



Wilmette Public Library

January-March 2024



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Lately in the Library of Things

Our popular Library of Things collection is always growing, with new tools and items for you to borrow and try.

A few highlights of the current collection:



Roku devices that allows you to access premium streaming services from home.

Assistive Devices Kit featuring 3D printed items that make everyday tasks such as turning a key or carrying bags easier.

If you've been curious about virtual reality, an **Oculus Quest 2** VR headset that allows you to give it a try!

Capture a beautiful snowy day with our **DSLR camera bundle**.

Ease those winter blues with a karaoke party featuring our **Karaoke machine**.

A Look Back at 2023

This winter, we'll be sharing our 2023 Year in Review report with the Wilmette community. You'll find highlights from our building, events, and staff; an overview of the year in numbers; and lots of smiling faces. The report will be available online and in print at the library. Stay tuned!

A snapshot of our year in numbers:

- **Total circulation was 856,912, an increase of 8% over 2022**
- **More than 80% of Wilmette households have at least one library card, and more than 67% of library cards have been used to check out physical materials in the past 6 months**
- **The library had 215,069 visitors, a 37% increase over 2022**
- **The library offered 1,029 programs (up 65% over 2022), with 26,663 attendees (up 200% over 2022)**
- **Use of digital resources is up 13% over 2022**



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.

Learn more about Books Down Under and the Friends, including how to make a donation to support library initiatives, at wilmettelibrary.info/friends



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

Library Closures

December 31
January 1
March 31

Book Return Sites

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

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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.

Electric Vehicle Buyer's Guide Tuesday, January 23, 7–8pm, Virtual **R**

Join the Citizens Utility Board (CUB) and discover valuable tips and tricks to become a more informed and savvy EV shopper. Hosted by the Wilmette, Glenview, and Winnetka-Northfield public libraries.

Making Your Senior Move Easy Breezy Thursday, February 1, 10–11am, Auditorium **R** Thursday, February 8, 7–8pm, Auditorium **R**

Learn how to make your life easier when moving from your current residence to your new senior living community.



The Great North American Eclipse Tuesday, February 20, 7–8pm, Virtual, **R**

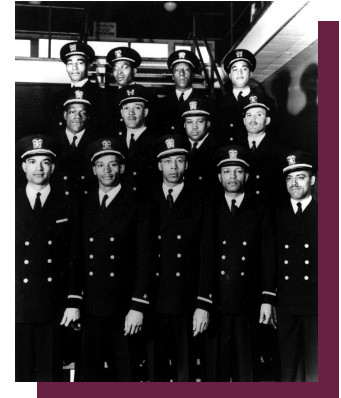
Join Michelle Nichols, director of Public Observing at Chicago's Adler Planetarium, to learn about the total solar eclipse taking place on April 8, 2024. Learn what eclipses are, where to see them, when to look, and how to view solar eclipses safely.

Eclipse Glasses

Eclipse glasses will be available at the Welcome Desk on a first-come, first-served basis beginning Monday, March 18. Two pairs per family, please.

The Golden Thirteen Wednesday, February 28, 6:30pm–7:30pm, Virtual **R**

Join The National Museum of the American Sailor in an exploration of the Golden Thirteen, the first African American commissioned officers in Navy history and the lasting legacy of these pioneers.

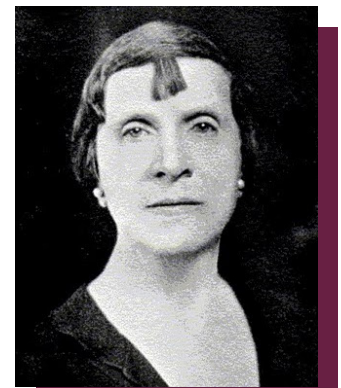


Edith: The Rogue Rockefeller McCormick

Wednesday, March 20,
7–8pm, Auditorium

Edith Rockefeller McCormick was an unusual woman:

fiercely intellectual, opinionated, and often prickly. Without her, we may not have the Brookfield Zoo, Chicago opera, or a cure for scarlet fever. Join us for a two-woman show presented by Ellie Carlson and author Andrea Frederici Ross. Ross recounts this tumultuous life in her book, *Edith: The Rogue Rockefeller McCormick*.



