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WINTER 2019 Newsletter of the Barrington Area Library

Never STOP Learning

Digital Detox

Wednesday, Jan 30, 7 PM

Spend less time on your digital devices, more time connecting with people and experiences that energize and refresh. Karen McBride, the Library's social media manager, shares personal experiences, research, and tips on the importance of screen-free time. After the presentation, choose from an introductory meditation class with Relax4Life instructor Neal Harris or adult coloring time with relaxing music. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

Wish I'd Learned That:

Budgeting Basics

Wednesday, Feb 6, 7 PM

Learn helpful tips and tricks to enhance your budgeting skills. Burke Groom and John Haniotes of Barrington Bank & Trust Company present. [Register](#). Zimmerman Room.

Chair Yoga

Thursday, Feb 7, 7 PM OR Tuesday, Feb 26, 2 PM

Instructor Catherine Nealey leads a beginner course on "chair yoga," a gentle form of yoga practiced while sitting in a chair or standing and using a chair for support. Learn, then try it at home. Register. Meeting Room.

Cutting the Cable Cord

Wednesday, Feb 27, 7 PM

Heard about streaming services like Netflix, Amazon Prime, and Hulu, but not quite sure where to begin? Thinking about cutting the cord with your cable company? Michael Gershbein from VerySmartPeople helps you get started. [Register](#). Meeting Room.



THE DOG DAYS OF WINTER

WITH RUTH BLANK, DVM



Dog Care 101

Wednesday, Jan 16, 7 PM

Whether you've picked a puppy or an adult dog, there are basics you need to know: housebreaking, socializing, maintenance, and diet, as well as general wellness throughout the life of your dog. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

Pick Your Pooch

Wednesday, Jan 9, 7 PM

Getting your dog: so exciting, but stressful and uncertain, too. Explore informational resources and the decisions you'll need to make: which breeds are best for a family? energetic or laid-back? rescue group or a breeder? Once you decide, how do you assess the temperament of the dog you want to bring home? [Register](#). Meeting Room.

Preventative Care and Grooming

Wednesday, Jan 23, 7 PM

Keep your dog healthy throughout his life. Learn about vet care — both emergency and preventative — and which foods and situations to avoid. Watch a demonstration of basic grooming techniques. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

BRING THE FAMILY

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.



Librarian Puppet Show

Wednesday, Dec 19, 10 AM OR 11 AM

Don't miss this fun performance of puppet stories and more, featuring our Youth Services librarians. Drop in. Zimmerman Room.



New Year is Almost Here!

Friday, Dec 28, 11 AM – 12 PM

Celebrate the New Year with music by Laura Doherty in the Meeting Room and a fun art project in the atrium! Drop in. Meeting Room & Atrium.

Storytown Improv

Thursday, Jan 3, 11 AM

From superheroes to squids, princesses to dinosaurs, Storytown takes you on an interactive, improvised adventure. Audience ideas and suggestions create a one-of-a-kind story. Drop in. Meeting Room.



Interactive Movie: Moana

Friday, Jan 4, 1:30 PM

Take a break from winter by grabbing some popcorn and joining Moana, Hei Hei, and Maui on an ocean adventure. Make some waves, sing along; no one knows how far we'll go! Drop in. Meeting Room.

Kindness Rocks at the Library

**Monday, Jan 21,
10 AM – 12 PM OR 2 – 4 PM**

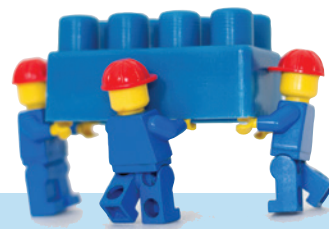
Celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day as a family by spreading kindness and compassion. The Kindness Rocks Project seeks to cultivate connections within communities and lift others up through simple acts of kindness. Paint an uplifting picture or message on a small rock, then leave it for another person to find. Drop in. Atrium.



Ben's Bubble Show

Friday, Feb 15, 11 AM

Ben's Bubble Show is unique, interactive, and awesome! Art and science with a touch of magic: come see mind-boggling soap bubble sculptures, giant bubbles, and even people inside bubbles! Drop in. Meeting Room.



