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SPRING 2019 Newsletter of the Barrington Area Library

APRIL 2019: ONE AUTHOR ONE BARRINGTON

Join us as we share and discuss books by author Neil Gaiman. We love his unique take on imagination, nostalgia, and childhood, and we think you might, too. Join us for a whole month of activities that explore the magic found in our own imaginations. All ages welcome except where specified.



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Neil Gaiman is an award-winning, prolific author of short fiction, novels, comic books, and graphic novels for children and adults. Born in the UK, he has lived in the midwestern United States since 1992, and currently serves as professor in the arts at Bard College, New York. His works have been made into movies and television programs, and have sold tens of millions of copies.

Adult Book Discussion: *The Ocean at the End of the Lane*

**Monday, April 15, 2:30 PM OR
Thursday, April 18, 7 PM**

A surreal, occasionally magical exploration of memory and childhood, "...told with a rare understanding of all that makes us human, and shows the power of stories to reveal and shelter us from the darkness inside and out." Librarians Liz and Hayley lead the discussion. Copies available from our Book Club collection; large type, audiobook, and downloadable copies also available. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

Let's Dance Big Band

Friday, April 12, 7 PM

Lively swing music from an 18-piece big band! A special part of our One Author, One Barrington celebration, this event features photo opportunities, special refreshments, and two hours of fantastic music – the Atrium dance floor is open! [Register](#). Meeting Room.

Page Turners Book Club: *Coraline*

Grades 3 – 6

Monday, April 15, 4 PM

Coraline ventures through a mysterious door into a world that is similar to, yet disturbingly different from her own, where she must challenge a gruesome entity in order to save herself, her parents, and the souls of three others. Pick up a complimentary copy of the book, read it, and join us for a discussion and activity.

[Register](#). Program Room.

Family Book Club: *Fortunately, the Milk*

All ages w/caregiver

Monday, April 22, 6:30 PM OR

Saturday, April 27, 2:30 PM

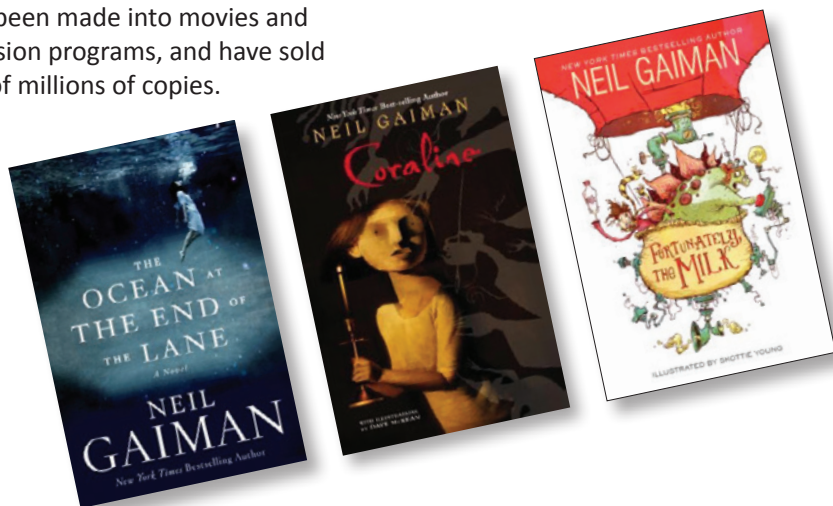
Father arrives home late from getting milk for breakfast, then describes how alien abduction, pirate attack, and time travel got in his way. Read the book together as a family, then come for discussion and activities. All are welcome: recommended especially for children ages 4 - 8 and their families. [Register](#). Program Room.

An Evening of Illusions with Jeanette Andrews

Friday, April 26, 7 PM

All ages

Magician and artist Jeanette Andrews leads this evening of elegant, interactive magic and illusions. Hailed as one of the most innovative illusionists today, her performances have been praised by PBS, the *Daily Mail*, and the *Chicago Tribune*. [Register](#). Meeting Room.



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MORE ONE AUTHOR ONE BARRINGTON

Selfie Gallery and Scavenger Hunt

Wander the library and look for objects and scenes – then become part of the gallery and snap a pic! Love a scavenger hunt? Stop by any desk for a list of all the elements of the gallery. Write down where you find each (some are tricky!) and return it to us to be entered in a raffle for a gift card.

Whimsical Watercolors

Tuesday, April 2, 2 PM OR 7 PM

Adults

Create a whimsical miniature watercolor painting inspired by *The Ocean at the End of the Lane* by Neil Gaiman. Register. Meeting Room.

Comic Drawing

Thursday, April 4, 3 PM

Interested in storytelling through comics and graphic novels? Create panels, learn about digital creation tools, and explore our collection of comics and graphic novels. Drop in. Atrium.

