

## WHAT'S ON FOR ADULTS

### Cooks With Books: Scratchboard Kitchen

**Tuesday, Feb 8, 2 PM**

Delicious ideas for your Valentine's Day meal from Chef Grace Goudie, finalist on the current season of Food Network's *Chopped!* [Register](#). Virtual.

### Decluttering: Finding a "Neater" You

**Thursday, Feb 10, 2 PM**

*In collaboration with Bacoa*  
Professional Organizer Annette Migala of Neater offers useful advice to escape the chaos of clutter and enjoy an organized, simplified new year. Tips, techniques, and step-by-step plans. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

### Carrots: The Good, The Bad, And The Toxic

**Thursday, Feb 24, 7 PM**

*In partnership with Chicago Living Corridors*  
Jim Vanderpoel of Citizens for Conservation discusses the fascinating plant group *Apiaceae*, which includes carrots and parsley. Many members of this family are delicious and useful — some are invasive and downright toxic. [Register](#). Virtual.



### Elgin Symphony's Listeners Club

**Tuesday, March 1, 1 PM**

**Tuesday, March 29, 1 PM**

Join the Elgin Symphony's Listeners Club and connect with these talented musicians as they share fascinating stories about music and their stage experiences. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

## WHAT'S ON FOR KIDS & FAMILIES

### A NOTE ON REGISTRATION:

Some Youth Services Programs require registration. Registration for Feb and Mar programs opens Monday, Jan 31. To register, visit the Library's online calendar or call (847) 382-1300.

### SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

will be in place for indoor and outdoor programs, including adjusted capacity and physical distancing. Indoors: masks are optional but recommended. Outdoors: masks are recommended for unvaccinated people ages 2 and up.

### Hearts & Hugs Story Time

**Ages 2 – 6 w/caregiver**

**Tuesday, Feb 8**

**9:30 AM OR 10 AM**

Celebrate love and friendship through stories, songs, and rhymes. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

### Ukulele Baby Rhyme Time

**Ages 0 – 18 months w/caregiver**

**Wednesday, Feb 23**

**9:30 AM OR 10:30 AM**

Join our Librarians and their ukuleles in this interactive, musical rhyme time, and learn the many benefits of bathing your baby in song! [Register](#). Meeting Room.

### Paint A Tree Slice

**Grades 3 – 8, caregivers welcome**

**Wednesday, March 9, 4 PM**

Decorate tree trunk slices with our art supplies, then hang up your colorful creations for you and your outdoor animal friends to enjoy. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

### Personalized Picture Frames

**Grades 3 – 8, caregivers welcome**

**Tuesday, March 22**

**3 PM OR 4 PM**

Use paint, stickers, washi tape, and more to transform a picture frame into a work of art, with or without a photo! [Register](#). Meeting Room.



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# PLAY, LEARN, EXPLORE

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## Big Blue Block Drop-In Play

All ages w/caregiver

Fridays, Feb 4 & 18

AND March 4 & 18

9:30 AM – 12 PM

Drop in to play, create, and build with our Big Blue Blocks. Meeting Room.

## Family Stop-Motion Animation

Grades K – 3 w/caregiver

Wednesday, Feb 16, 4 PM

Create a stop-motion animation film together as a family. Meeting Room. [Register.](#)

## DIY Mugs

Grades 3 – 8, caregivers welcome

Wednesday, Feb 23, 4 PM

We'll provide a mug, sharpies, and supplies: you decorate the mug and take it home to enjoy. Meeting Room. [Register.](#)

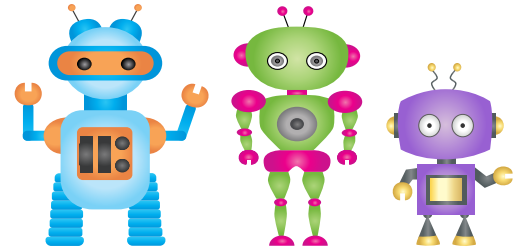
## WeDo Together

PreK – Grade 2 w/caregiver

Thursday, Feb 24, 5:30 PM OR

Saturday, March 19, 10:30 AM

Kids team up with their adults to build and code a working LEGO robot! Meeting Room. [Register.](#)



