



**BARRINGTON
AREA LIBRARY**

PROGRAM GUIDE

August – September 2025

LOLLA-PAW-LOOZA!

A celebration of the animals in our lives and in our world!



Lolla-PAW-Looza

Saturday, Sept 13, 1 – 3 PM

Hoof on over for a furry fair highlighting area animal resources. Learn about everything from rescuing to training to service and more. Pet-centric craft projects, too! It will be loads of feline fun and a doggone good time! More details SOON on our website. Drop in or [register for a reminder](#). Meeting Room.

Coyotes and Other Canines of Lake County

Monday, August 18, 2 PM

Learn about the natural history and special adaptations of coyotes and other canines in Lake County through experiences with natural artifacts from the experts at Lake County Forest Preserve. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

Assistance & Therapy Dogs

Monday, Sept 8, 2 PM

What are the various roles of service dogs and how does one differentiate between them? Learn from author Jennifer Trojan and trainer Pam Osborne. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

Decoding the Mysteries of Cats

Wednesday, Sept 10, 7 PM

Certified Cat Behaviorist Stephen Quandt discusses the basics of cat behavior to help you better understand your furry friend. The first 30 minutes of the program will be an informational presentation, the second half will be a Q&A for your cat behavior questions. [Register](#). Virtual.

Snuffle Mats

Grades 3 – 5

Wednesday, Sept 10, 4 PM

Create something special for our furry friends living in local animal shelters! We'll provide the supplies, and you'll learn to create these fun toys to enrich the lives of shelter animals. [Register](#). Program Room.

Dog DNA

Tuesday, Sept 16, 6 PM

Discover why your Chihuahua thinks it's a Great Dane and why your retriever doesn't bring you the paper. Decode your dog's family tree, and learn canine evolution from wolf to wow. We'll play "Guess that Breed" as we look at purebred and designer dogs. [Register](#). Virtual.

Pet Treat Jars

Friday, Sept 19, 11 AM OR 2 PM

Create your own custom pet treat jar for your furry friend. Priority registration for BALibrary cardholders. Zimmerman Room.

Puzzle Races: Pet Edition

Thursday, Sept 25, 2 PM

Compete against other teams to see who can complete a 500-piece jigsaw puzzle fastest. Members of the winning team get bragging rights and free puzzles. [Register](#) as a team of up to five, or individually. Meeting Room.

Have a gently used puzzle that you'd like to share with others? Feel free to drop it off during the Puzzle Races and help yourself to a puzzle that someone else has shared, too.



GOOD VIBES, GOOD TIMES!

All-Ages Crafternoon

All ages w/caregiver

Make a craft to take home, while supplies last. Drop in. Program Room.

Monday, August 4, 2 PM: Magnets

Monday, August 18, 2 PM: Crafternoon Clean Up

Crafty Garden Time

All ages w/caregiver

Tuesday, August 5, 9:30 AM

Come and explore the Teaching Garden, work in the garden with the Master Gardeners, then make a craft. Dress for a mess! Teaching Garden.

DIY Playdough

All ages w/caregiver

Thursday, August 7, 10 AM

Create your very own play dough with your grown-up. Drop in. Program Room.

Taylor Swift Fan Club

Grades 3 – 6

Monday, August 11, 3:30 PM

In your Swiftie era? Let's make friendship bracelets, listen to songs, and talk all things Taylor Swift! [Register](#). Program Room.

Tie Dye Totebag

All ages w/caregiver

**Wednesday, August 13,
2 PM, 2:15 PM, 2:30 PM, 2:45 OR
3:00 PM**

Try out tie-dye techniques on the BALibrary Lawn. Library will provide one totebag. Dress for a mess. Register. BALibrary Lawn.

Taste Testers

Grades 6 – 8

Thursday, August 14, 3:30 PM:

Cheese Crackers

Give your taste buds a test! Try a variety of foods and rank your favorites. Please note, the Library cannot guarantee that food served at this program has not come into contact with tree nuts, soy, or other allergens. [Register](#). Program Room.

Family Lunch and a Movie

All ages w/caregiver

Friday, Aug 15, 11:30 AM

Pack a picnic lunch and bring the entire family to watch *A Minecraft Movie* on our big screen. Wigglers and wailers welcome. Enjoy popcorn and movie-friendly activities, too. Drop in. Meeting Room.

