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Summer 2016 read I watch I listen I research I create I experience



SUMMER LIBRARY CLUB KICKOFF PARTY

Thursday, May 26, 4 – 6 PM All ages

Celebrate the end of the school year and the beginning of the Summer Library Club!



Sign up at balibrary.org

Why join the Summer Library Club? Summer learning opportunities lead to higher graduation rates and positive effects on children's self-esteem, confidence, and motivation. Kids who join Summer Library Club read, play, and stay curious all summer long, at home, at the library, or on the go. That lessens the effect of learning loss, which often occurs during time off from school.



Pre-Readers (Birth - K)

Collect stickers for library visits and receive a free book. New for this year: Kids and caregivers may receive a bonus prize when they complete fun challenges at home that encourage early literacy skills. See <u>balibrary.org</u> for details.



Keep track of your reading this summer to earn a free book and book bucks to spend on library prizes!
Complete challenges and earn more book bucks, as well as online badges! See <u>balibrary.org</u> for details.



Adult/Young Adult Summer Library Club May 23 – July 31

- Sign up at balibrary.org
- Community goal: 1,000 books read! Barrington Bank and Trust will donate \$1,000 to Barrington Township Food Pantry and Cuba Township Food Pantry (\$500 each.)
- Individual goal: Read and log five books for club completion.

Just for Young Adults (Grades 9 – 12):

- Receive a sticker for signing up.
- Teens that complete the five book goal will be entered to win a gift card. 4 winners in all.



HOTTEA + BALibrary

Sunday, June 12, 1 – 3 PM The Library is proud to unveil a work by Minneapolis-based artist HOTTEA (aka Eric Rieger) in the atrium. Join us for a reception and refreshments, meet the artist, and get ready to be amazed by this utterly original and beautiful work of art. The HOTTEA installation will be on exhibit at the Library through 2016.





Old-School Camp Crafts

Tuesday, May 31, 2 – 3:30 PM Grades 4 – 8 Drop in and learn how to make

your own lanyard keychains, friendship bracelets, and more. Program Room.

Camping 101 with L.L. Bean

Thursday, June 2 Grades K - 3 w/caregiver, 2 PM Grades 4 – 8. 3 PM Staff members from L.L. Bean provide a hands-on workshop about the basics of camping. Meeting Room. Register.

Outdoor Survival Skills 101

Wednesday, June 22, 2 PM Grades K – 5 w/caregiver Families, get ready for that camping trip! Learn basic outdoor survival skills in this interactive, hands-on workshop, lead by experts from the Crabtree Nature Center. Meeting Room. Register.

The events on pages 2 & 3 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.



Family Concert: Duke Otherwise

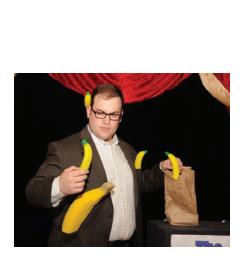
Wednesday, June 8, 1 PM Using clever, toe-tappin' songs on a wide range of topics, Duke Otherwise challenges kids to think outside the box. Meeting Room.

Family Theater: Storybox Improv

Tuesday, June 14, 4 PM Get ready for a never-before-seen, one-of-a kind improvised play, generated entirely from audience suggestions. Meeting Room.



Set the Stage for SUMMER FUN



Family Magic Show: The Great Scott

Thursday, June 23, 3 PM Hilariously fun magic with The Great Scott. Meeting Room.

Family STEAM Expo

Tuesday, June 28, 2 – 4 PM Bring the family and explore topics in science, technology, engineering, art, and math with hands-on activities and demonstrations from local experts. Meeting Room and Program Room.



Summer of STEM

Take home one of our new STEM kits! Each kit contains a fun science, technology, engineering, or math activity for families to try at home.

Family Fort Building

Friday, July 1, 3 PM Make a fort with your family — then get cozy and watch the family-friendly movie Minions. Program Room.



Family Theater: Hans Christian **Andersen Stories**

Monday, July 11, 3:30 PM Beloved storyteller Hans Christian Andersen and his traveling companions bring three classic tales to life: The Princess and the Pea, The Nightingale, and The Ugly Duckling. Meeting Room.



Mammals and More!

