



**BARRINGTON
AREA LIBRARY**

PROGRAM GUIDE

October – November 2025

TED^x BarringtonAreaLibrary

x = independently organized TED event



THE MUSICAL LIFE

WEDNESDAY, OCT 22, 7 PM

You've heard of TED, the non-profit, global phenomenon devoted to Ideas Worth Spreading. Its goal? To make great ideas accessible and spark conversation. A TEDx event is a local version of TED - talks designed to energize and inspire by our own community members. We are excited to bring you the eleventh annual TEDxBarringtonAreaLibrary. [Register.](#) Meeting Room.

This year's speakers are:

Mary Anne Block,

NCTM, Founder and President of Music Blocks

Dr. Brian Coyle,

Director of Cultural Affairs – Village of Barrington

Josh Skaja,

Owner of GuitarOS & Music Director for Under The Streetlamp



Second Fridays: Luciano Antonio Duo

Friday, Oct 10, 7 PM

Brazilian guitarist Luciano Antonio plays a selection of original arrangements, including Bossa Nova, Samba, and other genres. [Register.](#) Meeting Room.



Second Fridays: Big Sky Trio

Friday, Nov 14, 7 PM

Cinematic, inspirational, poetic and triumphant, the Big Sky Trio performs with an eclectic approach, combining elements of Bluegrass, Classical, and American Roots Music while performing originals and covers by luminaries like the Grateful Dead and the Allman Brothers. [Register.](#)

BARRINGTON AREA COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Saturday, Oct 18, 1 – 4 PM

With Barrington Area Volunteer Connection

Join us for this showcase of local nonprofits. Hear about community resources, drop off requested items, or learn how you can get involved. [Register for a reminder](#) or drop in. Meeting Room.

Nonprofits: please contact Community Engagement Librarian Sam directly if you are interested in hosting a table.

FUN FOR FAMILIES



Family Theater: Storybook Tales

All ages w/caregiver

Friday, Oct 17, 10 AM

No school today! Whether dashing through the streets of Gepetto's Italian village, or romping through the enchanted forest with Hansel & Gretel, comic duo Lenny and Mabel of Bright Star Touring Theatre, "The Greatest Actors In The World," are sure to delight in this fun collection of stories. Drop in. Meeting Room.

Family Math Night

Grades K – 8 w/caregiver

Tuesday, Nov 11, 6:30 – 8 PM

Join us for an exciting, hands-on evening of math games and activities presented by Mathnasium of Barrington! Designed for elementary/middle school students and their families, Math Night makes math fun, accessible, and engaging through interactive stations that support STEM learning and spark curiosity. Whether your child already loves math or needs a confidence boost, this event is a great opportunity to play, learn, and explore — together. Light snacks will be provided! [Register for a reminder.](#) Meeting Room.



Family Movie

All ages w/caregiver

Wednesday, Nov 26, 10 AM

No school today! Bring the entire family to get hyped for *Zootopia 2* while you watch the original *Zootopia* on our big screen. Wigglers and wailers welcome. Enjoy popcorn and movie-friendly activities, too. Drop in. Meeting Room.

DROP-IN WEEKLY STORY TIMES

Family Story Time

All ages w/caregiver

Mondays through Nov 17

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 through Nov 18, 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 through Nov 18

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 through Nov 19

10 AM OR 10:30 AM

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

Art Play

All ages w/caregiver

Thursdays through Nov 20, 10 AM*

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

Preschool Story Time

Ages 3 – 5 w/caregiver

Thursdays through Nov 20, 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.

***No Art Play or Preschool Story Time on Thursday, Oct 16.**

STORIES & MORE

Drop in, Program Room, except where noted



Story Time Nature Walk at Crabtree Nature Center

All ages w/caregiver

Fridays, Oct 10 & Nov 7, 10 AM

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

Developmental Playgroup

Ages 0 – 5 w/caregiver

Wednesdays, Oct 15 & Nov 19

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.

Pumpkin Spice Playdough

All ages w/caregiver

Thursday, Oct 16, 10 – 11 AM

No school today, so drop in with your grown-up and create your very own play dough that smells like pumpkin spice.