Wills, Trusts and Estate Planning Basics Tuesday, March 26, 7–8pm, Auditorium **R**

Learn about wills, trusts, powers of attorney, probate, and guardianship with attorney Jacob K. Ehrensaft. Take the first step to create or update a plan that is appropriate for you.

Armchair Travels

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



Soviet Art

Tuesday, January 23, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Explore two parallel art movements that unfolded in Russia at the same time, Social Realism and Underground Art, with Olga Cardamone.

Treasures of the Uffizi Gallery

Tuesday, January 30, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Take a virtual tour of The Uffizi Gallery in Florence, Italy, featuring one of the world's great collections of Italian paintings and sculptures, with Jeff Mishur, art historian and co-owner of Art Excursions.



Let's Plan a Trip to Europe

Monday, February 26, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Eugene Flynn will share time-honored advice and new recommendations for planning a great European vacation while adjusting to a changing world.

International Marinades

Wednesday, March 13, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Need some international culinary flare? Chef Susan Maddox will prepare four fun, crowd-pleasing international marinades without getting jetlagged along the way.

Budapest

Monday, March 18, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Jeff Klapes, known as "The Traveling Librarian," will provide an armchair traveler's journey to Hungary's impressive capital, Budapest.

Driving Forces: Women Influencing, Designing and Driving Automobiles

Monday, March 25, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Learn how women have been right there next to men in influencing, buying, designing, driving, and racing automobiles for over 100 years with history "edutainment" speaker Barbara Barrett.

Armchair Travels

Thursday, 1–2:30pm, Auditorium

January 4: Northern Indiana Amish Country

January 18: Chicago's Newest Waterfront

February 1: Video Tour of Stockholm, Sweden

February 15: West and Northwest Iceland

March 7: A Walk Around London: The Square Mile

March 21: Exploring Croatia

Small Business Spotlight

From Data & Research to Business Intelligence

Thursday, February 8, 6:30pm–7:30pm, Virtual R

Join us for a content-rich discussion about how to use tools at your local library to help you research your market and prospects in order to amplify your business reach. This virtual program is hosted by the Wilmette, Glenview, and Skokie public libraries and SCORE North Cook and Lake Counties.

Strictly Business Lunch & Learn Harnessing Artificial Intelligence for Business Success

Thursday, February 22, 12–1:30pm, Auditorium R

Take part in our inaugural Strictly Business Lunch & Learn session, featuring the keynote presentation and workshop "AI Tools for Everyday Business," by award-winning business coach PJ Weiland, principal of Business Prophet in Glenview. Free lunch will be provided; spots are limited.



For Music Lovers

Opera Lovers Lecture Corps

Mondays, 7–8pm, Virtual R

January 15: *Cinderella* by Gioachino Rossini

February 5: *Champion* by Terence Blanchard

March 4: *Aida* by Giuseppe Verdi

The Donna Herula Trio: The Roots of Chicago Blues

Friday, January 19, 7–8pm, Auditorium

Playing a variety of blues and Americana music styles, the Donna Herula Trio tips the hat to tradition while creating a fresh, contemporary perspective on blues and roots music.

The Apollo Trio

Sunday, February 18, 2–3pm, Auditorium

Enjoy a concert with The Apollo Trio featuring flutist Scott Metlicka, clarinetist Patrick Rehker, and bassoonist Joshua Fleming. The program will include an arrangement of Renaissance pieces along with classical, impressionistic, and modern pieces by Mayr, Pierne, and Piston.

Funky Enough Friday Night Jazz Concert

Friday, March 15, 7–8pm, Auditorium

Wilmette resident and pianist Sam Grossner leads the Funky Enough jazz trio along with veteran musicians who play such notable venues as The Green Mill and elsewhere. The ensemble plays jazz and toe-tapping numbers by various well-known composers, including the Cannonball Adderley Quintet and Duke Ellington, among others.

