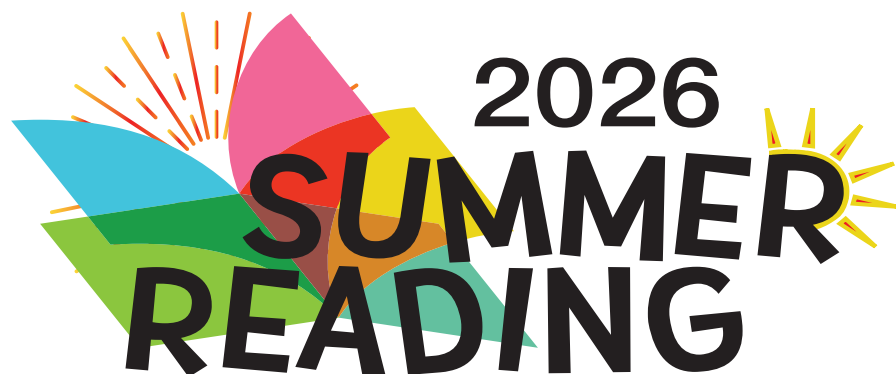




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ENDS AUGUST 17

There's still time to sign up – but only a few more weeks!
Log your summer reading and other fun activities and earn prizes!
Visit balibrary.org/summerreading for details.

Summer is still going strong at the Library!

Look for the happy sun to spot the kid's programs
taking place before the school year begins.



MOVE TO THE MUSIC



Family Concert: Marko Polo

All ages w/caregiver

Thursday, August 13, 10 AM



Marko blends groovy rock and roll guitar with sing-a-long songs that move your body and mind. Get ready to wiggle and giggle! Drop in. BALibrary Lawn.



Second Fridays:

Mr. Myers Band

Friday, August 14, 7 PM

Mr. Myers plays "Caribbean Rock" – a mixture of reggae, soca/calypso, beach music, and more – an energetic, upbeat mix infused with steel drums and percussion! This popular band has played thousands of shows – now they're bringing the beach to BALibrary!

READY FOR SCHOOL

Find more school-related programs inside!

Meet A School Bus

All ages w/caregiver

Monday, August 10, 9:30-10:30 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 10, 10 AM

Calling all first-time bus riders! Let's practice climbing aboard the school bus and enjoy some books, rhymes, and songs! [Register](#). BALibrary Lawn.



Second Fridays:

Die Musikmeisters

Friday, Sept 11, 7 PM

Oktoberfest arrives early with a lively evening of traditional German polkas, waltzes, folk music, and audience participation songs, played on authentic instruments, and mixed with plenty of humor and fun.

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 blankets will be available. Feel free to bring a blanket or lawn chair. BALibrary Lawn. Weather permitting.

*No Story Time in the Sun on Monday, August 10 or September 7.

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.

ART PLAY

All ages w/caregiver
Thursdays, August & Sept
10 AM

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

*No Art Play on Thursday, August 13.

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/adult participant
Thursdays, Sept, 11 AM

Enjoy stories, rhymes, and skill-building play activities, designed especially for preschoolers.

SATURDAY STORIES

Family Story Time

All ages w/caregiver
Saturday, Aug 22 & Sept 26, 10 AM

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

Drop in, Story Room,
except where noted.

MINDFUL MOMENTS

Little Kids, Big Feelings

Ages 3 – 6 w/caregiver

Friday, August 7, 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.



Meditation Story Time

Ages 2 – 5 w/caregiver

Wednesday, August 19, 10 AM

Take a few mindful moments to feel the breeze on your face and the grass on your toes, as we read stories and participate in activities that introduce basic mindfulness skills. [Register](#). BALibrary Lawn.

Goodnight Story Time

All ages w/caregiver

Tuesday, August 25, 6 PM

Friday, Sept 22, 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. Story Room.



STORIES & MORE:

**Drop in, Program Room,
except where noted.**

Tanabata Story and Craft

All ages w/participating adult

Friday, August 7, 11 AM



Celebrate the Japanese summer festival of Tanabata with a story and craft. [Register](#).