Goodnight Story Time

All ages w/caregiver

Tuesdays, Oct 21 & Nov 25, 6 PM

Shake out your sillies, 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

Fridays, Oct 24 & Nov 21, 10 AM

Join us for a special story time during your birthday month and we'll celebrate YOU with stories, songs, and a craft! Register with the birthday child's name.



Parent Play Date

Ages 0 – 18 months w/caregiver

Friday, Oct 24, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Thursday, Nov 13, 2:30 – 3:30 PM

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

Costume Party Story Time

All ages w/caregiver

Tuesday, Oct 28, 6 PM

Friday, Oct 31, 10 AM

Wear your costume to this special story time! After stories and dancing, we will parade through the Library! Meeting Room.

Chinese Story Time

All ages w/caregiver

Friday, Nov 14, 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.](#)

Little Kids, Big Feelings

Ages 3 – 6 w/caregiver

Friday, Nov 21, 11 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. Story Room.

Sensory Playtime

Ages 0 – 5 w/caregiver

Monday, Nov 24, 10 – 11 AM

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

Family Feast Story Time

All ages w/caregiver

Tuesday, Nov 25, 10 AM

Let's share stories, songs, and rhymes all about feasting with our families. [Register.](#) Story Room.

REGISTRATION:

Some Youth Services Programs require registration. Registration for Oct and Nov programs opens Monday, September 29. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (847) 382-1300.

WONDERFUL WEEKENDS

Read With Me™

Therapy Dogs

Grades 1 – 5

Saturdays, Oct 11 & Nov 8
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 Explorers: Spiders

PreK – Grade 2 w/caregiver

Saturday, Oct 25, 10 AM

Let's explore spiders! We will read *I Worked Hard On That!* by Robyn Wall, learn about different spiders in the local area, and do an activity! [Register.](#) Program Room.

Family Story Time

All ages w/caregiver

Saturday, Nov 1, 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, Nov 1, 11 AM

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

PLAY – LEARN – CREATE

Register, Program Room, except where noted.

Homeschool STEAM: Engineering Explorers

Grades K – 6

Monday, Oct 13, 2 PM

How does a bridge stay up? Why do some buildings fall down? Explore the whys and hows of structural engineering using popsicle sticks, blocks, and other materials! Presented in collaboration with nine other Lake and McHenry County Libraries.

All About K-pop

Grades K – 3: Monday, Oct 13

4:15 PM

Grades 4 – 8: Monday, Oct 20

4:15 PM

Bop to the beat and learn all about K-pop.

Tranquil Tuesdays

Grades 4 – 8

Tuesdays, Oct 14 & Nov 4, 6 PM

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

Kindergarten Keepsakes

Grade K w/caregiver

Wednesday, Oct 15, 6:30 PM

Friday, Oct 17, 4:30 PM

Create a keepsake for your child as they start their school journey! Personalize a T-shirt to fill with handprints - one for each school year through 2038. Register with your BAlibrary card. MakerLab.

Crafting for a Cause

All ages w/adult

Thursday, Oct 16, 2 – 3 PM

Bring a favorite grown-up and decorate a placemat that will brighten someone's day and create a ripple of goodwill throughout our community. Drop in.

Stop Motion Studio

Grades 3 – 8

Thursday, Oct 16, 4 PM

Use stop motion technology to create an awesome animated video on your day off from school!

Art Studio

Grades K – 8, caregivers welcome

Fridays, Oct 17 & Nov 28, 2 PM

Create something amazing with the Library's art supplies on your day off from school. Drop in.

Tech Open Lab

All ages w/caregiver

Wednesday, Oct 22, 3:30 – 4:30 PM

Friday, Nov 14, 3:30 – 4:30 PM

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

Astronomy Club

Grades 3 – 5

Thursday, Oct 23, 4:15 PM

Are you mesmerized by stars, planets, and all things outer space? Let's explore the universe together and participate in space-themed crafts, experiments, and activities.



Afterschool Story + Craft

Grades K – 2

Monday, Oct 27, 4:15 PM:

The Day of the Dead by Bob Barner

Monday, Nov 17, 4:15 PM:

Leaves! By Robert Munsch

Come listen to a story and make a related craft.

