ross Gay is the author of four books of poetry and is the winner of the 2015 National Book Critics Circle Award and the 2016 Kingsley Tufts Poetry Award.

This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events. Find more ILP events on our calendar this winter.



Save the Date!

Join FAN for these great author events to start the new year. Visit the FAN website in January for full details and registration information:
familyactionnetwork.net



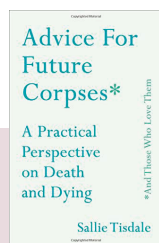
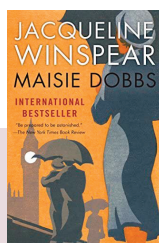
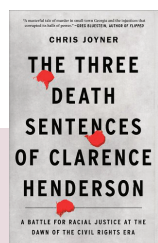
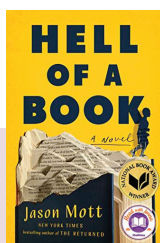
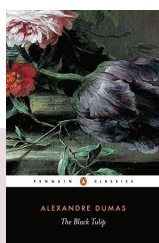
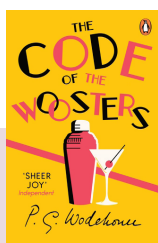
Nick Riggle discussing *This Beauty: A Philosophy of Being Alive*

Thursday, January 19, 7pm, Virtual

Dacher Keltner discussing *Awe: The New Science of Everyday Wonder and How it Can Transform Your Life*

Thursday, January 26, 7pm, Virtual

In conversation with best selling author Susan Cain.



Book Discussions

Visit our online calendar to learn more and reserve a copy. All book discussions are in-person and held in the Auditorium. No registration required.

Classics & Contemporary

The Code of the Woosters by P.G. Wodehouse

Tuesday, January 10, 10:30–11:30am

Hell of a Book by Jason Mott

Tuesday, February 14, 10:30–11:30am

The Black Tulip by Alexandre Dumas

Tuesday, March 14, 10:30–11:30am

Nonfiction @ Night

The Three Death Sentences of Clarence Henderson by Chris Joyner

Wednesday, January 11, 7–8pm

Easy Beauty by Chloe Cooper Jones

Tuesday, March 28, 7–8pm

Murder We Read

Girl A by Abigail Dean

Wednesday, January 25, 7–8pm

Dead Dead Girls by Nekesa Afia

Wednesday, February 22, 7–8pm

Maisie Dobbs by Jacqueline Winspear

Wednesday, March 29, 7–8pm

Memento Mori Book Club Discussion

Advice for Future Corpses (And Those Who Love Them) by Sallie Tisdale

Tuesday, February 14, 6–7pm

Technology & Devices

Google Doc/Drive Basics

Thursday, January 5, 5–6pm, Virtual R

Learn how to create documents and manage your files with Google Docs and Google Drive.

Reading Reddit

Thursday, January 5, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Explore Reddit, the social news aggregation, content rating, and discussion website.

Touring a Windows PC

Tuesday, January 10, 2–3pm, Virtual R

Tour the fundamental workings of a Windows PC, including file explorer settings and programs like browsers and word processors.

What is "The Cloud"

Wednesday, January 18, 5–6pm, Virtual R

Learn what cloud services really mean and ground your understanding of data and the internet.

Cyber Security

Thursday, January 26, 5–6pm, Virtual R

Protect yourself from scams while navigating the internet, using email, and moving money.

Cutting the Cable Cord

Wednesday, February 1, 5–6pm, Auditorium R

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

Down with Paywalls: Newspapers and Magazines

Wednesday, February 15, 7–8pm, Auditorium R

Access newspapers and magazines for free with the library's resources and subscriptions.

Intro to Android Phones

Thursday, February 23, 5–6pm, Small Meeting Room R

Explore your Android device, including maintenance and changing settings. For beginners.

Parental Controls and YouTube

Tuesday, February 28, 5–6pm, Virtual R

Learn how to use parental controls to manage what your kids are watching on YouTube.