Sensory Playtime

Ages 0 – 5 w/caregiver

Friday, August 21, 10 - 11 AM

Explore a variety of play experiences specifically designed to engage the senses.

Morning Garden Story Time + Craft

All ages w/caregiver

Tuesdays, Aug 25 & Sept 22

9:30 AM

Enjoy a special outdoor garden-themed story time. Then, explore the Teaching Garden with the Master Gardeners and make a craft. Dress for a mess! BALibrary Lawn. Weather permitting.

Books + Beats

Ages 0 – 5 w/participating adult

Tuesday, August 25,

10 AM OR 10:30 AM

Friday, Sept 25,

10 AM OR 10:30 AM

Practice making rhythm with our shakers and sticks in this interactive, musical story time.

Science Sprouts:

Chemical Reactions

Preschool/ages 3 – 6

Wednesday, August 26, 11:30 AM

Does your curious preschooler love to ask "Why?" Encourage that curiosity as we explore exciting science topics and hands-on experiments! [Register](#).

Dino Story Time

All ages w/caregiver

Friday, August 28, 10 AM

Stomp and roar your way into this prehistoric adventure. Little paleontologists will enjoy dinosaur-themed stories, songs, and rhymes for the whole family. Meeting Room.

Potty Palooza Story Time

Ages 2 – 4 w/caregiver

Friday, August 28, 11 AM

Time to ditch the diapers and get this potty started! Songs and stories get littles excited for this milestone. Ideas for caregivers help make this big transition a positive experience for everyone. [Register](#). Story Room.

Baby Café and Play

Ages 0 – 12 months w/caregiver

Friday, Sept 4, 9:30 AM

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

REGISTRATION: ✓

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Bilingual French-English Story Time/Heure du Conte Bilingue Français-Anglais

All ages w/participating adult

Friday, Sept 4, 11 AM

Allons-y! An interactive introduction to the French language with stories, songs, and rhymes. [Register](#). Story Room.

Won't You Be Our Neighbor?

All ages w/caregiver

Friday, Sept 11, 10 AM

Join us for a classic episode of *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*, followed by discussion and activities to go along with the show. [Register](#).

Happy Campers Story Time

All ages w/caregiver

Friday, Sept 18, 10 AM

Gather around the "campfire" for stories, songs, and rhymes about the great outdoors. Meeting Room.

Early Literacy Explorers

Ages 3 – 5 w/caregiver

Wednesday, Sept 30, 11:30 AM

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



LEARN-PLAY-CREATE

MORE STORIES IN THE SUN



Story Time Nature Walk at Crabtree Nature Center

All ages w/caregiver

Tuesday, August 11, 10 AM

Enjoy stories, a nature walk, and playtime at Crabtree Nature Center, 3 Stover Road, Barrington. Weather permitting.

Story Time Dance Party in the Sun!

All ages w/caregiver

Friday, August 14, 10 AM

Bop to the beat and share some stories! BALibrary Lawn.



STEM Explorers

All ages w/caregiver

Tuesday, August 4, 2 PM

Friday, Sept 11, 3:30 PM

Families explore a variety of technology such as robots, circuits, iPads, and more.



Art Studio

Grades K – 8, caregivers welcome

Wednesday, August 5, 2 PM

Wednesday, Sept 30, 2 PM

Create something amazing with the Library's art supplies.



Totally Tie Dye

All ages w/caregiver

Friday, August 7

2, 2:15, 2:30, 2:45, OR 3 PM

Try out tie-dye techniques on the BALibrary Lawn. Library will provide 1 totebag. Dress for a mess! Register. BALibrary Lawn.



Read With Me™ Therapy Dogs

Grades 1 – 5

Saturday, August 8, 10 AM

Saturday, Sept 12, 10 AM

SOUL Harbour Ranch brings 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.



Make a Squishy

Grades 3 – 5

Monday, August 10, 2 PM

Wednesday, September 23, 4 PM

Make a squishy water pet to take home. Register.