Screen-Free Week in Youth Services

**Monday, Jan 28 –
Sunday, Feb 3**

Kids: power down and connect with the world around you, while the Youth Services iPads are on a break. Rediscover the Library's active play areas as you spend 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.



Winter Library Club

READ TO SUCCEED

with the Chicago Wolves!

December 17 – January 31

Pre-Readers (Birth – PreK)

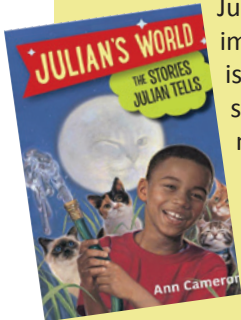
Collect stickers for library visits and receive a free book when you reach your goal.

Readers (Grade K – 8)

Read five books this winter and you will score a free book and be entered to win Chicago Wolves tickets! Sign up and track your reading at balibrary.org/winter.

Family Book Club: *The Stories Julian Tells*

Monday, Feb 4, 6:30 PM OR
Saturday, Feb 9, 2:30 PM



Julian has a big imagination, and he is great at telling stories. He can make people—especially his younger brother, Huey—believe just about anything. But some stories can lead to a heap of trouble, and that's exactly where Julian and Huey end up!

Read *The Stories Julian Tells* together as a family, then come to our book club for a discussion and activities. All are welcome; recommended especially for kids ages 4 – 8 and their families. Register for the date of your choice. Program Room.



Saturday Story Time

All ages w/caregiver

Saturdays, Dec 15 & Feb 9, 10 AM

Play and explore stories, songs, art,
and more in this energetic story time.
Dress for a mess! Drop in.
Program Room.

WeDo Together

PreK – 1st grade w/caregiver

Saturday, Dec 15

1:30 PM OR 3:30 PM

Kids and their adults team up to build a LEGO robot! Register. Program Room.

Sensory Story Time

All ages w/caregiver

Saturday, Jan 12, 10 AM

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.

Art Play

All ages w/caregiver

Sunday, Jan 13, 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.

Family Book Club:


The Stories Julian Tells

Saturday, Feb 9, 2:30 PM

Read *The Stories Julian Tells* together as a family, then come to our book club for a discussion and activities. All are welcome; recommended especially for kids ages 4 – 8 and their families. Program Room. [Register](#). See the full program description above.

STORY TIME

Schedule for Monday, Jan 7 – Thursday, Feb 28. 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.

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!



AROUND TOWN

Story Time Nature Walk at Crabtree Nature Center

Ages 2 – 5 w/caregiver

Tuesday, Dec 4, 10:30 AM

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

[Register.](#) Dress for the weather!

Cookies and Milk Story Time at Panera

Ages 2 – 5 w/caregiver

**Mondays, [Dec 10](#), [Jan 14](#), [Feb 11](#)
10:30 AM**

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

FOR KIDS AGES 0 – 6



Sensory Story Time

All ages w/caregiver

Wednesday, Dec 5, 6:30 PM

Saturday, Jan 12, 10 AM

Thursday, Feb 7, 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.



Preschool STEAM

Ages 3 – 5 w/caregiver

Tuesday, Dec 11, 1:30 PM

Wednesday, Jan 16, 1:30 PM

Friday, Feb 8, 10:30 AM

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



Miniature Horse Story Time

All ages w/caregiver

Thursday, Dec 13, 10 AM OR 10:45 AM

Enjoy a story time followed by a meet and greet, all with the registered miniature therapy horses of SOUL Harbour Ranch. Drop in. Meeting Room.



Art Play

All ages w/caregiver

Friday, Dec 7, 10:30 AM

Wednesday, Dec 26, 10:30 AM

Friday, Jan 11, 10:30 AM

Sunday, Jan 13, 2 PM

Friday, Feb 1, 10:30 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! Drop in. Program Room.



Story Time Dance Party

Ages 2 – 6 w/caregiver

Wednesday, Jan 2, 10 AM

Friday, Jan 25, 10 AM

Friday, Feb 22, 10 AM

Dance, wiggle, and shake at this groovin' story time. Be ready to rock and don't forget your dancin' shoes! Drop in. Meeting Room.