Spotlight on: Genealogy & Local History

Wilmette & Kenilworth in the 1950 Census

Saturday, January 13, 1–2:30pm, Virtual R

Scott Norrick will reveal his findings and insights from reviewing and analyzing data for Wilmette & Kenilworth from the 1950 Census.

Introduction to Newspapers.com

Wednesday, February 7, 3–4pm, Virtual R

Learn the skills you need to make the most of Newspapers.com and uncover fascinating stories about your ancestors.

Discover the Story of Your House

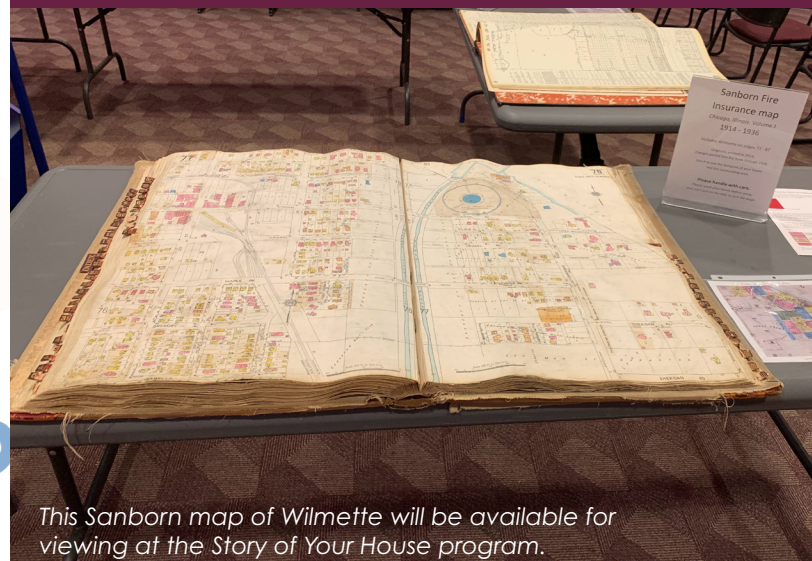
Saturday, March 2, 1–3pm, Auditorium R

Learn about researching the history of your Wilmette home from local historian and author Julia Johnas and local history librarian EvaAnne Johnson.

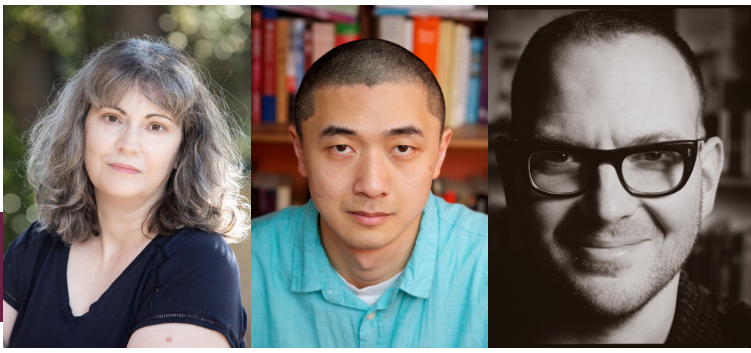
Breaking Down Irish Brick Walls

Thursday, March 14, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Professional genealogist Kerri Tannenbaum will present case studies illustrating strategies, tips, and techniques that may help you find your ancestors in Ireland.



This Sanborn map of Wilmette will be available for viewing at the Story of Your House program.



Speculating Our AI Future

A Panel Discussion with Cory Doctorow, Ken Liu, and Martha Wells

Thursday, January 11, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Join us for a panel discussion featuring best-selling science fiction writers Cory Doctorow, Ken Liu, and Martha Wells, in discussion about the promise and perils AI will have on our future.

Save the date!

Julia Quinn

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

Ruth E. Carter

Wednesday, March 20, 7–8pm, Virtual R



These events are presented in partnership with Illinois Libraries Present.