Mini Beach Jars

Grades K – 8

Tuesday, August 11

2 PM OR 3:30 PM

Don't let summer slip away yet! Create your own mini ocean in a jar. Register.



Family Jam

Ages 6+ w/family

Wednesday, August 12, 10:30 AM

Come jam with your fam! Professional musician and composer Dan leads the group through some tunes and musical improvisations. No experience required, but feel free to bring your instrument. A brief survey will be sent to help us plan the jam. Register. Meeting Room.



Drop in, Program Room,
except where noted.

Code Together

PreK – Grade 5 w/caregiver

Wednesday, August 12, 6 PM

Wednesday, Sept 16, 6 PM

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



Crafting for a Cause

All ages w/caregiver

Thursday, August 13, 2 PM

Let's make pony bead fidget bracelets to give to kids in need. A small act of kindness can make a big difference.



Pendant Necklaces

Grades 3 – 8

Thursday, August 13, 3:30 PM

Personalize your own pendant necklace, laser cut in our Makerlab. Register.



LEGO Workshop

All ages w/caregiver

Friday, August 14, 3:30 PM

Friday, Sept 25, 3:30 PM

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



Toy Story Dance Class

With Barrington Dance Academy

Ages 18 months – 8 years

w/caregiver

Thursday, August 13, 11:30 AM

Hear a story featuring your favorite characters from *Toy Story*, then join instructors from Barrington Dance Academy for a fun-filled creative movement class. Register. Meeting Room.



Friendship Bracelet Making

Grades 3 – 5

Monday, August 17, 2 PM

Twist, knot, and create! Learn a few techniques to create your own friendship bracelet for yourself, or a friend. Register.



Drop in, Program Room,
except where noted.

Stories + STEAM

Grades K – 2

Thursday, August 27, 4:15 PM

Thursday, Sept 24, 4:15 PM

Listen to a story and participate in a related STEAM activity. Register.

All About: Goldfish

Grades K – 2

Tuesday, September 1, 4:15 PM

Learn all about goldfish and make a craft! [Register](#).

Family Explorers: Bats

PreK – Grade 2 w/caregiver

Saturday, Sept 5, 10 AM

Let's read *Little Bat and the Fabulous Cave* by Bohdana Jarosova, learn about bats, and do an activity.

Kids for Kindness

Grades 3 – 5

Thursday, Sept 10, 4:15 PM

Let's make pony bead fidget bracelets to give to kids in need. A small act of kindness can make a big difference.

Astronomy Club

Grades 3 – 5

Monday, Sept 14, 4:15 PM

Mesmerized by stars, planets, and all things outer space? Let's explore the universe together and participate in space-themed crafts, experiments, and activities. [Register](#).

SCHOOL DAYS

Let's get ready for the start of a new school year!

Counting Down to Kindergarten



PreK and going into K w/caregiver

Monday, August 10, 10:30AM

Practice important skills to help prepare your child for their transition to kindergarten. [Register](#). Program Room.

Custom First Day of School Sign

PreK – Grade 2 w/caregiver

Wednesday, August 12, 2 PM



Hooray for a brand new school year! Celebrate by creating your very own First Day of School board you can use to mark this special day every year! Meeting Room. [Register](#) with your BALibrary card.

Locker Decorating

Grades 3 – 8

Friday, August 14, 2 PM



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

Kindergarten Story Time + Craft



PreK and going into K

Tuesday, August 18

11 AM OR 2 PM

Practice important Kindergarten readiness skills in an independent story time environment. Register. Story Room.

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FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL

For grades 6 – 8. Register, Program Room.

Diamond Art Stickers



Thursday, August 6, 3:30 PM

Wednesday, Sept 30, 3:30 PM

Try out diamond art by making a sticker!

Make a Squishy



Monday, August 10, 3:30 PM

Wednesday, Sept 9, 4 PM

Make a water pet to take home.

Found Word Buttons

Friday, Sept 18, 4:15 PM

Find some words in old books and turn them into button art.