Code Together

PreK – Grade 5 w/caregiver

Wednesday, Oct 29, 6 PM

Tuesday, Nov 19, 6 PM

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

Slightly Scary Stories

Grades K – 2 w/families

Thursday, Oct 30, 4:15 PM

Enjoy some (light) frights as we share our favorite scary stories for kids and their grown-ups. Costumes welcome! Drop in. Story Room.

Building Bookworms

Grades K and 1 w/caregiver

Monday, Nov 3, 4:15 PM

Phonics games, literacy activities, and tools to grow young readers.

Taylor Swift Fan Club

Grades 3 – 6

Wednesday, Nov 5, 4 PM

In your Swiftie era? Let's make friendship bracelets, listen to songs, and talk all things Taylor Swift!

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Kids for Kindness

Grades 2 – 5

Friday, Nov 7, 2 PM

No school today – let's be cool and be kind! Decorate a placemat that will brighten someone's day and create a ripple of goodwill throughout our community. Drop in.

Fiction & Non-Fiction:

All About Space

Grades K – 2

Monday, Nov 10, 4:15 PM

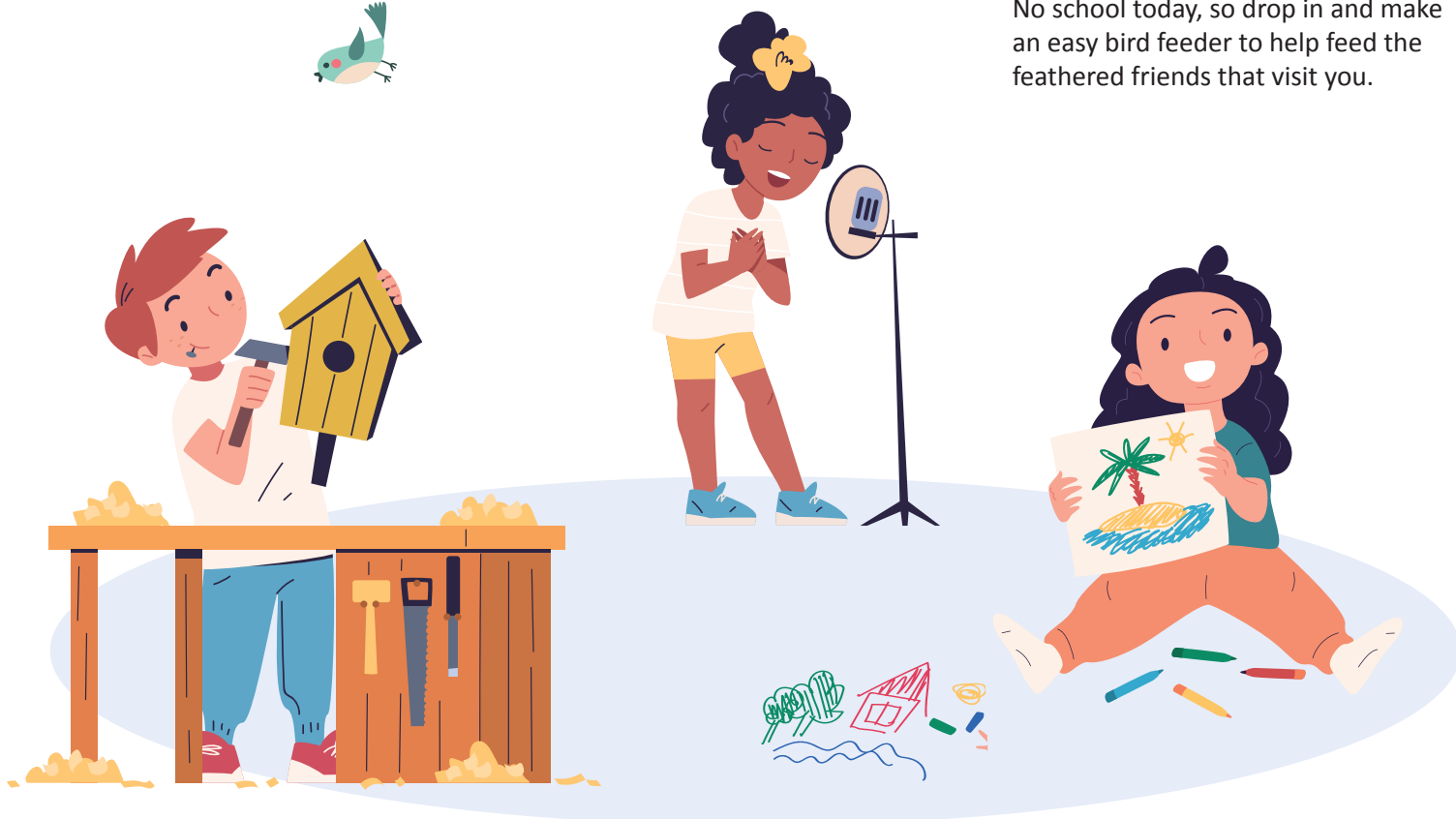
Learn all about space and make a craft!