England Coast to Coast

Thursday, April 4, 7 PM

Take in the scenery, adventure, sociability, and international cast of characters on the famed Coast to Coast path, a 200-mile hike from the Irish Sea to the North Sea via the Lake District, the Yorkshire Dales, the North York Moors, and a side trip up England's highest peak, Scafell Pike. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

Coraline: The Movie

Grades K – 8

Friday, April 5, 3:30 PM

Join us for a viewing party – including popcorn! – of this animated film, adapted from Neil Gaiman's popular middle grade novel. Rated PG by the MPAA for thematic elements, scary images, some language, and suggestive humor. Drop in. Program Room.

*All ages welcome
except where specified.*

Ethereal Art

Tuesday, April 9, 2 PM

Local artist Barb Beckman's creations can be seen from mid-March through late April in the Gallery in the Library. In this program, she demonstrates her techniques for making art from clear and colored glass and mirrors. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

Chicago's Sweet Candy History

Tuesday, April 9, 7 PM

For most its history, Chicago produced about one-third of the nation's candy: Brach's, Snickers, Milky Way, Wrigley's gum, Cracker Jack, Baby Ruth, Butterfinger, Tootsie Rolls, Frango Mints. Find out why Chicago was a favored location, how immigrants played a critical role in confectionery history, and how the candies got their names, then take a fun quiz. Delicious fun with historian Leslie Goddard. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

Neighbor Nights:

Local History Showcase

Wednesday, April 10, 7 PM

See the Neighbor Nights listings on page 11

Soapmaking for Beginners

Thursday, April 11, 2 PM OR 7 PM

Adults

Learn the basics of the melt and pour soapmaking method in this hands-on class. Learn to use scents, dyes, dried botanicals, and other elements to create two unique soaps to take home. Register. Meeting Room.

Get Your Board Game On

Saturday, April 13, 1 PM

Stop by to play a variety of board games, both classic and new - fun for players of all ages. [Register](#). Meeting Room.



Magical Terrariums

Wednesday, April 17,

2 PM OR 7 PM

Adults

Create a magical world of your own using a cookie jar, faux plants, and fun elements created in our MakerLab. Register. Meeting Room.

Magical Realism Book Talk

Monday, April 22, 6 PM

Not quite fantasy, not quite reality, magical realism refers to books that take ordinary events and give them a magical or otherworldly spin. Librarians Liz and Hayley share favorite examples of teen and adult books that use magical realism, in this fast-paced and fun book talk. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

Laser Cut Coraline Charms

Tuesday, April 23, 3 PM

Celebrate the enchanting world of *Coraline* with a themed laser-cut keychain. Drop in. Atrium.

Heroes On The Air

Wednesday, April 24, 7 PM

Radio historian and *Those Were the Days* host Steve Darnall guides an audio-visual tour of the 1930s, starring heroes (Little Orphan Annie, Dick Tracy, Flash Gordon, and Superman) who made their way from comics to radio—and legendary heroes who began in radio and went on to conquer the world. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

Faerie Lanterns

Adults

Tuesday, April 30, 2 PM OR 7 PM

Create a fantastical lantern that will illuminate the silhouette of a whimsical landscape or creature. Register. Meeting Room.

SPRING INTO 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.

Interactive Movie:

How to Train Your Dragon

Friday, March 22, 1:30 PM ☀️

In town for Spring Break? Join Hiccup and Toothless on an exciting Viking adventure – we'll even provide the popcorn! *How to Train Your Dragon* is rated PG by the MPAA for sequences of intense action and some scary images, and brief mild language. Meeting Room.

Family Theater:

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz

Tuesday, March 26, 11 AM ☀️

Travel down the Yellow Brick Road with Dorothy, Toto, and their best friends: Scarecrow, Cowardly Lion, and Tin Man. An epic adventure comes to life with breathtaking puppets in this enchanting, family-friendly classic. Meeting Room.

Family Fort Building

Friday, March 29, 10:30 AM ☀️

Build an incredible structure with the Library's fort-building supplies. Program Room.



Mother Goose & Her Friends

Tuesday, May 7, 10:30 AM

Enjoy puppetry, rhymes, and creative dramatics while you visit with Mother Goose. Meeting Room.

Summer Kickoff Party

Thursday, May 30, 4 – 6 PM

Celebrate the end of the school year and the beginning of summer by signing up for the Library's Summer Learning Challenge! We're having a party to kick off the fun. Meeting Room.

Look for the ☀️ to find other Spring Break programs



STORY FEST





Sunday, April 28, 1 PM
All ages w/caregiver

Celebrate the many ways stories are shared in this library-wide event. Drop in.

1:30 PM - Performance by Katha: Stories in Indian Dance
2:15 PM - Readings by special guests on our Story Stage
3:45 PM - Performance by Arranmore Arts: Tales of Hans Christian Andersen

All day: face painting, crafts, book signings, and other fun surprises for all ages!

