



**BARRINGTON
AREA LIBRARY**

PROGRAM GUIDE
December 2025 – January 2026



Dec 15 – Feb 28

For kids, teens, and adults

Read and complete fun winter activities to earn badges, prizes,
and a coupon for a free bundtlet from Nothing Bundt Cakes.

Visit balibrary.beanstack.org to sign up and get started!



SNOW BALL

Friday, Jan 2, 6 – 8 PM

You're invited to Snow Ball — a cozy evening of music and activities for the whole family! Wear your comfiest sweater, PJs, or festive flair, and enjoy a flurry of fun, including nostalgic retro music from the Saddle Shoe Sisters, an airbrush artist, story time, crafts, and an exciting finale! Full details on our Events Calendar. Drop in or register for a reminder.



*** The Harmony of Korean Drumming and Dancing**

All ages w/caregiver

Tuesday, Dec 30, 10:30 AM

The Korean Performing Arts Institute of Chicago brings a dynamic range of traditional Korean music and drumming, and the audience will also experience Sangmo Pangut, a dazzling display of movement and rhythm. Drop in. Meeting Room.

WINTER FAMILY FUN

Look for the snowflake ❄️ inside to find more programs during
Winter Break and the January 19 school holiday!

*** Family Trivia Night**

Kindergarten and up w/family

Monday, Dec 29, 6:30 – 7:30 PM

Bring the whole family and join us for a night of trivia about Disney, Bluey, dinosaurs, and more! Register. Meeting Room.

Family Concert: Leonardo Music

All ages w/caregiver

Saturday, Jan 17, 10:30 AM

Bring your dancing shoes and air guitar moves, and ROCK with LEONARDO! This humorous high energy concert entertains, educates, and empowers little rockers with familiar hits and groovin' originals. Drop in. Meeting Room.

**MCHENRY COUNTY
LIBRARY LOVERS
EXPEDITION RETURNS
Feb 1 – March 31, 2026**

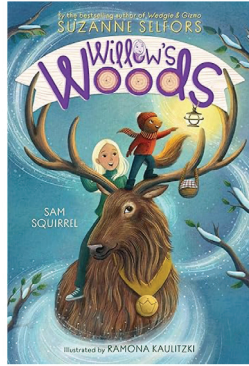


FAMILY WINTER READ

Cozy up with this year's Family Winter Read, an illustrated chapter book with a winter adventure!

Willow's Woods: Sam Squirrel by Suzanne Selfors

Sam Squirrel teams up with Mother Nature's granddaughter Willow to find a way to end winter so spring can truly begin!



***Family Winter Read Activity: Egg Carton Animal Portraits Grades K – 5**

Monday, Dec 29, 2 PM

Use an egg carton to make a portrait of your favorite character from Sam Squirrel or any favorite animal.

WEEKLY STORY TIMES

Drop in, Story Room,
except where noted.

Family Story Time

All ages w/caregiver

Mondays, Jan 5 – 26

10 AM OR 10:30 AM

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

Baby Time

Ages 0 – 12 months w/caregiver

Tuesdays, Jan 6 – 27

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, Jan 6 – 27

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, Jan 7 – 28

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, Jan 8, 22, & 29

11 AM

Time to dance, sing, and build essential skills! Enjoy delightful stories, interactive songs, and fun activities that promote early literacy and social skills in a welcoming environment.



Art Play

All ages w/ caregiver

Thursdays, Jan 8, 22, & 29

10 AM

Through process-oriented art, kids explore their imaginations and develop creative thinking skills. Join us for an open-ended art project for all ages and abilities. Mess-makers welcome! Program Room.



STORIES & MORE: FOR AGES 0 – 6

Drop in, Program Room, except where noted.

Story Time Dance Party

All ages w/caregiver
Monday, Dec 8, 10 AM

Bop to the beat and share some stories! Meeting Room.

Little Kids, Big Feelings

Ages 3 – 6 w/caregiver
Tuesday, Dec 9, 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.