LEARN, MAKE, CREATE

FOR KIDS IN GRADES K – 8

Graphic Novel Book Club

Grades 3 – 5

Tuesdays, Dec 11, Jan 15, Feb 12

3:30 PM

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

LEGO Club

Grades K – 8

Fridays, Dec 14, Jan 11, Feb 8

3:30 PM

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

Homeschool STEM Lab

Grades K – 8

Thursdays, Dec 20, Jan 24, Feb 21

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, Dec 20, Jan 17, Feb 28

4 PM

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

Art Studio

Grades 1 – 8

Fridays, Dec 21, Jan 18, Feb 22

3:30 PM

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

Interactive Movie:

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone

Grades 3 – 8

Thursday, Dec 27, 1:30 PM

Grab some popcorn and then enjoy the magic of the first Harry Potter movie with special effects - provided by you! Drop in. Meeting Room.

Afterschool STEAM

Grades K – 3

Tuesdays, Jan 8 & 22, Feb 5 & 19

4 PM

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

No-Sew Pillows

Grades 3 – 6

Monday, Feb 18

3 PM

Create an easy, fleecy pillow – no sewing required. [Register](#). Program Room.



TIME FOR TECH



Code Together

All ages

Monday, Dec 3, 3:30 PM

Learn the basics of coding, as you play with robots, design games, and complete coding challenges.

Drop in. Meeting Room.

Giant Interactive Tetris

All ages

Wednesday, Dec 5, 3 PM

Stop by the atrium and try out a life-sized version of Tetris created on the Makey Makey! Drop in. Atrium.

3D Printed Ornaments

Grades 4 – 8

Monday, Dec 10, 4 PM

Design and make an ornament on our 3D printers. [Register](#). Barrington cardholders only. Program Room.

Code Camp

Grades 3 – 8

Thursdays, [Dec 13](#), [Jan 10](#), [Feb 7](#) 4 PM

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

WeDo Together

PreK – 1st grade w/ caregiver

Saturday, Dec 15,

[1:30 PM](#) OR [3:30 PM](#)

Kids with their adults team up to build a Lego robot! Register. Program Room.

Holiday Circuit Cards

Grades 3 – 8

Tuesday, Dec 18, 4 PM

Learn about circuits and make a holiday card that lights up. [Register](#). Program Room.

Tech Open Lab

All ages

Friday, Dec 28, 2 PM

Monday, Jan 21, 3 PM

Friday, Feb 15, 2:30 PM

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

Art + Tech: Sphero Painting

All ages

Wednesday, Jan 2, 2:30 PM

Art and technology collide when you code a robot Sphero to roll in and draw with paint. Drop in. Program Room.

Roblox Game Design

Grades 4 – 8

Thursday, Jan 3, 2 PM

Learn how to design and code your own game using Roblox. [Register](#). Program Room.

Mario Kart Tournament

All ages

Monday, Jan 7, 2:30 PM

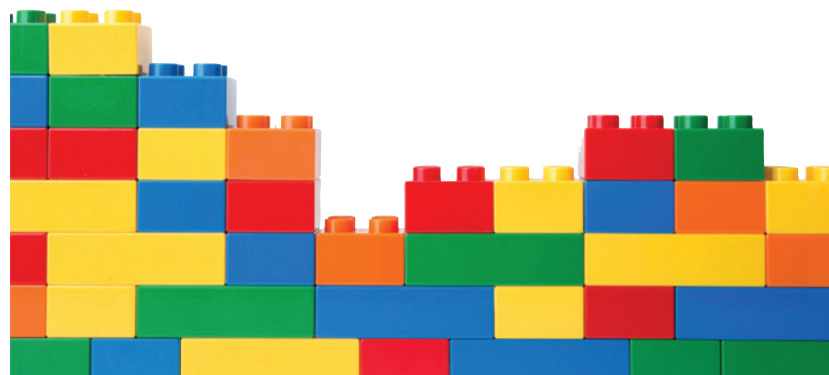
Challenge fellow library-goers to a lively game of Mario Kart on the library's Wii! Drop in. Meeting Room.

Game Design: Infinite Arcade

Grades K – 3

Monday, Feb 18, 10:30 AM

Make your own video game level using the app Infinite Arcade. [Register](#). Program Room.





TEENS ONLY

Winter Hand Lettering

Grades 6 – 12

Thursday, Dec 13, 5 PM

Create a unique winter-themed project to give or to keep. [Register.](#) Conference Room.