FOR YOUNG ADULTS



Teen Advisory Group

Applications for our Teen Advisory Group are open to grades 7 - 12! Apply at balibrary.org/teen-advisory-group. The first TAG meeting will be held in September.

Maker Programs:

Graduate Keepsake Box:

Tuesday, August 11

High School Spirit Wear:

Tuesday, Sept 1

Get the details under Tech & Maker Workshops on page 11.



FOR JOB SEEKERS

Jobs 101

Tuesday, Sept 22, 7 PM

The Library and the Career Center cover library resources, resume preparation, networking, referrals, interviewing, use of social media and AI, and common mistakes that applicants make. Presentation is suitable for a wide range of people, from recent graduates to seasoned pros.

MAKE WITH A MISSION

Use your time and talents to make a positive difference!



Mental Health Coping Kits

Tuesday, August 4

1 - 4 PM OR 6 - 8:30 PM

With BStrong Together

Help us assemble 3,000 coping kits for Barrington High School students starting a new school year. All ages welcome, all materials provided. Great opportunity for student service hours. Open hours: come for awhile or stay the whole time. Drop in or register for a reminder.



Treats for Troops

Wednesday, Sept 30

1 - 3 PM OR 4 - 6 PM

Local organization Treats for Troops needs our help to create care packages for US military personnel in honor of Veterans Day. Make a card expressing your support; all supplies provided, including 800 pairs of socks donated by Bombas. Drop in or register for a reminder.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Seed Packing

Thursday, Sept 3

11 AM OR 4 PM

Teens and adults

Chat with plant lovers and service-minded neighbors and help us pack seeds for our Seed Library in a comfortable, relaxed environment. Teens: this program can be used to earn service hours. Conference Room.

IN THE GARDEN

Teaching Garden Workshops

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

Tuesday, August 11: Putting in a Fall Garden

Tuesday, August 18: Gifts From the Garden

Tuesday, August 25: Rock Painting

Tuesday, Sept 1: Floral Design

Tuesday, Sept 15: Bring Your Harvest Home

Tuesday, Sept 22: Flower Harvest

Tuesday, Sept 29: Harvest Day

Tuesday, Oct 6: Chop and Drop



WELLNESS WISDOM

Chair Tai Chi

Wednesday, Sept 9, 10 AM

Relax at home with this virtual session.

Yoga

Wednesday, Sept 16, 10 AM

Roll out your mat and relax with Yoga instructor Karen Fotopoulos.



Forest Therapy Walk at Crabtree Nature Center

Friday, Sept 25, 10 AM

Rain Date: Friday, Oct 2, 10 AM

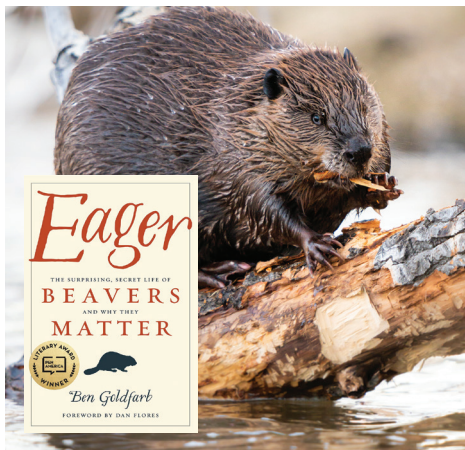
Horticultural Therapist, Forest Therapy Guide, and Yoga Instructor Navraaz Basati leads an immersive walk inspired by Peter Wohlleben's *The Hidden Life of Trees*. Dress comfortably. Priority registration for BALibrary cardholders. Crabtree Nature Center, 3 Stover Road, Barrington.



Prairie Pages: *Eager*

Tuesday, August 18, 1 PM

Join our Librarians and Crabtree Nature Center naturalists to discuss nature-themed titles in an afternoon book club for adults. This month we'll discuss *Eager: The Surprising, Secret Life of Beavers and Why They Matter* by Ben Goldfarb. Meets at Crabtree, 3 Stover Road, Barrington.