Goodnight Story Time

All ages w/caregiver
Tuesdays, Dec 9 & Jan 13
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.

Cozy Pajama Story Time

All ages w/caregiver
Thursday, Dec 11, 10 AM

Dress in your coziest pajamas, grab your favorite stuffed friend (and grownup!) and cuddle up for relaxing stories, rhymes, and songs. Story Room.

Baby Playgroup

Ages 0 – 18 months w/caregiver
Friday, Dec 12, 10 AM
Friday, Jan 23, 11 AM

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

Happy Birthday Story Time

All ages w/caregiver
Monday, Dec 15, 10 AM
Friday, Jan 16, 10 AM

This special experience is for children celebrating a birthday in December or January. Register in advance with the birthday child's name and then we'll celebrate with stories, songs, a craft, and birthday surprises!

Books + Beats

0 – 5 w/caregiver
Tuesday, Dec 16, 10 AM
Friday, Jan 30, 10 AM

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

Developmental Playgroup

Ages 0 – 5 w/caregiver
Wednesdays, Dec 17 & Jan 21
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

An inclusive drop-in playgroup for children who receive or are considering therapy services, ages 0 – 5. Children play while families meet and find support. Siblings welcome. Facilitated by Megan Smith, a Clinical Therapist at Peace Within Therapy and Wellness, and aligned with C.I.T.Y. of Support's program model.

DIY Gingerbread Playdough

All ages w/caregiver
Thursday, Dec 18, 10 AM

Stir up some sparkle and spice by creating your own gingerbread playdough!

Paw Patrol Story Time

All ages w/caregiver
Friday, Dec 19, 10 AM

Ready for action? Let's "pup pup boogie" with music, stories, and more featuring your favorite Paw Patrol pups! Meeting Room.

Sensory Playtime

Ages 0 – 5 w/caregiver
Monday, Dec 22, 10 – 11 AM
Enjoy a variety of play activities specifically designed to engage the senses.

Potty Palooza Story Time

Ages 2 – 4 w/caregiver
Friday, Jan 9, 10 AM

Let's get this potty started! Ready to 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.

Chinese Story Time

All ages w/caregiver
Friday, Jan 16, 11 AM

Starlink Global Education brings Chinese story time to the library. Enjoy stories, songs and an introduction to Chinese in this interactive story time. Register.

Winter Wonderland Story Time

All ages w/caregiver
Friday, Jan 23, 10 AM

Get cozy and embrace the magic of winter, with enchanting winter-themed stories, songs, and rhymes. It's sure to be "snow" much fun! Meeting Room.



LEARN-PLAY-CREATE

Register, Program Room, except where noted.

Teen Service Project Take-and-Make

Grades 6 – 8

Dec 1 – Jan 31

Earn service hours from home! Create personalized bookmarks to brighten someone else's day, including Library customers who are homebound. Return 4 completed bookmarks for one hour of volunteer service credit (earn 3 hours maximum per customer). Pick up a kit from the Youth Services Desk.

Marble Card Making

All ages w/caregiver

Wednesday, Dec 10, 10 AM OR 4 PM

Swirl, twirl, and create magical marble cards with shaving cream! Drop in.

Perler Bead Creatures

Grades 6 – 8

Friday, Dec 12, 4:15 PM

Create an ugly-cute character from fusible beads to turn into a magnet or other accessory.



Read With Me™ Therapy Dogs

Grades 1 – 5

Saturdays, Dec 13 & Jan 10

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.

Astronomy Club

Grades 3 – 5

Monday, Dec 15, 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.

Afterschool Story + Craft

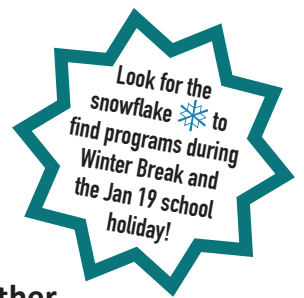
Grades K – 2

Tuesdays, Dec 16 & Jan 27

4:15 PM

Dec: *Winter is For Snow* by Robert Neubecker/snowflake craft

Jan: *One Mitten* by Kristine O'Connell George/mitten craft



Code Together

PreK – Grade 5 w/caregiver

Wednesday, Dec 17, 6 PM

Wednesday, Jan 21, 6 PM

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

*Kids for Kindness

Grades 2 – 5

Monday, Dec 22, 2 PM

Drop in and let's create winter placemats for local seniors, who love receiving these thoughtful gifts. Let's spread warmth and joy this winter.