Teen Yoga

Grades 6 – 12

Thursday, January 10, 7 PM

Enjoy the calming and centering benefits of yoga in this basic class. Feel free to bring your own mat. [Register.](#) Meeting Room.

Vision Board for Teens

Grades 6 – 12

Wednesday, Jan 23, 5 PM

Start the year off right by visually planning out your dreams and goals for the coming year. [Register.](#) Conference Room.

Dot Journaling for Teens

Grades 6 – 12

Thursday, February 21, 5 PM

Organize your thoughts while expressing your creativity. [Register.](#) Conference Room.



Teen Space

Grades 6 – 8

Wednesdays, Jan 9 – Feb 27

3:30 PM

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

YA Zone

Grades 9 – 12

Tuesdays, Jan 15 – Feb 26

4 PM

Stop by the Conference Room to play games, read, or just to hang out with your friends. Drop in. Conference 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.

SECOND FRIDAYS

*Register. Meeting Room.
Seating is first come,
first served.*



BG Encore!

Friday, Dec 14, 8 PM

Get ready to sing along with the award-winning 24-voice Buffalo Grove Encore choir and their uplifting selection of seasonal classics.

[Register.](#) Meeting Room.



The Nite Hawks

Friday, Jan 11, 8 PM

Chase away the winter chill with updated arrangements of 20s classics by the Gershwins, Irving Berlin, Louis Armstrong, and Fats Waller. [Register.](#)

Meeting Room.



Petra van Nuis Quartet

Featuring Guitarist Andy Brown

Friday, Feb 8, 8 PM

By popular demand! Start Valentine's Day early with these romantic Great American Songbook standards performed with heart and soul by jazz vocalist van Nuis. [Register.](#)

Meeting Room.

SILVER STAGES PRESENTS:



Legends of Surf Music with Randy Walker

Wednesday, Jan 16, 2 PM

Learn about the early 60s phenomenon that captivated the nation, while listening to hit songs from artists such as Dick Dale and the Deltones, The Beach Boys, and The Ventures. [Register.](#) Meeting Room.



Hometowns to Hollywood:

Hugh Martin & Meet Me in St. Louis

Wednesday, Dec 5, 2 PM

The Smith family faces lessons on life and love as they eagerly await the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair – unless they leave for New York! Film Historian Annette Bochenek pays tribute to composer Hugh Martin and his early years in Birmingham, Alabama. Discussion followed by a screening of the 1944 musical *Meet Me in St. Louis*, starring Judy Garland, Margaret O'Brien, and Tom Drake. Part of our new Hometowns to Hollywood film series. [Register.](#) Meeting Room Side B.

Shorts in the Winter: A Film Festival

Saturday, Jan 19, 11 AM

Enjoy several short films from our streaming service, Kanopy. The shorts will range in mood from light-hearted to sobering and are intended for adult audiences. [Register.](#) Meeting Room.

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

Make Your Donation Count: Smart Giving to Nonprofit Organizations

Tuesday, Dec 4, 7 PM

Dr. Alicia Schatteman, professor of non-profit management at the Center for Nonprofit and NGO Studies at NIU, provides guidelines to help you choose which local, national, or international organizations to support. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

Be a Friend to a Friend in Need

In collaboration with JourneyLife

Tuesday, Jan 15, 7 PM

When close friends or family members get a serious diagnosis, we do not always know the best way to offer comfort. Explore creative ways to provide support, love, and joy to friends in need. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

The Six Wives of Henry the VIII

In collaboration with the Daughters of the American Revolution

Sunday, Jan 27, 2:30 PM

Meet the Daughters of the American Revolution – Signal Hill Chapter, and learn from engaging educational historian Martina Mathisen about the six wives of Henry the VIII: queen, lover, mother, outcast, victim, and survivor. [Register](#). Meeting Room.



TENDING YOUR FAMILY TREE

Digitize All the Things

Thursday, Jan 10, 2 PM OR

Thursday, Jan 24, 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](#). Zimmerman Room.

Genealogy Help Desk

Wednesday, Jan 30, 2 PM OR

Wednesday, Feb 20, 2 PM

Stop by for assistance with researching your family tree or using our genealogy databases. First come, first served basis. Drop in. Atrium.