## Family Explorers: Seeds

PreK – Grade 2, w/caregiver

Saturday, March 5, 10:30 AM

Let's read *The Seedling That Didn't Want to Grow* by Britta Teckentrup, and learn more about seeds. Then, as a family, create your own windowsill greenhouse and watch your seeds blossom. Meeting Room. [Register.](#)



## Preschool STEAM

Ages 3 – 5 w/caregiver

Wednesday, March 9, 10:30 AM

Let's explore science, technology, engineering, arts, and math with exciting experiments and activities. Meeting Room. [Register.](#)

## Robot Races

All ages w/caregiver

Wednesday, March 23, 4 PM

Work together as a family to build a racecourse for a Sphero robot. Meeting Room. [Register.](#)

# STORIES & SONGS

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## Happy Birthday Story Time

All ages w/caregiver

Friday, Feb 11

9:30 AM OR 10:30 AM

Friday, March 11

9:30 AM OR 10:30 AM

Sign up for this special story time during your birthday month so we can celebrate YOU, with stories, songs, and a craft! Meeting Room. [Register.](#)

## Baby Rhyme Time

Ages 0 – 18 months w/caregiver

Tuesday, Feb 15, 9:30 AM OR 10 AM

Tuesday, March 15, 9:30 AM OR 10 AM

Bond with your baby as we share rhymes and songs to build early language skills. Meeting Room. [Register.](#)

## Family Story Time

Ages 2 – 6 w/caregiver

Wednesday, Feb 16

9:30 AM OR 10 AM

Tuesday, March 22

9:30 AM OR 10 AM

Children (with a favorite adult) enjoy books, songs, rhymes, and movement activities while building language and literacy skills. Meeting Room. [Register.](#)



## Spring Forward Story Time

Ages 2 – 6 w/caregiver

Tuesday, March 8

9:30 AM OR 10 AM

Think spring with stories, songs, and rhymes to get you ready for the new season. Meeting Room. [Register.](#)

## Ukulele Sing-Along Story Time

Ages 2 – 6 w/caregiver

Wednesday, March 16

9:30 AM OR 10:30 AM

Experience the joys of song and dance in this interactive, sing-along story time. Meeting Room. [Register.](#)



# VIRTUAL PROGRAMS ON YOUTUBE

Tune into our YouTube Channel for on-demand stories, rhymes, songs, and puppet shows! Just go to [youtube.com/YSAtBALibrary](https://youtube.com/YSAtBALibrary)

## All-Ages Story Time

A new on-demand [YouTube story time](#) video every Monday! Stories, songs, and rhymes you can enjoy every day to help your child build confidence, comprehension, and early literacy 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.

## Puppet Shows

Video puppet performances by the BALibrary Librarians, adapted from some favorite picture books.

**Feb 15:** *I'm Not Cute*

**March 22:** *"I Don't Care," Said the Bear*

## Superhero Story Time: March 1 – 31

Stories, songs, and rhymes transform you into a superhero during this special [YouTube](#) story time. Streaming all month as part of Fandom Fest.



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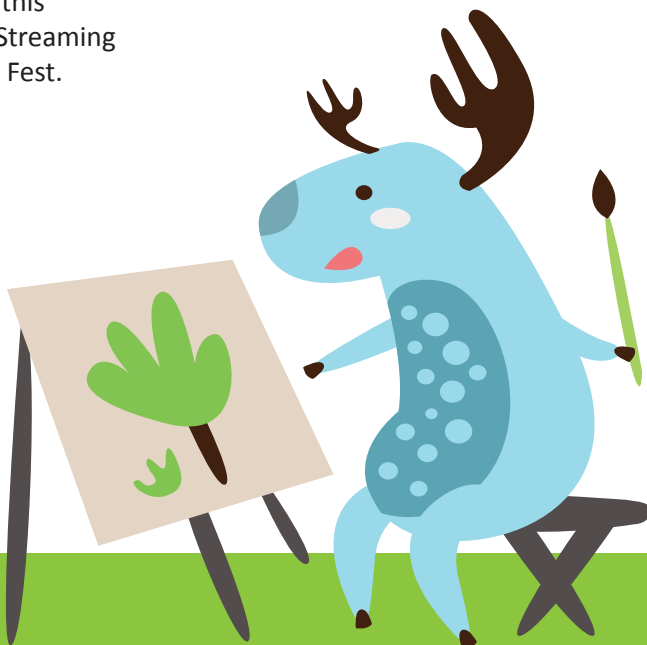
## SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

will be in place for indoor programs including adjusted capacity and physical distancing. Masks are optional but recommended for all during indoor programs.