Story Fest is made possible thanks to an endowment from former Barrington teacher Marge Luther, and was created to encourage and instill a love of reading in children.






Photo by Lucas Anti

STORY TIME

Schedule for March 4 – April 25, 2019. Please bring your Barrington Area Library Card for admission. Customers from other library districts are admitted as space is available. No registration required. Story Room unless otherwise noted.

Please note: there will be no story times the week of March 25, 2019.

Baby Time Up to 24 months w/caregiver	Tuesdays at 10 AM	Share songs, stories, rhymes, and play time with your baby, and connect with other new parents.
Baby & Toddler Playtime Ages 0 – 3 w/caregiver	Thursdays at 9:30 AM	Children learn as they play. Explore hands-on activities and connect with other grown-ups in this fun class.
Toddler Time Ages 2 & 3 w/caregiver	Tuesdays at 11 AM	Play and explore with stories, songs, art and more in this energetic story-time for toddlers. Dress for a mess!
Family Story Time Ages 2 – 5 w/caregiver	Mondays at 1:30 PM Wednesdays at 10 AM Thursdays at 11 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	Wednesdays at 10:45 AM 	Open-ended art projects for all ages and abilities. Process-oriented art allows kids to explore their imaginations and develop creative thinking skills. Mess-makers welcome! Program Room.
Saturday Storytime All ages w/caregiver	March 2 and April 27 at 10 AM	Play and explore stories, songs, art and more in this energetic story-time. Dress for a mess! Drop in. Program Room.



AROUND TOWN

Cookies and Milk Story Time

Ages 2 – 5 w/caregiver

Mondays, March 11, April 8, May 13,
10:30 AM

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

KidFest at Citizen's Park

All ages

Saturday, May 4, 11 AM – 3 PM

Enjoy a wide variety of fun, free outdoor activities with the library and other local organizations at Barrington Area KidFest. Drop in. Outdoors at Citizen's Park, right next to the Library.

Story Time Nature Walk at Crabtree Nature Center

Ages 2 – 5 w/caregiver

Wednesday, May 22, 10:30 AM

Enjoy stories, a nature walk, and play-time at the Crabtree Nature Center, 3 Stover Road, Barrington Hills. Register.

FOR KIDS AGES 0 – 6



Preschool STEAM

Ages 3 – 5 w/caregiver

Friday, March 1, 10 AM

Tuesday, April 9, 1:30 PM

Wednesday, May 1, 10:30 AM

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



Sensory Storytime

All ages w/caregiver

Thursday, March 7, 6:30 PM

Tuesday, April 9, 6:30 PM

Monday, May 6, 6:30 PM

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



Storytime Dance Party

Ages 2 – 6 w/caregiver

Wednesday, March 27, 10 AM ☀️

Tuesday, April 30, 10 AM

Friday, May 17, 10 AM

Dance, wiggle, and shake at this groovin' storytime. Don't forget your dancin' shoes! Drop in. Meeting Room.



Art Play

All ages w/caregiver

Friday, March 22, 10:30 AM ☀️

Sunday May 5, 2 PM

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



Screen-Free Week in Youth Services

Monday, April 22 – Sunday, April 28

Kids can power down and connect with the world around them this week, while the Youth Services iPads are on a break. Rediscover all of the library's active play areas as you spend your time playing, reading, daydreaming, creating, exploring, and connecting with family and friends. Try one of the rotating hands-on activities that will be out in place of the iPads throughout the week.

LEARN, MAKE, CREATE

FOR KIDS IN GRADES K – 8



Afterschool STEAM

Grades K – 3

Tuesdays, March 5 & 19,
April 2, 16 & 30, 4 PM

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

Lego Club

Grades K – 8

Fridays, March 8, April 12, May 10,
3:30 PM

Make LEGO robots, create stories, and build amazing creations. Drop in. Program Room.

Graphic Novel Book Club

Grades 3 – 5

Tuesdays, March 12, April 9, May 14,
3:30 PM

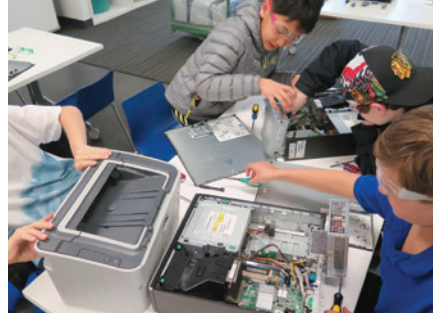
Calling all comics fans! Bring a favorite graphic novel to share, then hear about the latest and greatest from other readers. Fun activities, too. Register. Program Room.

Art Studio

Grades 1 – 8

Fridays, March 15, April 26, May 17,
3:30 PM

We have the supplies, you have the ideas - let's make art! Drop in. Program Room.



