



Wilmette Public Library

Winter 2025



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Us This
Winter!

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Events for Adults

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

Mushroom Mania Cooking Program

Monday, Jan. 6, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Join Chef Susan Maddox as she demonstrates three mushroom-focused recipes. Explore various cooking methods and techniques to get the most flavor while turning mushrooms into edible delights.

How to Paint Watercolor Mushrooms

Friday, Jan. 17, 1:30–3pm, Auditorium R

Explore the world of watercolors and learn how to draw and paint mushrooms in various arrangements. Beginners are welcome!

Introduction to Mushroom Identification

Thursday, Jan. 23, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Learn the basics of mushroom identification with mushroom expert Hunter Le Duc. In addition to becoming familiar with the major mushroom groups, you'll learn the basic characteristics of fungi, how to make a spore print, and more.

Thursday Afternoon
Matinee

Hidden Figures

**Thursday, Feb. 13,
1–3pm, Auditorium**

In honor of Black History Month, enjoy a screening of *Hidden Figures*, starring Taraji P. Henson, Octavia Spencer, Janelle Monáe, Kirsten Dunst (2016).



Shakespeare Project of Chicago

The Winter's Tale

Saturday, Feb. 22, 2–4pm (Doors at 1:30), Auditorium

Enjoy a staged reading of Shakespeare's *The Winter's Tale*. This captivating tale weaves together moments of deep emotion, playful humor, and magical wonder. *Funded by the Friends of the Wilmette Library.*

Air Fryer Basics

Tuesday, Mar. 4, 6:30–7:30pm, Virtual R

Explore the versatility of this trendy kitchen appliance with Kristyn Slick of Mealtime Memories.

Genealogy & Family History

Planning an Ancestral Trip

Wednesday, Feb. 12, 7–8pm, Auditorium

Do you dream of visiting your family's homeland? Learn pro tips to plan an ancestral trip from Terri O'Connell of Finding Our Ancestors.

All About The Mayflower Society

Saturday, Mar. 8, 1–2:30pm, Auditorium

Learn about what the Mayflower Society is and how you can join it. Presented by Cary Stone-Greenstein and co-hosted by the North Suburban Genealogical Society.

Thanks to Her: Finding Power and Inspiration in Your Family Photos

**Wednesday, Mar. 12,
7–8pm, Virtual R**

Explore author Kathleen Geraghty's book *Thanks to Her*, and learn how exploring your own family photo archive can add spiritual and emotional rocket fuel to your life.



For Music Lovers

Sunday Classical Concert

The Idylle Ensemble

Sunday, Jan. 19, 2–3pm, Auditorium

Enjoy a classical concert featuring Mozart's Piano Quartet No. 1 in G Minor and Schumann's Piano Quartet in E-flat Major.



Wilmette Reads Finishing Party

Chris White Jazz Trio

Friday, Feb. 7, 6–8pm, Auditorium

Join us starting at 6pm for light refreshments to celebrate Wilmette Reads 2025. At 7pm, enjoy a concert with pianist Chris White and his trio featuring jazz standards and popular songs.

Friday Night Jazz Concert

Jeanne Becker Trio

Friday, Mar. 14, 7–8pm, Auditorium

Join the Jeanne Becker Trio to celebrate the music of springtime.

Opera Lovers Lecture Corps

La Boheme by Puccini

Monday, Mar. 24, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Learn about the Lyric Opera's production of *La Boheme* by Puccini.

Life Transitions

Dementia Caregiver Support Group

Mondays, Jan. 13, Feb. 10, and Mar. 10, 7–9pm, Virtual R

Caregivers of an individual with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias are invited to attend these virtual support group meetings. Facilitated by Andee Albaum-Feinstein and Mike Denesha.

A Let's Learn Together Program

Know Your Rights

Wednesday, Jan. 15, 7–8pm, Virtual R

In the changing landscape in the United States for trans individuals, join the Transformative Justice Law Project for a presentation and Q&A focusing on name, gender marker, and identity document changes on federal and state documents.