Symbols of Technology

Tuesday, March 7, 2–3pm, Auditorium R

Learn common technology symbols and what they mean.

Language Learning eResources

Thursday, March 23, 5–6pm, Virtual R

Learn about the library's language learning resources, including Mango Languages.



Visit our Technology Center for one-on-one help from our staff members. You can also:

- Fax
- Print
- Copy
- Scan
- Digitize photos, slides, negatives, and VHS tapes
- Use the iMac media station with Adobe Creative Cloud



3D Printing Service

3D printing is now available at the library! You can create tools, toys, prototypes, replacement parts, scale models, figurines, jewelry, and more. Submit your design on our website, and your item will be ready in 7-10 business days. Find full details, including how to design items, print specifications, and cost, at wilmettelibrary.info/3dprint.

3D Printing Demo

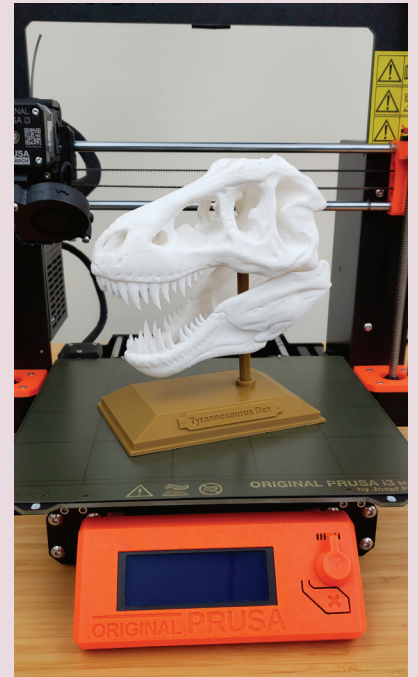
Friday, January 20, 6–7pm, Auditorium R

Learn how to 3D print at the library! We'll be giving a demonstration of our new 3D printer, exploring what you can 3D print, and discussing how you can submit an item to be printed at the library.

Beyond 3D Printing

Wednesday, February 8, 6–7pm, Auditorium R

Delve into sophisticated applications of 3D printing, including post-printing refinement techniques.



Finger Knitting Workshop for Adults: Infinity Scarves

Tuesday, January 24, 2–3pm, Auditorium R

Learn how to finger knit and make an infinity scarf! Choose your yarn color in the workshop and complete one long infinity scarf during the class. Led by Indigo & Violet Studio.

Lovey-Dovey E-Cards

Monday, February 13, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Using Canva.com, create animated e-cards that you can share to friends or family via email, or post to your favorite social media platforms.

DIY Your Own Reaction Gif

Thursday, March 2, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Create a short video to turn into a gif using ezgif.com.

Make a Paper Flower Wreath

Tuesday, March 7, 6–8pm, Auditorium R

Learn how to make paper flowers using tissue paper and put them together to create a flower wreath. Materials will be provided.

Restore an Old Photo with Adobe Photoshop

Friday, March 10, 4–5pm, Virtual R

Basic tips and tricks to spruce up old photos using Photoshop.

What is "AI Art"

Tuesday, March 14, 5–6pm, Auditorium

This program will explain what AI Art is, the popular apps that are used to make it, and how to get started making AI Art yourself.

Make Stickers with Silhouette Cameo

Thursday, March 30, 5–6pm, Auditorium R

Use Silhouette's free software to design and print a whole page of colorful stickers.

Make Stuff!

Make stickers, use a sewing machine, design 3D prints, metal-stamp keychains, create buttons, and more! Sign up to use the library's maker equipment. Basic supplies will be available at no cost. For more details about equipment and supplies, and to register for your spot, visit wilmettelibrary.info/makers

Light Up Your Life With Books

Join a Winter Reading Club!

January 2–February 28

Winter is a wonderful time to cozy up with a good book, and our reading clubs are a great way to expand your reading and make sharing books part of your routine. Our librarians can help you find a great read to brighten your day and spark your imagination.