Homeschool STEM Lab

Grades K – 8

Thursdays, March 21, April 25,
May 9, 1:30 PM

Explore, play, and learn with a variety of technology including coding, robotics, engineering challenges, and more! Register. Program Room.

Harry Potter Fan Club

Grades 4 – 8

Thursdays, March 21, April 18,
May 16, 4 PM

Meet up with other fans of J. K. Rowling's magical series and enjoy some Hogwarts-inspired crafts and games. Wizard or muggle, you're welcome here. Register. Program Room.

Make Your Own Squishies

Grades 3 – 6

Monday, March 25, 10:30 AM ☀️

Design and make cute, squishy keychains to keep, gift, or trade. We will use common household items, including latex balloons, to make our squishies. Register. Program Room.

Balloon Animal Workshop

Ages 7 – 12

Thursday, March 28, 2 PM ☀️

Gary Kantor teaches children the techniques for transforming plain balloons into amazing balloon animals. Caregivers are more than welcome to join in the class. Register. Meeting Room.



Planetarium at the Library! The Sky Tonight

Grades K – 8

Friday, April 19, 1 PM OR 2 PM

The Discovery Center Museum brings a portable planetarium to take a look at the night sky. Please note that the planetarium will be enclosed and dark; caregivers are also encouraged to register for the program to accompany children into the planetarium, if necessary. Register. Meeting Room.

One Author One Barrington for Kids

Family Book Club:

Fortunately, the Milk

All ages w/caregiver

Monday, April 22, 6:30 PM OR

Saturday, April 27, 2:30 PM

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Coraline: The Movie

Grades K – 8

Friday, April 5, 3:30 PM

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Page Turners Book Club:

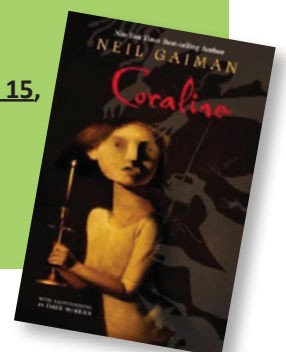
Coraline

Grades 3 – 6

Monday, April 15,

4 PM

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TIME FOR TECH

Tech Open Lab

All ages

Saturday March 2, 2 PM

Friday, April 19, 10:30 AM

Wednesday, May 22, 3 PM

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

Code Camp

Grades 3 – 8

Thursdays, March 14, April 4,

Tuesday, May 7, 4 PM

Calling all coders! Whether you have never coded before or are a pro, all are welcome at Code Camp. Design games, control robots, and discover the fun of coding. Register. Program Room.

Heat Transfer Totes

Grades 4 – 8

Monday, March 18, 4 PM

Design your own tote bag by creating an iron-on transfer on the vinyl cutter. [Register](#). Program Room.

Robot Dance Party

Grades 3 – 8

Monday, March 25, 2 PM 

Bust out your best dance moves as we code Sphero robots to dance to a song. [Register](#). Program Room.

Tech Take Apart

Grades 4 – 8

Tuesday, March 26, 3 PM 

Take apart computers and other everyday items to get a look at what makes these machines work. [Register](#). Program Room.

Temporary Tattoos

Wednesday, March 27 

Grades 3 – 5, 1:30 PM

Grades 6 – 8, 3 PM

Use flashlights and cameras in the dark to create original pieces of art. Register. Zimmerman Room.

Light Painting

Friday, March 29 

Grades 1 – 3, 1:30 PM

Grades 4 – 5, 2:30 PM

Design a custom temporary tattoo on the vinyl cutter. Register. Program Room.

Laser Cut Keychains

Grades 4 – 8

Thursday, April 11, 4 PM

Design your own keychain on the laser cutter. [Register](#). Barrington cardholders only. Conference Room.

3D Printed Jewelry

Grades 4 – 8

May 2, 4 PM

Design and print custom jewelry on the Library's 3D printers. [Register](#). Barrington cardholders only. Program Room.

Artbots

Grades 2 – 4

Friday, May 3, 3:30 PM

Create a robot that can move and draw on its own. [Register](#). Program Room.

Make a Hologram

Grades 2 – 5

Monday, May 13, 3:30 PM

Turn a video of yourself into a hologram. [Register](#). Program Room.

wonderful weekends

Saturday Story Time

March 2, 10 AM

April 27, 10 AM

All ages w/caregiver

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Family Game Night

in collaboration with

BStrong Together

Friday, March 15, 6:30 PM

Bring your family, large or small, school-age to senior citizens. We'll provide light snacks, instruction on several collaborative new games, and time to play. You may also bring gently-used games or puzzles your family has outgrown, and swap for some that are new-to-you. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

Family Book Club:

Fortunately the Milk


All ages w/caregiver

Saturday April 27,

2:30 PM (1 hour)

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TEENS ONLY



Teen Space

Grades 6 – 8

Wednesdays, March 6 – May 15

No Teen Space on March 27

3:30 PM

Hang out, mess around, and geek out in the Youth Services Program Room! Whether you want to meet up with friends, create some art, or relax with a book, you're welcome at Teen Space. Drop in. Program Room.