Wills, Trusts, and Estate Planning Basics

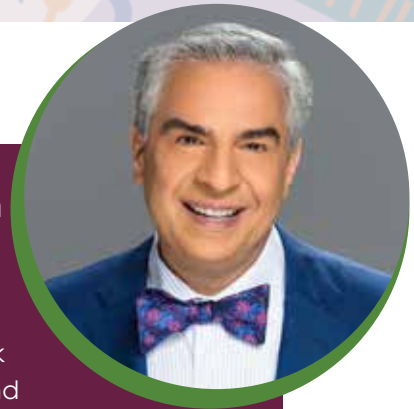
Tuesday, Mar. 25, 7–8:30pm, Auditorium R

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

Post-Election Update with WGN's Paul Lisnek

Tuesday, Jan. 28, 7–8pm, Virtual R

WGN-TV's Paul Lisnek will speak about life after the election and what we can expect from the upcoming four years. *Presented by The League of Women Voters of the Palatine Area and the Schaumburg Library's Civic Awareness Series, and co-sponsored by area public libraries.*



Coffee & Business Connections

Fridays, Feb. 7 and Mar. 14, 9–10:30am, Auditorium R

Network over coffee and donuts and learn about business resources from Wilmette Public Library, the Wilmette/Kenilworth Chamber of Commerce, and the North Cook and Lake Counties Chapter of SCORE.





Wilmette Reads Guided Book Conversations



Explore the connections and meaning in this year's selected Wilmette Reads titles with expert scholars. Find more Wilmette Reads on page 8.

Ghost Music by An Yu

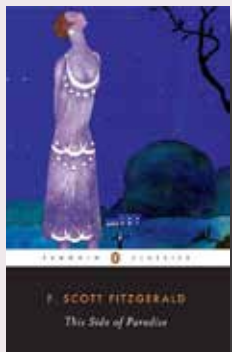
Saturday, Jan. 11, 11am–12pm, Auditorium R

Led by author and Loyola University creative writing professor Nami Mun.

Entangled Life by Merlin Sheldrake

Wednesday, February 5, 7–8pm, Auditorium R

Led by Field Museum research scientist Matthew Nelsen.



Classics & Contemporary Book Discussion

Visit our online calendar to learn more about each book and reserve a copy.

This Side of Paradise by F. Scott Fitzgerald

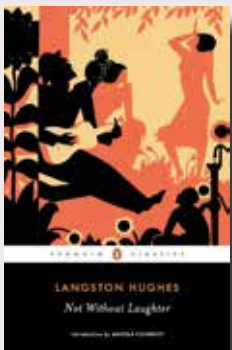
Tuesday, Jan. 14, 10:30–11:30am, Auditorium R

Not Without Laughter by Langston Hughes

Tuesday, Feb. 11, 10:30–11:30am, Auditorium R

The Vaster Wilds by Lauren Groff

Tuesday, Mar. 11, 10:30–11:30am, Auditorium R



At Home Film Series

View the film on Kanopy, then join us on Zoom for a virtual discussion.

You Hurt My Feelings

Tuesday, Jan. 14, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Starring Julie Louis-Dreyfus and Tobias Menzies (2023).

Sing: Mindenki

Tuesday, Feb. 11, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Oscar-winning 24-minute short film set in 1990s post-socialist Budapest, Hungary (2016).

My Sailor, My Love

Tuesday, Mar. 11, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Starring James Cosmo, Catherine Walker, and Bríd Brennan (2022).

Family Action Network

Join the Family Action Network this winter for inspiring, motivating events featuring Jenny Anderson, Rebecca Winthrop, Sunita Shah, Shigehiro Oishi, Naomi Watts, Maggie Smith, and many more.

Find 2025 events at familyactionnetwork.net

Find your next great read!

Visit the Adult Services Desk for customized help finding your next favorite book! Our librarians can help find the perfect selection, no matter your interest.



Armchair Travels

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



**Fire, Form and Color:
The Art of Dale Chihuly**

Thursday, Jan. 30, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Join Jeff Mishur of Art Excursions in an exploration of the Chihuly's most acclaimed series, including Cylinders, Seaforms, and Macchia.