Family Action Network

Strategies to Reduce Risk and Increase Resilience in LGBTQ+ Youth

Presented by Compass Health Center

January 17, 7pm, Virtual R

The Mirrored Door: Break Through the Hidden Barrier that Locks Successful Women in Place with author Ellen Taaffe

January 23, 7pm, Virtual R

Writing for Busy Readers: Communicate More Effectively in the Real World

with author Todd Rogers

January 30, 7pm, Virtual R



Look for full details at familyactionnetwork.net

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

Tuesdays, 10:30–11:30am

January 9: *Autumn* by Ali Smith

February 13: *Giovanni's Room* by James Baldwin

March 12: *The Silence of the Girls* by Pat Barker

Read Around the World

Thursdays, 2–3pm

January 25: *The Shadow of the Wind* by Carlos Ruiz Zafón

March 28: *Nothing to Envy* by Barbara Demick

Memento Mori Book Club

Tuesday, January 23, 6–7pm R

Body of Work: Meditations on Mortality by Christina Montross

Film Screenings

At Home Film Discussion

Tuesdays, 7–8pm, Virtual R

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

January 9: *On Golden Pond* (1981)

Starring Katharine Hepburn, Henry Fonda, and Jane Fonda.

February 13: *Minari* (2021)

Starring Steven Yeun, Han Ye-ri, and Youn Yuh-jung.

March 12: *C'mon C'mon* (2021)

Starring Joaquin Phoenix and Woody Norman.

International Film Screening

Thursdays, 9:30am–12pm, Auditorium

January 18: *Aloners*

Presented in Korean with English subtitles.

March 21: *Theeb*

Presented in Arabic with English subtitles.



Wilmette Reads

A Celebration of Reading & Readers

Adults & Teens • Jan. 2–Feb. 28

Join us this winter for Wilmette Reads, an all new reading series for adults and teens. We'll be reading together, sharing books, enjoying events, and showing off our new Wilmette Reads swag.

Find full details at wilmettelibrary.info/wilmettreads

How does it work?

Take part in the way that makes sense for you, including reading one of our suggested titles, joining a book discussion, reporting on the reading of your choice, or attending one of our selected programs. Every participant gets a tote bag or winter hat, and you can collect badges for each event or action you participate in. We'll wrap the whole thing up with a celebration at the end of February!

What are we reading?

We've selected titles we're excited to explore— Louise Erdrich's *The Sentence*, as well as six additional titles that are thematically similar but tonally different. You're also welcome to read whatever strikes your fancy! Join us at a book discussion to share your thoughts on *The Sentence* or anything else you've been reading this winter.

Featured Titles

Schedule of Events

The Sentence Book Discussions

Tuesday, January 16 10:30-11:30am,
Auditorium

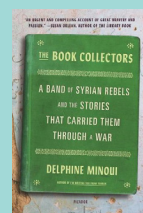
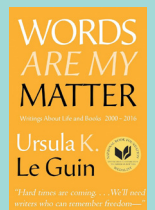
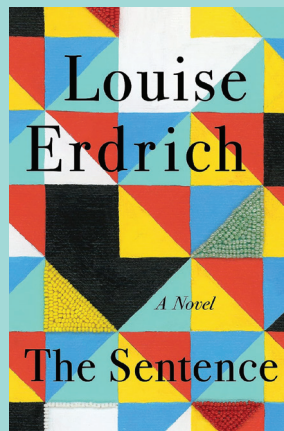
Thursday, February 15, 7-8pm, Virtual R

Wilmette Reads Book Chat

Wednesday, January 10, 10:30-11:30am,
Auditorium

Tuesday, February 6, 2-3pm, Auditorium

Share and discuss your latest favorites books and media with a librarian and your fellow bibliophiles. Get ideas for your TBR list and chat all things bookish.



Reader Celebration!

Friday, February 23, 6pm, Auditorium

Join us as we celebrate a season of reading with snacks and activities.

Wilmette Reads is generously supported by
The Friends of the Wilmette Public Library.

Learn more about the Friends at
wilmettelibrary.info/friends.



Save the Date!

Maker Fest 2024

**Saturday, March 9, 10:30am-2:30pm,
All ages**

Maker Fest is an opportunity for people to get together and share ideas, try new things, learn about makers and maker resources in the area, and be inspired. Meet our community's makers and see demonstrations of art, technology, and design by local clubs, hobbyists, and businesses. Best of all, try out projects yourself! Past events have included demonstrations of robotics, basket weaving, interactive video game art, sewing, circuitry, and more. This event is free and open to everyone.