Tuesday, July 19, 2 PM Meet and learn about some of the most unique animals from around the world! Meeting Room.



ScribbleMonster

Wednesday, July 27, 10 AM Sing, play, dance, and get creative with the performers of ScribbleMonster. Meeting Room.

Family Physics: The Science Alliance

Saturday, July 30, 2 PM Swinging bowling balls, spinning on rotating disks, making tubes glow, and learning on Doppler Radar: kids learn the principles of basic physics during this interactive and fun science program. Meeting Room.

Library Mini-Golf

Monday, August 15 6:30 - 8:30 PM Fore! Put your mini-golf skills to the test on our course right here in the Library's Youth Services Department.

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.

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Family Story Time 2:30 PM

Ages 2 – 5 w/caregiver
June | July 11, 18, 25 |
August 1 & 8
Children (with a favorite adult)
enjoy books, songs, rhymes and
movement activities while building
language and literacy skills.

tuesdays

Baby Time - 10 AM

up to 24 months w/caregiver
June | July | August 2 & 9
Share songs, stories and rhymes with
your baby and connect with other
new parents in this story and play
time.

Toddler Time – 11 AM

Ages 2 & 3 w/caregiver
June | July | August 2 & 9
Play and explore with stories, songs, art and more in this energetic class for toddlers. Dress for a mess!

wednesdays

Family Story Time 10 AM

Ages 2 – 5 w/caregiver
June 8, 15, 22, 29 | July 6, 13, 20 |
August 3 & 10
Children (with a favorite adult)
enjoy books, songs, rhymes and
movement activities while building
language and literacy skills.

Toddler Time - 11 AM

Ages 2 & 3 w/caregiver
June 8, 15, 22, 29 | July 6, 13, 20 |
August 3 & 10
Play and explore with stories, songs, art and more in this energetic class

thursdays

Baby and Toddler Playtime 10:30 – 11:30 AM

for toddlers. Dress for a mess!

Ages 0 - 3 w/caregiver
June 9, 16, 23, 30 | July |
August 4 & 11
Children learn as they play. Explore
hands-on activities and connect with
other grown-ups in this fun class.

Books & More

Librarian Puppet Show

Wednesday, June 1, 10 AM & 11 AM All ages w/caregiver Don't miss this fun performance of puppet stories and more with our Youth Services librarians. Zimmerman Room. Drop in.

Story Time Dance Party!

Thursday, June 2, 10:30 AM Saturday, July 30, 10:30 AM Ages 2 – 6 w/caregiver Dance, wiggle, and shake at this groovin' story time. Be ready to rock and don't forget your dancin' shoes! Zimmerman Room. Drop in.

Elephant & Piggie Party

Friday, June 3, 10:30 AM Ages 4 and up w/caregiver Let's celebrate these two favorite friends with stories and games! Their last book, *The Thank-You Book,* was published in May. Program Room. Drop in.

Language Stars Story Time in French

Saturday, June 11, 11 AM Ages 2 – 6 w/caregiver Bonjour! Teachers from Language Stars, a Chicago-based provider of early foreign language education, lead an interactive story time in their native language. Program Room. Drop in.

Around Town Story Times

Cookies and Milk Story Time

Ages 2 – 5 w/caregiver Mondays, <u>June 20</u>, <u>July 18</u> & <u>August 15</u> at 10:30 AM Stories, snacks, and smiles at Panera in The Arboretum. Panera Bread, 100 W Higgins Road, South Barrington. Register.

Family Storytime and Hike @ Crabtree Nature Center

Ages 2 – 5 w/caregiver
Thursday, July 21 at 10 AM
Meet us at Crabtree Nature
Center and enjoy a family story
time and nature hike. Crabtree
Nature Center, 3 Stover Road,
Barrington. Register.

Not A Box Story Time

Friday, July 15, 10:30 – 11:15 AM Ages 2 – 6 w/caregiver Let's read *Not A Box* by Antoinette Portis. After the story, we will make our own "not a box" creations. Program Room. Drop in.

Harry Potter Party

Thursday, August 4, 2-4 PM All ages w/caregiver Celebrate the magic of Harry Potter with fun crafts and games. Meeting Room. Drop in.

Family Book Club

Join our Family Book Club and discover the benefits and the joy of reading aloud with your child. Pick up a complimentary copy of the book, read it together, then join us for discussion and activities. Program Room. Register.