Tech Open Lab

All ages w/caregiver

Thursday, August 7, 2 PM

Friday, Sept 12, 3:30 PM

Families explore a variety of technology such as robots, circuits, iPads, and more. Drop in. Program Room.

Tranquil Tuesday

Grades 4 – 8

Tuesday, August 26, 6 PM

Tuesday, Sept 23, 6 PM

Zone in and zen out in the evening with mindful activities, coloring, and other things to help you relax! Register. Zimmerman Room.

Kids for Kindness

Grades K – 5

Wednesday, August 27, 4 PM

We're making fun, summer-themed placemats to brighten our senior friends' day. Your colorful creations will bring big smiles and sunshine to their hearts. Drop in. Program Room.

Code Together

PreK – Grade 5 w/caregiver

Thursday, August 28, 6 PM

Thursday, Sept 25, 6 PM

Kids team up with their adults to explore early coding concepts using Sphero Indi cars and LEGO WeDo robots. Register. Program Room.

Nature Art

Grades K – 5

Friday, August 29, 2:30 PM

Create a piece of artwork to take home using natural materials and our art supplies. [Register](#). BALibrary Lawn.

Fluffy Pet Rocks

Grades K – 5

Wednesday, Sept 3, 4 PM

Do you want a little fluffy pet rock? Then come and join us in creating your very own extraordinary friend! [Register](#). Program Room.

Nature Finds Discovery Board

K – 5 w/caregiver

Monday, Sept 15, 3:30 PM OR 6:30 PM

Design and cut a keepsake sign to hold your items found in nature. Register. MakerLab.

Nature Suncatchers

Grades K – 2:

Wednesday, Sept 17, 4 PM

Grades 3 – 6:

Monday, Sept 22, 4:15 PM

Forage in our Teaching Garden for flowers, leaves, and other nature supplies to create your own fall-inspired nature suncatcher. Register. BALibrary Lawn.

Astronomy Club

Grades 3 – 5

Thursday, Sept 18, 4:15 PM

Are you mesmerized by stars, planets, and all things outer space? We'll explore the universe together and participate in space-themed crafts, experiments, and activities. [Register](#). Program Room.

Afterschool Story + Craft

Grades K – 2

Wednesday, Sept 24, 4 PM:

Marabella's Moment by Maryann Cocca-Leffler
[Register](#). Program Room.



BACK-TO-SCHOOL

Back-To-School Buttons

All ages w/caregiver

Tuesday, August 19, 2 PM

Create your own buttons with a back-to-school theme! Drop in. Program Room.

Design A Pencil Pouch

Grades 3 – 6

Friday, August 8, 2 PM

Design a pencil pouch for you or a friend. [Register](#). Program Room.

Locker Decorating

Grades K – 8

Friday, August 15, 2 PM OR 3 PM

Get ready for back to school by making magnets and other supplies to decorate your locker! Register. Program Room.



Meet a School Bus

All ages w/caregiver

Monday, August 11, 9:15 - 10 AM

Join us for a special meet and greet with a Barrington Transportation Company school bus! Drop in. Upper parking lot.

School Bus Story Time

All ages w/caregiver

Monday, August 11, 10 OR 10:30 AM

Calling all new bus riders! Let's practice climbing aboard the school bus and then enjoy books, rhymes, and songs to help you feel ready to ride! Drop in. BALibrary Lawn.

REGISTRATION:

A note on registration: Some programs require registration. Registration for Aug and Sept programs opens Monday, July 28. To register, visit our [online calendar](#) or call (847) 382-1300.



MAGIC, MUSIC, MORE!



Michael the Magician

Grades 1 – 5

Tuesday, August 12, 2 PM

Michael the Magician, local Barrington student and magician extraordinaire, performs mind-boggling magic tricks, and then provides a step-by-step tutorial of one of his tricks for the audience. [Register](#). Program Room.



Family Bingo Night

All ages with family

Tuesday, August 12, 6:30 PM

Gather your family and friends and join us for a fun-filled evening of B-I-N-G-O! Drop in. Program Room.



Family Concert: Joel Frankel

All ages w/caregiver

Thursday, Aug 14, 10 AM

Combining his musical talents with his background in education, Joel presents an energized, creative performance that is stimulating for kids and appreciated by adults. Drop in. BALibrary Lawn.