Get Creative!

Try these hands-on projects and explore the intersection of art and technology with these programs. Events are intended for adults unless otherwise noted.

Become A Petfluencer

**Friday, January 5, 5–6pm, Virtual,
Teens & Adults R**

Pick up social media tips and tricks to build a following for your beloved pet with this overview of tools and best practices for pet content creators.

Metal Stamping

Monday, January 22, 6–7pm, Teens & Adults R

We'll show you how to stamp metal and turn your designs into a necklace or a key chain.

Digitization Tools Showcase

**Tuesday, February 13, 4–5pm, Auditorium,
Teens & Adults R**

This program will showcase the library's current collection of digitizing tools, as well as answer questions about converting analog media of many formats into digital files to save and share.

Adult Coloring

Friday, February 16, 10–11:30 AM, Auditorium

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

Tech Discussion: AI Art & ChatGPT

Thursday, February 29, 6–7pm, Auditorium R

Join our technology group discussion for a deep dive into the potential of AI-generated art and ChatGPT, as well as the challenges and controversies they raise.

Make a Natural Bath Bomb

Tuesday, March 5, 10–12pm, Auditorium R

Learn about natural body care benefits and craft your own bath bomb with Soapy Roads.

3D Design Your Own Photo Frame

**Tuesday, March 12, 5–6pm, Teens & Adults,
Small Meeting Room R**

Bring a photo and design a frame for it using Tinkercad, a 3D design software.

Technology & Devices

Events are intended for adults unless otherwise noted.

Browser Extensions

Wednesday, January 3, 5–6pm, Virtual, Teens and Adults R

Boost your comfort and productivity on the internet with browser extensions.

Google Docs

Thursday, January 11, 5–6pm, Virtual, R

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

Introduction to Ebooks for Older Adults

Tuesday, January 16, 2–3pm, Small Meeting Room, R

Learn to download ebooks and downloadable audiobooks to your phone or tablet. All are welcome!

What is the Cloud?

Friday, January 26, 5–6pm, Virtual R

Ground your understanding of data, the internet, and what cloud storage and cloud services really mean.

Email Basics

Wednesday, January 31, 3–4pm, Small Meeting Room R

Create a free email account, learn how to compose and send messages, and gain an understanding of best practices.

Our computers are on the move!

This fall, we moved our first floor public computers to the Reference area of the library. Access all the same services that were available in the Technology Center, including internet and word processing, printing, faxing, and scanning, in this convenient new space. Dedicated staff are on hand to answer tech questions at the service desk, alongside our Adult Services librarians.

Our staff is busy creating an exciting new creative space in the former Technology Center. Stay tuned for more details, and we look forward to welcoming you to this new space this winter!



Intro to Android Phones

Friday, February 2, 2–3pm, Small Meeting Room R

Bring your Android phone and we'll explore its settings and features together.

Cutting the Cable Cord

Friday, March 1, 5–6pm, Virtual R

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

Virtual Reality: Explore & Play

Friday, March 22, 6–7:30pm, Auditorium, Adults & Teens R

Want to play in virtual reality? Come check out the Meta Quest 2. Try a solo experience or play a multiplayer game like SpaceTeam.

Cyber Security

Friday, March 29, 5–6pm, Virtual R

Learn about possible online threats and learn what you can do to protect yourself and others.



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. Questions? Contact Youth Services at 847.256.6945 or youthdesk@wilmettelibrary.info.

Children 8 and under must be accompanied by a parent while at the library.

The Golden Spiral

Tuesday, January 2, 7–8pm, Grades 4-8 R

Learn about this mathematical phenomenon that shapes the natural world and make your own golden spiral model. McGill University math student and Wilmette resident Solomon Podorovsky will show us the wonders of the golden ratio.

K-9 Reading Buddies of the North Shore

Thursdays, January 4, February 1, and March 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. Registration is limited to Wilmette and Kenilworth residents only.



