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Network: A Community Art Installation

Created by artist Barbara Cooper and our community, through a series of workshops, using recycled materials donated by area residents and organizations.

Inspired by trees and forests, libraries and communities, and our ever-deepening understanding of how all of life is networked together.

Co-commissioned by BALibrary and the Lake Barrington office of Bartlett Tree Experts.

Opening Reception

Sunday, Sept 24, 1:30 – 4 PM

All are welcome to join us as *Network* is officially unveiled!

1:30 PM: ribbon cutting, presentation by the artist.

2 – 4 PM: enjoy a string quartet and refreshments while you experience *Network* and chat with artist Barbara Cooper.



The Root of Tree Care + Tree Walk

Sunday, Oct 8, 2 – 4 PM

Many of a tree's health challenges begin below ground. Mark Younger, certified arborist, Lake Barrington office of Bartlett Tree Experts, explains how to help your trees thrive through root care. After the presentation, we'll head outdoors to see harmlessly exposed tree roots, then take a tree walk in Citizens Park. Dress for the weather and for safe walking. [Register.](#)

BACT and BAL Discuss The Hidden Life of Trees by Peter Wohlleben

Tuesday, Oct 10, 7 PM

In this groundbreaking work, Wohlleben argues that forests are a social network made of families just like ours – complex, supportive, competitive, and always communicating. In partnership with Barrington Area Conservation Trust – all are welcome! Refreshments. [Register.](#) Meeting Room.



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TREE EXPERTS**

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Trees: The Neighborhood Builders

Thursday, Nov 9, 7 PM

Whether providing wildlife habitat, being essential to ecosystems, or contributing to the health and happiness of people, forests help build healthy communities. Jessica Turner-Skoff, Ph.D., Treeologist at The Morton Arboretum, discusses the multifaceted roles trees play in enriching the world around us. [Register.](#) Meeting Room.

Join us for a series of Network-inspired programs and activities all year long. Turn the page for more programs.

library
barrington area

Let *Network* Inspire Your Own Creativity and Curiosity



Wire Bird's Nest Jewelry

Thursday, Sept 7, 7 PM

Each participant will leave with a lovely new accessory. Use our beads or bring your own. [Register.](#) Meeting Room.

Paper Mosaics

Wednesday, Sept 27, 7 PM

Create a unique work of art with paper in a variety of colors, patterns, and shapes. [Register.](#) Meeting Room.

Laser Cut Family Tree

Tuesday, Oct 3, 7 PM

Decorate a pre-cut wooden tree. Etch hearts with your loved ones' names during the class. [Register.](#) Conference Room.

Leaf Skeleton Crafts

Thursday, Oct 26, 7 PM

Elegant and intricate "skeletons" of leaves are works of art in themselves, but we will use them as a starting place for beautiful craft projects. [Register.](#) Meeting Room.

Game Day in the "Treehouse"

Sunday, Nov 12, 2 – 4 PM

Hang out under the Network "tree," make new connections (social & neural), have fun. A variety of collaborative, social games will be available – bring family and friends! Drop in. Atrium.



TEDx BarringtonAreaLibrary
x = independently organized TED event

TEDxBarringtonAreaLibrary – now in its third year!

Thursday, Oct 5, 7 PM

You've heard of TED, the non-profit, global phenomenon devoted to Ideas Worth Spreading. Its goal? To make great ideas accessible and spark conversation. A TEDx event is a local version of TED - talks by our own community members, designed to energize and inspire.

Come and hear:

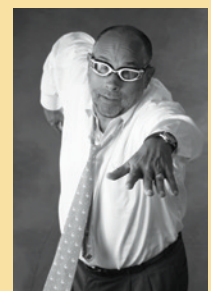
Renee Blue, Co-Founder, Mindful Waste
Doug McConnell, Open Water Swimmer
Joy Wagner, NeuroBalance Center



Joy Wagner



Renee Blue



Doug McConnell

Join us for this extraordinary experience!
[Register at balibrary.org](http://balibrary.org) – limited to 100 attendees.

music, magic, family fun

The events on this page are appropriate for all ages with a caregiver. Drop in and please bring your Barrington Area Library card for admission. Patrons from other library districts admitted as space is available. Seating is first come, first served.