Blueberries for Sal by Robert McCloskey

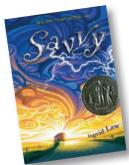
Monday, June 27 6:30 – 7:15 PM Grades K – 1 w/caregiver



The Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies

Wednesday, July 20 7 – 8 PM Grades 2 – 3 w/caregiver

Page Turners Book Club



Savvy by Ingrid Law

Thursday, July 7, 4 PM Grades 4 – 5

Mibs can't wait to discover her "savvy," the special supernatural power each member of her family receives when they turn 13. Pick up and read a free copy of *Savvy*, then join us for discussion and an activity. Program Room. Register.

Books-to-Action

Grades 6 - 8

This program combines two awesome things: books and volunteering. Pick up your free copy of the book and read it ahead of time. Together, we'll discuss the book, then do a service project based on the story's themes. Register for one or both dates. Each participant will receive two hours of volunteer service for each program they attend. Program Room.

I Will Always Write Back by Caitlin Alifirenka & Martin Ganda

Thursday, June 16, 3 – 5 PM

I Kill the Mockingbird by Paul Acampora

Thursday, July 14, 3 - 5 PM



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Library Closings

Monday, May 30, Memorial Day Monday, July 4, Independence Day

learn, make, create!

Art Play!

Tuesday, May 31, 10 – 11:30 AM Sunday, June 12, 2 – 3:30 PM Friday, June 17, 10 – 11:30 AM Friday, July 1, 10 – 11:30 AM Wednesday, July 13, 1:30 – 3 PM Monday, August 1, 10 - 11:30 AM All ages w/caregiver Little artists express themselves with a new process-oriented art project each week. Mess-makers welcome! Program Room. Drop in.

Improv for Beginners

Monday, June 6, 1 PM Grades 3 - 5

Josh Hepler, improv actor and instructor, introduces acting basics and uses games to stretch your imagination: using gibberish words to tell a fairy tale, playing tag in slow motion, and participating in skits! No previous theater experience is necessary. Zimmerman Room. Register.

Improv for Beginners

Monday, June 6, 2 PM Grades 6 - 8

Josh Hepler, improv actor and instructor, introduces the basics of improv through high-energy fun. Create characters, settings, and plots, alternating between group games, spontaneous exercises, and improvised scenes. No previous theater experience is necessary. Zimmerman Room. Register.

Summer STEAM

Tuesdays, June 7 & 21 July 12 & 26, 3 PM Grades 1 - 3 Fun, hands-on activities that incorporate science, technology, engineering, art, or math (STEAM). Dress for a mess. Program Room. Register.

Yoga for Kids

Friday, July 8, 11 AM Grades K – 5 w/caregiver Instructors from Barrington's Nirvana Yoga Studio teach the basics of yoga here at the Library. Meeting Room. Register.

Mario Kart Tournament

Fridav. July 22 11 AM - 12:30 PM All ages

Challenge fellow library-goers to a lively game of Mario Kart on the library's Wii! Meeting Room. Drop in.



Make Art!

Monday, June 20 3:30 PM Monday, <u>July 25.</u> 3:30 PM Grades 3 – 8

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

Family Music

Wednesday, June 15 6 PM All ages Bring the whole family and learn how to write a simple song together and then play it using a ukulele and/or percussion instruments. No music experience needed. Program Room. Register.

Tie Dye A Tote

Friday, July 22 2 PM & 3:30 PM

Grades 3 - 8

Let's tie dye some totes! We will provide tie dye and tote bags, feel free to bring other items you would like to tie dye. Dress for a mess! Program Room. Register.

Marble Madness

Monday, July 18 3:30 PM

Grades 3 - 8

Imagination is the only limit when you and your team design your own rolling marble drop. Program Room. Drop in.

time for tech



3-D Printed Keychains

Grades 6 – 8 Thursday, <u>June 9</u>, 3:30 PM Grades 3 – 5,

Monday, <u>June 13</u>, 3:30 PM Use Tinkercad to design a key chain which can be printed on our 3-D printers. Program Room. Register – Barrington cardholders only.

