

JUST FOR FAMILIES



WATCH NOW:

**Alex Thomas and Friends Present
Oliver's Animal Adventure**

Mondays, April 12, 19, 26, May 3 & 10

Puppets and live exotic animals pair up to bring you an educational and entertaining video adventure. Tune in each week to catch a new animal friend.

FAMILY READING:

It's Not All Rainbows

Thursday, April 29, 7 PM

**All ages w/caregiver
(best for grades K - 5)**



Enjoy a family night filled with social-emotional learning and laughter. In the book *It's Not All Rainbows* by Jessica Von Innerebener, we learn from Kevin the Unicorn that it's okay to have a bad day - but what happens if we change the setting of the story? Jennifer Parisi, Barrington 220 teacher, guides you through this interactive and collaborative storytelling adventure! Bring your creative ideas, paper, and markers/colored pencils. Register, then stop by the Library to check out the book and a story-writing packet.



BALibrary Fandom Fest

Take & Make Bundle

Available April 13 – 20 For grade 3 – adults

Bring BALibrary Fandom Fest home with this Take & Make Bundle: make an Embroidery Hoop Pin Holder and an adorable Ewok, and enjoy some coloring sheets! BALibrary Cardholders: register for the bundle and we'll email you with pick-up information and craft instructions. One kit per BALibrary cardholder. Children may require adult supervision.

Anime Drawing Workshop

Tuesday, April 20, 7 PM

Like anime and manga? Join artist Addie Atable in an anime workshop and learn to draw characters from this popular Japanese art form.

Pac-Man 3D-Printed Keychains:

Pre-Recorded Tutorial

Tuesday, April 20, watch anytime

Follow along as Digital Services Specialist Ken provides step-by-step instructions on how to use Tinkercad to create a personalized, 3D-printed Pac-Man keychain. Register with your BALibrary card. You'll receive an email with a link to the pre-recorded video on April 20.

Register to be emailed a link to join virtual programs.

Programs can be accessed from computer, tablet, or mobile phone. First-time participants may need to download and run free software. We recommend joining a few minutes early.

VIRTUAL EXPERIENCES FOR SCOUT TROOPS

The Library hosts live, virtual scout troop activities that foster collaboration, problem solving, and fun! Try a virtual escape room, trivia contest, or Pictionary, lead by a Youth Services Librarian. Available to Barrington Area Library cardholders. Request a troop activity at balibrary.org/for-parents.

TAKE-AND-MAKE KITS

Available April 12 – 23

Each kit contains materials for a craft or project kids can do at home (with caregiver supervision). Register online then pick up your kit by April 23. Kits not picked up will be available on a first come, first served basis beginning April 24.

Toddler/PreK:

Paper Bag Puppets

Make a paper bag into a puppet. Monsters, dinosaurs, imaginary creatures - you decide!

Grades K – 2:

Glue and Chalk Art

Experiment with glue and chalk pastels to create a colorful work of art.

Grades 3 – 8:

DIY Magnetic Poetry

Celebrate National Poetry Month by creating your own magnetic poetry set.

BLOG!

Read. Play. Make. Grow.

Visit the Youth Services Blog for more activities and book recommendations: balibrary.org/ys-blog

BROWSING BUNDLES



Need a fresh stack of stories for your little bookworm? Let the Librarians do the work! Request a Browsing Bundle for a hand-picked, personalized collection of fantastic books just right for your child.

ABOUT YOUTH SERVICES VIRTUAL PROGRAMS:

Watch Now

Find these pre-recorded, on-demand story times, activities, and book talks on our Events Calendar. Activities become available on the dates listed.

Watch Live

Live, virtual programs, hosted by the friendly Youth Services Librarians you know.

Visit the Events Calendar to view, register, and get more details.

FOR BIRTH – 6 WATCH NOW:

All-Ages Story Time

A new, on-demand story time every **Monday!**

Stories, songs, and rhymes to help your child build confidence, comprehension, and critical thinking skills.

Story Time Shorts

Tune into our YouTube Channel for quick rhymes, songs, and movement activities, then follow along at home. New videos added throughout the month. Head to youtube.com/YSatBALibrary.

Puppet Show: Achoo!

Available Tuesday, April 20

A virtual puppet performance brought to you by the BALibrary librarians.

Watch Live:

Interactive Story Time

Thursday April 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29
at 10:30 AM

Books, songs, rhymes, and movement activities to build language and literacy skills.

VIRTUAL ESCAPE ROOM

Video Game Escape

Tuesday, April 20, 4:30 PM
Grades 3 – 6

You're trapped in a virtual video game. Work together to find the clues, solve the puzzles, and level up to escape!



FOR ADULTS THIS MONTH

Register to be emailed a link to join virtual programs. Programs can be accessed from computer, tablet, or mobile phone. First-time participants may need to download and run free software. We recommend joining a few minutes early.

Tea Gardens

Monday, April 5, 7 PM

Master Gardener Navraaz Basati teaches about design elements and plantings to grow herbs, flowers, and fruits appropriate for tea. Learn the history of tea gardens, and how to start your own, whether on a window sill or in your yard.