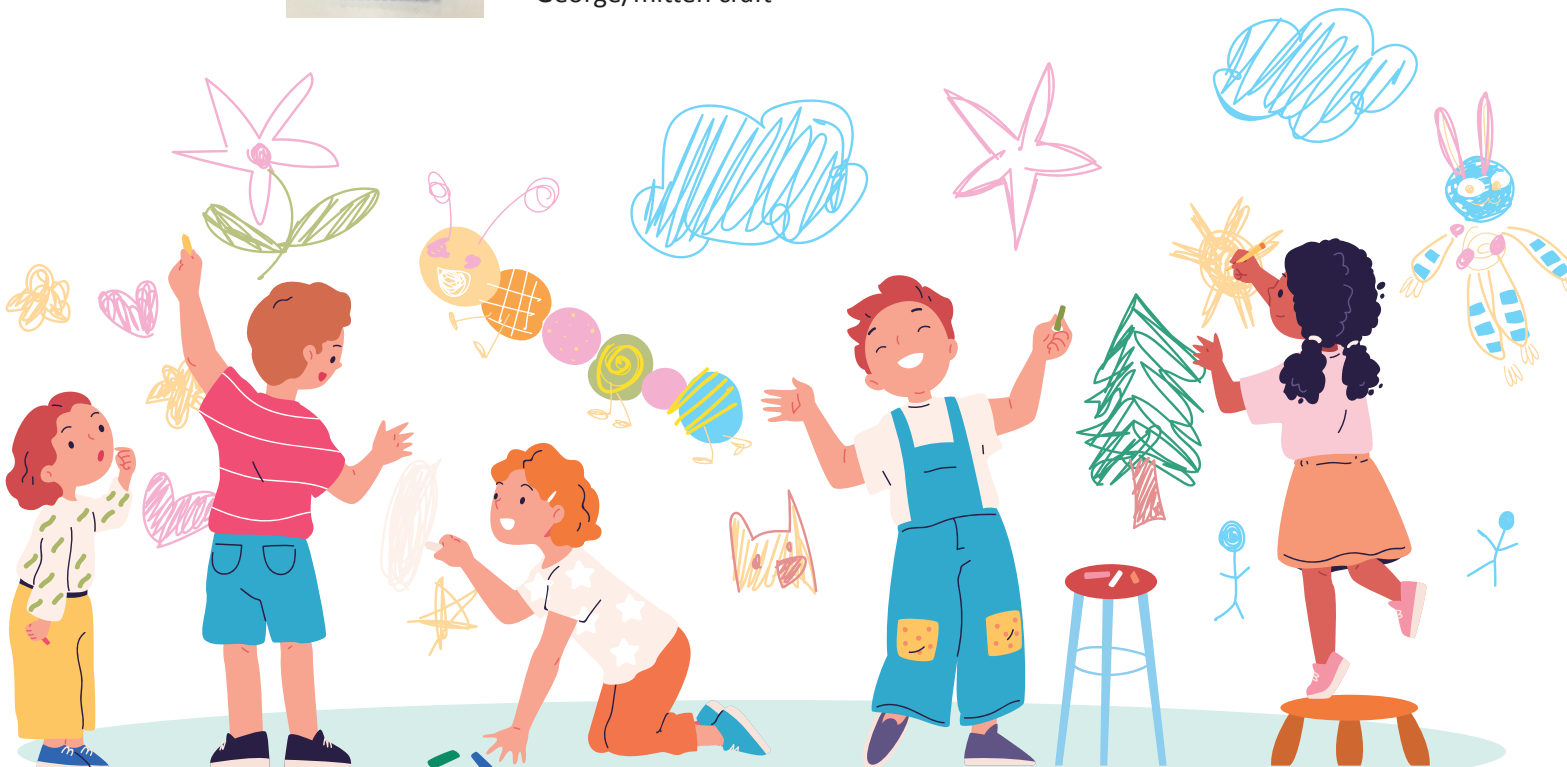
*Art Studio

Grades K – 8, caregivers welcome

Tuesday, Dec 23, 2 – 3 PM

Tuesday, Jan 6, 3:30 – 4:30 PM

Try out different art projects or create something new with the Library's art supplies. Drop in.



*Tech Open Lab

All ages w/ caregiver

Tuesday, Dec 30, 1:30 – 2:30 PM

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

*Hobby Hopping

Grades 3 – 8

Tuesday, Dec 30, 3:30 PM

Drop in to try out a new hobby! Try one, try many, and find your new fave.

*DIY Calendars

Grades K – 8

Friday, Jan 2, 10 AM

Using stickers and more, decorate your own personalized calendar for 2026! All supplies provided.

*Drawing Pokémon 101

Grades K – 5

Friday, Jan 2, 2 PM

Learn how to draw a variety of popular Pokémon.

*Cardboard Creatures

Grades K – 5

Monday, Jan 5, 2 PM

Create a cute woodland creature out of cardboard.

*Light Painting

Grades 5 – 8

Monday, Jan 5, 4 PM

Using a dark room and a slow shutter camera, we will use light to paint the air. Zimmerman Room.

Fiction & Nonfiction:

All About Royalty

Grades K – 2

Monday, Jan 12, 4:15 PM

Learn all about royalty and make a craft!

*Crafting for a Cause

All ages w/adult

Monday, Jan 19, 11:15 AM

Drop in to create winter placemats for local seniors, who love receiving these thoughtful gifts. Let's spread warmth and joy this winter.

REGISTRATION:

Some Youth Services Programs require registration. Registration for Dec and Jan programs opens Monday, Nov 24. To register, visit the Library's online calendar or call (847) 382-1300.

Build a Snow Globe

Grades 3 – 5

Tuesday, Jan 20, 4:15 PM

Make your own snow globes and listen to a cozy winter story.