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FUN & GAMES

Game-O-Rama

Tuesday, August 11, 2 PM

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



Puzzle Races & Swap

Friday, August 28, 6 PM

Teams of 1 – 3 people compete to see who can complete a 500 piece jigsaw puzzle fastest. The winning team gets bragging rights and free puzzles. Register as a team of up to three or individually.

Puzzle Swap:

Drop off a gently-used puzzle during the Puzzle Races, and help yourself to a puzzle that someone else has donated.

Senior Scrabble

Wednesday, August 26, 1 PM

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

Mahjong Open Play

Wednesday, Sept 23, 1 PM

Chinese Mahjong tiles and cards available for teams of four. Beginners, experts, and everyone in between are welcome!

Trivia: Classic Jeopardy Edition

Wednesday, Sept 23, 7 PM

Live the fantasy and test your knowledge on a wide range of categories to see if you have what it takes to be a Jeopardy champion. Register as a team of up to six or individually.

CATCH 'EM ALL

Pokémon History

Saturday, August 22, 2 PM

Celebrate 30 years of Pokémon by diving into the history of this cultural institution! Discover the origins and long-lasting influence of the games, anime, cards, and more.

Pokémon Card Discovery & Appraisal

Monday, Sept 21, 6 PM OR 7 PM

Grades 3 and up w/caregiver to adults

Drawn Together Games provides an informative session exploring rarity, authenticity, collectability, and the factors that influence a card's value. Bring up to 2-3 cards to discuss. This is an educational appraisal event and does not include official grading or purchasing of cards.



Paint It @ BALibrary:

Purrrfect Pumpkin

Wednesday, Sept 30

2:30 OR 6:30 PM

Art instructor Ivy provides step-by-step instructions for a moonlit scene of a black cat atop a pumpkin. Dress for a mess! Priority registration for BALibrary cardholders. Ages 14+.

OUR GREAT STATE

Five Fantastic Illinois State Parks

Thursday, August 20, 7 PM

Plan that perfect autumn road trip! Wild Bird Shack Speakeasy highlights some of our state's best destinations.

Mysterious Creatures of Illinois

Monday, August 24 7 PM

Explore the mysterious and intriguing world of cryptids with supernatural researcher Chad Lewis. Dive into the lore, sightings, and cultural significance of these legendary campfire creatures.

Starved Rock

Wednesday, August 26, 7 PM

Discover the history and legend of Starved Rock from local tribes and Native ceremonies to the CCC construction of the park, the Starved Rock Murders, and its current popularity.

Repatriation & Appreciation of Native Arts

Thursday, August 27, 2 PM

The Gichigamiin Indigenous Nations Museum discusses laws and best practices surrounding Native American artifacts, how museums and tribes work to return cultural objects to their source communities, and how all people can enjoy genuine engagement with Native American cultures.



HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES

Beyond the Canal: How the 1956 Suez Crisis Reshaped Global Power **Monday, August 31, 6 PM**

International intrigue, the clash of empires, nascent nationalism: dive into how the Suez Canal War shattered the old world order. Discover the surprising roles of Britain, France, Israel, Egypt, and the superpowers in a crisis that redefined the balance of power and altered the geopolitics of the Middle East for decades to come.

Nellie Bly: Around the World in 72 Days

Thursday, Sept 24, 7 PM

Step back in time as Debra Miller introduces us to the formidable investigative journalist Nellie Bly.



FAMILY HISTORY

Genealogy Resources

Tuesday, August 18, 6 PM OR

Friday, August 21, 2 PM

Interested in genealogy? Learn the basics of navigating databases like Ancestry, FamilySearch, Fold3, and so much more! Bring any genealogy questions you have as well.

FUTURE VISTAS

The Story and Science Behind mRNA Vaccines

Wednesday, Sept 9, 7 PM

Hear the story of Katalin Karikó and Drew Weissman, winners of the 2023 Nobel Prize in Medicine for their pioneering use of mRNA in vaccines, such as the COVID-19 vaccine. Discover what mRNA is, the role it plays in vaccines, and possible future applications.