Library Scavenger Hunt – September 2017

Families, stop by the Youth Services desk this September to play the Library Scavenger Hunt game. Become a library expert while having fun!

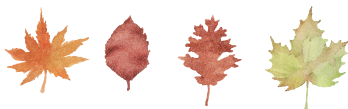


Cardboard Challenge 2017

 Saturday, Oct 7, 1 – 4 PM
The Global Cardboard Challenge engages kids in creative play around the world. Join us for Barrington's Cardboard Challenge where the only limit is your imagination! What will you make? Drop in. Program Room.

Miss Jamie's Farm

Friday, Oct 20, 10:30 AM
Sing, dance, laugh, and learn with Miss Jamie and her farm puppet friends! Drop in. Meeting Room.



Mister Kipley's Fairy Tale Forest

Friday, Nov 3, 10:30 AM
Puppetry, magic, and storytelling combine in this interactive show full of crazy characters, magical surprises, and classic fairy tales gone hilariously wrong. Drop in. Meeting Room.

Spooky Escape Room

Friday, Oct 20
Four sessions: 2 PM, 2:30 PM, 3 PM, 3:30 PM
Can your family survive our spooky escape room? Work together to gather clues, solve puzzles, and escape the Program Room — before your time runs out. Sign up each family member. Register for the time slot of your choice. Program Room.



story time

Please bring your Barrington Area Library Card for admission. Patrons from other library districts are admitted as space is available. No registration required. Story Room.

mondays

Family Story Time

Ages 2 – 5 w/caregiver

Sep 11 – Nov 13, 2:30 PM

Children (with a favorite adult) enjoy books, songs, rhymes, and movement activities while building language and literacy skills.

tuesdays

Baby Time

Up to 24 months w/caregiver

Sep 5 – Nov 14, 10 AM

Share songs, stories, and rhymes with your baby and connect with other new parents in this story time and play time.

Toddler Time

Ages 2 & 3 w/caregiver

Sep 5 – Nov 14, 11 AM

Play and explore with stories, songs, art, and more in this energetic story time for toddlers. Dress for a mess!

wednesdays

Family Story Time

Ages 2 – 5 w/caregiver

Sep 6 – Nov 15, 10 AM

Children (with a favorite adult) enjoy books, songs, rhymes, and movement activities while building language and literacy skills.

Art Play

All ages w/caregiver

Sep 6 – Nov 15,

10:45 – 11:30 AM

Through process-oriented art, kids explore their imaginations and develop creative thinking skills. Join us for an open-ended art project for all ages and abilities. Mess-makers welcome!



thursdays

Baby & Toddler Play Time

Ages 0 – 3 w/caregiver

Sep 7 – Nov 16, 9:30 – 10:30 AM

Children learn as they play. Explore hands-on activities and connect with other grown-ups during this fun class.

Family Story Time

Ages 2 – 5 w/caregiver

Sep 7 – Nov 16, 11 AM

Children (with a favorite adult) enjoy books, songs, rhymes, and movement activities while building language and literacy skills.

Around Town

Cookies and Milk Story Time

Ages 2 – 5 w/caregiver

Mondays, Sep 11, Oct 9, Nov 13,
10:30 AM

Stories, snacks, and smiles at Panera in the Arboretum. Panera Bread, 100 W Higgins Road, South Barrington. Register.

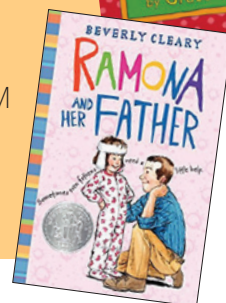


Family Book Club

Discover the benefits and joys of reading aloud with your child. Pick up a complimentary copy of the book, read it together, then join us for discussion and activities. Register. Program Room.