STORIES & MORE

Drop in, Program Room, except where noted

Sign with Katy:

Baby and Me Sign

Ages 0 – 24 months w/caregiver

Wednesday, August 6, 10 AM

Enrich baby's early language experience with simple signing. [Register](#). Story Room.

Sensory Playtime

All ages

Friday, August 8, 10 – 11 AM

Enjoy a variety of play activities specifically designed to engage the senses.

Story Time Nature Walk at Crabtree

All ages w/caregiver

Tuesday, August 12, 10 AM

Enjoy stories, a nature walk, and playtime. Please note this takes place off-site at Crabtree Nature Center, 3 Stover Road, Barrington. Weather permitting.

Meditation Story Time

Ages 2 – 5 w/caregiver

Tuesday, August 19, 10 AM

Take a few mindful moments outdoors as we read stories and participate in activities that introduce basic mindfulness skills. [Register](#). BALibrary Lawn.

Routine Chart Story Time

Ages 2 – 5 w/caregiver

Wednesday, August 20, 10 AM

Create your own routine with your grown-up, learn about routines, and take home a routine chart that you create! [Register](#).

Goodnight Story Time

All ages w/caregiver

Fridays, August 22 & Sept 19, 6 PM

Shake your sillies out, get cozy, and listen to bedtime stories in this calming evening story time designed to help kids get a good night's sleep.

Happy Birthday Story Time

All ages w/caregiver

Friday, August 22, 10:30 AM

Friday, Sept 19, 10:30 AM

Join us for a special story time during your birthday month and we'll celebrate YOU with stories, songs, and a craft! [Register](#).

Ukulele Sing-Along Story Time

Ages 2 – 6 w/caregiver

Tuesday, August 26, 10 AM

Experience the joys of song and dance in this interactive, sing-along story time.

Little Kids, Big Feelings

Ages 3 – 6 w/caregiver

Wednesday, August 27, 10 AM

Mister Rogers said that anything mentionable is manageable. Let's create a space to talk about all feelings, big and small, through books, songs, and mindfulness exercises.

Early Literacy Explorers

Ages 3 – 5 w/caregiver

Thursday, August 28, 10 AM OR 11 AM

Explore phonics games, literacy activities, and helpful tools to grow a young reader. Register everyone who is attending.

Decades Story Time

All ages w/caregiver

The 90s: Friday, August 29, 10 AM

The 00s: Friday, Sept 26, 11 AM

Join us for nostalgic songs, stories, and some flashbacks to decades past. [Register](#).

Art Play

All ages w/caregiver

Thursdays, Sept, 10 AM

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





Drop in, except where noted

Stuffed Animal Story Time

All ages w/caregiver

Friday, Sept 5, 10 AM

Bring your favorite stuffy to snuggle while we share stories and songs. Meeting Room.

Chinese Story Time

All ages w/caregiver

Friday, Sept 5, 11 AM

Starlink Global Education brings their Chinese story time to the library. Enjoy stories, songs and explore an introduction to Chinese in this interactive story time. [Register](#). Program Room.

Parent Play Date

Ages 0 – 18 months w/caregiver

Thursday, Sept 11, 2:30 – 3:30 PM

Join us for a cup of coffee and informal play group. Meet up with friends or make new ones! Story Room.

Potty Palooza Story Time

Ages 2 – 4 w/caregiver

Friday, Sept 12, 11 AM

Let's get this potty started and ditch the diapers! Join us for songs and stories to get littles excited for this big milestone. Get ideas for caregivers to help make this big transition a positive experience for everyone. [Register](#). Story Room.

Fall into Autumn Story Time

Ages 2 – 6, with caregiver

Friday, Sept 26, 10 AM

Get ready for autumn with songs, stories, and dancing. Meeting Room.

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Ukulele Baby Rhyme Time

Ages 0 – 18 months w/caregiver

Friday, Sept 26, 3:30 PM

Join our Librarians and their ukuleles in this interactive, musical rhyme time, and learn the many benefits of bathing your baby in song! Story Room.

Goodbye Garden Story Time

Tuesday, Sept 30, 9:30 AM

All ages w/caregiver

Let's say goodbye to the Teaching Garden for the year! Enjoy garden-themed stories, then pick out some flowers and veggies to take home. Teaching Garden.