Fanny and Felix Mendelssohn's Musical Journey

Monday, Feb. 3, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Explore the journey of Fanny and Felix Mendelssohn, 19th-century siblings and prolific composers. Presented by German historian Anette Isaacs.

Life on the Missouri River

Monday, Feb. 24, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Travel with John Lynn and experience the adventure of paddling all 2321 miles of "The Big Muddy."

The Inky Sea: Tattoos and the Navy

Tuesday, Mar. 18, 6:30–7:30pm, Virtual R

Join the National Museum of the American Sailor in an exploration of the history and cultural significance of tattoos in the Navy.

Armchair Travels

Thursdays, 1–2:30pm, Auditorium

January 2: Coasting Through Maine with Nancy McCully

January 16: Video Tour of Tunisia

February 6: Central Illinois Travel with John Kokoris

February 20: Iran: The Home I Left Behind with Paria Mirmonsef

March 6: The Japanese Cherry Blossom Festival with Yvonne Wolf

March 20: Asheville, North Carolina: Now and Then with Theresa Goodrich of The Local Tourist.

Illinois Libraries Present

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



Chicago Pizza with Steve Dolinsky

Thursday, Jan. 9, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Love and Laughs with Michelle Buteau

Thursday, Jan. 23, 7–8pm, Virtual R

An Evening with James McBride

Tuesday, Feb. 4, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Slowing Down with Amy Tan

Wednesday, Feb. 19, 7–8pm, Virtual R

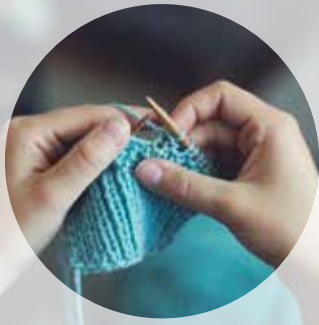
Exploring Space with Coralie Adam

Tuesday, Mar. 4, 7–8pm, Virtual R

9-5: The Story of a Movement

Limited Time Screening, available March 21-23





New Skills in the New Year!

Whatever your goal for 2025 may be, our online resources can help you meet it! You can learn to parler francais, hablar espanol, or sprechen deutsch with **Mango Languages**; become a web designer or Excel master with **LinkedIn Learning**; or take up crochet, watercolor, or felting with **CreativeBug**. These skills and many more are available to you via our online resources with your Wilmette library card.

Full details: wilmettelibrary.info/onlinelearning



Hands On & Creative Tech



Remixing the Public Domain

Thursday, Jan. 16, 6:30–7:30pm, The Studio, Teens & Adults R

Celebrate new public domain content from 1929 and learn how to remix it into original digital art. Computer skills required.

Making Connections

Mondays, 6:30–7:30pm, The Studio, All Ages R

Share tips and tricks and successes and failures, plus solve problems with Studio staff and fellow enthusiasts. Participants of all experience levels are welcome.

January 27: 3D Printing

February 24: Sewing and Embroidery

March 10: Cutting Machines

Pint Glass Etching

Monday, Feb. 10, 6:30–8pm, The Studio, Teens & Adults R

Design a stencil and create a custom pint glass. Computer skills are required.

Exploring the Library of Things

Wednesday, Feb. 12, 6:30–7:30pm, Virtual, Teens & Adults R

Take a guided tour online through our collection of nontraditional items.

Adult Maker Kit & Zoom Class Make a Beaded Plant Hanger

Registration begins February 4

Pickup begins February 11

Virtual class: Friday, Feb. 21, 2–3pm, Virtual R

Register for your kit and join us for a class on Zoom to make your own wooden bead plant hanger.

Custom Window Clings

Wednesday, Mar. 19, 6:30–7:30pm, The Studio, Adults R

Design and cut a custom window cling with Silhouette Studio. Computer skills required.

Internet & Devices

Exploring the Internet Archive

Tuesday, Jan. 14, 6–7pm, Auditorium, Adults R

Learn how you can explore the history of the internet and much more using the Internet Archive.