Make A Bird Feeder

All ages w/caregiver

Wednesday, Nov 26, 1:30 PM

No school today, so drop in and make an easy bird feeder to help feed the feathered friends that visit you.



FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Volunteers Needed:

Seed Packing

Thursday, Oct 2, 11 AM OR 4 PM

Friday, Nov 28, 11 AM OR 4 PM

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

Healthy Teen Relationships

Tuesday, Oct 7, 7 PM

With BStrong Together and WINGS

Let's talk about healthy teen relationships, and how to begin candid conversations about building respectful connections. Learn what a healthy teen relationship looks like, the red flags of an unhealthy one, how to establish healthy boundaries, and where to find resources. [Register](#). Zimmerman Room.

FAFSA and the Financial Aid Overview

Wednesday, Oct 8, 7 PM

The FAFSA Simplification Act and the One Big Beautiful Bill Act have significantly reshaped the college financial aid process. In this informative program, Thomas J. Jaworski of Quest College Consulting will share his expertise on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), explain how these recent changes may affect your student's financial aid eligibility, and provide a clear breakdown of college costs. [Register](#). Meeting Room.



Start Early, Start Smart

Tuesday, Nov 4, 7 PM

Join Georgia Koch with Career Vision as she helps you to identify careers that fit your unique profile, narrow down career and college majors that are relevant for your direction, and learn more about your natural abilities and how they relate to the workplace. For parents and students. [Register](#). Virtual.



CAREER
VISION

ONLINE EVENTS WITH AUTHORS & OTHER INFLUENCERS

Beyond the Screen: A "Wicked" Conversation with Marissa Bode

Tuesday, Oct 21, 7 PM

Prepare for a magical evening as Illinois Libraries Present welcomes actress Marissa Bode. Bode made her feature film debut as Nessarose in the Academy Award-winning blockbuster, *Wicked*, directed by Jon M. Chu. Join us to explore Bode's early inspirations and performances. As the highly anticipated sequel *Wicked: For Good* approaches, we'll reflect on what makes the story so meaningful to Bode and audiences around the world. Bode will also share personal stories and insights from her time on stage, the challenges and rewards of being part of an iconic production, and what the future holds for her career. [Register](#). Virtual.



Kenji López-Alt: A Journey Through Food and Science

Tuesday, Nov 18, 7 PM

Join award-winning cookbook author, New York Times food columnist, and Serious Eats director J. Kenji López-Alt for an evening of cooking insights, techniques, and foodie exploration. As the Culinary Director for Serious Eats, Kenji is known and loved for his thoroughly tested and explained recipes and food features. A former chef and restaurant worker, Kenji is the author of *The Food Lab* and *The Wok*, a best-selling children's book, *Every Night is Pizza Night*, and co-hosts 'The Recipe with Kenji and Deb,' a podcast that helps you discover your own perfect recipes with his friend Deb Perelman of Smitten Kitchen. [Register](#). Virtual.



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CRAFT TOGETHER

Monday – Friday, Nov 3 – 14

2:30 – 4 PM

Drop in, while supplies last. MakerLab.