# BLOG!

Read. Play. Make. Grow.

Visit the Youth Services Blog for more activities and book recommendations: [balibrary.org/ys-blog](https://balibrary.org/ys-blog)



# MEET US OUTSIDE!

Safety precautions will be in place for outdoor programs including adjusted capacity and physical distancing. We encourage unvaccinated people ages 2 and up to please continue to wear masks.

## Rhyme Time Nature Walk at Crabtree Nature Center

All ages w/caregiver

Thursday, March 17, 10 AM

Enjoy rhymes, a nature walk, and playtime at Crabtree Nature Center, 3 Stover Road, Barrington Hills. Weather permitting. [Register](#).

# TAKE-AND-MAKE KITS

Available Feb 14 - March 11

Each kit contains materials for a craft or project kids can do at home (with caregiver supervision). Register online and then stop by BALibrary to pick up your kit by March 11. Kits not picked up will be available on a first come, first served basis beginning March 12.

## Toddler/PreK: Coffee Filter Butterflies

Liquid watercolors and coffee filters transform into beautiful butterflies.

## Grades K – 2: Simple Embroidery

Try out a new skill with this introduction to embroidery techniques.

## Grades 3 – 8: Gratitude Jars

Decorate a jar to fill with origami stars – use the stars to write down everything for which you are grateful.

# MAKER & TECH TOPICS



## Tips for Avoiding Scam Calls

**Wednesday, Feb 9, 7 PM**

Tom Johnson and Julie Albrecht from the Better Business Bureau discuss how to avoid getting scammed by malicious phone calls and online activity. [Register](#). Virtual.

## Laser-Etched Wine Glasses

**Tuesday, Feb 15**

Digital Services Specialist Ken provides step-by-step instructions for creating a custom design to be etched on a stemless wine glass. Use your BALibrary card to register, then watch for an email on Feb 15 with a link to this pre-recorded program. [Register](#). Virtual.



## Getting Started with Libby & Hoopla

**Monday, Feb 21, 6 PM**

Learn how to use two of the Library's most popular apps, Libby & Hoopla. Learn to download e-books, audiobooks, magazines, movies, and TV shows to your personal devices. [Register](#). Virtual.



## DIY Custom Canvas Bags

**Tuesday, March 10, 6 PM**

**In-person or virtual**

Create a custom design to cut out on heat-transfer vinyl, then use the MakerLab heat press to apply the vinyl to a 15" square canvas tote bag. Meeting Room. Virtual attendees: a pre-recorded video will be sent via e-mail on March 15. [Register](#).

# ZOOM YOUR EXPERTISE

## Library Resources for Job Seekers

**Monday, Feb 28, 7 PM**

*In collaboration with Barrington Career Center*

Curious about insider tips and tricks to accelerate your job search? Library resources can help, from writing resumes to finding target companies in your area. [Register](#). Virtual.



## Read All About It: Newspapers Old and New

**Tuesday, March 15, 7 PM**

Whether you are a genealogist looking for your family, or a savvy reader looking for free digital access to local, national, and international newspapers, Ken and Kate from the BALibrary staff will demonstrate online historical and current newspaper resources. [Register](#). Virtual.

# Program Guide

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# MEET THE AUTHORS

## An Evening with Madeline Miller

Thursday, March 3, 7 PM

*In collaboration with multiple  
Illinois libraries.*

Madeline Miller, one of the leaders in Greek retellings and *New York Times* bestselling author, discusses her works, *Song of Achilles* and *Circe*. Miller's novels have been translated into over twenty-five languages, and her essays have appeared in *The Guardian*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Lapham's Quarterly* and *npr.org*. [Register](#). Virtual.