Grades K – 1: Wednesday, Oct 25, 6:30 PM
Ling and Ting, Not Exactly the Same!
by Grace Lin

Grades 2 – 3: Tuesday, Nov 7, 6:30 PM
Ramona and Her Father
by Beverly Cleary



just for kids ages 0 – 6

Art Play

Friday, Sep 15, 10 AM

 Saturday, Sep 16, 10 AM

Monday, Oct 23, 10 AM

Friday, Nov 24, 10 AM

All ages w/caregiver

Open-ended art projects for all ages and abilities. Through process-oriented art, kids explore their imaginations and develop creative thinking skills. Mess-makers welcome! Program Room. Drop in.

Preschool STEAM

Friday, Sep 22, 10:30 AM

Tuesday, Oct 17, 1 PM

Wednesday, Nov 15, 1 PM

Ages 3 – 5 w/caregiver

Join us as we explore science, technology, engineering, art, and math with exciting experiments and activities. Dress for a mess. Program Room. Register.

Sensory Story Time

Wednesday, Sep 27, 6:30 PM

 Saturday, Oct 21, 10:30 AM

Thursday, Nov 9, 6:30 PM

All ages w/caregiver

Children enjoy books, music, and movement activities designed to engage the senses and build language and literacy skills. For children of all abilities. Program Room. Register.



Costume Party Story Time

All ages w/caregiver

Friday, Oct 27, 10 AM

Monday, Oct 30, 10 AM

Wear your costume to this special story time! After stories and songs, join our costume parade through the library. Meeting Room. Drop in.



Teen Space

Wednesdays, Sep 6 – Nov 15,
3:30 – 5 PM

Grades 5 – 8

Study, play games, relax with a book, and meet your friends after school in the Youth Services Program Room! Drop in.

Teen Trivia

Wednesday, Nov 29,
3:30 – 5:30 PM

Grades 6 – 8

Grab your friends and be ready to prove how much you actually know. Program Room. [Register](#).

learn, make, create – for kids in grades K - 8

Afterschool STEAM

Tuesdays, Sep 12 & 26,
Oct 10 & 24, Nov 7, 4 PM

Grades K – 3

Fun, hands-on activities that incorporate science, technology, engineering, art, or math (STEAM). Dress for a mess. Program Room. Register.



Art Studio

Fridays, Sep 8, Oct 6, Nov 10,
3:30 PM

Grades 1 – 5

We have the supplies, you have the ideas. Try weaving, watercolor painting, screen printing, and more! Program Room. Drop in.

Family Fort Building

Wednesday, Nov 22,
10 AM – 12 PM

All ages

Let's have family fun and build forts together! Program Room. Drop in.



time for tech

Kids & families: get more out of Studio Kids and the MakerLab by scheduling a one-on-one appointment with one of our awesome librarians! Get started at: www.balibrary.org/contact-us

Lego Club

Fridays, Sep 15, Oct 13, Nov 17, 3:30 PM

Grades K – 8

Make LEGO robots and other amazing creations. Program Room. Drop in.

Meet the 3D Printer

Monday, Sep 18, 4 PM

Tuesday, Sep 19, 4 PM

Thursday, Sep 21, 4 PM

All ages

Stop by after school to learn how the 3-D printer works, and try out the 3-D design software used to create objects. Program Room. Drop in.

Tech Open Lab

Friday, Sep 22, 3:30 PM

Monday, Oct 9, 10 AM

Thursday, Oct 19, 1 PM

 Saturday, Nov 11, 2 PM

Wednesday, Nov 22, 3 PM

All ages

Families play and create with LEGO robots, stop motion animation, iPads, and more. Program Room. Drop in.

Robots, Robots, Robots!

Friday, Sep 29, 3:30 – 5 PM

Friday, Nov 3, 2 – 3:30 PM

All ages

Join us as we build, code, and play with a variety of robots. Program Room. Drop in.