Navigating the College Planning Process - For Teens & Parents

Tuesday, March 12, 7 PM

High school students and parents/guardians will learn new strategies for saving money and headaches, while finding the best college. Myths and misconceptions and little-known financial strategies for financial aid will be discussed. Presented by academic and financial planning strategists from My College Planning Team. [Register](#). Meeting Room.



Finals Café

Dates TBD

Grades 9 – 12

Study for finals at the Library. We'll open up extra space for group study and provide snacks to keep you energized. Drop in. Meeting Room.

LGBTQ BOOK CLUB

Grades 8 – 12

Teens in the LGBTQ community and their friends are invited to join our LGBTQ Book Club. Librarians Chris and Hayley will moderate discussions on books with LGBTQ characters, themes, and authors. Register for the discussion, then pick up your book at the Adult Services reference desk approximately one month prior to the discussion. Downloadable e-books and audiobooks may also be available. Register. Zimmerman Room.

Book Potluck

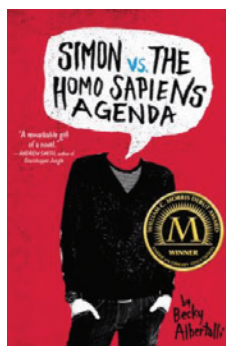
Wednesday, March 13, 5:30 PM

Bring two books: one you love and one you don't love! At our very first meeting, we will also share our plans for upcoming discussions and listen to your ideas.

Simon vs. The Homo Sapiens Agenda by Becky Albertalli

Wednesday, April 17, 5:30 PM

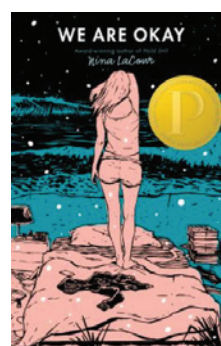
Simon, a not-so-openly gay teen, has been e-mailing with another teen known only as "Blue." When Martin, a classmate, accidentally gains access to these emails, he blackmails Simon, threatening to reveal the correspondence – and more. Between being blackmailed and balancing relationship dynamics with friends, Simon's school year has become really complicated.



We Are Okay by Nina Lacour

Wednesday, May 15, 5:30 PM

Struggling to get through the grief of losing her grandfather and the shock of the secrets he had been keeping, Marin tries to navigate her first year of college. When winter break arrives, her best friend Mabel flies across the country to make every effort to have Marin return with her.



SECOND FRIDAYS



Derek Byrne & Paddygrass

Friday, March 8, 8 PM

Derek Byrne and Paddygrass return for an evening of spirited, foot-stomping Irish music. [Register.](#)



Let's Dance Big Band

Friday, April 12, 7 PM

Lively swing music from an 18-piece big band, a special part of our One Author, One Barrington celebration. Please note the earlier start time. [Register.](#)



Luciano Antonio Trio

Friday, May 10, 8 PM

Take a musical tour of Brazil! From pure solo guitar and voice to the rich sound of full percussion, you'll love this varied and authentic performance. [Register.](#)

SILVER STAGES:



The Convertibles

Wednesday, May 15, 2 PM

This barbershop quartet performs a fun mixture of acapella tunes and doo-wop hits from the 50s and 60s. [Register.](#) Meeting Room.



Hometowns to Hollywood:

Leslie Caron and *An American in Paris* (1951)

Monday, April 22, 2 PM

Three friends struggle to find work in Paris – and fall in love with the same woman. Film historian Annette Bochenek looks at Leslie Caron's life and early years in France. Then stay to watch *An American in Paris* (1951), starring Caron and Gene Kelly. Part of our Hometowns to Hollywood film series and the Barrington Cultural Commission's "April in Paris" celebration. [Register.](#) Meeting Room.

BALIBRARY Comic Con® III

Sunday, March 3, 1 - 4 PM

BALibrary Comic Con® is back! Whether it's your first convention or your 501st, this con has something for everyone.

- Amazing artist alley filled with BRAND NEW talent
- Photo ops with cool props and cosplayers like Captain Jack Sparrow
- FREE airbrush tattoos
- Crafts, story times, and scavenger hunt for the younglings
- The "cosplay contest to end all cosplay contests"
- Too much to list here – but it's going to be better than ever!

This three-hour event packs a huge punch for all ages and fandoms. Get your geek on with us at BALibrary Comic Con® III.



Free Comic Book Day

Saturday, May 4, 10 AM

All ages

Celebrate Free Comic Book Day by stopping in to get your free comic and do a craft activity! One per person as quantities and selection are limited. Comics and craft available while supplies last. Drop in. Atrium.