Cooks with Books:

Take and Make Smoothie Kit

Tuesday, April 6

Refresh yourself and get creative in the kitchen by experimenting with smoothies! Kit includes color changing cup, pineapple smoothie mix, and strawberry smoothie mix. One kit per BALibrary cardholder.

How & Why To Volunteer

Tuesday, April 6, 7 PM

In collaboration with Barrington Area Volunteer Connection

April is National Volunteer Month! Discover the benefits--for you and your community--of volunteering, then discuss how to find nonprofits in need of your help.

Go Native in Your Backyard

Thursday, April 8, 7 PM

In collaboration with Barrington Area

Conservation Trust

Environmental

Restoration Specialist

David Eubanks has restored native ecologies with private landowners, Cook County Forest Preserves, the City of Chicago, and others. He'll share the different requirements of prairie, woodland, and wetland plants, and how to source and maintain the best native plants, shrubs, and trees for your specific niche. Q & A to follow.



SECOND FRIDAYS PRESENTS:

Characters & Connections

Friday, April 9, 7 PM

Memorable characters provide insight into our own lives. Join us as singer/songwriter Sue Fink sings of characters whom you'll still be thinking about long after this performance.

Meditation Workshop

Tuesday, April 13, 7 PM

Mindfulness has scientific support as a means to reduce stress, improve attention, and promote a general sense of health and well-being. Join Mindfulness Facilitator Chris George for a guided meditation practice.

Birding McHenry County: Backyards & Beyond

Wednesday, April 14, 7 PM

Doug and Maggie Crane help birding newcomers identify species and learn how local birds adapt to the environment. Learn how to attract birds with feeders and garden plants, and where to look for birds in McHenry County.

Reducing Waste & Recycling Right

Monday, April 19, 7:30 PM

In collaboration with Go Green

Barrington Cook County Department of Environment & Sustainability Community Outreach Coordinator Kate Carney talks about reducing waste and finding proper paths to recycling various materials. Q & A to follow.



Non-Profit Know-How: Volunteer Management

Thursday, April 22, 12 PM

Most nonprofits need volunteers, but the volunteer landscape changed drastically last year. Let's talk about how you've adapted, what the future holds, and what tools are available to help. Bring ideas and questions to share over a virtual lunch.

Native Plants for Shade Gardens

Thursday, April 22, 7 PM

In partnership with

Chicago Living Corridors

Struggling with what to plant in the shady spots around your home? Local expert Peggy Simonsen shares ideas for plantings and layouts for these often overlooked spaces.



Walk Like an Egyptian:

Understanding Egyptian Art from Ancient to Modern

Monday, April 26, 6 PM

PhD student Luiza Osorio G. Silva explores spectacular buildings and objects while exploring how ancient contexts and materials were connected to Egyptian notions of religion, magic, and power.

Preservation Week: Photo Preservation and Restoration

Tuesday, April 27, 7 PM

Our genealogists guide you in preserving, digitizing, and restoring your old family photos. From simple, free programs to powerful photo editing software, learn to save your precious photographic memories for generations to come.



Preserving Family Heirlooms

Thursday, April 29, 7 PM

Tina Beaird of Tamarack Genealogy discusses preserving valuable family documents, photos, fabrics, and glass for future generations, through proper storage and simple preservation techniques. Attendees will learn about innovative products and the dos and don'ts of scrapbooking.

COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY

iPad Basics

Wednesday April 7

1:30 PM

Learn the basic functionality of the iPad.

Explore settings, app management, email, and internet browsing with Safari. Intended for beginners.



Exploring Google Drive

Thursday April 15, 6 PM

Go beyond Gmail to discover the Google Drive suite of apps. Learn about docs, sheets, slides, forms, and drawings.

Exploring Google Calendar & Photos

Tuesday April 27, 6 PM

Discover in-depth features of two of the most popular Google Drive apps. Schedule appointments, and manage, share, and edit photos.

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HOLIDAY CLOSING: SUNDAY, APRIL 4, EASTER



KIDDEILAND REMEMBERED

Wednesday, April 21, 7 PM

From 1929 to 2009, Kiddieland in Melrose Park was one of Chicago's favorite amusement parks. Relive the past with Cheryl Brown as she explores the history of the park with vintage photos and videos. Learn about the final auction, why the park had to close, and where the rides are today.

FOR BOOK LOVERS

LIT @ Home:

The House in the Cerulean Sea

Monday, April 12, 7 PM

Let's stay connected while we stay safe at home! Join Librarians Liz and Hayley from your couch to discuss popular titles in a virtual book club for adults.

When government worker Linus Baker is sent to evaluate an orphanage with six dangerous, magical children, he discovers that family isn't always just what you're born to.

Bridgerton Read-Alikes Book Talk

Wednesday, April 28, 6 PM

You've read all the books that the hit Netflix show is based upon: now you want more! Librarian Liz shares popular Regency romances that are just what the Duke ordered.