Improv at the Library

Tuesdays, January 9, February 13, and March 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!

Art for Big Feelings

Thursdays, January 11, February 8, & March 7, 4–4:45 PM, Grades K-2 R

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

STEAM Lab

Wednesdays, 4:30–5:15pm R

Grades 3-5:

January 17: Winter Terrarium

March 20: Coding and Cup Stacking Challenge

Grades K-2:

February 21: Winter Terrarium

Minecraft Club

Thursdays, January 18, February 15, & March 28, 4:30–5:30pm, Grades 3-5 R

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

Tween Lab

Thursdays, 7–7:45 PM, Grades 5-8 R

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

January 18: Felt Cactus

February 15: Upcycled Paper Picture Frame

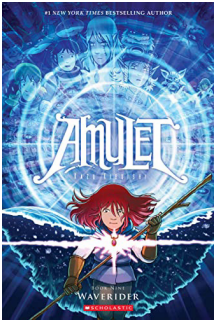
March 14: Decorated Tumbler

Lego Club

Fridays, January 19, February 16, and March 15, 4–4:45 PM, Grades K-3 R

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





Amulet Book Release Party

Monday, February 5, 4–5pm,
Grades 4-6 R

Celebrate the highly-anticipated release of *Waverider*, the ninth book in the *Amulet* series, by Kazu Kibuishi, by making your own amulets, drawing comics, and learning how this groundbreaking series came to life.

Printmakers Club

Monday, February 12, 4–4:45 PM, Grades 2-4 R

Create an 2D imaginary world using found printing materials.

Take-Apart Afternoon

Monday, February 19, 2:30–3:30pm, Grades 4-8 R

Have you always wanted to take apart your computer, but your parents won't let you? Do it together! Crack into computer components and other machinery to see what's inside.

Hot Glue Bookmarks

Wednesday, February 28, 4:30–5:15 PM,
Grades 3-6 R

Make a special bookmark using hot glue, jumbo paperclips, glitter, and more!

Temari Balls

Tuesday, March 5, 7–8pm, Grades 3-6 R

Use balloons, yarn, and LOTS of glue to replicate the ancient art of Japanese thread balls. They make beautiful decorations for your room or porch. Dress for mess!

April Fools' Day Tinkercad Workshop

Friday, March 22, 10:30–11:45 AM, Small Meeting Room, Grades 4-8 R

Get ready to fake out your friends and family on April Fools' Day! We'll design real-looking fake food using Tinkercad, free 3D design software that runs in a browser.

Andertoons: Draw Your Own Adventure

Wednesday, March 27 R
Grades 1-3: 3:30–4:30pm
Grades 4-8: 4:30–5:30pm

Professional cartoonist Mark Anderson will show young artists how to see things differently, explore problem solving and design thinking, and develop their own individuality and curiosity in this fun drawing class.



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

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

January 24: *Parachute Kids*, by Betty C. Tang

February 21: *Speak Up*, by Rebecca Burgess

March 20: *The Dog Knight*, by Jeremy Whitley



2nd and 3rd Grade Book Club

Thursdays, 7–7:45 PM,
Grades 2-3 R

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

January 25: *The First Cat in Space Ate Pizza*, by Mac Barnett and Shawn Harris

February 22: *J.D. and the Great Barber Battle*, by J. Dillard

March 21: *Lola Levine Is Not Mean*, by Monica Brown





Winter Reading Club is Here!



Embrace the winter season with our reading club for children of all ages.

Participation is easy: children simply mark their reading log each day they read or are read to, or when they do an activity like a nature walk or making up a story. When they have completed 20 spaces on their reading log, bring it to the Youth Desk and your child can choose their prize book. Pick up reading logs and get book recommendations from our children's librarians, or print a reading log from our website to get started. All reading logs must be turned in by February 29.

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



Events for the Whole Family

Family Lego Drop-in

Tuesday, January 2, 2:30–4:30pm, and Saturday, March 30, 2–4pm

Play and build with our Lego and Duplo bricks.

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.