## An Evening with Jasmine Guillory

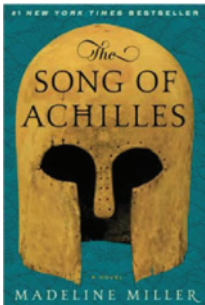
Wednesday, Feb 16, 7 PM

Enjoy a lively evening with bestselling author Jasmine Guillory. Dubbed one of romance's brightest new voices, she'll discuss her newest novel, *While We Were Dating*, previous best sellers *The Proposal* and *The Wedding Date*, and the modern rom-com. Author Morgan Rogers joins her in conversation. [Register](#). Virtual.

## An Evening with Jenny Lawson Wednesday, March 30, 7 PM

Enjoy an evening with award-winning humorist Jenny Lawson as she discusses her most recent bestseller, *Broken (In the Best Possible Way)*, and her brilliantly funny body of work, including #1 *New York Times* bestsellers *Let's Pretend This Never Happened* and *Furiously Happy*. [Register](#). Virtual.

*The Guillory and Lawson events are made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration between public libraries offering high quality events.*



## Journaling Take-And-Make Kit Monday, Feb 14, 9 AM

Take a quiet moment with this sweet and simple journaling kit. Jot down positive thoughts and inspiration for 2022! [Register](#). One kit per BALibrary card number.

**REGISTER** to be  
emailed a link to join virtual  
programs. Programs can be  
accessed from computer,  
tablet, or mobile phone.  
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install free software. We  
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minutes early.

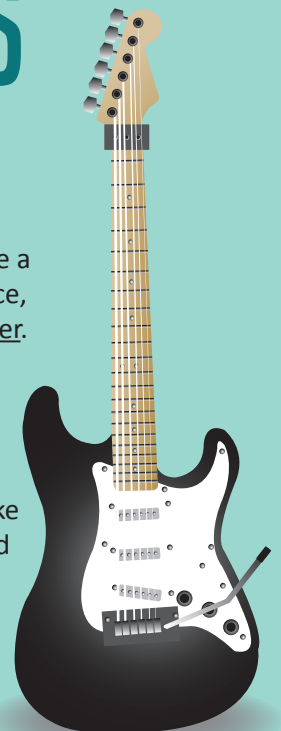
# SECOND FRIDAYS

## The Roots of Black Music in America, Part II Friday, Feb 11, 7 PM

Karlus Trapp returns with the second part of his delightful, educational, entertaining presentation. Take a 100 year journey back through time to hear, experience, and learn about America's black musical giants. [Register](#). Virtual.

## The Roots of Rock & Roll Friday, March 11, 7 PM

Joey Leone explores the lives and music of pioneers like Chuck Berry, Buddy Holly, Elvis Presley, Bo Diddley, and Little Richard. Experience the advent and evolution of rock through songs, stories, and historic events, as it gained widespread appeal and influenced music and popular culture for decades to come. [Register](#). Virtual.





## LIT @ HOME

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

New: Register and we'll let you know when you can stop by the Library to pick up a fun bag of bookish LIT swag. While supplies last.

### ***Get A Life, Chloe Brown* by Talia Hibbert**

Monday, Feb 14, 7 PM

After a near-death experience, chronically ill computer programmer Chloe is determined to shake up her boring but safe life, with the help of her building superintendent Red.

### ***The Kitchen Front* by Jennifer Ryan**

Monday, March 14, 7 PM

Four women compete on a BBC radio cooking show, each trying to prove that she can make the best food despite WWII rationing.



## BOOK DISCUSSIONS WITH LANNY ORI

Professional book discussion leader Lanny Ori leads thought-provoking discussions of notable titles. Register. Meeting Room.

### ***Olive, Again* by Elizabeth Strout**

Thursday, Feb 17, 2 PM

Curmudgeonly Olive Kitteridge is back in this series of linked short stories by Pulitzer Prize winner Strout.

### ***A Walk in the Woods* by Bill Bryson**

Thursday, March 17, 2 PM

Two friends decide to hike the Appalachian Trail, with hilarious and often thought-provoking results.



## NEW BOOKS, OLD RECIPES



## BIG SPRING BOOKS

**Monday, March 21, 6 PM**

Adult Services Librarian Liz Kirchhoff shares some of the most anticipated spring releases. You might even go home with a free book! Register. Meeting Room.