Laser Cut Jewelry

Thursday, Oct 19, 3 PM

Grades 4 – 8

Create a charm or pendant on the Laser Cutter. MakerLab. [Register.](#)

Animated Stories

Thursday, Nov 2, 4 PM

Grades 3 – 5

Learn how to use animation software, and make your stories come to life.

Program Room. [Register.](#)

Meet the Vinyl Cutter

Monday, Nov 13 – Thursday, Nov 16, 4 PM

All ages

Stop by after school and learn how to make unique stickers to decorate your room, locker, phone, and other devices. Program Room. Drop in.

Light Painting

Tuesday, Nov 21

[Grades 2 – 4, 4 PM](#)

[Grades 5 – 8, 5:30 PM](#)

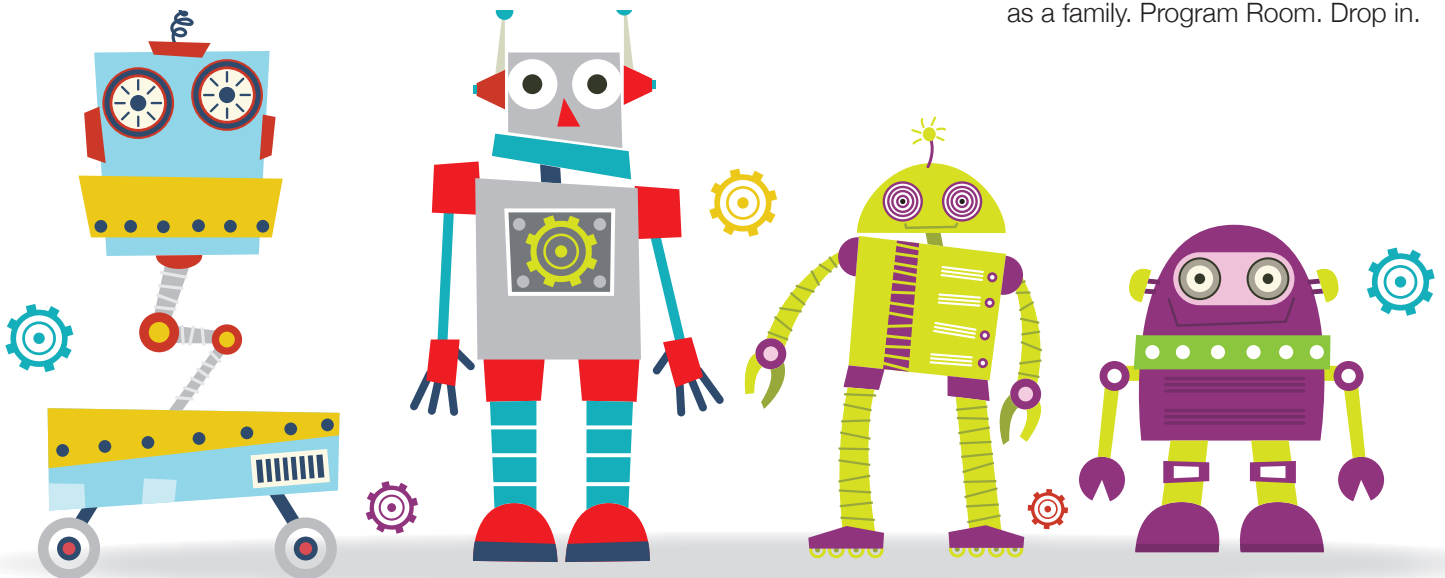
Use flashlights and cameras in the dark to create original pieces of art. Zimmerman Room. [Register.](#)

Code Together

Friday, November 24, 2 – 4 PM

All ages w/caregiver

Learn the basics of coding together as a family. Program Room. Drop in.



wonderful weekends



Look for the  symbol to spot other weekend family programs in the newsletter.

Art Play

Saturday, Sep 16, 10 – 11:30 AM

All ages w/caregiver

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Program Room. Drop in.

Family Fort Building

Sunday, Sep 17, 2 – 4 PM

All ages

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Saturday Story Time

Saturday, Oct 7, 10:30 AM

All ages w/caregiver

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Dress for a mess! Program Room.

