

LIBRARY BUILDING REOPENS MONDAY, MARCH 1

As this newsletter goes to print, the Library plans to welcome customers back into the building for browse & borrow services on Monday, March 1.

Check our website, social media channels, and e-mail newsletter for the full details and new temporary hours. Programs will remain online until further notice. We look forward to seeing you soon!

More news: the Library Board of Trustees has named Vicki Rakowski as the new Executive Director of the Barrington Area Library. Rakowski has been with the Library for four years, previously serving as Head of Operations. For more information, visit our website.



Love books and movies? Request a Browsing Bundle!

Enjoy a hand-selected, mini collection of books or movies, curated by your trusty Librarians, and based on your interests and preferences. Let us help you find your next favorite!

Follow the link on the Library homepage to request a Browsing Bundle today: balibrary.org. This service is available to Barrington Area Library cardholders.

Seed Library Kit Giveaway

Wednesday, March 3 OR

Friday, March 5

10 AM - 2 PM

Get ready to grow! Our Seed Library is back and better than ever. Stop by the Library plaza (near our front entrance) to select up to three themed seed kits, with five seed varieties in each. Choose from pizza, salsa, salad, herbs, veggies, flowers, landscape, experimental, and grab bag. First come, first served, while supplies last. In the event of inclement weather, alternate dates will be March 10 and 12.



Cooks with Books:

Take-And-Make Herb Garden

Tuesday, March 9, 9 AM

Get your hands dirty and “think green” with this herbaceous activity. Use seeds from our Seed Library and create your own window herb garden. Kit includes seed starter box, seeds (basil, chive, dill), and labels. Potting soil not included. One kit per BALibrary card holder.

Candidate Forums

In collaboration with the League of Women Voters of Palatine Area

Hear from candidates running in the April 6 consolidated election. Register by March 3 to submit a question for the candidates. All questions are subject to review and editing by an LWV team. Each forum requires separate registration.

Village of Barrington Hills President

Saturday, March 6, 9 – 10 AM

Village of Barrington Hills Trustees

Saturday, March 6, 10:30 – 11:30 AM

Village of North Barrington Trustees

Saturday, March 6, 1 – 2 PM

Barrington 220 School Board

Saturday, March 13, 1:30 – 3 PM

Barrington Area Library Board

Saturday, March 13, 4 – 5 PM

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 SCOUT VISITS AVAILABLE!

Our new, virtual Scout Visits are a fun way to cultivate problem solving and collaboration for your troop! Try a virtual escape room, virtual trivia, or virtual Pictionary, led by a Youth Services Librarian. Available to Barrington Area Library cardholders. Visit balibrary.org/for-parents and look for the Group Visits section to request your troop's activity.



TAKE-AND-MAKE KITS

Available March 8 – 19

Each kit contains materials for a craft or project kids can do at home (with caregiver supervision). Register online and then stop by the Library to pick up your kit by March 19. Kits not picked up will be available on a first come, first served basis beginning March 20.

Toddler/PreK:

Ping Pong Ball Painting

Use ping pong balls to create a unique work of art.

Grades K – 2: Light-Up Lines

Dim the lights and explore lines using electroluminescent wire.

Grades 3 – 8: Cloud Slime

Be a chemist as you mix together ingredients to create an unusual batch of slime.

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.



BLOG!

Read. Play. Make. Grow.

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

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.

Are You A Cat?

Available Tuesday, March 23

A virtual puppet performance brought to you by the friendly BALibrary Librarians.



WATCH LIVE:

Story Time

Thursday March 4, March 11, March 18, March 25 at 10:30 AM

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

Virtual Story Time Dance Party

Tuesday, March 16, 10:30 AM

All ages w/caregiver

Join our dance party from your living room! We'll crank up the tunes while you move and groove to the beat.

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.

Meditation Workshop

Tuesday, March 9, 7 PM

Mindfulness has scientific support for reducing stress, improving attention, boosting the immune system, reducing emotional reactivity, and promoting a general sense of health and well-being. Join Mindfulness Facilitator Chris George for a guided meditation practice.

SECOND FRIDAYS PRESENTS:



Women in Music

Friday, March 12, 7 PM

Kirsten Thien, a professional touring and recording musician, presents a fun and informative look at the impact of women on music in America. Beginning with early innovators and pioneers, and working up to contemporary stars, Thien also shares her personal journey. She performs with Eric Boyd on bass and guitar, combining live music with history and folklore.