AI, Scams, and Synthetic Voices

Thursday, Sept 10, 7 PM

From offers too good to be true to messages that sound like your child or your bank, artificial intelligence is giving old scams a shiny new digital look. Join Theresa Benson for an informative, empowering, and surprisingly fun session. Learn how AI voice cloning works, how to spot deepfakes, and how to avoid these scams.



Inside the Empire of AI with Karen Hao

Thursday, Sept 17, 7 PM

A timely, virtual conversation with *New York Times* best-selling author Karen Hao, award-winning journalist and author of *Inside the Empire of AI*. Hao explores the rapid rise of artificial intelligence, and social, political, and ethical questions surrounding AI development. Will AI produce

societal benefit for all, or return us to an age of empire? For adults. Virtual. [Register](#). NOTE: Registration closes at 5 PM on event day. If the event is recorded, late registrants will be given access to the recording.

FOR VOTERS

Candidate Forum Illinois 52nd District

Tuesday, Sept 22, 7 PM

With the League of Women Voters of the Palatine, Barrington, and Schaumburg Areas

Hear from candidates running for election to represent the 52nd District in the Illinois General Assembly. [Register by Monday, Sept 14, at 4 PM](#), to submit a question. All questions are subject to review and editing by the moderator's team. Attendees are asked to refrain from displaying partisan support.

Ready, Set, Vote: Being An Informed Voter

Tuesday, Sept 29, 7 PM

A librarian, an Illinois Bar Association attorney, and a representative from the League of Women Voters of Illinois lead a moderated discussion on becoming a more informed, empowered, and confident voter. Discover trusted resources for researching candidates, understanding judicial elections, and navigating nonpartisan tools available to all. Virtual.

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ROCK YOUR RETIREMENT

Creating A Healthy Retirement

Thursday, August 13, 7 PM

Whether you're a new retiree adjusting to the changes or planning for your future, learn practical advice, expert insights, and helpful resources to help you thrive in your retirement years.

When I'm 64

Sept 15-17, 7 PM

With Bacoa

Learn about all things Medicare from dedicated SHIP counselors.

Sept 15: Medicare Basics

Sept 16: Medicare Advantage Plans

Sept 17: Medicare Supplements and Prescription Plans

SENIOR PLANET FROM AARP:

Tech classes for older adults. *With Bacoa.*

Managing Your Privacy

Tuesday, August 18, 1 PM

Concerned about privacy? Unsure about accepting cookies? Learn some essential privacy tips!

Staying Safe Online

Tuesday, August 27, 1 PM

This hands-on workshop reviews important tips for keeping your personal information safe while enjoying the benefits of the internet.



Fitness Apps

Tuesday, Sept 22, 1 PM

Fitness apps aren't only for athletes. Explore free apps that can help you track your nutrition and activity, plan your workouts, and stay motivated.

Online Rx Resources

Tuesday, Sept 24, 1 PM

The internet offers many prescription drug resources, if you know where to look! In this hands-on workshop, practice using websites to compare prices and find coupons for pharmacies.

NON-PROFIT KNOW-HOW

Find Your Funding UPDATED

Wednesday, August 19, 1 PM

Candid, our subscription service designed to help you find funding to support your mission, has a new user interface. Learn how to navigate and explore this useful resource – bring your questions!

Local Leaders Learning Round Table

Tuesday, Sept 1

11:30 AM - 1 PM

With Barrington Area Development Council

Join local nonprofit leaders for a round table discussion of emerging trends, issues, and tools. Bring your lunch; snacks and beverages provided.

Volunteer Management

Tuesday, Sept 15, 1 PM

With Barrington Area Volunteer Connection

Enhance volunteer engagement to help your non-profit thrive. We'll discuss local volunteer-matching service Barrington Area Volunteer Connection, plus best practices for recruiting, on-boarding, tracking, and recognition.

SAVE THE DATE:

Barrington Area Community Connection

Saturday, Oct 10, 1 – 3 PM

Local non-profits: Tell people about your services, recruit volunteers, and accept donated items at this community showcase. Contact Community Engagement Librarian Sam sadams@balibrary.org to learn more or register for a table.