Non-Profit Know-How

Community CoLAB + Find Your Funding

Wednesday, March 6, 10 AM – 2 PM

Discover new partnerships in this “speed-dating for organizations” workshop. Lunch and Foundation Directory Online tutorial included. For more information, e-mail Community Engagement Librarian Sam Adams-Lanham at sadams@balibrary.org. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

Forefront: Get Schooled

Monday, May 13

Forefront is a local incubator dedicated to strengthening the social impact sector in Illinois. CEUs available. Come for one or both sessions (descriptions below); bring your own laptop or use one of ours. [Register](#). Zimmerman Room.

Prospecting for Individual Donors - 12 PM

Forefront experts lead a demonstration of resources and techniques to identify individual funders.

FDO Level Up - 1 PM

If you're already familiar with the basics of grant searching via Foundation Directory Online, this session will elevate your skills. Work hands-on with Forefront's grant specialists.

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

River Blue—One Earth Film Festival

in collaboration with GoGreen Barrington and OneEarthFilmFest.org

Saturday, March 9, 1 PM

Water is one of humankind's most basic needs. Learn the surprising ways your everyday choices affect waterways locally and internationally from this award-winning film. Screening followed by discussion and showcase of local environmental groups. [Register](#). Off-site. The Catlow, 116 W. Main St., Barrington IL 60010.

Family Game Night

in collaboration with BStrong Together

Friday, March 15, 6:30 PM

See page 7 for full details.

Creating An Advance Directive

in collaboration with JourneyLife

Tuesday, April 16, 7 PM

In a medical emergency, would you know what your parents want? Your spouse? Do they know your wishes? Learn how to navigate this complicated conversation and create a thoughtful plan. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

Volunteer Match

Sunday, April 14, 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. Watch our website for more details on participating organizations. Use your time, talents, and energy to make a difference in our community! Drop in. Meeting Room.

Area Organizations: Need Volunteers?

Be part of Volunteer Match on April 14. Distribute information, answer questions, and sign up new volunteers. For more information and to register, e-mail Community Engagement Librarian [Sam Adams-Lanham](mailto:sadams@balibrary.org) at sadams@balibrary.org. [Register](#). Meeting Room





Neighbor Nights and MAKE with a Mission: Blankets for the NICU

Thursday, March 7, 7 PM

We will tie fleece blankets to keep babies comfortable in the neonatal intensive care unit at Lurie Children's Hospital, as NICU nurse Kim Riendeau shares stories of caring for these precious little ones. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

Neighbor Nights: Local History Showcase

Wednesday, April 10, 7 PM

Enjoy refreshments and join Librarian Kate in a fascinating look at the library's local history collection: books, newspapers, photos, family trees, online resources, and more. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

Neighbor Nights and Community Conversations: *Becoming Wise* Book Discussion

Thursday, May 9, 7 PM

Join Librarians Sam and Hayley and Rev. Dr. Zina Jacque in reading and discussing *Becoming Wise* by Krista Tippett. The author will visit the Barrington area later in May. Tippett is the host of the *NPR* program and podcast *On Being*. [Register](#). Zimmerman Room.



AARP Smart Driver Course

Thursday, May 2 AND Friday, May 3, 1 – 5 PM

Learn defensive driving methods, exercises, and safety strategies during AARP's two-day seminar, based on current safety research. Some insurance companies offer drivers a discount upon completion. Both sessions are required for completion.

To cover the material costs, the course fee is \$20 for the general public and \$15 for AARP members. Checks should be made payable to Barrington Area Council on Aging (BACOA) and mailed to BACOA, Attn: Jennifer, 6000 Garlands Ln, Suite 100, Barrington IL 60010.

Please note: your registration is not complete until BACOA receives your check. Class size is limited; please plan ahead. [Register](#). Zimmerman Room.

FAMILY FINDS

Digitize Photos, Slides, Negatives!

**Wednesday, May 1, 7 PM OR
Thursday, May 9, 2 PM**

Learn how to scan your family photos, slides, and negatives in our Digital Studio, and restore your treasured memories. Register. Zimmerman Room.

Genealogy Help Desk

Wednesday, March 20, 2 - 4 PM

Wednesday, April 24, 2 - 4 PM

Tuesday, May 21, 2 - 4 PM

Stop by our Genealogy Help Desk for assistance with questions you have on researching your family tree or using our genealogy databases. Drop in. Atrium.

In the Trenches: Military Records for Genealogists

Wednesday, May 15, 7 PM

In honor of National Military Appreciation Month, try a hands-on demonstration of the many online sources for military records. Use our computers or bring your laptop, and let Librarians Kate and Melissa help you find the soldiers in your family. [Register](#). Meeting Room.