Family Explorers: Squirrels

PreK – Grade 2 w/caregiver

Saturday, Jan 24, 10 AM

Scurry over to the library to read *The Squirrels' Busy Year* by Martin Jenkins and learn all about squirrels.

Design A Pencil Pouch

Grades 3 – 6

Wednesday, Jan 28, 4 PM

Design a pencil pouch for you or a friend.



HEALTH & WELLNESS

Taking better care of yourself and others



QPR Suicide Prevention

Wednesday, Dec 10, 10 AM

With BStrong Together and Ascension Illinois Behavioral Health

Mandy Burbank, LCSW & certified QPR trainer, shares facts and figures about suicide and simple steps anyone who is concerned that someone is contemplating self-harm can use. Nonprofit, civic, and organization leaders: equip yourself and your team to recognize and respond to mental health and suicide risks of staff and clients. Participants will receive material to support what they've learned. Register. Meeting Room.

Singing Bowl Meditation

Thursday, Dec 11, 7 PM

Come ready to relax with this immersive singing bowl experience. Register. Zimmerman Room.

Positive Approach to Care Workshops

Three dates in December, 2 PM

With Bacoa

Designed for dementia caregivers Register. Meeting Room.

Dec 11: Understand and recognize the differences in Normal Aging and Not Normal Aging

Dec 17: Learn "Care Partnering" techniques

Dec 18: Teepa's GEMS™: Using skills that make a difference

Chair Tai Chi

Wednesday, Jan 7, 10 AM

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

Astrology 101

Monday, Jan 19, 7 PM

Learn about sun, moon, and rising signs, planets, and how to read your natal chart to avoid future problems, learn your strengths, and embrace your best self. Register. Meeting Room.