Google Docs and Drive

Friday, Jan. 24, 5–6pm, Virtual, Adults R

Create documents and manage your files.

What's Up With AI?

Tuesday, Feb. 11, 6–7pm, Auditorium, Adults R

Explore AI and large language models and how they impact our world.

Appy Hour: iPhone Apps

Tuesday, Feb. 18, 10–11:30am, Small Meeting Room, Adults R

Join our discussion to hear from others about the iPhone apps they love and why.

Cutting the Cable Cord

Friday, Feb. 28, 5–6pm, Virtual, Adults R

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

Password Management

Tuesday, Mar. 11, 2–3pm, Auditorium, Adults R

Build a plan to get organized and secure with your passwords.

What is the Cloud

Friday, Mar. 28, 5–6pm, Virtual, Adults R

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

1:1 Tech Help

Schedule an individualized tech help appointment with a staff specialist. Subject areas include computer basics, email, files and folders, Google Drive, iPhone, Android, Microsoft Office, and more! Make an appointment: wilmettelibrary.info/tech-help



Find the Technology Tools You Need at the Library

All patron computers were upgraded in December 2024—visit the library and try them out! Technology available at the library includes:

- Computers, including internet browsing and Office 2024.
- Printing and Remote Printing
- Copying
- Scanning
- Faxing
- Digitization Station
- Assistive Devices



Wilmette Reads 2025

A Celebration of Reading & Readers
Adults & Teens | Through February 15

Read with us this winter! We invite you to join our community conversation exploring two books, An Yu's novel *Ghost Music* and Merlin Sheldrake's nonfiction *Entangled Life*. Read and discuss books, attend great programs, and collect fun swag along the way.

Get Started

Visit the Adult Services desk to sign up, pick up your reading log, and select your swag. Fill out your reading log with the activities of your choice, and return it to the desk to pick up your finisher prize!

wilmettelibrary.info/wilmettreads



Join the Conversation

Take part in a guided conversation with scholars exploring themes and ideas featured in this year's selected titles.

***Ghost Music* by An Yu**


Saturday, Jan. 11, 11am–12pm, Auditorium, Adults **R**

***Entangled Life* by Merlin Sheldrake**

Wednesday, Feb. 5, 7–8pm, Auditorium, Adults **R**

Wilmette Reads Finishing Party and Jazz Concert

Friday, Feb. 7, 6–8pm, Auditorium

Find full details on these events and other Wilmette Reads programming throughout this newsletter, marked with a 



Slide into Winter!

Kids' Winter Reading Club | Through February 15

Whether your family's winter plans include sledding, skiing, skating, or snuggling under a blanket, make time to slide into the pages of a good book, too! Pick up a reading log, track 20 days of reading or suggested activities, and turn the completed log in for a prize!

Ready to get started?

Visit the Youth Services desk or wilmettelibrary.info/wrc to get your reading log!

Winter Reading Clubs are open to all. Prizes will be awarded once per person.



Find these winter favorites and many more at the library!

Events for Teens

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

Dungeons & Dragons

**Saturdays, Jan. 18, Feb. 8, and Mar. 15,
1–4pm, Auditorium R**

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



Crochet Club

**Monday, Jan. 27, Feb. 24, and Mar. 24,
4:30–5:30pm, Teen Room**

Drop in to work on your crochet project, share tips with others in a friendly space, and enjoy yummy snacks. All skill levels welcome. Beginner projects will be available for those wanting to learn.

How to Ace Your High School Research Paper

Thursday, Feb. 6, 6:30–7:30pm, Virtual Grades 9–12 R

Master high school research papers including the New Trier Junior Theme with this step-by-step workshop, taught by former New Trier High School faculty Amy Haskell.

Teen Take & Make

Needle-Felted Mushrooms

Register starting: December 15

Pickup begins: January 10

Do some cozy crafting with our needle-felted woodland mushroom kit. Needles, wool roving, and acorn caps included. Find more Wilmette Reads on p. 8.

