



BENSENVILLE COMMUNITY
PUBLIC LIBRARY

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FALL PROGRAM GUIDE

SEPTEMBER – NOVEMBER 2021

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Chromebook Laptops & Hotspots

We circulate Chromebooks! We have laptop + hotspot and laptop-only bundles available for 2 week checkout. Bundles come with power cords and instruction manuals in a convenient grab-and-go case. Available for BCPL cardholders only. Hotspots are subject to a data limit.

Curbside Pickup Service

Access library materials easily and conveniently with curbside pickup! Check out books, audiobooks, magazines, DVDs, CDs, board games, laptops, WiFi hotspots, and more! Printing, scanning, copying, and faxing services are also available for curbside service. For more information about curbside pickup and frequently asked questions, please visit: benlib.org/curbside.

Computer Assistance is Available!

Need some computer help? Have a technology-related question? One-on-one tech appointments are available at this time. To schedule an appointment, please call Chris Sloan, Adult Services Coordinator at (630) 766-4642.



LIBRARY HOURS

Monday | 9AM - 9PM
Tuesday | 9AM - 9PM
Wednesday | 9AM - 9PM
Thursday | 9AM - 9PM
Friday | 9AM - 5PM
Saturday | 9AM - 5PM
Sunday | 1PM - 5PM

For the most up-to-date information, including hours, services, mask requirements, and more, visit us online at benlib.org or call us at (630) 766-4642.

Please note that library hours, programs, program details, and services are subject to change due to the ongoing pandemic.

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Looking for eBooks and eAudiobooks? Your BCPL library card has you covered — for free! Our easy-to-use eBook platforms boast a wide variety of free downloadable material — for all ages. Start browsing today at: benlib.org/download. Need more assistance? Call us at (630) 766-4642.



Booklists & Recommendations

Now recommending... Something for everyone! Browse our online booklists at benlib.org/booklists — staff picks, themed lists, topical resources, and more! Looking for something else? Our staff is ready and willing to make reading, listening, or viewing recommendations to you!

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Accessibility Statement

The Bensenville Community Public Library is committed to providing equal access to all patrons, including those with disabilities, under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). If you require an accommodation in order to access any Library materials, services, programs or public computers, please communicate with Library staff. All reasonable requests for accommodations will be considered. In the event that a preferred accommodation cannot be provided, Library staff will attempt to provide an effective, alternate accommodation. For more information about accessibility accommodations please call (630) 766-4642.



September is Library Card Sign-Up Month!

This September, the Bensenville Community Public Library is joining with the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries nationwide to celebrate Library Card Sign-up Month — to encourage community members to obtain a free library card that will not only save them money, but reap the rewards of both academic achievement and lifelong learning.

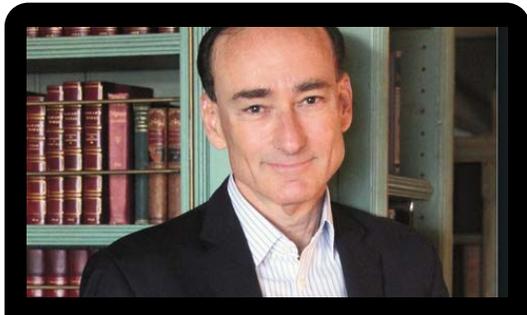
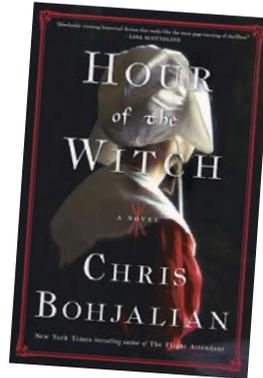
Stop in the Library this September and either sign up for a library card or confirm your library card information and be entered into a raffle! We're giving away prizes donated by local businesses in our community. For more information, please contact the Circulation Desk.

Chris Bohjalian: Virtual Author Visit

Wednesday, October 27 at 6:30 p.m. | Live on Zoom

We are proud to announce a very special virtual author visit featuring author Chris Bohjalian! Chris Bohjalian is the #1 New York Times bestselling author of 22 books. His work has been translated into 35 languages and has been adapted into three movies and a TV series. He will be talking about his newest release *The Hour of the Witch*. This is the perfect Halloween program!

This free virtual program is brought to you in conjunction with the RAILS Virtual Programming Consortium. Registration for this live Zoom program is required through our [online calendar](#) or by phone; space is limited. All are welcome! Registration closes one day prior to the event. A link to the Zoom event will be emailed to participants after registration closes.



Don't miss this free event!



Monday, September 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, October 4 at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, November 1 at 7:00 p.m.



Thinking about cooking for yourself more but hate how much of a hassle it is?

Join Bill and learn some quick and easy dishes with minimal clean-up!