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Library Closings

Monday, Sept 4,

Labor Day

Thursday, Nov 23,

Thanksgiving

Thursday, Dec 7,

Staff In-Service Day



Barrington Gamers Guild: RPG for Beginners

Thursdays, Sep 21, Oct 19, Nov 30,

5 – 7 PM

Grades 6 – 12

Want to be a professional adventurer, but aren't sure how to start? Join the Barrington Gamers Guild and learn all about tabletop roleplaying games. We'll use the game Pathfinder to teach you the basics: creating characters, being a team player, and (of course) monster-slaying. Meeting Room. Register.



Next Chapter Book Club Returns!

Tuesday, Sept 12,

6:30 PM

Join the Next Chapter Book Club and meet new friends. Next Chapter Book Club is a book club for people ages 18 and older with developmental disabilities. We meet each month on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays. You are welcome, regardless of reading ability. Space is limited, so please register. Meeting Room.

Volunteer Match

Sunday, Oct 1, 2 – 4 PM

Looking for meaningful, local volunteer opportunities? Connect with local non-profit organizations who can answer your questions and share their volunteer needs. Use your time, talents, and energy to make a difference right here in our community! Drop in. Meeting Room.

Area organizations: need volunteers?

Join us for Volunteer Match on Sunday, Oct 1. Distribute information, answer questions, and sign up new volunteers. We'll provide table space and publicity. For more information and to register, please contact Sam Adams-Lanham at SAdams@BALibrary.org or Liz Kirchhoff LKirchhoff@BALibrary.org. Please register early as we have many interested groups — our spring event was very successful!



second fridays



Shout Section Big Band

Friday, Sept 8, 8 PM

Don't miss the swinging sounds of the Shout Section Big Band. You'll feel like dancing to the melodies of some of swing's biggest names. [Register](#). Meeting Room.



Die Musikmeisters German Band

Friday, Oct 13, 8 PM

Get in the Oktoberfest spirit with Die Musikmeisters and their lively German polkas and waltzes. [Register](#). Meeting Room.



Tinker Boys Trio

Friday, Nov 10, 8 PM

Enjoy the acoustic sounds of the Tinker Boys Trio, with an original style influenced by Irish, Country, Bluegrass, and Folk music. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

October is Family History Month

Family History Crafts

Wednesday, Oct 4, 7 PM

Using the library's Silhouette cutter, learn to create decorations for your family history scrapbook. [Register](#). MakerLab. BALibrary cardholders only.

Genealogy 101

Tuesday, Oct 10, 2 PM & 7 PM

Find your family using online databases such as Ancestry Library Edition, HeritageQuest, Fold3, and more! [Register](#). Meeting Room.

Digitize All The Things

Monday, Oct 23, 2 PM & 7 PM

Old family photos? Box of vacation slides under the bed? Can you even tell what's on that negative? Learn how to scan your family photos, slides, and negatives in our Digital Studio and restore your treasured memories. [Register](#). Studio 1.

Tech Tools for Genealogists

Wednesday, Oct 25, 7 PM

Learn how Flickr, Evernote, Dropbox, and other social media tools can enhance your genealogy research. [Register](#). Zimmerman Room.



Business: It's Better in Barrington

Intro to Google Analytics

Thursday, Sept 14, 7 PM

Google Analytics can seem overwhelming. Start with key reports and basics that provide immediate value, with examples from a variety of small businesses. Grow your business as you learn how people interact with your website. Peggy Eastwood presents. [Register](#). Zimmerman Room.

Give Every Dollar a Job

Monday, Nov 6, 7 PM

Learn the four core rules for budgeting: Give Every Dollar a Job, Roll With the Punches, Save for a Rainy Day, and Live on Last Month's Income. Learn why, and how much, business owners should pay themselves. Review and demo budgeting software. Holly Bach from SCORE presents. [Register](#). Zimmerman Room.