Crochet Fish in a Jar

Register starting: February 21

Pickup begins: March 14

Learn to crochet a cute goldfish and make it "float" in a glass jar decorated like a mini aquarium with this kit. This kit uses a crochet tutorial from Creativebug, our crafting resource.



Calling Teen Volunteers

We're looking for teens in Grades 9-12 to serve as volunteers in our Summer Reading Club booth. The right applicant will enjoy helping younger kids and talking about summer reading. Applications will be available March 15 through April 15. Access the SRC Volunteer Application at wilmettelibrary.info/volunteering. All teens who apply must register to attend a mandatory orientation session in May.

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**. Programs marked with a **T** require a free ticket. Check our online calendar for registration open dates. Questions? Contact Youth Services at 847.256.6945 or youthdesk@wilmettelibrary.info.

For the Whole Family

Family Sing-Along with Kaleen Dolan

Saturday, Jan. 4, 2–3pm and 3:30–4:30pm, Auditorium T

Sing along to your child's favorite tunes with vocalist and pianist Kaleen Dolan.

Building with Bits and Bobs

Sundays, Jan. 5, Feb. 2, and Mar. 2, 2–3:30pm

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

Spanish-English Bilingual Storytime

Monday, Mar. 10, 4:30–5pm

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

Drop-in Chess

Sunday, Jan. 12, Feb. 9, and Mar. 9, 2:30–4:30pm, All Ages

Stop by to challenge your neighbors to a chess match.

Lunar New Year Celebration

Saturday, Jan. 25, 2–4pm, Auditorium

Celebrate Lunar New Year 2024, the Year of the Snake, with storytelling and crafts. Hosted with Wilmette teachers Brenda Hsu and Sara Chao.



Frozen Musical Party

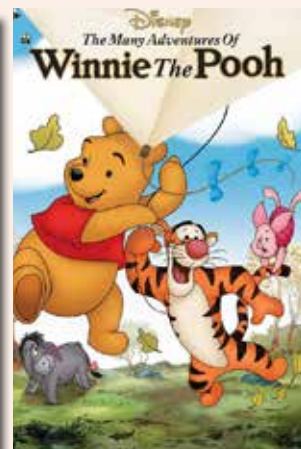
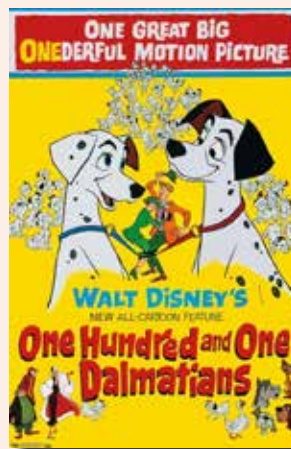
Friday, Feb. 28, 4–4:45pm, Auditorium R

Celebrate the release of the *Frozen* musical on Disney+ with crafts, songs, and more! Costumes encouraged.



Bookmark Design Contest

Our annual bookmark design contest returns this spring! Kids in grades K–8 are invited to design a bookmark with the theme of reading, books, and libraries. The winning designs will be printed and distributed at the library in April. Forms will be available starting Monday, February 17, at the Youth Services Desk or online at wilmettelibrary.info/bookmark-contest. Entries must be turned in by Sunday, March 16.



Family Movies

101 Dalmatians

Thursday, Jan. 2, 10–11:30am, Auditorium

The Many Adventures of Winnie the Pooh

Wednesday, Mar. 26, 10–11:15am, Auditorium

Hungry Crafters

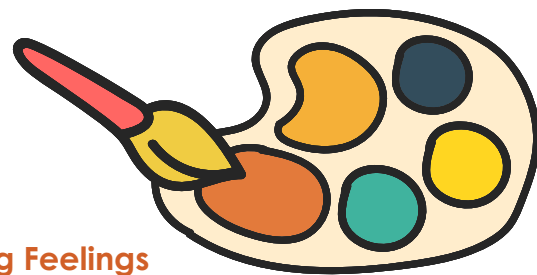
Thursdays, 7–7:45pm, Grades 5-8 **R**

Bring your friends and make new ones while creating tasty treats.