Yoga

Thursday, Jan 22, 10 AM

Register. Meeting Room.

Capstone Café: For High School Students



**Monday, Dec 15 –
Wednesday, Dec 17
3 – 9 PM**

Stop by the Library to study, enjoy light refreshments, and de-stress during exam week. Our large meeting room will be reserved from 3 - 9 PM just for high school students!

Join us for a special visit from SOUL Harbour Ranch with their therapy dogs and mini horses from 4 – 5 PM on Wednesday, Dec 17. Drop in. Meeting Room.



The Promise of Possibility: Resources for People with Disabilities

Wednesday, Jan 28, 6 PM

Join Mike Kerley from Aspire Chicago as he discusses The Promise of Possibility: the journey and resources for people with disabilities and their families, focusing on those in high school and beyond. Register.

HISTORY & CULTURE



Discover Kwanzaa: Meaning, Symbols, and Traditions

Tuesday, Dec 2, 7 PM

With Algonquin and Other Participating Libraries

Cultural educator Elizabeth Kahura brings Kwanzaa and other holiday traditions to life. Learn about the seven principles and symbols of Kwanzaa and discover how the holiday is rooted in African culture. Learn how Christmas is celebrated in Africa. With music, drumming, poetry, and props, this interactive program offers a vibrant way to explore winter holiday traditions. Register. Virtual.

Brush Calligraphy Basics

Wednesday, Dec 10, 7 PM

Learn a new art technique with calligraphy basics taught by Audrey Moon. Register. Zimmerman Room.

Art Excursions:

The Symbolists

Thursday, Dec 18, 7 PM

Jeff Mishur discusses the major contributors to this art movement, such as Munch, Gauguin, and Radon, and explores important themes like fantasy, mystery, and dream. Register. Virtual.



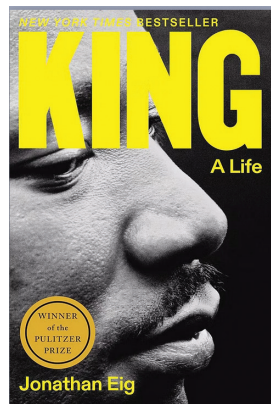
Virtual Author Event: Bringing History to Life with Jonathan Eig

Tuesday, Jan 13, 7 PM

Jonathan Eig is the bestselling author of six books, including his most recent, Pulitzer Prize-winning *King: A Life*. Vividly written and exhaustively researched, it is the first major biography in decades of civil rights icon Martin Luther King Jr.—and the first to include recently declassified FBI files. In this revelatory new portrait of the preacher and activist who shook the world, Eig gives us an intimate view of King, who masterfully employed peaceful protest in the streets but was rarely at peace with himself. From the classroom to the pulpit to the streets of Birmingham, Selma, and Memphis, Eig dramatically re-creates the journey of a man who recast American race relations and became our only modern-day founding father—as well as the nation's most mourned martyr. Register. Virtual.



Eig studied journalism at Northwestern University, and went on to work as a reporter for *The New Orleans Times-Picayune*, *The Dallas Morning News*, *Chicago Magazine*, and *The Wall Street Journal*. Eig lives in Chicago with his wife and children and shares office space with the laundry machines.



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ILP is committed to inclusion and accessibility. American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation and Closed Captioning are provided for all events by default—no special request needed.

Debating Independence: The American Revolution in 1776

Tuesday, Jan 20, 7 PM

With Signal Hill NSDAR Chapter of Barrington

In January 1776, most Americans thought independence from Great Britain was a terrible idea. It seemed impossible that 13 weak, far-flung colonies could become a nation. Yet just a few months later, those same Americans believed independence was worth fighting for. How did popular opinion change so fast? Historian Joyce Haworth has the full story. Register.



FOR MUSIC LOVERS



Second Fridays: Nite Hawks

Friday, Dec 12, 7 PM

The Nite Hawks specialize in swing, jazz, jump, and blues, paying homage to legends like George Gershwin, Irving Berlin, Fats Waller, and Louis Armstrong. If you're a fan of these catchy melodies, you'll be delighted by the Nite Hawks' updated, energetic arrangements of these timeless classics. Register. Meeting Room.