Winter Traditions

Wednesday, Dec 12, 7 PM

Professor Shingo Satsutani shares stories of his Japanese culture and its winter traditions while inviting attendees to share their own. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

Neighbor Valentines

Thursday, Jan 17, 7 PM

Stop in and meet your neighbors while making valentines that will be distributed to local senior citizens through community organizations. [Register](#). Meeting Room.



International Book Talk

Wednesday, Feb 20, 7 PM

Librarian and book expert Liz shares a number of fiction and non-fiction titles about different cultures and countries. Bring your own favorites to share, if you'd like! [Register](#). Meeting Room.



Cookie Decorating

Tuesday, Dec 11, 2 PM

Celebrate the holidays with local author and baker Kathi Frelk. Warm up with hot chocolate, some cookie decorating, and a chat with Kathi about holiday baking. [Register.](#) Meeting Room.



What's New in 2019?

Tuesday, Jan 15, 2 PM

Ring in the New Year with friendly conversation, coffee, tea, and pastries from Peterson's Bakery in Hoffman Estates. Browse the new cookbooks in our collection and talk about what is trending in food and kitchenware for the upcoming year. [Register.](#) Meeting Room.

Chocolate Bliss

Tuesday, Feb 19, 2 PM

A decadent and delicious afternoon at Anna Shea Chocolates. Indulge in a few tasty morsels while you watch and learn how these little pieces of perfection are handcrafted. [Register.](#) Off-site, Anna Shea Chocolates, The Arboretum, 100 W Higgins Road, South Barrington.



Night School:

Stay Active with NeuroBalance

Tuesday, Jan 29, 6 PM

NeuroBalance Center (1529 S. Grove) is a local non-profit committed to helping individuals with balance, movement, and neurological challenges get moving and stay active. Meet at the new facility for a quick tour and see the new Rock Steady Boxing for Parkinson's class in action. [Register.](#) Off-site.



Croissants and Danishes at Ella Bonella

Tuesday, Feb 5, 11 AM

Meet at Ella Bonella (421 N Northwest Hwy) to learn techniques for laminated doughs that can be used for both croissants and danishes. [Register.](#) Off-site.

MAKE

COMPUTER SCIENCE WEEK – ALL AGES

Code Together

Monday, Dec 3, 3:30 PM

Learn the basics of coding as you play with robots, design games, and complete coding challenges. Drop in. Meeting Room.

Basic Algorithms & How They Work

Tuesday, Dec 4, 5:45 – 6:45 PM

We will use Khan Academy and easy examples to help us learn how basic algorithms work and where they appear in our everyday life. [Register](#). Conference Room.

Giant Interactive Tetris

Wednesday, Dec 5, 3 PM

Stop by the atrium and try out a life-size version of Tetris created on the Makey Makey! Drop in. Atrium.

Holiday Arduino Demonstration

Friday, Dec 7, 5 – 7 PM

Interact with various holiday-themed electronics projects and learn how to control them with an Arduino. Drop in. Atrium.

DECEMBER

Laser-Etched Pint Glass

**Monday, Dec 3 OR Thursday, Dec 11,
2 – 3 PM**

Create a custom design to be etched onto a classic pint glass. Register for the session of your choice. Conference Room.



Winter Make & Take

Thursday, Dec 13, 1 PM

Help us declutter our craft supply closet and drop in to make a quick craft — while supplies last... Drop in. Atrium.

Laser-Cut Winter Ornament

Thursday, December 20, 5 – 7 PM

All ages

Make a winter-themed laser-cut ornament. Drop in. Atrium.



JANUARY AND FEBRUARY



Digital Photo Restoration for Beginners

Tuesday, Jan 8, 6 – 7 PM

OR

Wednesday, Feb 13

2 – 3 PM OR 6 – 7 PM

Have you scanned old photos, slides, or negatives in the digital studio? Take the next step and learn basic editing and restoration techniques in Adobe Photoshop to make them look even better. Register for the session of your choice. Conference Room.

Laser-Etched Pint Glass

Wednesday, Jan 16, 6 – 7:30 PM OR

Tuesday, Feb 5,

2 – 3:30 PM OR 6 – 7:30 PM

Create a custom design to be etched onto a classic pint glass. Register for the session of your choice. Conference Room.