January 9: Colorful S'mores Pops

February 13: Winter Forest

March 13: Bird's Nests



Art for Big Feelings

Thursdays, Jan. 23,

Feb. 20, and Mar. 20, 4–4:45pm, Grades K-2 **R**

Organize complex feelings and relieve stress through stories and art.

Minecraft Club

Mondays, Jan. 27, Feb. 24, and Mar. 24,

4:30–5:30pm, Grades 3-5 **R**

Do you love Minecraft? Join our Minecraft Club to make friends, collaborate, and build together.

Dog Man Movie Party

Friday, Jan. 31, 4–4:45pm, Auditorium, Grades 1-4 **R**

Celebrate the *Dog Man* movie with crafts, games, drawing tutorials, and giveaways!

Mardi Gras Wall Hanging

Tuesday, Feb. 11, 7–7:45pm, Grades 4-8 **R**

Celebrate Mardi Gras by making a colorful hanging for your window or wall.

Mug Etching

Monday, Mar. 3, 5:30–7pm, The Studio, Grades 5-8 **R**

Design and cut a stencil, then use etching cream to apply your design to a glass mug.

Andertoons: Dragons, Krakens, and Unicorns, Oh My!

Tuesday, Mar. 25, **R**

Grades 1–3: 3:30–4:30pm

Grades 4–8: 4:30–5:30pm

Learn how to draw dangerous dragons, kooky kraken, unruly unicorns, and more in this monstrously fun class.



Crafty Coasters

Friday, Mar. 28, 2–2:45pm, Grades 4-8 **R**

Design and assemble drink coasters for your favorite beverages.



Lego Club

Fridays, Jan. 10, Feb. 14, and Mar. 14, 4–4:45pm, Grades K-3 **R**

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

Envision Your Future

Tuesday, Jan. 14, 7–7:45pm, Grades 4-8 **R**

Make a vision board to highlight your dreams and hopes for 2025.

K-9 Reading Buddies of the North Shore

Thursdays, Jan. 16, Feb. 6 and Mar. 6, 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.

Wings of Fire Club

Wednesdays, 7–7:45pm, Grades 4-6 **R**

Join us for dragon-themed activities and chat about this month's graphic novel selection.

January 22: *The Hidden Kingdom*

February 19: *The Dark Secret*

March 19: *The Brightest Night*



Let's Learn Together

Between the Lines: Our Features Are Important

Friday, Feb. 7, 4:30–5:30pm, Youth Program Room, All Ages R

Spark curiosity about skin, hair, bodies, and abilities - the physical things that make us who we are - in this interactive art workshop. In partnership with District 39 PTA and PTOs.

Magnificent Minds

Saturday, Feb. 15, 10–10:45am, For the whole family

Join Speech Language Pathologists from Kick Start Therapy Network for an engaging storytime and craft. Connect with other families, learn about neurodiversity, and explore ways to support your child. All are welcome!

Open Books, Open Minds

Saturday, Mar. 15, 10–10:45am, For the whole family

At this interactive story hour for the whole family, we'll engage with meaningful topics through stories, music, and art.

Coding & STEAM

LEGO WeDo

Friday, Jan. 3, 10:30–11:45am, Grades 2-5 R

Build and program your own cool contraptions. Laptop and mouse skills are recommended.

Python Coding

Fridays, 5:30–6:30pm, Small Meeting Room, Grades 5-8 R

Discover the fundamentals of programming in Python through project-based learning. Basic computer skills required.

January 10: Rock, Paper, Scissors

March 14: Number Guess Game

Program a Galaga Clone in Scratch

Tuesday, Feb. 4, 5:30–6:30pm, The Studio, Grades 3-5 R

Discover the fundamentals of the Scratch programming language through project-based learning. Basic computer skills required.

STEAM Lab

Snow Fort

Grades 3-5: Wednesday, Jan. 15, 4:30–5:15pm R

Grades K-2: Wednesday, Feb. 12, 4:30–5:15pm R

Build a snow fort for a little creature using marshmallows, glue dots, and more!