Nov 3: Paper Poinsettia – Age 10+

Nov 4: Custom Gift Tags – Age 8+

Nov 5: Snowman Tea Light Ornament – Age 10+

Nov 6: Watercolor Winter Card – Age 14+

Nov 7: Laser-Cut Picture Frame – Age 14+

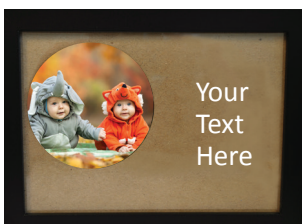
Nov 10: Painted 3D Printed Gnome – Age 14+

Nov 11: Mason Jar Candle Holder – Age 10+

Nov 12: Laser-Cut Snowflake Pin – Age 8+

Nov 13: Decoupage Coasters – Age 14+

Nov 14: Laser-Cut Earrings – Age 14+



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Library Closings:

Thursday, November 27, Thanksgiving

FUN & GAMES FOR SENIORS

Game-O-Rama

Tuesday, October 14, 2 PM

Simple and fun card and dice games for 2 – 4 players – bring your friends!

For those 65 and older. [Register.](#)

Senior Scrabble

Wednesdays, Oct 22 AND Nov 26, 1 PM

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



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FAMILY HISTORY MONTH

With Signal Hill NSDAR Chapter of Barrington

FamilySearch, AI, and You

Thursday, Oct 23, 7 PM

Learn all about familysearch.org and its experimental AI feature, enabling you to search previously unknown and unindexed records, like deeds, wills, and probate records, to help you fill in your family tree! [Register](#). Meeting Room.

Finding Your Military Family Online

Thursday, Nov 13, 7 PM

Discover records relating to your ancestors' military service, through well-known genealogy databases and lesser-known websites. [Register](#). Zimmerman Room.



HONORING NURSES

Nurse Honor Guard

Sunday, Nov 9, 2 PM

With the Northeastern Illinois Nurse Honor Guard

Just as the family of US veterans may request military funeral honors, a nurse's family may request a color guard ceremony. Learn more and see a demonstration of this moving ceremony from the Barrington-based Northeastern Illinois Nurse Honor Guard. [Register](#). Meeting Room.



Native American Storytelling

Wednesday, Oct 29, 7 PM

Ho-Chunk elder Gerald Savage shares traditional stories and culture of the Ho-Chunk Nation. [Register](#). Meeting Room.



Echoes of Hiroshima:

A Survivor's Story

Sunday, Nov 16, 2 PM

Commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Hiroshima bombing with Clinton Fairbanks, who shares the story of Mr. Masakazu Saito, one of the closest survivors of the atomic blast. In 2001, the two met, with Saito sharing his remarkable story of survival through a series of watercolors. Saito's story offers the world a glimpse into the devastation of an atomic explosion. [Register](#). Meeting Room.



FOR BOOK LOVERS



Cover To Cover

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

The Dead Romantics

by Ashley Poston

Wednesday, Oct 8, 1 PM

Good Night, Irene

by Luis Alberto Urrea

Wednesday, Nov 12, 1 PM



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

The Haunting of Hill House

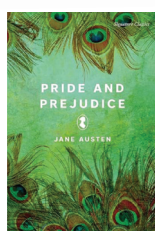
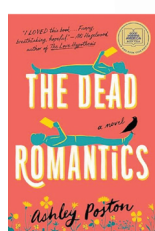
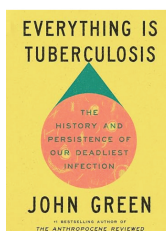
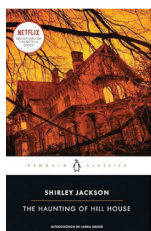
by Shirley Jackson

Monday, Oct 13, 7 PM

Everything is Tuberculosis

by John Green

Monday, Nov 10, 7 PM



**The Intricate Riddle of Life:
Mary Shelley**

Tuesday, Oct 14, 7 PM

You know the story of Frankenstein, but do you know the story of the author? Deb Miller presents the tangled life and history of Mary Shelley. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

Trivia: Book Lovers Edition

Wednesday, Nov 12, 7 PM

Trivia fans and bookworms assemble! Test your knowledge across a wide range of bookish Jeopardy categories and see if you are the ruling reader. [Register](#) as a team of up to six or individually. Meeting Room.