Non-Profit Know-How

Social Media Round Table: E-Mail Marketing

Thursday, Sept 14, 12 PM

Bring lunch and your laptop (or use ours), and let's talk e-mail marketing. We'll demonstrate a few popular platforms, like MailChimp and Constant Contact, then share tips and success stories. Local non-profits and small businesses welcome. [Register](#). Conference Room.

Grant Writing Round Table

Thursday, Nov 9, 12 PM

What's the hardest thing about writing grants? Getting started. Finishing. Knowing who and how to ask for money. Persevering. We'll discuss best practices and encourage each other. Bring lunch and your laptop (or use ours). [Register](#). Conference Room.

Creating Your Elevator Speech — Be Prepared for Opportunity

Thursday, Oct 12, 7 PM

Businesses and non-profits: struggling to describe your value at networking events? Learn to quickly grab attention with a 15-20 second statement, often called an Elevator Speech. Got more time? Learn how to expand your statement. John Fisher from SCORE presents. [Register](#). Zimmerman Room



About Library Programs

Register for programs at balibrary.org, by phone at 847.382.1300, or in person.

Programs require registration unless otherwise indicated. ADA accommodations are available with at least 48 hours' notice.

The library reserves the right to take photographs and video of program participants. Photos and videos are for library use and may be used in publicity materials. Patrons who do not wish to be part of photographs or videos should notify staff.

Alzheimer's Awareness:

We're partnering with the Vernon and Ela Area Libraries on this series of programs from the Alzheimer's Association.

Know the 10 Signs: Early Detection Matters

Monday, Sept 11, 7 PM

The warning signs of Alzheimer's disease can be dismissed as normal effects of aging. Learn about early detection (for yourself and others), possible interventions, and how to plan for the future.

Register at calendar.vapld.info. Vernon Area Public Library, Meeting Room, 300 Olde Half Day Rd., Lincolnshire.

It's Time to Talk:

Dementia Conversations

Wednesday, Oct 18, 7 PM

When someone you know shows signs of dementia, it's time to talk. Family conversations about memory loss and changes in behavior can be challenging and uncomfortable. Learn to reduce the stress from doctor's visits, difficult decisions about driving, and legal and financial plans. Register. Barrington Area Library, Meeting Room.

Learning to Connect: Relating to the Person with Alzheimer's

Thursday, Nov 16, 7 PM

Feel uncomfortable spending time with a person with memory loss? Gain insight into memory loss, dementia, and effects of the disease on communication and behavior. Learn techniques to make visits more comfortable and connections more meaningful. Register at www.eapl.org/events. Ela Area Public Library, Meeting Room A, 275 Mohawk Trail, Lake Zurich.



When I'm 64:

BALibrary and Barrington Area Council on Aging are pleased to sponsor a three-part workshop to guide sixty-somethings toward their next phase. Representatives from various agencies present a different topic at each workshop. Register. Meeting Room.

The Basics: Medicare and Social Security

Monday, Sept 11, 7 PM

Your Unique Situation: Housing, Cash Flow, and Long-Term Care

Monday, Sept 18, 7 PM

Bridging the Gap: Medicare Supplements and Medicare Advantage Plans

Monday, Sept 25, 7 PM

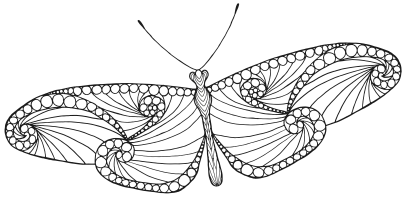
How Can I Help?

Responding to Mental Health Crises in cooperation with NAMI-Barrington Area

Tuesday, Oct 3, 7 PM

When a friend or family member is struggling mentally or emotionally, what should you say or do? When is professional help indicated, and what should you expect when you reach out? A panel of local experts, including first responders, mental health clinicians, and representatives of the court system, presents information, shares insights, and takes questions. Register. Meeting Room.

Relax, Refresh, Recycle



Keep Calm and Zentangle®

Wednesday, Sept 13, 7 PM

Take a break from your everyday stress and embrace your creative side by learning how to Zentangle. This relaxing and soothing drawing process allows you to take a series of patterns and turn them into a unique work of art. [Register](#). Zimmerman Room B.