Photoshop Basics

Wednesday, Jan 23, 6 – 7 PM

Join us at the Harper College Professional Center for a hands-on opportunity to learn Photoshop. Each student will learn the basics, with access to his/her own computer. [Register](#). Off-site. Harper Professional Center, 650 E. Higgins Road, Schaumburg. Suite 2W. Room 124. (Note: not the main Harper College campus)

Video Editing Basics

Tuesday, Jan 29, OR

Thursday, Feb 28, 6 – 7 PM

Combine video clips, audio effects, and text elements to make a movie you can share. Register for the session of your choice. Conference Room.

Design Your Own Tea Towels

Monday, Jan 21, 6 – 7:30 PM

Use the Silhouette Cameo to create a unique heat transfer design to apply to a set of tea towels. [Register](#). Conference Room.

Paint It At the Library

Thursday, Feb 14, 7 PM

Enjoy a fun evening creating a snow-themed painting with the help of local artist Carol Richardson-O'Brien. [Register](#). Meeting Room.



Custom-Carved Signs

Tuesday, Feb 12,

2 – 3 PM OR 6 – 7 PM

Welcome guests, tell someone to KEEP OUT!, or show off your town pride: use the CNC machine to carve a custom message. Register for the session of your choice. MakerLab.

Useful 3D-Printed Objects

Wednesday, Feb 20, 5 – 7 PM

All ages

There are more possibilities for 3-D printing than making trinkets and toys. Learn how to create objects that have practical uses around your home or office. Drop in. Atrium.

Long Exposure Photography

Tuesday, Feb 26, 6 – 7 PM

Long exposure photography allows us to take pictures in extremely low-lit situations, perfect for winter nights. We will discuss the different applications for this technique, then put the method to the test with your camera. All skill levels are welcome. [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.

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Library Closings

Thursday, Nov 22, Thanksgiving

Thursday, Dec 6, Staff In-Service Day

Monday, Dec 24, Christmas Eve

Tuesday, Dec 25, Christmas

Monday, Dec 31, New Year's Eve

Tuesday, Jan 1, New Year's Day



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inbox – or your mailbox!

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[newsletters](#), and sign up.



Join Librarians Liz and Sam – upstairs at McGonigal's in downtown Barrington – to discuss popular titles in a social book club for adults. We'll provide appetizers or desserts - other food and beverages available for purchase. Books are available at the Adult Services reference desk approximately one month prior to the discussion. Downloadable e-books and audiobooks may also be available. Register.

Book Potluck

Monday, Dec 10, 7 PM

Bring two books, one you love and one you hate: bonus points if it's a book that you feel like you **should** love.

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas

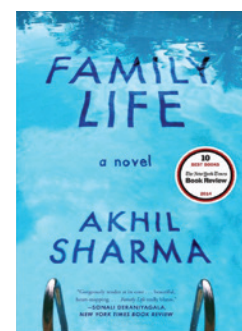
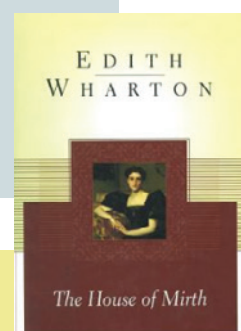
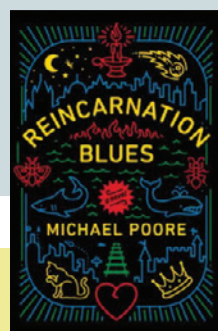
Monday, Jan 14, 7 PM

When a white police officer shoots her black friend during a traffic stop, sixteen-year-old Starr comes face to face with issues of race and class. Complicating matters, she's the only witness to the shooting and is suddenly thrust into the national spotlight.

Reincarnation Blues by Michael Poore

Monday, Feb 11, 7 PM

Milo has died 9,995 times, and only has five more chances to get things right before he will cease to exist forever. But, it's complicated: he keeps dying to be with Suzie, the woman he loves, otherwise known as Death.



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. Downloadable ebooks and audiobooks may also be available. Register. Meeting Room.