BUSINESS: IT'S BETTER IN BARRINGTON

Breakfast at BALibrary for Home-Based Businesses

Tuesday, March 5, 9:30 AM

Enjoy breakfast as Business Liaison Librarian Annette Bochenek presents fast facts about the Library and a tour of resources beneficial to home-based businesses. [Register.](#) Meeting Room.

How to Build an Effective Advertisement

Wednesday, March 13, 7 PM

Learn how to create an eye-catching advertisement that gets your message across and delivers results. Steve Cook from *Quintessential Barrington* presents. [Register.](#) Meeting Room.



Intellectual Property Tips Every Small Business Owner Should Know

Tuesday, April 23, 7 PM

Get an overview of intellectual property law with a focus on trademark and branding law, specifically geared to set the small business owner up for success. Stacey Kalamaras of SCORE presents. [Register.](#) Zimmerman Room.



Networking 101

Monday, May 6, 7 PM

Learn how to network with ease and make the most out of your professional connections. Lenny Harris from Career Place presents. [Register.](#) Zimmerman Room.

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GET SMART ABOUT YOUR MONEY

Successful Selling on Etsy

Monday, April 1, 7 PM

Etsy is an online marketplace where you can have fun, make money, and indulge your passion for arts, crafts, vintage finds, and more. Librarian Liz Kirchhoff demonstrates how to set up an Etsy shop, showcase your treasures, and grow your business using sites like Pinterest. [Register.](#) Zimmerman Room.

Understanding Credit Scores and Reports

Tuesday, April 2, 7 PM

The importance of maintaining good credit cannot be overestimated. Learn to read and understand credit reports and scores, and discover how to improve your credit score. Ed Beckstrom of the Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Northern Illinois presents. [Register.](#) Zimmerman Room.

Grow Your Revenue

Wednesday, April 3, 7 PM

Learn the difference between sales and marketing, and explore tried and tested methods for small businesses to identify target markets and motivate them to buy. Barry Fowell from SCORE presents. [Register.](#) Zimmerman Room.

WISH I'D LEARNED THAT

It's never too late to learn a new, useful skill to exercise your creativity and improve everyday life!



The Care and Keeping of Your Car

Wednesday, March 6, 7 PM

Learn when (and how) to fix it yourself, and when you might need a mechanic. Pat Moody from Douglas Automotive shares his best tips and tricks to keep your car safe and at its best. [Register](#). Meeting Room.



Hand Sewing Basics

Monday, April 29, 7 PM

Learn to tackle simple sewing repairs like mending, hemming, and replacing buttons, with our resident sewing expert, Melissa. [Register](#). Meeting Room.



Home Buying Basics

Thursday, May 9, 7 PM

Purchasing a house is equally thrilling and nerve-wracking. Melissa Khamkhounnavong, Broker for The Luby Group, discusses how to prepare your finances to secure a loan, what to look for during the home inspection, and how to identify costly fixes. [Register](#). Meeting Room.



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Library Closings

Sunday, April 21, Easter

Monday, May 27, Memorial Day

About Library Programs

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

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local author fair

Sunday, April 7, 1:30 - 4:30 PM

Enjoy meet and greets, book signings, and more with the talented writers and storytellers of our community. Local authors - time is running out to apply at www.balibrary.org. Application materials are due March 4.



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. Off-site.

***Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman**

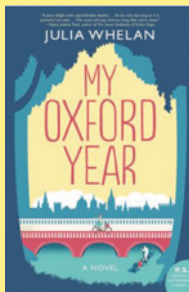
Monday, March 11, 7 PM

***The Child Finder* by Rene Denfeld**

Monday, April 8, 7 PM

***My Oxford Year* by Julia Whelan**

Monday, May 13, 7 PM

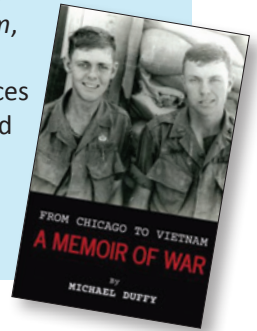


Meet the Author

From Chicago to Vietnam: A Memoir of War

Thursday, March 14, 7 PM

Chicago native Michael Duffy discusses his book, *From Chicago to Vietnam*, and explores his personal experiences both in the war and at home. [Register](#). Meeting Room.



Lanny Ori Book Discussions

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.

***The Wright Brothers* by David McCullough**

Tuesday, March 19, 7:30 PM OR

Thursday, March 21, 2 PM

The thrilling story of the birth of flight as told by one of the most popular nonfiction writers in the world.

***The Door* by Magda Szabo**

Tuesday, April 23, 7:30 PM OR

Thursday, April 25, 2 PM

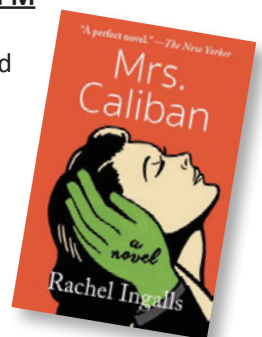
Two women navigate a complicated friendship in their small Hungarian town.