Chess Club

Sunday, January 14 & 28, February 11 & 25, and March 10 & 24, 2:30–4:30pm, All ages

Strengthen your concentration and optimize your play with methods used by the grandmasters. The January 14, February 11, and March 10 programs will begin with an introduction to chess for beginners.

Family Game Day

Fridays, January 5 and March 29, 3:30–4:30pm

Enjoy an afternoon of board games and fun for the whole family! Feel free to bring your own games.

Building with Bits and Bobs

Sundays, January 7, February 4, and March 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.

Lunar New Year Celebration

Saturday, February 3, 2–4pm, Auditorium

Celebrate Lunar New Year 2024, the Year of the Dragon, with storytelling and crafts. Hosted in collaboration with Highcrest Mandarin teacher Brenda Hsu.

Drop-In Crafting

Monday, March 25, 1–4pm

Design your own craft project from our supplies of arts-and-crafts materials.

A Conversation with Jerry Craft

From *Mama's Boyz* to *New Kid* and Beyond

Tuesday, February 6, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Learn about life, art, and telling your story with bestselling author and cartoonist Jerry Craft. In this virtual presentation, he'll discuss his works and lead a drawing demo that will be fun for the whole family!

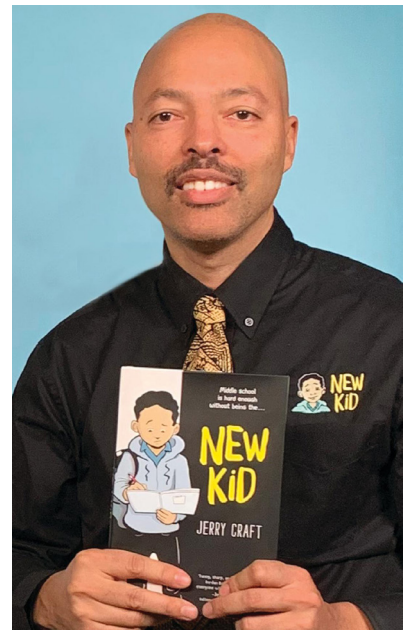
Jerry Craft is the author-illustrator of #1 New York Times bestselling graphic novel *New Kid*, and its companion book, *Class Act*. *New Kid* was the first book in history to win the Newbery Medal (2020), The Coretta Scott King Author Award (2020), and the Kirkus Prize for Young Readers' Literature (2019). In his latest book, *School Trip*, Jerry hopes to share his love of travel in order to inspire kids and their families to see the world and embrace new cultures.

This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present (ILP), a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events.

Jerry Craft Watch Party

Tuesday, February 6, 7–8pm, For the whole family

Join us in the Youth Program Room for an in-person watch party of Jerry Craft's interactive conversation and drawing tutorial. We'll stream the event and watch and draw along together.



Let's Learn Together

Open Books, Open Minds Saturday, January 20, February 17, and March 16, 10–10:45am

At this interactive story hour for the whole family, we'll engage with meaningful topics through stories, music and art. Open Books, Open Minds introduces families to books, music and activities that build community and help us talk about and engage with the world we live in. The program is ideal for families with young children, and fun for everyone!

Between the Lines: Using Kids Books to Talk About Big Topics

Friday, February 2, 4:30–5:30pm, Auditorium, Parents and Teachers R

Picture books offer talking points, examples, and language for real life situations. Learn how to use books to engage with your child about big topics in a safe, affirming space. Presented in collaboration with the McKenzie Elementary PTA. Children 4 and older can enjoy a storytime and craft in the Small Meeting Room while adults attend the program.

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.





Storytimes & Drop-in Events

Weekly early childhood events run January 16-March 21. Space is limited in storytimes; tickets are available at the Youth Desk starting at 9am for morning programs and 3:30pm for Big Kid Storytime.

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

Stories, songs, and rhymes for the whole family.

Big Kid Storytime Tuesdays, 4pm, Ages 4+

Stories and songs for big kids only.

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

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

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

Drop in with your little ones to play and explore.