T'ai Chi Tuesdays

Tuesday, Sept 19 & Oct 24,
7:15 PM

Take a break from your busy day and unwind! Instructor John Kelly will teach us about T'ai Chi Ch'uan – a slow, controlled system of calisthenics - in these introductory sessions. [Register](#). Meeting Room.



DIY Kindle Covers

Monday, Oct 16, 7 PM

Sometimes we love a book until it's beyond repair. Give new life to an old favorite by making it into a cover for your device with this fun, easy craft. All supplies provided. [Register](#). Zimmerman Room.



Cork Crafts

Monday, Nov 20, 7 PM

Discover crafts you can design with corks and the equipment in our MakerLab. Each participant will leave with a cork wreath. [Register](#). Conference Room.



Meet Carvey

Sunday, Sept 10, 1 – 4:30 PM

See a basic demonstration of our carving machine. Drop in. Atrium.

Meet the Laser Cutter

Sunday, Oct 15, 1 – 4:30 PM

See our laser cutter at work! Learn how materials are cut and what software is used to design unique items. Drop in. Atrium.



All Maker Meetups

Thursday, Sept 14, 7 PM

Thursday, Nov 9, 7 PM

Calling all Makers! Discuss your latest projects over coffee at Starbucks (125 S. Hough St.) in downtown Barrington. [Register](#). Off-site. Look for us on [meetup.com](#), too!

12 Days of Make

Monday, Nov 6 - Friday, Nov 17

Drop in between 2:30 - 4 PM

Make something beautiful to give or to keep. Atrium.

Day 1: Monday, Nov 6 - Gem cards and gift tags

Day 2: Tuesday, Nov 7 - Clear snow ornaments

Day 3: Wednesday, Nov 8 - Poinsettia pinwheels

Day 4: Thursday, Nov 9 - Laser-cut wooden animals

Day 5: Friday, Nov 10 - Repurposed map gifts

Day 6: Saturday, Nov 11 - Holiday banners

Day 7: Sunday, Nov 12 - Mini books

Day 8: Monday, Nov 13 - Beaded letter ornaments

Day 9: Tuesday, Nov 14 - Laser-etched ornaments

Day 10: Wednesday, Nov 15 - Mason jar lid ornaments

Day 11: Thursday, Nov 16 - Paper sachets

Day 12: Friday, Nov 17 - Water bottle decals



COOKS WITH BOOKS

A COOKBOOK CLUB AT THE BARRINGTON AREA LIBRARY

Check out a cookbook that fits our monthly theme, try some recipes, then meet us at a local eatery to dish on the details.

Pinstripes

Tuesday, Sept 12, 2 PM

Let's meet on Pinstripes' patio to talk about seasonal cooking inspired by produce from the local farmers' market...or your own garden. Register. Off-site. Pinstripes, Arboretum of South Barrington, 100 Higgins Rd, South Barrington.

Uncle Julio's

Tuesday, Oct 10, 2 PM

From spicy salsa to sizzling fajitas, try a new recipe en su casa, then sample authentic Mexican dishes and Tex-Mex specialties at Kildeer's newest restaurant. Register. Off-site. Uncle Julio's, 20423 N. Rand Rd, Kildeer.

Chessie's Restaurant

Tuesday, Nov 14, 2 PM

Family traditions start in the kitchen. Share memories and nostalgic recipes at this charming restaurant built from a vintage train station and Pullman train car. Register. Off-site. Chessie's Restaurant, 200 Applebee St, Barrington.

wanderlust

Haunting Destinations

Monday, Oct 2, 11 AM

The US is full of weird, creepy destinations. From old prisons to abandoned mines to local cemeteries, let's talk about eerie spots for the Halloween season. Register. Zimmerman Room.

Volunteer Vacations

Monday, Nov 6, 11 AM

See a whole different side of your next destination with a volunteer vacation. Learn how to get started and discover amazing opportunities. Register. Zimmerman Room.