DROP-IN WEEKLY STORY TIMES

Story Time in the Sun

All ages w/caregiver

**Mondays, August and Sept
10 AM OR 10:30 AM**

Meet us outside for stories, songs, and rhymes in nature! A limited number of lawn blankets will be available. Please feel free to bring your own blanket or portable seating. BALibrary Lawn. Weather permitting. *No Story Time in the Sun on August 11 and September 1.

Baby Time

Ages 0 – 12 months w/caregiver

Tuesdays, Sept, 3:30 PM

Bond with your baby as we share rhymes and songs to build early language skills.

Wobbly Ones

Ages 12 – 24 months w/caregiver

Tuesdays, Sept, 10 AM OR 10:30 AM

Enjoy songs, rhymes and stories that support early language and motor skills.

Toddler Time

Ages 2 – 3 years w/caregiver

Wednesdays, Sept

10 AM OR 10:30 AM

Enjoy stories, songs, and rhymes in this energetic story time for toddlers.

Preschool Story Time

Ages 3 – 5 w/caregiver

Thursdays, Sept, 11 AM

Time to dance, sing, and enjoy stories especially for preschoolers.

WONDERFUL WEEKENDS!

Saturday STEM with BHS Robotics!

Saturday, August 9, 10:30 AM

Grades 3 – 8

The Barrington High School Robotics Team brings robots and STEM challenges for kids! Drop in. Meeting Room.

Read With Me™ Therapy Dogs

Grades 1 – 5

Saturday, August 9, 10 AM

Saturday, Sept 13, 10 AM

SOUL Harbour Ranch will be here with their Pet Partners registered therapy dogs for some cozy one-on-one reading time. The Pet Partners Read With Me™ initiative incorporates therapy animals to support readers of all ages and abilities. Register. Program Room.

Family Concert:

Sarah Jayne Lane

All ages w/caregiver

Saturday, August 30

10:30 AM

Sarah's mix of standard kid tunes and her original kindie tracks makes for a jamming good party! Drop in. Meeting Room.



Family Story Time

All ages w/caregiver

Saturday, Sept 20, 10 AM

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

Baby Time

Ages 0 – 24 months w/caregiver

Saturday, Sept 20, 11 AM

Bond with your baby as we share rhymes and songs to build early language skills. Drop in. Story Room.

Family Explorers: Forest Bathing

PreK – Grade 2 w/caregiver

Saturday, Sept 27, 10 AM

Let's read *A Walk in the Forest* by Maria Dek and learn about being with nature. Get ready to take a walk and immerse yourself in the forest!

Register. BALibrary Lawn.



Northern Illinois LEGO Train Club Showcase

All ages w/ caregiver

Saturday, Sept 6 and Sunday, Sept 7

All aboard for amazing LEGO creations! Come see skyscrapers, cars, animals, spaceships, art, farms, princesses, monsters, airplanes, castles, and, of course, trains all made from maybe a million (or more!) LEGO bricks! Come marvel at the displays, chat with the builders, and leave inspired to go home and build your own LEGO masterpieces! Drop in. Meeting Room.



FOR YOUNG ADULTS



Volunteers Needed:

Seed Packing

Thursday, August 28, 11 AM OR 4 PM

Thursday, Sept 11, 11 AM OR 4 PM

Pack seeds in a fun, relaxing environment and earn volunteer service hours! Register. Conference Room.

College Admission Process

Wednesday, Sept 24, 7 PM

The college application process has changed dramatically in recent years. Where and when does a student begin? Don't forget about financial aid and scholarships! Thomas J. Jaworski of Quest College Consulting helps families navigate and understand the admission process. For parents and students. [Register](#). Meeting Room.



ARTS & CRAFTS **Register. Meeting Room.**

Tote Bag Painting

Wednesday, August 20, 2 PM OR 6 PM

Relax and enjoy coffee and conversation while you paint!

Early Human Pottery

Wednesday, August 27, 7 PM

Explore the history of early human pottery with examples from different cultures, then learn pottery techniques through hands-on experience by making your own pinch pot.

Warman Cozy Quilt Shop

Thursday, Sept 25, 10:30 AM

Join us at Warman Cozy Quilt Shop here in Barrington as owner Anne Warman shares her passion for quilting. [Register](#). Meets at Ice House Mall, 200 Applebee St., Barrington.