***Mrs. Caliban* by Rachel Ingalls**

Tuesday, May 21, 7:30 PM OR

Thursday, May 23, 2 PM

One day, while making salad, disillusioned suburban housewife Mrs. Caliban receives an unexpected guest, and her life is forever changed.



Women's History Month

The Bad Girls of Justice: Women and the Supreme Court

Monday, March 18, 7 PM

Join Professor Tauya Forst of College of DuPage as she discusses the four women who have been appointed to the United States Supreme Court. Learn about what led our Lady Justices to the bench and what kind of impact they have had. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

Mollie's War – Women in the Military During WWII

Wednesday, March 27, 7 PM

Author Cyndee Schaffer discusses her mother's experiences as a member of the Women's Army Corps, particularly as shared in letters written home during WWII. She also discusses the writing adventure, from working with her mother on her memoir and learning about the WACs, to finding a traditional publisher. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

MAKE

Laser-Etched Pint Glass

Tuesday, March 5, 6 PM

OR

Thursday, March 7, 2 PM

Create a custom design to be etched onto a classic pint glass. Register. Conference Room.

Laser-Etched Family Photos

Wednesday, March 20,

2 PM OR 6 PM

Learn to edit one of your digital photographs, then etch it onto a piece of wood using the laser cutter. Please select your own digital photograph before the program. Save/send the image using a flash drive, cloud-based service, or e-mail, so you can access it during the program. Register. Conference Room.

Podcasting Basics

Monday, March 11, 2 PM

OR

Thursday, March 14, 6 PM

OR

Thursday, May 16, 6:30 PM

Learn the basics of producing your own podcast. We will discuss equipment, software, and podcast distribution, and demonstrate how to record and edit audio using GarageBand. Register. Conference Room.

Heat Transfer Totes

Monday, March 18, 4 PM

Grades 4 – 8

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Temporary Tattoos

Wednesday, March 27

Grades 3 – 5, 1:30 PM OR

Grades 6 – 8, 3 PM

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Comic Drawing

Thursday, April 4, 3 PM

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Laser-Cut Keychains

Thursday, April 11, 4 PM

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The Art of Literature

Wednesday April 10, 2 PM OR 6 PM

Use Photoshop to create a work of art inspired by your favorite classic novel. We will use text available through Project Gutenberg as a background and overlay an image that highlights a character or theme from the book. Register. Studio 1.

Laser-Cut Coralline Charms

Tuesday, April 23, 3 PM

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Digital Photo Restoration for Beginners

Thursday, April 25, 6:30 PM

OR

Monday, April 29, 2 PM

OR

Thursday, May 30, 6:30 PM

Have you scanned old photos, slides, or negatives in the digital studio? Make them look even better by learning basic editing and restoration techniques in Adobe Photoshop. Register. Conference Room.

3D Printed Jewelry

Thursday, May 2, 4 PM

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Laser-Cut Garden Plant Markers

Tuesday, May 7, 6:30 PM

OR

Monday, May 13, 2 PM

Learn to create custom stakes to label the good things in your garden. Register. Conference Room.



Paint It at the Library

Wednesday, May 8, 7 PM

Great ready for spring with this fun project! Art instructor Ivy will cover the basics and help you create a scene with colorful, abstract tulips. Register. Meeting Room.

Carvey Demonstration

Wednesday, May 22, 5 PM

Learn about Carvey, a CNC milling machine that engraves and carves designs. Check out Carvey's Easel software and watch the machine create interesting wood-cut items. Drop in. Atrium.



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Closing Dates

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Apps Applied

Wednesday, March 6, 3 PM

Tuesday, April 9, 3 PM

Tuesday, May 7, 3 PM

Drop in to learn about award-winning apps and our digital services, with a focus on taking your life and interests on the go this summer. Everything from fitness to financial services! Drop in. Atrium.

COOKS WITH BOOKS

“Lettuce” Discuss Salads

Tuesday, March 12, 2 PM

Join us at Savory Salads in Barrington and let's share ways to make salads delicious and fun. Off-site. Savory Salads, 215 N. Hough Street, Barrington. [Register](#).

French Tea Time

Tuesday, April 16, 2 PM

Explore the traditions of a French-style tea time. Relax and indulge in a variety of teas, finger foods, and conversation about relishing a perfect cup of tea. Part of the Barrington Cultural Commission's "April in Paris" celebration. [Register](#). Meeting Room.



Sushi at Shakou

Tuesday, May 21, 2 PM

Take a journey through Shakou Barrington's innovative menu of fresh vegetables and fish that will be sure to delight your palate. Off-site. 121 W. Main Street, Barrington. [Register](#).