Adults: Read or listen to three titles of your choice and visit the winter reading webpage or pick up a log sheet at the library to report your titles. Reporting is online or in-person with a paper form.

Teens: Read or listen to one book and submit a short review for our “Just for Teens” blog. The review can be as long as you want and at least a few sentences. We’ll publish your review and create a book list on the Teen Services page to share your recommendations. Reporting is online only.

Kids: Children and families are invited to read (or be read to) and try fun family literacy activities to complete their reading log. All kinds of reading count: comics, chapter books, picture books, audiobooks, and more. Pick up kids' reading logs in Youth Services, or print them from our website to get started. Reporting is in-person only. If you need an accommodation, contact Youth Services at youthdesk@wilmettelibrary.info.

Finishers of all ages will receive a free book of their choosing!

Full Details: wilmettelibrary.info/wrc.

Winter Reading Clubs are open to all. Prizes will be awarded once per person. Winter Reading Club prizes are funded by the Friends of the Wilmette Public Library.



Simple ways to light up your life

Don't let the dark get you down! These gems from our collection can help you stay cozy through the cold.



Start a cozy fiber craft project.



Get really into making soups!



Curl up with a cozy mystery.

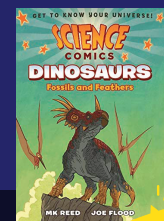


Literally light up the evening with a home-made candle!

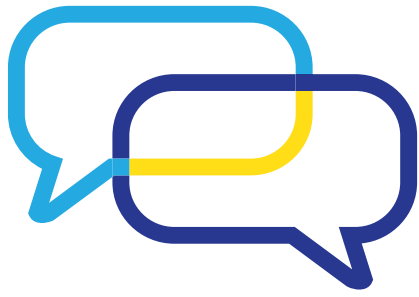


Pass a snowy afternoon making kid-friendly crafts

Introduce your kids to an exciting new series



Take a snowy walk while listening to a hilarious audiobook.



Let's Learn Together

Racial Literacy

Race shouldn't matter, but it does. Let's learn how to talk about it together.

Our new initiative, Let's Learn Together, provides a framework for families to talk about tough topics. This year, we'll be working together to learn how to discuss race and the issues around it.

Through literature, activities, and expert presenters, you will challenge your attitudes and biases around race and learn the language you need to talk about it openly with your kids. You can attend a family workshop, an adult or teen program, or borrow a take-home kit with family friendly books and activities. Learn more at wilmettelibrary.info/learntogether.

Let's Learn Together Family Workshop

Sundays, January 15, February 12, and March 12, 2:30–3:30pm, Youth Program Room

Get curious about why race matters in our society. This workshop is designed to give families the language and building blocks to talk about race and racism, fairness, equity, and justice. We'll use books and experiential activities to model and process skills in a meaningful and loving way. This workshop should be attended by parents and children together.

Using Picture Books to Talk to Kids about Race

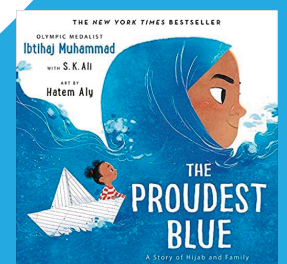
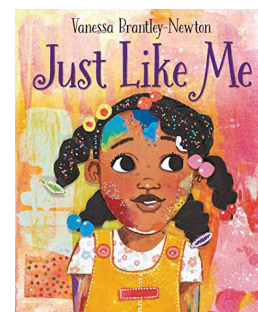
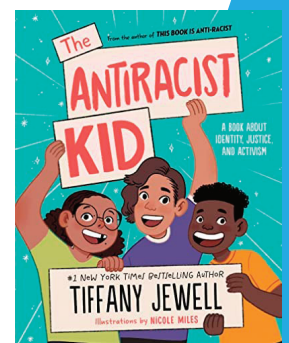
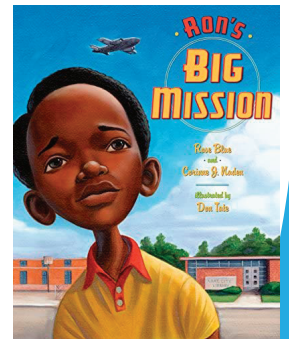
Tuesday, February 28, 7–8pm, Auditorium, For parents and educators

In this interactive workshop, children's librarians will demonstrate how picture books can be paired with prompts and activities to begin a practice of open and direct conversation about why race matters in our society.