Paint It @ BALibrary: Sunflower Dreams

**Wednesday, Sept 17,
2 PM OR 7 PM**

Bright skies and golden blooms: join art instructor Ivy as she provides step-by-step instructions to create this autumn sunflower. Dress for a mess! Priority registration for BALibrary cardholders. Ages 14+.

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Monday, September 1, Labor Day



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NATURE AND GARDENING

Forest Therapy Walk at Crabtree Nature Center

Friday, Sept 19, 10 AM

Rain Date: Friday, Sept 26, 10 AM

Forest Therapy Guide, Horticultural Therapist, and yoga instructor Navraaz Basati leads us on an immersive walk inspired by poet Emily Dickinson. Dress comfortably. [Priority registration](#) for BALibrary cardholders. Meets at Crabtree Nature Center, 3 Stover Road, Barrington.

Plant This, Not That: Trees

Sunday, Sept 7, 2 PM

With Citizens for Conservation

Join CFC's Matt Evans to explore how planting the right tree in the right place—and sometimes removing the wrong one—can restore balance in both natural areas and home landscapes. Thoughtful choices about what and where to plant can support healthier ecosystems, enhance beauty, and help nature thrive. Presentation with Q&A to follow. [Register.](#) Zimmerman Room.



Seed Packing Party

Thursday, August 28, 11 AM OR 4 PM

Thursday, Sept 11, 11 AM OR 4 PM

Chat with plant lovers and service-minded neighbors while you help us pack seeds for our Seed Library. Teens: this program can be used to earn community service credit! [Register.](#) Conferece Room.



Teaching Garden Workshops

Tuesdays, 9:30 – 11 AM

Local gardeners provide hands-on instruction in seasonal gardening tasks. From 9:30 – 10 we focus on basic garden maintenance. From 10 – 11, we focus on a specific topic. Meets weekly, weather permitting. Registration suggested.

August 5: Growing vertically & all ages craft

August 12: Identifying and pulling weeds

August 19: Learning about tomatoes

August 26: Hot peppers and salsa

Sept 2: No workshop

Sept 9: Managing pests and fungus

Sept 16: How to harvest and when

Sept 23: Harvesting for tea



Celebrate the end of the gardening season:

Tuesday, Sept 30: Harvest Day! Take something home from the garden.

All-ages craft, too.

Tuesday, October 7: Chop and drop as we put the garden to bed.

WELLNESS



Yoga

Thursday, August 14, 10 AM

Enjoy a relaxing morning of yoga with instructor Karen Fotopoulos. [Register.](#) Zimmerman Room.

Chair Tai Chi

Wednesday, Sept 3, 10 AM

Allison Deputy from MoonWillow Tai Chi & Wellness leads a fun and relaxing, head to toe workout via Zoom. [Register.](#) Virtual.



Taco Tuesday Twists: Video Class

Tuesday, August 5, 9 AM

[Register.](#) Virtual.

Betty Crocker

Tuesday, August 26, 7 PM

Come explore the delicious history of Betty Crocker with presenter Leslie Goddard. [Register.](#) Meeting Room.

Olive Oil

Tuesday, Sept 30, 7 PM

Let's talk olive oil with Michael and Diane Harris, shop owners of The Olive Tap in Crystal Lake. [Register.](#) Meeting Room.

LEARNING EXPERIENCES

Managing Your Medications

Wednesday, August 20, 2 PM

With Bacoa and Encompass Health

Learn about the basic concepts of pharmacy practice and practical information such as coordinating your medication regimen, and gain a solid understanding of pharmacy issues that should be on everyone's radar. [Register.](#) Meeting Room.

Reverse Mortgages

Thursday, August 21, 4 PM

With Bacoa

Join Open Communities representative Sarah Buckley, HUD-Certified Reverse Mortgage/HECM Housing Counselor for an informational presentation on reverse mortgages designed for both employed and retired homeowners and caregivers. [Register.](#) Meeting Room.



Take History to Heart: Steen Metz, Holocaust Survivor

Sunday, August 24, 2 PM

In the interest of preserving the lessons of the Holocaust, join Steen Metz, Holocaust survivor and Barrington resident, to learn from his experiences in a concentration camp during World War II. [Register.](#) Meeting Room.

All About Tariffs

Thursday, August 28, 2 PM

Learn all about tariffs and quotas, their intended purposes and scope, and their positive and negative impacts within the context of the U.S. economy. [Register.](#) Meeting Room.