Design Your Own Stickers

Thursday, June 30, 3 PM Grades 6 – 8

Using the library's vinyl cutter, design stickers to decorate your room, computer, and devices. Program Room. Register.

Learn to Laser Cut

Monday, <u>June 27</u>, 2 PM Thursday, <u>July 21</u>, 2 PM Grades 5 – 8

Design a puzzle, then watch it be lasercut in this program for students interested in learning to create with the library's laser cutter.

Maker Lab. Register – Barrington cardholders only.

Back to School Stickers

Thursday, August 11, 2:30 PM Grades 4 – 8

Using the library's vinyl cutter design stickers to decorate your school supplies. Program Room. Register.

Minecraft Survival Challenge

Friday, June 24

Grades 2 – 4, 2 PM

Grades 5 – 8, 4 PM

Let's play Minecraft Survival mode: gather resources, craft items, and work together to overcome the challenges.

Program Room. Register.

Minecraft Build Challenge

Friday, July 15

Grades 2 – 4, 2 PM

Grades 5 – 8, 4 PM

Show off your building skills!

We'll use the library's Minecraft accounts in creative mode to make amazing creations.

Program Room. Register.



Tech Open Lab

Friday, June 3, 2:30 – 4 PM Tuesday, July 5, 3 – 4:30 PM Friday, August 12, 10 – 11:30 AM

All ages

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

Fun With Legos

Lego Club

Friday, June 10, 2 PM
Friday, July 8, 2 PM
Grades K – 8
Make LEGO robots, create stories,

Make LEGO robots, create stories, and build amazing creations.

Program Room. Drop in.

WeDo Together

Saturday, June 11, 2 PM
PreK- Grade 2, w/caregiver
Kids team up with their adults to build and code a working LEGO robot!
Program Room. Register.

Lego Stop-Motion Movies

Friday, June 17, 2:30 PM Grades 3 – 5

Make a Lego movie using stopmotion animation. Program Room. Register.

Robot Olympics

Thursday, July 28, 2 PM

Grades 4 – 8

Use Lego Mindstorms to complete challenges and mini-games inspired by the Summer Olympics. Program Room. Register.



sounds like summer



Second Fridays

Experience new sounds and styles while you enjoy refreshments and good company in our Meeting Room. Register.

Tom Sharpe

Friday, June 10, 8 PM

Internationally recognized, award-winning composer, performer, and recording artist Tom Sharpe is the artistic director and principal performer of the Sharpe World Music Ensemble. He is also the drummer for popular, Grammy-winning group Mannheim Steamroller.

Le Travaillant

Friday, July 8, 8 PM

"Le Travaillant" is Cajun French for "the working man," and these musicians have a great time living up to that name. The boys play Cajun music, bringing the breezy feeling of the bayou to Barrington - you might want to bring your dancing shoes.

Sunday Summer Music Series:

because who says live music is just for Friday night?

Kraig Kenning Unplugged

Sunday, June 26, 1:30 PM

One guitar, one stool, one cool guy. Enjoy a live acoustic set by celebrated Chicago musician Kraig Kenning. Drop in. Atrium.

Jammin' in the Stacks

WDCB Radio partners with the Barrington Area Library to bring you free jazz concerts! Register. Meeting Room.

Chris Greene Quartet

Sunday, July 17, 2 PM

Hans Luchs Trio

Sunday, July 31, 2 PM





DIY Your Home

Thursday, June 9, 7PM

Learn to use ink on a variety of 2-D and 3-D surfaces to create colorful and unique works of art for your home at the beautiful Decorative Arts Studio (829 W Northwest Highway). Register.

Find Your Inner Artist

Thursday, August 11, 7PM Visit Kaleidoscope School of Fine Art (316 W Main) to create a mini chalk pastel landscape drawing in under an hour. Register.







Outdoor Entertaining

Thursday, June 16, 7 PM Prepping for summer picnics and outdoor parties? The helpful staff at Heinen's (500 North Hough) shares their favorite summer wine picks, as well as some of their favorite pairings. Must be 21. Register.

conversation catalysts

Be@Ease with Being

Mortal (FRONTLINE film)

Wednesday, June 15, 7 PM Talking about disability or death is difficult - but not talking about it creates greater difficulties. Be@ Ease offers conversation starters and literature to facilitate talk about end-of-life planning. Watch the FRONTLINE special inspired by Dr. Atul Gawande's book of the same name, then discuss starting a dialogue about your own and others' wishes. Register. Zimmerman Room.