For details about our Teen Book Group, see page 15.

Check out a Let's Learn Together Kit!

Continue your learning journey at home with a LLT Kit. The kits offer a self-guided experience for talking about race with your kids. Each kit contains picture books and activities to help you talk thoughtfully about race with your family.



Find these books and more suggested titles on the Let's Learn Together webpage.

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. Events marked with a **T** require a free ticket. Questions? Contact Youth Services at 847.256.6945 or youthdesk@wilmettelibrary.info.

Movie: Frozen Sing-Along

Tuesday, January 3, 10–11:45am, Auditorium, For the whole family

Sing along with Elsa, Anna, and Olaf on their adventures in the ice and snow! Costumes are encouraged.



Meet Our Pets

Monday, January 30, 4–4:45pm, Virtual, For the whole family R

Join us for pet picture books, trivia, and virtual cuddles. Bring your own pet, stuffed animal, or even plant to share with everyone on Zoom.

Sweet Messages for the Sweet

Thursday, February 9, 4–4:45pm, Grades K-2 R

Use our ready-made candy boxes to create and present pictures or messages for your loved one.

Milo Imagines the World Storytime

Tuesday, January 3, 3–4pm, Auditorium, For the whole family

The Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra Brass presents a storytime and music based on *Milo Imagines the World*, by Matt de la Pena.

Bagels: A Comfort Food Presentation

Sunday, February 12, 1–2pm, Auditorium, For the whole family, R

Join children's book author Arianna Brooks (*My Mushy Matzah Ball* and *My Happy Hamentashen*) for this delicious class on the ultimate brunch comfort food, bagels. Families will make sweet and savory cream cheese and schmear their own freshly-made local bagels.



Light Painting

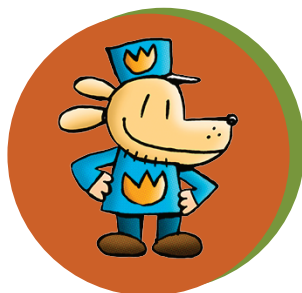
Wednesday, January 4, 3–4pm, Auditorium, Grades 5-8 R

Use iPads to capture amazing designs made with lights in the dark.

Dog Man Flip-O-Rama!

Monday, January 16, R
Grades K-2: 2–2:45pm
Grades 3-4: 3–3:45pm

Create a Dog Man inspired Flip-O-Rama animation and share with friends. Bring Dog Man or original characters to life with this two-page animation technique.



Lunar New Year Celebration

Saturday, January 21, 11–12pm, Auditorium, For the whole family

Come celebrate Lunar New Year, the Year of the Rabbit, with storytelling and crafts. Hosted in collaboration with Highcrest Mandarin teacher Brenda Hsu.

StoryWalk in the Park

Bundle up the family to take a walk through this winter's picture book in Hibbard Park, *Ten Ways to Hear Snow*, by Cathy Camper.

Our Vattmann Park StoryWalk is closed for the season. Check back in the spring for a new title!



Light-up Thank You Card

Monday, February 13, 4–4:45pm, Grades 3-8 R

Join us to make a light-up thank you card for your loved ones!

Mammals and More!

Saturday, February 18, 3–4pm, For the whole family T

Learn about unique creatures from around the world! Meet a variety of reptiles, amphibians, birds, and insects. We may even have a chance to say hello to a slow-moving sloth! Free tickets will be available in Youth Services starting at 9:00 the morning of the program on a first-come, first-served basis. Limit 8 tickets per family.