FOR SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS:



Financial Tools

Tuesday, August 25, 6 PM

Discover online tools to help you manage the finances of a small business. We will cover bookkeeping, budgeting and forecasting, and basic financial statements at a high level, with a focus on practical resources to help you make informed decisions.

TECH & MAKER WORKSHOPS

Register with your BALibrary card. MakerLab, except where noted.



Nautical Glass Etching

Monday, Aug 3, 6 PM OR

Tuesday, Aug 4, 10 AM

Customize a pre-designed 3" X 3" nautical-themed file and watch the laser etch it on a pint glass.

Introduction to Microsoft Word 365

Thursday, Aug 6, 11 AM

This class incorporates basic Microsoft Word skills from LinkedIn Learning's Word Essential Training Course. Meeting Room.

Graduate Keepsake Box

Tuesday, Aug 11, 4 PM

High schoolers – laser etch a box for the keepsakes you collect this school year.

Inkscape: Where Difference and Intersection Meet

Monday, Aug 17, 6 PM

In this Intermediate Inkscape class, explore the Difference and Intersection tools to design a laser-cut tealight holder.

Clipping Masks: To Clip Or Not To Clip?

Thursday, Aug 20, 11 AM

What is a clipping mask and when should you use one? How are they applicable to MakerLab projects? Prior experience with Inkscape is recommended.

Sewing Machine: Hemming

Monday, Aug 24, 6 PM OR

Tuesday, Aug 25, 10 AM

Based on a Creativebug class. We will provide scrap fabric and practice basic hemming techniques on the Library's sewing machines.

Check 'Em Out! Vintage Checkout Card Keychain

Wednesday, Aug 26, 6 PM OR

Thursday, Aug 27, 11 AM

Celebrate the start of National Library Card Sign-Up Month by sublimating a vintage library book card keychain.

High School Spirit Wear

Tuesday, Sept 1, 4 PM

Design a pair of custom spirit sleeves to wear this school year!

Introduction to Microsoft Excel 365

Wed, Sept 2, 6 PM

This class incorporates basic Excel skills from LinkedIn Learning's course, Learning Excel Desktop (Microsoft 365).



Passkeys: The New Passwords

Tuesday, Sept 8, 10 AM

Websites and apps are asking more frequently for passkeys: what are they? Get a basic introduction and see how they can work for you. Meeting Room.

Easy as Pie: Pie Carrier

Thursday, Sept 10, 11 AM

Savor the beginning of fall: sew your own pie carrier and impress your friends and family with your sewing and baking talents!

Creativebug: Upcycled Flower Press

Monday, Sept 14, 6 PM

Use Inkscape to create a design to laser-etch on a mini wood flower press, then assemble with bolts and cardboard.

Laser-Etch Paint by Number

Wednesday, Sept 16, 6 PM OR

Thursday, Sept 17 11 AM

Choose from a few preset designs for etching, then spend time painting and relaxing in the MakerLab.

Holiday Gift Inspiration

Thursday, Sept 24, 11 AM

Browse the MakerLab for unique holiday-themed gift ideas.



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FOR BOOK LOVERS

Big Fall Books

Monday, August 17, 6 PM

Adult Services Librarians Liz and Danielle chat about highly anticipated fall releases. You might take home a free book!



Cover To Cover

Cover To Cover

Discuss popular titles in an afternoon book club for adults.

***The Imagined Life* by
Andrew Porter**

Wednesday, August 12, 1 PM

You Are Here

by David Nicholls

Wednesday, Sept 9, 1 PM



Sandwiches

Tuesday, August 25, 7 PM

Let's discuss the joy that is the sandwich and its many delicious variations!

From Hive to Table

Tuesday, Sept 29, 7 PM

Wild Bird Shack Speakeasy explains how honey gets from the hive to our tables.



LIT

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

***Look Closer* by David Ellis**
Monday, August 10, 7 PM

***Dinner with King Tut*
by Sam Kean**
Monday, Sept 14, 7 PM