21 (Almost) Free Things to Do in Chicago

Wednesday, June 22, 7 PM There's so much to do in Chicago and it doesn't have to cost an arm and a leg. Chicago expert, tour guide, and author Max Grinnell reveals 21 great things to do for little or no money this summer. Discover the hundreds of free programs offered by the city, the Chicago Greeter program, new public parks, and more. Plenty of time for questions, too. Register. Meeting Room.

#Trending

Love chatting about pop culture? Then vou'll love #Trending, a new, fun, freewheeling discussion group meeting at Starbucks (125 S. Hough St) in downtown Barrington. Bring your phone or tablet to share pix and videos! Refreshments provided. Register.

Celebrity Philanthropy

Thursday, July 7, 7 PM We'll cover the most generous celebrities, and how you can find information on their causes.

HandsOn Suburban Chicago's Senior Corps-RSVP

Tuesday, July 12, 2 PM Join a network of age 55 and over volunteers with the Senior Corps-RSVP! A representative from HandsOn Suburban Chicago's RSVP provides an informational session on the program – learn how your work ethic, skills, talents, and experiences can make a difference. Register. Zimmerman Room.

Powering Your Home with the Sun

Thursday, July 21, 7 PM Illinois Solar Energy Association volunteer Peter Gorr introduces the basics of residential solar energy. Solar has gone mainstream, allowing homeowners to generate electricity, lower energy costs, and eliminate one of the largest sources of CO2 and pollution emissions. Learn the process, cost, results, and benefits of going solar. Register. Meeting Room.



Stephen Mather and 100 Years of America's **National Parks**

Wednesday, August 10, 7 PM Actor R.J. Lindsay portrays Stephen Mather, conservationist and overseer of America's National Park Service, celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2016. Lindsey shares the stories and struggles it took to preserve these magnificent national treasures. Register. Meeting Room.



Smart Farm

Thursday, June 23, 7 PM Meet us out in the hoop house! Barrington non-profit Smart Farm and Chief Gardener Meg Mitchell provide a tour and informational session. Walk the grounds, talk about the birds and the bees (seriously). and learn about the mission and goals of Smart Farm. Register. Smart Farm Hoop House, Good Shepherd Campus, 450 IL Hwy 22, Barrington.

BACOA

(Barrington Area Council on Aging)

Wednesday, June 29, 7 PM We rarely think about care for the aging until it becomes an urgent need and we don't know where to turn. In this interactive discussion. discover BACOA programs and services that help adults make positive life decisions as they age: #agingbetter. Get the tools you and your loved ones need. Register. Zimmerman Room.

Impact 100 Chicago

Thursday, July 14, 7 PM Impact 100 Chicago's mission is to award membership-funded transformational grants to local non-profit organizations while empowering women to improve lives through philanthropy. Learn more at impact100chicago.org and at this session. Register. Zimmerman Room.

business: it's better in barrington

Blogging – Is It Right For Your Small Business?

Thursday, June 16, 7 PM As the Internet continues to explode with content, learn how blogging builds authority and brings traffic to your website and your business. Andy Nathan from SCORE presents. Register. Zimmerman Room.

Website Marketing & SEO Checklist for **Small Business**

Thursday, July 21, 7 PM Learn:

- Key Search Engine Optimization concepts and definitions,
- Google updates and trends what do they mean?
- The 3 things every site should do immediately after launch,
- Marketing: the overlooked consideration that should come first.

Michael Yublosky from SCORE presents. Register. Zimmerman Room.

Market Research: How It Works, Why It's Essential And **Economical**

Monday, August 22, 7 PM Your business decisions should be based on the needs and wants of customers and prospects. Tap into the mind-set of your target market and make the right marketing, operational. and financial decisions. Strengthen your opportunity for success and find greater profitability. Bob Kaden from SCORE presents. Register. Zimmerman Room.



Non-Profit **Know How**

High Impact Social Media Tips and Tricks for Non-Profits

Monday, June 20, 2 PM Your organization is using social media - is anyone listening? Karen McBride, Public Information Manager for the Barrington Area Library and the "voice" of the Library's social media accounts, presents practical ways to increase followers, build engagement, and find the right social voice/style for the group you represent. Register. Zimmerman Room.