DIY Emoji Stickers

Monday, March 13, 6:30–7:30pm, Grades 5-8 R

Using our vinyl cutter and special software, you'll design an emoji, print it, and cut it out into your very own stickers.



Take Apart Afternoon

Wednesday, March 29, 3–4:15pm, Grades 4-8 with an adult R

Crack into computer components and other machinery to see what's inside. No re-assembly required!

Book Groups for Kids

Copies of the book will be available for checkout; stop by the Youth Desk to pick up your copy.

Graphic Novel Book Club

Wednesdays, 7–7:45pm, Grades 4-6, R

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

January 25: *Freestyle* by Gale Galligan

February 22: *Frizzy* by Claribel Ortega and Rose Bousamra

March 22: *Swim Team* by Johnnie Christmas



Cartooning with Andertoons

Kart-oon Racing

Tuesday, March 28, 3–4pm, Grades 1-3 R

Learn to draw all sorts of exciting racing karts and goofy drivers! Then decide what happens in each race!

The Secret of the Mysterious Whodunit

Tuesday, March 28, 4:15pm–5:15pm, Grades 4-6 R

Help! Something bad has happened and we need your deductive drawing to solve this case! Help cartoon the clues, sketch the suspects, and puzzle out the pictures to find out whodunit!



2nd and 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 together.

January 26: *Bunnicula: The Graphic Novel* by Andrew Donkin and James Howe

February 23: *Sadiq and the Desert Star* by Siman Nurali, illustrated by Anjan Sarkar

March 23: *Dory Fantasmagory* by Abby Hanlon



K-9 Reading Buddies of the North Shore

Thursdays, January 5, February 2, and March 2, 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.



Burn off some winter energy with our Big Blue Blocks! Check our online calendar for dates when they will be out in the Youth Program Room.



Chess Club All ages

Sundays, January 8 & 22, February 5 & 19, March 5 & 19, 2:30-4:30pm, All Ages

Learn the basics or improve your skills with the guidance of an experienced chess player.

Art for Big Feelings

Thursdays, January 12, February 2, and March 9, 4-4:45pm, Grades K-2 **R**

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

Lego Club

Fridays, January 13, February 10, and March 10, 4-4:45pm, Grades K-3 **R**

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

Secret Gift Workshop

Saturdays, January 14, February 11, and March 11, 1-2:30pm, Grades K-8 **R**
Saturday, February 11, 3-4:30pm

Kids can find some much-needed privacy to make gifts and cards for family and friends. Supplies will be provided and participants will go home with a wrapped gift.

Girls in Stem SWENext Club

Wednesdays, January 18, February 15, and March 15, 4:30-5:30pm, Small Meeting Room, Grades 6-8 **R**

Connect science with friends and increase access to STEM for girls of all kinds. The Girls in STEM Club is affiliated with the Society of Women Engineers SWENext national youth clubs.

Improv Group

Wednesdays, January 18, February 15, and March 15, 7-7:45pm, Grades 4-8 **R**

No one's too old to play pretend! Join librarian and Second City graduate Sheri Reda in a series of improv exercises and games for theatre.

Tween Lab

Thursdays, 7-8pm, Grades 5-8 **R**

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

January 19: Collage Box

February 16: Candy Sushi

March 16: Galaxy Jar

Illustrators' Club

Thursdays, January 26, February 16, and March 16, 4-4:45pm, Grades K-5, **R**

Each month, we'll learn about a different children's book illustrator. Using various materials and art supplies, we will create our own illustrations based on that artist's style.

Building with Bits and Bobs

Sundays, January 29 and February 26, 2-3:30pm, For the whole family

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





Weekly Storytimes

Space is limited. Tickets are available at the Youth Desk starting at 9am on a first come, first served, basis. The winter storytime session runs January 17-March 23.

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

Stories, songs, and rhymes for the whole family.

Big Kid Storytime Tuesdays, 4pm, Ages 4+

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

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

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

Early Childhood Drop-in Events

Drop-in Free Play Mondays, 9:30am-12pm.