## COOKS WITH BOOKS:

**Preserving Family Recipes with Valerie Frey**

**Tuesday, March 29, 7 PM**

We all have recipes that have been passed down through the generations. Valerie Frey shares ideas on preserving those unique slices of history. Register. Virtual.

# EXPLORE THE PAST



## **True Crime of Lake County**

**Tuesday, Feb 22, 7 PM**

If you like true crime stories, join us and the Lake County Forest Preserve District for a presentation on crimes that happened in our own backyards. [Register](#). Virtual.



## **Women in History: Marie Antoinette with Martina Mathisen**

**Thursday, March 10, 7 PM**

Be transported to another age during this immersive look at the life of Marie Antoinette with dramatist Martina Mathisen. [Register](#). Virtual.



## **Genealogy Take-And-Make Kit**

**Monday, March 14, 9 AM**

Create a genealogy to-do jar. Set the jar out at parties or family reunions and let friends and relatives fill it with quotes, memories, and questions for the family researcher. Use it as a centerpiece, with the included tea light, when the jar is empty. [Register](#). One kit per BALibrary card number.

## **Quilting and the Underground Railroad with Connie Martin**

**Wednesday, March 16, 7 PM**

Explore secret codes used in quilting to help freedom seekers on the Underground Railroad. Connie Martin, a sixth generation descendant of slaves, takes us on a harrowing journey into history and the lives of the brave men and woman who risked everything for freedom. [Register](#). Virtual.

# NON-PROFIT KNOW-HOW

## **Social Media**

**Wednesday, Feb 23, 12 PM**

Do you feel as though you should be doing something more or different with your small business or nonprofit's social media? Join us to learn tips and tools from BALibrary's own Public Information Manager, Karen McBride. Presentation + discussion. [Register](#). Virtual.

## **Elevator Speeches for your Org**

**Thursday, Mar 24, 12 PM**

Turn the question "What does your organization do?" into a conversation that people remember. Join Community Engagement Librarian Sam and learn to craft a quick, effective elevator speech. Presentation + discussion. [Register](#). Virtual.

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**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 install free software. We recommend joining a few minutes early.





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### The History of Female Superheroes

**Tuesday, March 1, 7 PM**

Valentino Zullo traces the history of superheroines in comics, from early representations at the onset of World War II, to the current era with Black Widow, Wonder Woman, and others. Explore the history of characters such as Batwoman, She-Hulk, Ms. Marvel, and Catwoman, and the superheroine renaissance at Marvel, DC, and other publishers. [Register](#). Virtual.



### Manga Drawing with Misako Rocks!

**Wednesday, March 2, 7 PM**

Misako Rocks!, author and artist of *Bounce Back*, teaches you the art of manga drawing and provides insider information on the making of her book. Participants will receive a signed copy of *Bounce Back*. [Register](#). Virtual.

### Puppet Building 101: Jointed Rod Puppet

**Tuesday, March 8, 6:30 PM**

Jeffrey Zwartjes, Artist in Residence at the Center for Puppetry Arts, teaches participants to build a working, Bunraku-style puppet from simple supplies. Based on the human figure, puppets can be transformed into just about any character. This 90 minute workshop allows participants to bring their puppets to life through manipulation exercises and scripted scenes. Supplies provided. Recommended for ages 13 and up. [Register](#). Virtual.



### Fandom Foodstuffs

**Wednesday, March 9, 7 PM**

Explore foods of three favorite Fandoms: Harry Potter's edible Howlers; Star Wars Rontu Wrap bites; Doctor Who's "Crack in the Wall" Pull-Apart Bread. Come for the fun, stay for the cooking lessons! [Register](#). Virtual.

### Take-And-Make Kit: Pikachu Bookmark

**Registration opens Jan 31**

Create a Pikachu bookmark out of colored construction paper. Pre-cut pieces and glue will be provided to complete assembly. This craft is for customers age 6 and older. Kits may be picked up in the Youth Services department between March 7 – 11. [Register](#).

### Superhero Story Time

Streaming during the month of March at [youtube.com/YSAtBALibrary](https://youtube.com/YSAtBALibrary)