Grant Seeking for Non-Profits

Wednesday, July 13, 10 AM Community Engagement Librarian Ashley Johnson provides a hands-on introduction to Foundation Directory Online, one of the library's newest resources. Discover other helpful library resources available to nonprofits, too. Register. First Floor Conference Room.

Meet your non-profit resource: Community **Engagement Librarian** Ashley Johnson



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.

Monday, June 13, 7 PM

Black River by S.M. Hulse

Wes Carver is a retired corrections officer. Grieving the loss of his beloved wife, he returns to his hometown to come to terms with her death and face the man who maimed him in a prison riot.



Monday, July 11, 7 PM

Maybe in Another Life by Taylor Jenkins Reid

After Hannah bumps into an old boyfriend at a bar, she sees herself living two alternate lives. Both can be happily ever after - but which one is right for her?



Monday, August 8, 7 PM

Gabi. A Girl in Pieces by Isabel Quintero

Brutally honest and very funny Gabi comes of age in this young adult novel of personal and cultural identity.













Subway Art

Tuesday, June 14, 7 PM You see them everywhere: canvases with street and city names. Now make your own! Register. Conference Room.

Meshmixer 3-D Model Mashups

Tuesday, July 19, 7 PM Learn about Meshmixer,

a 3-D modeling program that can easily meld 2 models together. Frankenbunny? Elephantshark? The choice is yours! Register. First Floor Conference Room.

Adobe Lightroom for Beginners

Wednesday, July 20, 2 PM Want to make your photos POP? Join us for this workshop in Studio 1. Discover Adobe Lightroom, digital photo-processing software great for editing, enhancing, and organizing digital photos from your phone or digital camera. Register. Studio 1.

Melted Crayon Art

Tuesday, August 16, 7 PM Cut a design on the Silhouette Cameo, then melt crayons around it using a hair dryer. Register. First Floor Conference Room.



Stencils on the Silhouette

Wednesday, August 24, 7 PM Cut reusable stencils out of hard plastic using the Silhouette Cameo. Register. First Floor Conference 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.

Make It Sundays

Meet the Button Maker

Sunday, June 19, 1 – 4:30 PM Check out our button maker, available during MakerLab Open Shop. Draw or cut out a design. Drop in. Atrium.

3-D Printing: Kitchen Edition

Sunday, July 24, 1 – 4:30 PM Learn how to make simple and useful items for your kitchen. Drop in. Atrium.

Meet the Laser Cutter

Sunday, August 21, 1 – 4:30 PM See our laser cutter at work in the atrium! We'll explain how items are cut and what design software must be used. Drop in. Atrium.

Make It @ The Garlands of **Barrington**

Tuesday, August 16, 11 AM – 1 PM Stop by the Garlands Café (1000 Garlands Lane) to see our 3-D printer and Silhouette Portrait vinyl cutter in action. Chat with Adult Services Librarians Gwyn and Liz about potential projects and learn how to get started!



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Closing Dates

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Meet The MakerLab



Located on the first floor in the Business & Technology Center, the MakerLab gives Barrington Area Library cardholders access to a variety of cutting edge tools including 3-D printers, laser cutter, and vinyl cutter, along with MakerKits for a range of age levels and technical abilities. Try a MakerLab Open Shop (schedule below), check out some of our scheduled workshops, or get assistance from library staff and volunteers on your unique project.

MakerLab Open Shop

NEW FOR SUMMER – Wednesdays, 2 – 4 PM

Thursdays, 4:30 - 6:30 PM

Drop into the MakerLab to work on self-guided projects, ask questions, and learn about the equipment. It's a perfect opportunity for first-time makers or those looking to collaborate on projects. You will have access to the 3D printers, vinyl cutter, laser cutter, and MakerKits. You must have a Barrington Area Library card. Material fees apply. Drop in.

Wanted: Teen Volunteers

The Library will begin circulating GoPro cameras this summer! We are looking for teen volunteers (in high school) to create short promotional videos using the GoPros and their attachments. Experience with film editing preferred, but not mandatory. Apply online at balibrary.org/job-opportunities.