Drop in with your little ones to explore and play with a different selection of toys and manipulatives each week.

Little Dabblers Fridays, January 20–March 24, 9:30-10:30am, Ages 2+

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

Pajama Storytime

Wednesdays, January 4 & March 8, 6:30–7pm, Virtual, For the whole family **R**

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

Hebrew Bilingual Storytime

Thursday, January 5, 10–10:30am, For the whole family

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

Saturday Morning at the Library

Wiggleworms Party!

Saturdays, January 28, February 25, and March 25, and Tuesday, March 28, 10–10:30am, Auditorium, For the whole family

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

Mandarin-English Bilingual Storytime

Saturdays, January 7, February 4, and March 4, 10–10:30am, For the whole family

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

Little Play Café

Saturdays without Wiggleworms or Mandarin-English Storytime, 10-11am, For the whole family

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



Music and Movement with Little Parade

Thursday, March 30, 10–10:30am, Auditorium, For the whole family **T**

Get ready to sing and move in this interactive learning and dancing program for little ones. Tickets will be available in Youth Services the morning of the program on a first-come, first-served, basis. Limit 8 tickets per family.

Events for Teens

Enjoy these in-person and virtual programs for teens.
Visit our online calendar for more details.



Let's Learn Together Project LLT: Teen Book Club

Thursdays, February 23 and
March 23, 7–8pm, Teen Room R

In our new teen book club, we'll eat pizza, play games, plan bookish community projects, and discuss how books of all genres reflect and influence the world around us.

Learn more about the library's new Let's Learn Together initiative on page 10.

Dungeons & Dragons

Saturdays, January 14, February 11, and
March 11, 1–4pm, Auditorium R

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



Crafting for a Cause: Rescue Bears

Thursday, February 9, 7–8pm, and
Friday, February 17, 4:30–5:30pm, Youth Program Room

Join our party to upcycle socks into Rescue Bears to bring joy to teens, co-hosted with the Institute for Positive Mental Health.



Teen Spa Day

Thursdays, 7–8pm, Youth Program Room

Feeling stressed? Learn how to make homemade items to help relax and take care of yourself.

January 12: Bath Bombs

March 9: Eye Masks



Teen Take & Make Kits

Mini Book Magnets

Register beginning December 23
Pickup begins January 13

Choose from 30 popular YA book covers and make tiny book magnets to decorate your locker or another magnetic surface. Yes, the books open and can be written in.

Light-Up Card

Register beginning January 20
Pickup begins Friday, February 10

Make a small piece of art or a greeting card with a design that lights up, using paper circuits made with copper tape and LED stickers.

Pi Day Apple Pie In A Mug

Register beginning February 17
Pickup starting Friday, March 10

Learn to make a delicious and simple microwave apple pie in a mug for Pi Day. You might even learn some math, too! Mug included.

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Celebrating Black Voices

This February, we're celebrating black history and culture. Visit our website and the library to find great books and programs in honor of Black History Month.

Lot: Stories by Bryan Washington

The Hookup Plan by Farrah Rochon

The Violin Conspiracy by Brendan Slocumb

The Trees by Percival Everett

Harlem Shuffle by Colson Whitehead

Black Cloud Rising by David Wright Faladé

Last Summer on State Street by Toya Wolfe

The Monsters We Defy by Leslye Penelope

On the Rooftop by Margaret Wilkerson Sexton

American Spy by Lauren Wilkinson

Josephine Baker by José-Louis Bocquet

Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom by David W. Blight

Ghosts in the Schoolyard by Eve L. Ewing

Invisible by Stephen L. Carter

How the Word Is Passed by Clint Smith

Begin Again by Eddie S. Glaude Jr.

How We Fight for Our Lives: A Memoir by Saeed Jones

Fix Me a Plate by Scotty Scott

Wow, No Thank You by Samantha Irby

The Trayvon Generation by Elizabeth Alexander