The House of Mirth by Edith Wharton

Tuesday, Jan 22, 7:30 PM

OR

Thursday, Jan 24, 2 PM

The story of Victorian era socialite Lily Bart's disastrous attempts to secure her future by marrying into high society.

Family Life by Akhil Sharma

Tuesday, Feb 19, 7:30 PM

OR

Thursday, Feb 21, 2 PM

The recently immigrated Mishra family is living a charmed life when a tragedy befalls their son and changes the trajectory of their lives forever.

Local authors: we want you!

Our fifth annual Local Author Fair takes place on Sunday, April 7, from 1:30 – 4:30 PM. The online application will be available at balibrary.org beginning Monday, January 21, 2019. Application deadline: March 4, 2019.

Big Spring Books

Monday, Feb 25, 6 PM

Come hear about some of the most buzzed about upcoming titles by major publishers. You might even go home with a free copy of a forthcoming title! [Register](#). Meeting Room.

BUSINESS: IT'S BETTER IN BARRINGTON

Launching a Website For Your Business

Tuesday, Dec 4, 7 PM

Looking to venture out onto the web for the first time or want to create a more effective web presence? Learn key concepts and concerns faced by business owners as well as the importance of social media. David Beasley from SCORE presents. [Register](#). Zimmerman Room.

Interview Like An Expert: Boot Camp & Headshots

Monday, Jan 14, 7 PM

Looking for a new job? Recent graduate? Learn job application and resume tips, the importance of effective LinkedIn use, and best practices

for interviewing and job searching. Lynee Alves from Interview Like An Expert presents. An opportunity for a complimentary professional headshot will follow the presentation. [Register](#). Zimmerman Room.

Grow Your Business with ReferenceUSA

Tuesday, Jan 15, 7 PM

Discover the ReferenceUSA database: addresses, phone numbers, officers, and SIC codes for 50 million U.S. businesses. Learn how it can benefit your business during this interactive workshop. New and experienced users welcome. My Ha Crowfoot from Infogroup presents. [Register](#). Zimmerman Room.



Outsmart the Scammers

Monday, Feb 18, 7 PM

Incidents of fraud are on the rise and scammers' tactics are becoming more complex. Learn how to spot red flags, where to turn when targeted, and steps you can take to protect yourself. Roy Mason of Edward Jones presents. [Register](#). Zimmerman Room.



Library Campus Improvements Completed

Thank you for your patience over the last few months as we completed a number of significant projects on the Library campus, resulting in a safer, more welcoming environment for all visitors.

- The lower parking lot was completely rebuilt.
- The upper parking lot was resurfaced and repaired.
- New outdoor lighting was installed around the parking lots, sidewalks, and plaza.
- The plaza stairs were repaired.
- Driveways and parking lots were restriped.
- Landscaping was improved.



Non-Profit Know-How

Tell Your Story: Presentation Skills for Non-Profit Leaders

Thursday, Jan 9, 12 PM

When grantmakers and donors understand your non-profit, they choose to support you. Use character, conflict, action, and impact to frame your success stories. [Register](#). Conference Room.

Performance Management For Non-Profits

Wednesday, Feb 13, 12 PM

Dr. Alicia Schatteman, professor of non-profit management at the Center for Nonprofit and NGO Studies at NIU, leads a workshop on outcomes-based models of evaluation for nonprofit organizations, including performance measurement, logic models, baseline data, collection methods, and key indicators. [Register](#). Zimmerman Room.



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Closing Dates

Thursday, Nov 22, Thanksgiving
Thursday, Dec 6, Staff In-Service Day
Monday, Dec 24, Christmas Eve
Tuesday, Dec 25, Christmas
Monday, Dec 31, New Year's Eve
Tuesday, Jan 1, New Year's Day



COMING ATTRACTIONS!



BALibrary Comic Con® III

Sunday, Mar 3, 1 PM

Mark your calendars for BALibrary Comic Con® III! Join us and celebrate your favorite fandoms with cool programs, amazing artists, and plenty of cosplay fun. Stay "tooned" for more information – Whovians, Jedi, Trekkies, Avengers, heroes and villains of all ages are welcome! [Register](#). Meeting Room.

One Author One Barrington

This April, join us for a community-wide event focusing on selected books by author Neil Gaiman. See the next *Check It Out* for a full list of events and activities for all ages.