Imaginary Playground

Grades 3-5: Wednesday, Mar. 12, 4:30–5:15pm R

Use paper, play dough, and other craft materials to create a miniature playground!



Save the Date!

Meet Kate Hannigan

Friday, April 11, 4:30-5:30pm, Auditorium R

Award-winning author Kate Hannigan returns to Wilmette to celebrate the release of *Rachel Carson's Wonder-Filled World: How the Scientist, Writer, and Nature Lover Changed the Environmental Movement.*



Storytimes & Weekly Events January 13–March 21

Family Storytime and Babytime require a free ticket. Tickets will be given out on a first come, first served basis at the Youth Desk starting at 9am.

Monday

Drop-In Free Play

9:30am–11:30am

Explore and play with a different selection of toys and manipulatives each week.

Tuesday

Family Storytime

9:30am or 10am T

Stories, songs, and rhymes for the whole family.

Story Explorers

4pm, Ages 4–7

Join us after school for interactive stories full of adventure and humor. Children are encouraged to attend independently.

Wednesday

Family Storytime

9:30am or 10am T

Stories, songs, and rhymes for the whole family.

Thursday

Babytime

9:15 or 9:45am, Ages 0–24 mo. T

A bonding experience with songs, cuddles, and bounces.

Friday

Little Dabblers

Fridays, 9:30–10:30am, Ages 2+

Explore art, science, and our own senses.



Early Childhood Activities



Pajama Storytime

Wednesdays, Jan. 8, Feb 5., and Mar. 5, 6:30–7pm

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

Mandarin Storytime

Saturdays, Jan. 18, Feb. 22 and Mar. 22, 10–10:30am

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

Family Storytime

Saturdays, Jan. 25, Feb. 1, Mar. 1, and Mar. 29, 10–10:30am

Stories, songs, and rhymes for the whole family.

Coloring Party

Fridays, Jan. 10 and Mar. 28, 9:30–11:30am

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

Little Play Cafe

Saturdays, Jan. 11, Feb. 8, and Mar. 8, 10–11am

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

Stories in Russian

Saturdays, Jan. 18 and Mar. 22, 2–2:45pm, Ages 3+ R

Listen to stories in Russian and make a fun craft. Presented by storyteller Vlada Bernhardtz.



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

Library Closures

Tuesday, December 31
Wednesday, January 1

Book Return Sites

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

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A Look Back at 2024

This winter, we'll be sharing our 2024 Annual Report with the Wilmette community. This report will be a reflection of our year in numbers, including our circulation, programming, attendance, finances, and more. We take this opportunity each year to take stock of our impact on the Wilmette community and plan for the future.

A snapshot of our year in numbers:

- **Circulation increased 4% since 2023, with 898,667 total items circulated from our collections.**
- **We have seen particular growth in our use of digital resources, with a 33% increase in use of electronic content.**
- **There are 16,200 active Wilmette library cards held by Wilmette and Kenilworth residents.**
- **Library visits increased 12% in 2024, with 242,730 patron visits.**
- **The library offered 1,112 programs for children, teens, and adults, an 8% increase from 2023, with 32,979 attendees, 24% more than in 2023.**



Shop Books Down Under!

Buy gently used books for all ages at Wilmette's only bookstore, located on the Lower Level of the library. All proceeds from book sales and donations to the Friends support library programs, including Winter Reading Clubs and Wilmette Reads.

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



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Celebrating Global Women's Voices

This March, we're celebrating and honoring women's voices as part of Women's History Month. We invite you to dive into this collection of memoirs and autobiographies from women around the world.

The Illiterate by Agata Kristof Hungary

The Copenhagen Trilogy by Tove Ditlevsen Denmark

Cockroaches by Scholastique Mukasonga Rwanda

The Familia Grande by Camille Kouchner France

Linea Nigra by Jazmin Barrera Mexico

A Girl's Story by Annie Ernaux France

War Diary by Yevgenia Belorusets Ukraine

Voyager: Constellations of Memory by Nona Fernandez Chile

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