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

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

Special Storytimes

Pajama Storytime

Wednesdays, January 10, February 14, & March 6, 6:30-7pm

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

Mandarin-English Bilingual Storytime

Saturdays, January 27, February 24, & March 23, 10-10:30am, For the whole family

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

Spanish-English Bilingual Storytime

Saturday, March 23, 1:30-2pm, For the whole family

Join us for stories and fun activities in Spanish and English.

Early Childhood Events

Coloring Party

Wednesday, January 3 & Mondays, January 8 and March 25, 9:30-11:30am

Drop in to make your mark on our giant coloring posters.

Jamerry Music Class

Friday, January 12, 10-10:30am, Auditorium

In this highly interactive class, little ones and their grownups will connect in joyful music-making.

Sticker Party

Wednesdays, January 10 and March 27, 9:30-11:30am

Drop in to have fun with stickers by adding them to the giant paper!

Puppet Show with Firefly Family Theater

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

Join Spark the puppet as she learns all about winter! Free ticket required.

Little Play Cafe

Saturdays, January 13 and February 10, 10-11am

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

Wiggieworms Party!

Thursday, March 28, 10-10:30am, Auditorium

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

Events for Teens

Enjoy these programs for teens. Grades 7-12 unless otherwise noted.
Visit our online calendar for more details.

Teen Spa Day

Thursday, January 11, 7–8pm, Youth Program Room, Grades 5-12 R

Feeling stressed? Learn how to make spa day essentials and take care of yourself.

Dungeons & Dragons

Saturdays, January 20, February 17, and March 16, 1–4pm, Small Meeting Room R

Welcoming experienced and new players alike, we will be playing Dungeons and Dragons 5E! Whether you're a seasoned player, min-maxer, or newbie, explore with our adventuring party at our monthly D&D session.

Anti-Valentine's Day Party

Thursday, February 8, 7–8pm, Youth Program Room R

Un-celebrate Valentine's Day the anti way, with cranky crafts, grumpy games, and spiteful snacks.

Excel Basics Thursday, March 14, 4–5pm, Auditorium, Grades 7-8 R

Get started budgeting your money with the software that the entire global financial system depends on. Funny Excel memes will be included.

DIY Kawaii Accessories

Thursday, March 21, Youth Program Room, 4:30pm–5:30pm R

Decorate a clear phone case or 3D-printed photo frame with charms and simulation whipped cream glue in a variety of colors.



Teen Take & Make Kits

Yeti Squishy

Register Starting: Friday, Dec. 22

Pickup Begins: Friday, Jan. 12

Make a Yeti squishy toy that's perfect for the winter season out of memory foam and fabric paint.

Exploding Candy Box

Register starting: Friday, Jan. 19

Pickup Begins: Friday, Feb. 9

Make an explosion gift box out of patterned paper that's perfect to hold candy. When the lid comes off, the sides fall down to reveal tags you can decorate with photos, sayings, and more.

Cross-Stitch Pendant

Register Starting: Friday, Feb. 16

Pickup Begins: Friday, March 8

Make a pendant that can be turned into a keychain or necklace while learning cross-stitch basics. Several easy patterns inspired by anime, animals, music, and pop culture included.

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Celebrating Women's History

This March, we're celebrating the impact women have had on history and culture. Visit our website and the library to find great books and programs in honor of Women's History Month.

***The House of Eve* by Sadeqa Johnson**

***River Spirit* by Leila Aboulela**

***Bright Young Women* by Jessica Knoll**

***When Women Were Dragons* by Kelly Barnhill**

***Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murders* by Jesse Q. Sutanto**

***The Mercies* by Kiran Millwood Hargrave**

***Of Women and Salt* by Gabriela Garcia**

***Bringing Down the Duke* by Evie Dunmore**

***Femina* by Janina Ramirez**

***Daughter of the Dragon* by Yunte Huang**

***Empress of the Nile* by Lynne Olson**

***Wild Girls* by Tiya Miles**

***Recollections of My Nonexistence* by Rebecca Solnit**

***Crazy Brave* by Joy Harjo**

***Big Friendship* by Aminatou Sow and Ann Friedman**

***The Woman's Hour* by Elaine Weiss**