Stormwater Management Success

Saturday, March 13, 10 AM

In collaboration with Citizens for Conservation

Replicate the success of the Village of Tower Lakes in your own backyard, and reduce the amount of pollution reaching waterways and the volume of stormwater entering drainage systems. Presented by Andy Hay, manager of the Raingardens and Bioswales Project for Tower Lakes, and recipient of the 2020 Lake County Steward of the Year award.



Local Woman Makes History:

The Extraordinary Life of Ida B. Wells

Monday, March 15, 7 PM

In collaboration with the League of Women Voters of Palatine Area and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

Learn from professor, public historian, and author of *Ida B. the Queen*, Michelle Duster, as she speaks regarding the work and legacy of her great-grandmother Ida B. Wells, a notable Chicago resident and leader in the suffragist and civil rights movements.



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Everything You Ever Needed to Know About Daughters of the American Revolution

Tuesday, March 16, 7 PM

Join the Barrington-based Signal Hill Chapter of DAR as Registrar Jenny Fisher provides an overview of the organization and insight into the application process. Learn how the public may gain access to DAR's rich library of digitized records, including a 66 million all-name index of books, and other items in its vast collections.

The 2000s: MySpace, 9/11, and George W. Bush

Wednesday, March 24, 7 PM

Historian Jim Gibbons discusses the September 11 attack on the World Trade Center, the War in Afghanistan and the War on Terror, George W. Bush, and Hurricane Katrina. The 2000s were a time of technological advances, such as online music downloading and social media, along with challenges like the Y2K scares and the H1N1 Swine Flu.

Backyard Trees in the Native Landscape

Thursday, March 25, 7 PM

In collaboration with Chicago Living Corridors



Trees are a critical part of living corridors. They improve our quality of life and provide habitats for numerous organisms. Learn about challenges to trees in our region and how your yard can be part of the solution. Learn how to choose the right tree for your space and grow it to maturity.

Non-Profit Know-How: Advocacy

Wednesday, March 31, 12 PM

Learn from Alicia Schatteman, Director of the Center for Nonprofit & NGO Studies at Northern Illinois University, about advocating for your cause while remaining in accord with your organization's official non-profit status.



Claude Monet and the Story of Impressionism

Wednesday, March 31, 7 PM

A founding member of the Impressionists, Claude Monet found inspiration in scenes of modern life and in the French landscape. His European travels led to paintings featuring landmarks in London and Venice. Learn about Monet's career and his favorite subjects, including train stations, grain stacks, poplars, and waterlilies. Art historian Jeff Mishur presents.

COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY

Tech Topics:

Windows 10 Basics

Tuesday March 2, 1:30 PM

Learn the basic functionality of the Windows 10 operating system. Navigate the most popular features: settings, file explorer, the desktop, taskbar, and applications.

Tech Topics:

Mac Computer Basics

Thursday March 4, 1:30 PM

Learn the basic functionality of the Mac operating system. Navigate the most popular features: system preferences, finder, the dock, and native Apple apps.

Laser-Etched Wine Glass

Thursday March 11, 6 PM

Follow along with Digital Services Specialist Ken in this pre-recorded video with step-by-step instructions for creating a custom design that will be etched on a stemless wine glass. Use your BAlibrary card to register.

Registered participants will receive an email with a link to the pre-recorded instructional video on the day of the program.



Introduction to Podcasting

Tuesday March 23, 6 PM

Everything you need to start your own podcast. Learn about necessary equipment and recording software, then learn how to distribute your content.

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FOR BOOK LOVERS

LIT @ Home:
The Midnight Library
by Matt Haig
Monday, March 8, 7 PM

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

This month's title: Somewhere beyond the edge of the universe is a library that contains all the lives you could have lived. Determined to learn if she's lived the best possible version of her life, Nora Seed visits the library to learn if she's made the right choices.

Book Talk: Favorite Author Readalikes
Monday, March 22, 6 PM

Sometimes you've read everything your favorite author has written, and you still want more. We get it! Adult Services Librarian Liz Kirchhoff will discuss alternatives to some of the most popular authors writing today, and help you find your new favorites