Find The Perfect Fall Read

Tuesday, Sept 12, 7 PM

Find your next favorite book! Librarian Liz Kirchhoff talks about new and popular titles and provides personalized recommendations. Register. Zimmerman Room.

Penguin Random House Book Buzz

Wednesday, Oct 25, 7 PM

Be the first to know about major new titles from one of the biggest publishers around. Publisher rep Robert Haddock shares exciting fall and winter titles — and great door prizes. Register. Meeting Room.

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Join librarians Liz and Sam to discuss popular titles in a social book club for adults. Meets upstairs at McGonigal's in downtown Barrington. We'll provide some appetizers or desserts - other food and beverages available for purchase. Register.

***The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead**

Monday, Sept 11, 7 PM

Runaway slaves Cora and Caesar have escaped from a plantation and now must depend on an actual underground railroad and a series of safe houses to find their way to safety. Whitehead's novel is the winner of the Pulitzer Prize, the National Book Award, and the Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence.

***Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance**

Monday, Oct 9, 7 PM

From the Rust Belt to Yale, Vance tells the story of what it's like to achieve the dream of becoming upwardly mobile, and the unexpected challenges that his family faced as a result.

***Lily and the Octopus* by Steven Rowley**

Monday, Nov 13, 7 PM

Lonely and sad, Ted finds his only joy in his elderly dachshund Lily. When Lily gets sick, the two embark on a hilarious, surreal, heart-rending journey of acceptance and new beginnings that reminds us what a privilege it is to love a dog.

Book Discussions With Lanny Ori

Professional book discussion leader Lanny Ori leads thought-provoking discussions of notable titles. Books are available at the Adult Services reference desk approximately one month prior to the discussion. Register. Meeting Room.

***Commonwealth* by Ann Patchett**

Tuesday, Oct 17, 7:30 PM

or

Thursday, Oct 19, 2 PM

A chance romantic encounter leads to the dissolution of two marriages and the joining of two families for generations to come. When author Leon Posen hears the story, he's inspired to write a novel that lays the story — and family secrets — bare.

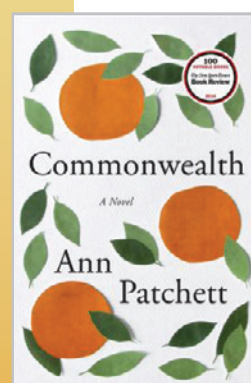
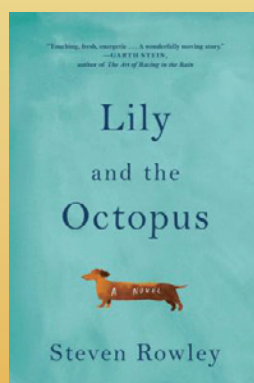
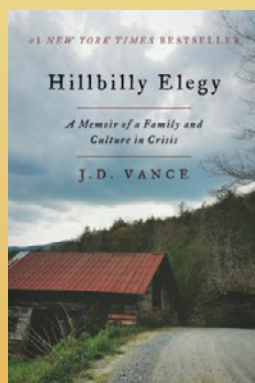
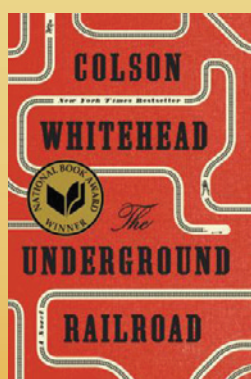
***The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood**

Tuesday, Nov 14, 7:30 PM

or

Thursday, Nov 16, 2 PM

Handmaid Offred remembers the days when she was allowed to read and learn, have a family, and live independently. Now she resides in the home of the Commander and his wife for the sole purpose of bearing children to be raised in their household. This classic of dystopian literature is now a major Hulu series.





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Closing Dates

Monday, Sept 4, Labor Day

Thursday, Nov 23, Thanksgiving

Thursday, Dec 7, Staff In-Service Day



Online Learning Opportunities

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