Second Fridays:

Chris White Trio

Friday, Jan 9, 7 PM

Enjoy an evening of instrumental jazz with Chris White on piano, Mark Sonksen on bass, and Terry Bartolotta on guitar. Chris White is at home in a host of genres and settings, and a go-to pianist, arranger, and accompanist. Performance credits include the Chicago Jazz Festival and the Green Mill. Register. Meeting Room.



Elgin Symphony's Listeners Club

Tuesday, Feb 3, 1 PM

Listener's Club is your chance to delve deep into the concert experience with a personal guided tour, including insights about each concert program. Register. Zimmerman Room.

FOR BOOK LOVERS



Cooks with Books:

Hot Chocolate Bar

Tuesday, Dec 9, 7 PM

Let's get cozy and creative with this delightful hot chocolate bar. Register. Meeting Room.

Cooks with Books:

Happy New Year

Tuesday, Jan 27, 7 PM

Let's talk what is trending in food for the upcoming year and enjoy a few snacks while we chat! Register. Meeting Room.



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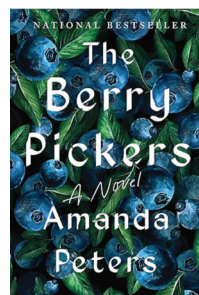
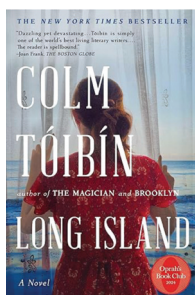
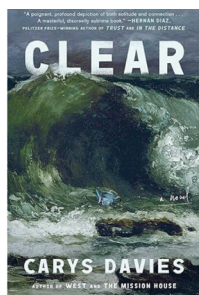
Discuss popular titles in an afternoon book club for adults. Register. Meeting Room.

Wednesday, Dec 10, 1 PM

***Clear* by Carys Davies**

Wednesday, Jan 14, 1 PM

***Long Island* by Colm Tóibín**



LIT

Adult Services Librarians discuss popular titles in an evening book club for adults. Register. Meeting Room.

Book Potluck

Monday, Dec 8, 7 PM

Bring two books to talk about: one you love, and one you hate. Bonus points if it's a book you feel like you *should* love.

The Berry Pickers

by Amanda Peters

Monday, Jan 12, 7 PM

FOR WILDLIFE LOVERS



Decoding the Mysteries of Cats

Tuesday, Jan 13, 6 PM

Certified Cat Behaviorist Stephen Quandt talks about the basics of cat behavior to help you better understand your furry friend. Informational presentation, followed by a Q&A addressing your cat behavior questions. Register. Virtual.

The Fascinating World of Penguins

Monday, Jan 19, 7 PM

With Alyse Berman of Wild Bird Shack. Register. Meeting Room.



Prairie Pages: The Comfort of Crows

Tuesday, Jan 20, 1 PM

With Crabtree Nature Center

Join Adult Services Librarians and Crabtree Nature Center Naturalists in an afternoon book club for adults. We'll discuss nature-themed titles, beginning with *The Comfort of Crows* by Margaret Renkl. Register. Off-Site: Crabtree Nature Center, 3 Stover Road, Barrington.



CFC Community Ed: ID Your Environment

Sunday, Jan 25, 2 PM

With *Citizens for Conservation*

CFC experts Barb Karon, Laura Simpson, and Ellen Smatlak present techniques, tools, and free apps to improve your identification and knowledge of native plants and local and migrating birds. This is a hybrid program; attend in person or via Zoom. Register. Meeting Room.



Behind the Scenes at a Wildlife Center

Thursday, Jan 29, 7 PM

Get an exclusive look at all that goes on behind the scenes at the DuPage Wildlife Conservation Center. Learn about native wildlife rehabilitation and educational work, and get your questions answered by a naturalist. Register. Meeting Room.