Jane Austen Night

Friday, Nov 21, 6 – 8 PM

You are cordially invited to celebrate the 250th birthday of Jane Austen. Join us for an evening of mirth & merriment with Austen-inspired crafts, trivia, photo ops, and light refreshments. Regency-inspired dress is encouraged! [Register](#). Meeting Room.

Big Winter Books

Thursday, Nov 20, 6 PM

Adult Services Librarian Liz Kirchhoff discusses some of the most anticipated winter releases. You might even go home with a free book! [Register](#). Meeting Room.



Cooks with Books:

Polish Cuisine

Tuesday, Oct 28, 7 PM

It's Polish Heritage Month! Let's talk delicious cuisine from pierogi to kielbasa to pączki! [Register](#). Zimmerman Room.

Cooks with Books:

Native American Cuisine

Tuesday, Nov 18, 7 PM

Let's talk Native American Cuisine with Owner and Native Executive Chef of Ketapanen Kitchen, Chef Jessica Pamonicutt. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

FOR MUSIC LOVERS

Elgin Symphony's Listeners Club

Tuesdays, Oct 7 AND Nov 4, 1 PM

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

Billie Burke: Becoming Glinda & Discovering Oz

Thursday, Nov 6, 2 PM

Storyteller Lynn Rymarz shares Billie Burke's remarkable journey to becoming Glinda, the Good Witch of the North, in *The Wizard of Oz*. Learn behind-the-scenes tidbits about making the movie and Burke's life after Oz. [Register](#). Meeting Room.



LIFELONG LEARNING



History of Halloween

Thursday, Oct 9, 2 PM

Travel through the haunted history of Halloween, from its beginnings as the Celtic festival of Samhain, to its arrival in America, and the modern Halloween traditions we know and love today. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

The Webb Space Telescope

Thursday, Oct 9, 7 PM

The Webb Space Telescope has begun to fundamentally alter our understanding of black holes, the early Universe, stars, planets, and more. Learn more about this groundbreaking mission as we explore the latest stunning images from the telescope. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

Artificial Intelligence: Promise & Peril

Friday, Oct 24, 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.

Winter Shadow Boxes

Wednesday, Nov 5, 2 PM OR 6 PM

Get crafty with this pretty seasonal project. [Register](#). Meeting Room.



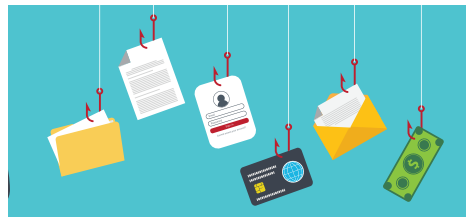
ONLINE SAFETY



Password and File Navigation on Smartphones

Monday, Oct 6, 2 PM

Learn tips and tricks for storing and retrieving passwords and files in iPhone and Android devices. Bring your smartphone for Q&A! [Register](#). Meeting Room.



Internet Safety and Avoiding Online Scams

Thursday, Oct 23, 3 PM

With Elderwerks

Stay safe and secure online! Join Tony LaPalio, Founder and CEO of Senior Tech Support, for an essential presentation where you'll learn how to protect yourself in today's digital world. Become empowered with tools and knowledge to browse the internet with confidence and avoid the pitfalls of online scams. [Register](#).



SELF-CARE



Yoga

Thursday, Oct 9, 10 AM

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

Chair Tai Chi

Wednesday, Nov 5, 10 AM

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

Self-Compassion with Chris George

Wednesday, Nov 12, 7 PM

Before the holidays arrive, take a moment for yourself as presenter Chris George guides us through self-compassion exercises. [Register](#). Virtual.

Train Safety with Metra

Monday, Nov 17, 7 PM

Prepare for the holiday travel season by getting an overview of railway safety from Metra's Operation Lifesaver program. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

Forest Therapy Walk at Crabtree Nature Center

Wednesday, Nov 19, 1 PM

Forest Therapy Guide, Horticultural Therapist, and Yoga Instructor Navraaz Basati leads an immersive and therapeutic walk. The walk will conclude with a tea ceremony and weaving activity. Dress comfortably. Priority [registration](#) for BALibrary cardholders. Crabtree Nature Center.