DAR Genealogy Workshop

Thursday, August 28, 7 PM

With the Daughters of the American Revolution

Ever wonder if you have a patriot ancestor who participated in the Revolution? This workshop will provide you with necessary tools and support to identify a patriot in your lineage and get started on finding family connections to the Revolutionary War era. [Register.](#) Meeting Room.



Artificial Intelligence:

Promise & Peril

Tuesday, Sept 9, 2 PM

Discover the promise of Artificial Intelligence: uses, myths, threats, and what we should know about changes to our world that may come from AI. [Register.](#) Meeting Room.



When I'm 64 series

With Bacoa

Representatives from Bacoa and various organizations present a different topic at each session. Register.

Monday, Sept 15, 7 PM:
Medicare Basics.

Wednesday, Sept 17, 7 PM:
Medicare Advantage Plans.

Thursday, Sept 18, 7 PM:
Medicare Supplements and Prescription Plans.



National Voter Registration Day

Tuesday, Sept 16, 4 – 6 PM

With the League of Women Voters of the Palatine, Barrington & Schaumburg Area

We're bringing voter registration to you! Open to Illinois residents who will be 18 or over by Nov 3, 2026. See the Illinois LWV Voting Basics page for eligibility and acceptable IDs. Drop in or [register for a reminder.](#) Meeting Room.

GAME ON!

Register. Meeting Room.

Trivia: Classic Jeopardy Edition

Tuesday, Sept 23, 7 PM

Think you could make it on Jeopardy? Live the fantasy and test your knowledge on a wide range of categories to see if you have what it takes to be a champion. [Register](#) as a team of up to six or individually.

Senior Scrabble

Wednesday, August 27, 1 PM

Wednesday, Sept 24, 1 PM

Bring some friends and test your Scrabble skills! Five boards are available for 2-4 players each. For those 65 and older.

Game-O-Rama

Tuesday, August 12, 2 PM

Simple and fun card and dice games for 2-4 players – bring your friends! For those 65 and older.

NON-PROFIT KNOW-HOW

For small businesses, too!



Strategic To-Do Lists

Wednesday, August 13, 10 AM

Non-profit leaders and small business owners often handle the majority of the responsibilities in their organizations. Consultant Robin Walker helps you create strategic to-do lists that boost productivity, reduce barriers, and get you closer to your goals. Register. Zimmerman Room.

Better Than Business Cards

Thursday, August 21, 1 PM

Details under Tech & Maker Topics.

Overcome Overwhelm

Tuesday, Sept 2, 1 PM

You know what you need to do, but it feels too big to know where to start. Local favorite Jen Frey discusses how simple mindfulness techniques can move you from overwhelm to action. Register. Zimmerman Room.

Volunteer Ready

Tuesday, Sept 16, 1 PM

Enhance volunteer engagement to help your non-profit thrive. We'll discuss Barrington Area Volunteer Connection and best practices for recruiting, onboarding, tracking, and recognition. Register. Meeting Room.



Save The Date: BACOG

Private Well Water Testing

Wednesday, Oct 1, 11 AM – 6:30 PM

With the Barrington Area Council of Governments and Lake County Health Department

Drop off your well water collection kit for analysis; stay to learn more about the local aquifer system, how to protect safe drinking water, and options for further well water tests. Please note: testing is available for residents of BACOG member communities only. For more information, including when and where to get your collection kit, see BACOG.org or [@BacogNews](https://www.instagram.com/BacogNews) on Instagram/Facebook. Drop in or register for a reminder. Meeting Room.

FOR BOOK LOVERS



Join Adult Services Librarians to discuss popular titles in a social book club for adults. Register. Meeting Room.

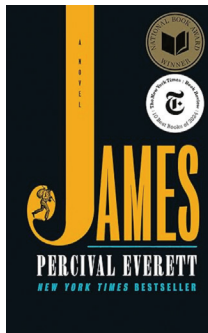
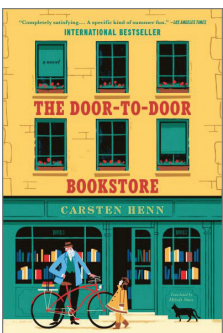
The Door-to-Door Bookstore

by Carsten Henn

Monday, August 11, 7 PM

James by Percival Everett

Monday, Sept 8, 7 PM



Cover To Cover

Discuss popular titles in an afternoon book club for adults. Register. Meeting Room.