LET'S GET GROWING



Seed Library Tour

Thursday, Jan 8, 2 PM

It's almost time for our Seed Library Launch! Learn about the seeds we're offering this season and get recommendations for your garden. We'll discuss which seeds you should start ahead of time, how to harden off your new plants, and how to successfully transplant them in spring. Register. Meeting Room.

Seed Library Launch

Saturday, Jan 31, 10 AM – 1 PM

(BALibrary cardholders)

1 PM – 3 PM (Everyone)

Stop by and check out the 2026 Seed Library. Master Gardeners will be on hand throughout the day to answer questions and help you make your selections. Seeds available to Barrington Area Library cardholders only from 10 AM to 1 PM, and from 1 – 3 PM for everyone else. Limit of two packets per variety per person present, unless otherwise noted. After you select your seeds, try a seed paper craft with our Digital Services team.



After today's launch, the Seed Library is open to everyone during normal Library hours. Seeds are free and available while supplies last. Produce seeds are organic and non-GMO.

For more information about the Seed Library, including the seeds we'll stock in 2026, visit www.balibrary.org/garden.

GAME TIME!

Game-O-Rama

Tuesday, Dec 9, 2 PM

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

Mahjong Learning Workshop

Thursday, Jan 8, 2 PM

Learn how to play Mahjong in this interactive workshop designed for beginners! All supplies provided. Register. Meeting Room.

Puzzle Races

Thursday, Jan 8, 6 PM

Compete against other teams 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 five, or individually. Meeting Room.

Puzzle Swap: Have a gently used puzzle that you'd like to share with others? Drop it off during the Puzzle Races and take home a puzzle that someone else has shared, too.

Senior Scrabble

Wednesday, Jan 28, 1 PM

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

FANDOM FEST: SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, Feb 28

10 AM – 3 PM

Mark your calendar for our annual Fandom Fest with an amazing artist alley, cosplayers, photo ops, crafts, and more!



FAMILY RESEARCH



Where Did I Put Great-Grandpa? Organizing for the Genealogist

Wednesday, Jan 14, 7 PM

Start the new year off right by getting your genealogy files organized! Genealogist Caron Brennan shares tips on how to keep records in digital and print-based formats. Register. Meeting Room.

*Genealogy for Families

All ages w/caregiver

Monday, Jan 19, 2 PM

Gather the whole family for an afternoon of stories, crafts, and filling in your family tree! Perfect for a day off from school. Register. Meeting Room.

NEW MEETING ROOM RESERVATION SCHEDULE

The Library makes a variety of rooms available to BALibrary cardholders for various types of purposes and events. Rooms are classified as Meeting Rooms or Study Rooms, depending on size. Rooms are free of charge (some services require a fee) and available during regular Library hours. Requests must be made through the online reservation system.

Meeting Rooms are large rooms, accommodating 10–192 attendees, depending on the room and configuration.

Starting Dec 1, at 9 AM, BALibrary cardholders may reserve these rooms a minimum of 24 hours and up to THREE months in advance, rather than two months.

The current month and the following two months will be available for Meeting Room bookings.

How this change will roll out over the next two months:

- **Dec 1 at midnight:** The month of January opens for booking.
- **Dec 1 at 9 AM:** The month of February opens for booking, as per the procedural change outlined above.
- **Jan 1 at midnight:** The month of March opens for booking, following the new three month schedule.

This change will take place at 9 AM on Dec 1. For subsequent months, the Meeting Rooms will become available for booking on the first of the month at 12 AM.



New Year Vision Boards

Adults: Wednesday, Jan 7, 2 PM

Young Adults (high school and college): Wednesday, Jan 7, 6 PM

Visualize and set intentions for 2026! Create a board unique to you representing goals, dreams, and experiences you want to have in the New Year. Vision boards can be a powerful tool to bring your intentions to life as well as stay focused & inspired. Register. Meeting Room.