LET'S GET GROWING

Seed Packing Parties

Thursday, Oct 2, 11 AM OR 4 PM

Friday, Nov 28, 11 AM OR 4 PM

Chat with fellow plant lovers and other service minded community members while you help us pack seeds for our Seed Library. Teens: this program can be used to earn community service credit. Conference Room. Register.



Plant This, Not That: For Wildlife

Sunday, Oct 12, 2 PM

With Citizens for Conservation.

Join CFC experts for an inspiring seminar that explores the power of prairies in your own backyard. Discover how even small patches of native plants in residential yards can have a big impact. Learn about the collective influence of green spaces across the urban landscape—and how your own garden can become part of a thriving network that supports birds, pollinators, and other native wildlife. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just getting started, you'll walk away with actionable ideas to help turn your yard into a vital piece of habitat. [Register.](#) Meeting Room.

Prairie Seed Processing

Monday, Nov 3, 6 PM

In this hands-on session, we'll discuss how to collect and dry native plants, then we'll practice with flowers harvested from the Teaching Prairie. Participants will have the opportunity to take home seeds. This program is not recommended for those with seasonal allergies. Meeting Room. [Register.](#)

Native Gardening & Harvesting Wednesday, Nov 19, 7 PM

Learn about food storage, the Three Sisters planting method, and hear a Native harvest celebration song on authentic instruments from Ojibwa author, musician, and speaker Kim Sigafus. [Register.](#) Meeting Room.



LONG-TERM CARE AWARENESS

The New Wealth of Health: Planning & Funding Long-Term Care

Wednesday, Nov 19, 6 PM

November is Long-Term Care Awareness Month! Certified long-term care planning professional Carol Brandt, CLTC®, and Elderwerks' Executive Director Deana Liss lead a thoughtful conversation on protecting both lifestyle and legacy as we age. Learn strategies families can use to reposition taxable assets into tax-free, long-term care benefits. [Register.](#) Virtual.



NON-PROFIT KNOW-HOW

Find Your Funding

Tuesday, Nov 11, 1 PM

Who should you ask for funding? Join Community Engagement Librarian Sam for a hands-on introduction to Candid's Foundation Directory Online and discussion of free, publicly-available search resources. Bring your own laptop or a flash drive to save your results. [Register.](#) Zimmerman Room.



NEW JOB NOVEMBER

Job Search Basics for 2025

Monday, Nov 10, 10 AM

With Barrington Career Center
Staff from the Career Center and Barrington Area Library cover researching, resume writing, networking, obtaining referrals, interviewing, using social media and AI, and common mistakes to avoid. Suitable for a wide range of job seekers, from recent graduates to those with many years of experience. [Register.](#) Meeting Room.



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LIBRARY CLOSINGS:

Thursday, November 27
Thanksgiving

MAKER WORKSHOPS

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Laser-Etched Tea Bag Bookmark

Tuesday, Oct 7, 10 AM OR 2 PM

Create a unique bookmark
inspired by the design of a tea bag.

Wood Pumpkin Luminary

Thursday, Oct 16, 10 AM OR 2 PM

Using the laser, cut designs
into your own square pumpkin
luminary, then decorate it with
seasonal details.



Sewing Machine: Pie Carrier

Monday, Oct 20, 6 PM OR

Tuesday, Oct 21, 10 AM

Sew a simple pie carrier on the
Library's sewing machines.

Batty for Bows: Laser-Cut Bat Wing Hair Clip

Wednesday, Oct 22, 2 PM OR 6 PM

Laser cut a leather-like batwing hair
clip just in time for Halloween!



Spooky Sugar Scrub Potions

Monday, Oct 27, 2 PM OR 6 PM

Personalize a small jar with
laser-etched art, then whip up
a sugar scrub to keep your skin
magically soft. Meeting Room.

Framed Fall Art

Wednesday, Oct 29, 2 PM OR 6 PM

Learn how to cut out cardstock
leaves using the Silhouette and
frame them with a mini vintage
frame printed on our 3D printer.