Going to Maine

by Sally Chaffin Brooks

Wednesday, August 13, 1 PM

The Dictionary of Lost Words

by Pip Williams

Wednesday, Sept 10, 1 PM

Big Fall Books

Thursday, August 7, 2 PM OR 6 PM

Join Adult Services Librarian Liz Kirchhoff to hear about some of the most anticipated fall releases. You might even go home with a free book! Register. Meeting Room.

FINDING THE CLUES:

Then and Now with Steve Burns

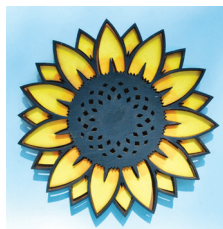
Tuesday, Sept 16, 7 PM

Join Steve Burns, the original host of *Blue's Clues*, for a heartfelt and inspiring talk about creativity, identity, and personal growth. This virtual event is a part of Illinois Libraries Present, and registration is required. Please refer to our event calendar for more information about this event and to access the registration link.



TECH & MAKER TOPICS

Register, MakerLab, except where noted.



Fonts and the Silhouette Machine

Tuesday, Aug 5, 2 PM

Explore finding new fonts and then cut out a vinyl word of your choice to put on a glass.

First Day of School Board

Wednesday, Aug 6, 2 PM OR 6 PM

Customize and sublimate a board to celebrate your child's first day of school!

Back to School Stickers

Tuesday, Aug 12, 3 PM

Get an intro to the sticker printer in the MakerLab and make your own back to school sticker.

Mini Blackboard for Educators

Wednesday, Aug 13, 2 PM

Make a colorful miniature blackboard for the teacher in your life using our laser etcher.

Laser-Cut Bookshelf Sign

Monday, Aug 18, 2 PM OR 6 PM

Design a small bookshelf decoration with a quote of your choice to etch and cut on the laser cutter.

Non-Profit Know-How: Better Than Business Cards

Thursday, Aug 21, 1 PM

Learn how to make a QR code and use the Library's sublimation tools to make a permanent, scannable business card.

Layered Wood Designs

Monday, Aug 25, 2 PM OR 6 PM

Work through the steps in Inkscape to create a double-layered, laser-cut sunflower.

Sprayed Page Edges with Silhouette

Wednesday, Aug 27, 6 PM

Craft painted book edges by using the Silhouette to create an adhesive stencil. Books will be provided.

Rockin' Mini Records

Wednesday, Sept 3, 2 PM OR 6 PM

Use Tinkercad to scale a 3D model and print a miniature vinyl record while listening to some great tunes.

Outsets in Inkscape

Tuesday, Sept 9, 2 PM

Learn how to use an outset in Inkscape to create a cut-out around an etched leaf shape.

Leaves & Letters: Laser Die-Cut Notebook Cover

Wednesday, Sept 10, 2 PM OR 6 PM

Personalize and assemble your own miniature fall-themed laser-cut notebook.

How To Scan Photos and Slides at the Library

Tuesday, Sept 23, 10 AM

Learn how to book the Digital Studio and use the photo scanner to scan your photos and slides. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

Pumpkin Spice and Everything Nice Keychain

Wednesday, Sept 24, 2 PM OR 6 PM

Laser-etch a pumpkin spice latte wood keychain.

Button Maker Basics

Monday, Sept 29, 4 PM

Express yourself! Use a template to design and make your own button.

MAKERLAB SPOTLIGHT: SUBLIMATION PRINTER

What is Sublimation?

Sublimation is the process of transferring full color images onto items made specifically for this purpose. These items, called sublimation blanks, can be purchased online or at many craft and big box stores. Just search for the word "sublimation," or check the tag/description.

Examples:

- **Puzzles with your digital photos**
 - **Personalized mugs**
 - **T-Shirts** (at least 60% polyester, light color/white fabric recommended)
- The sublimation printer prints out your image using heat-sensitive ink on special paper. Then, through heat and pressure, the ink of the image is transferred onto an object. This makes the image permanent and durable.

Needed For This Project:

- Object made for sublimation (see examples above)
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Petra van Nuis Trio

Friday, August 8, 7 PM

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