Project Management 101

Thursday, Jan 22, 7 PM AND

Tuesday, Feb 3, 7 PM

With Algonquin and Other Participating Libraries

Two-part, beginner friendly overview taught by Michael Spilg. PMI-certified instructor. Register. Virtual.

Part One: Overview of project management methods. Explore key team roles, tools, and ways of thinking for each style. Understand how different project types are managed. No prior knowledge or experience is required.

Part Two: Explore AI tools like OpenAI ChatGPT and get an introduction on using them to enhance project productivity. Discover best practices like prompt engineering, awareness of bias, and keeping the human in the loop.

GET INVOLVED

Ending Homelessness 101

Tuesday, Dec 16, 6 PM

Learn about how people end up homeless, the resources available to them, and hear first-hand accounts, while discovering what you can do to help. Register. Zimmerman Room.

Non-Profit Know-How: Marketing Media

Wednesday, Jan 14, 10 AM

Join local expert Kate Soldan, founder & CEO of Kateify, for tools and tips on creating a social media presence that aligns with your non-profit's brand and strategy. Register. Meeting Room.

Recycling: What & Where

Wednesday, Jan 21, 10 AM

Every day we rely on easily disposable items. What really happens to these materials when they seem to simply "go away" on garbage day? Theresa Greinig, Education Coordinator for the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC), unravels this mystery. Discover the importance of reduce, reuse, and repurpose, and learn how to truly recycle right and why it matters. Register. Meeting Room.

Craft for a Cause:

Valentine's Cards

Wednesday, Jan 21, 3 – 5 PM

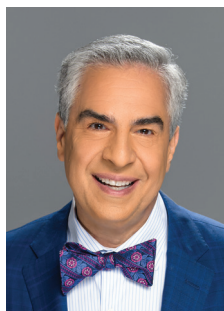
We'll supply the crafts; you supply the creativity. All ages are welcome to help us make cards for kids at Lurie's Children's Hospital. Drop in or register for a reminder. One registration per group. Meeting Room.

Civic Awareness Series:

An Evening with Paul Lisnek

Tuesday, Jan 27, 7 PM

The League of Women Voters of the Palatine, Schaumburg, and Barrington Areas and various Illinois libraries are proud to partner on this 2026 Civic Awareness Series.



We are thrilled to launch the series by welcoming back WGN-TV's Paul Lisnek. Lisnek will speak about Illinois politics and prepare participants for the midterm elections in November 2026. Register. Virtual.

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Library Closings:

Wednesday, Dec 24, Christmas Eve

Thursday, Dec 25, Christmas

Wednesday, Dec 31, New Year's Eve

Thursday, Jan 1, New Year's Day

Thursday, Jan 15, Staff Training

Closed until 1 PM



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TECH AND MAKER WORKSHOPS

Registration with BALibrary card required, MakerLab, except where noted.



Windows 11 Basics

Tuesday, Jan 6, 10 AM

Explore Windows 11 in this introduction to the basics. Open to non-cardholders. Meeting Room.

Introduction to Inkscape

Thursday, Jan 8, 11 AM

Learn the basics of Inkscape, a free digital illustration program. New year, new skills!

MakerLab Tours

Monday, Jan 12, 4 PM OR 6 PM

Tuesday, Jan 13, 10 AM

What is the MakerLab, and more importantly: what can you DO in MakerLab? Bring your questions and get great ideas for the new year!

Winter Observation Journal

Wednesday, Jan 14, 2 PM

Personalize and assemble your own winter observation journal to capture the beauty of the season.



Sewing Machine 101:

Basics and Bobbins

Monday, Jan 19, 6 PM

Tuesday, Jan 20, 10 AM OR 2 PM

In this no-project, no-pressure program, get an introduction to the Library's sewing machines, including the one you can check out and take home!

Introduction to Photoshop

Thursday, Jan 22, 11 AM OR 2 PM

Explore Photoshop techniques you can use to enhance various types of projects.

Canva for MakerLab

Tuesday, Jan 27, 10 AM

Learn how you can use a free design program to prepare your design for MakerLab projects.