Visit our [Facebook](#), [Vimeo](#), or [Instagram](#) (IGTV) to watch! And don't forget to stream all past episodes on Vimeo!

Trivia Night at Green St. Grille

First Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. — September 13* | October 4 | November 1 at Green St. Grille — 120 W. Green St. in Bensenville

Join staff from the Bensenville Community Public Library on the first Monday of every month* from 7:00–9:00 p.m. and flex your trivia muscle at the Green Street Grille! Gather some friends and compete against other teams for prizes by answering questions about history, pop culture and more! **Trivia Night will be held outdoors on the patio at Green St. Grille, weather permitting.** Registration is not required to attend Trivia Night, but reservations at Green St. Grille are recommended. Please call (630) 474-1201 to reserve a table.

**Please note that in September, Trivia Night will meet on the second Monday of the month. Details of this program are subject to change due to the ongoing pandemic.*



Trivia Night is back!



Online Research: Databases, Resources, and More

The Bensenville Community Public Library subscribes to a variety of online research products and databases that offer up-to-date, reliable information on a range of topics!

- **Ancestry: Library Edition**
- **Auto Repair Source**
- **Consumer Health Complete**
- **Consumer Reports**
- **History Reference Center**
- **Illinois Digital Archives**
- **Literary Reference Center**
- **NewsBank**
- **Novelist Plus & Novelist K-8 Plus**
- **Occupational Outlook Handbook**
- **Points of View Reference Center**
- **Science Reference Center**
- **and many more!**

All of our searchable resources are available for use in the library or from home. Visit benlib.org/research to learn more about each database.

Are the Library programs in-person or virtual this fall?

The answer is both! This fall, the Library will be hosting a variety of programming both at the Library and virtually via Zoom.

For in-person programs hosted at the Library, excluding craft programs, registration is not required to attend. Space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

For programs hosted virtually via Zoom, registration is required through our [online calendar](#) or by phone; space is limited. **Registration closes one day prior to the event.** A link to the Zoom event will be emailed to participants after registration closes. Questions? Please contact the Library.



Seed Saving 101

Wednesday, September 8 at 7:00 p.m.

Join the Library for an introduction to seed saving! Master Gardener Pat Kosmach from the U of I Extension program will present on the basics of seed saving and the specifics of how and when to harvest seeds from a number of traditional garden vegetables and flowers. Seed saving may sound intimidating, but give it a try! It's easier than you think! All are welcome to attend!

Registration is not required to attend, but space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.



Yoga at the Library

Thursday, September 9 at 7:00 p.m.

Do you feel like anxiety is taking over your life? Give yoga a try! Yoga has many benefits – it helps develop strength, flexibility, endurance, steadiness, and can bring greater balance to body, mind, and spirit. Kelly from Hatha Vinyasa Yoga will teach us proper alignment and prepare us for deeper stages of meditation. This program will take place outdoors.

Registration is not required to attend, but space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. In the case of inclement weather, this program will move indoors.



Our Wild Neighbors

Monday, October 18 at 7:00 p.m.

In-person at the Library, Zoom option available

Join us for a presentation by our friends at the DuPage County Animal Services and separate fact from fiction about Chicagoland's wildlife. Understand how you can protect fascinating local wild animals and live in harmony with them.

If attending in person, registration is not required to attend, but space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. If you would prefer to participate in the program via Zoom, please register through our [online calendar](#) or by phone.



Naturalization 101: Becoming a U.S. Citizen

Wednesday, October 27 at 7:00 p.m. | Live on Zoom

Are you or a loved one ready to become a U.S. Citizen? Maria Rodriguez, Community Relations Officer from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will discuss everything you need to know about the naturalization process so that you can take the next step toward citizenship.

Registration is required through our [online calendar](#) or by phone; space is limited.



Vintage Holiday Cookies and Candies

Saturday November 13 at 2:00 p.m. | Live on Zoom

Learn about some classic holiday desserts at this humorous, nostalgic event with cookbook collector Amy Alessio. Everyone will leave with recipes!

Registration is required through our [online calendar](#) or by phone; space is limited.

 Indicates a virtual program, live on Zoom!

 Indicates an in-person program at the Library!

ADULT PROGRAMS



From Uptown Girls to Downton Abbey: How American Gilded Age Heiresses Invaded the British Aristocracy

Sunday, September 19 at 2:00 p.m. | Live on Zoom

Long before the British Invasion, cash-strapped lords and dukes of Great Britain shifted their focus from hunting foxes to more lucrative targets; cash-flush American socialites willing to trade their family's money for an ancient title. Join Anglophile and former U.K. resident Claire Evans as she recounts the tales of some of the famously loaded young Americans who infused bank accounts of many stately homes, including close relatives of Winston Churchill and Princess Diana.

Registration is required through our [online calendar](#) or by phone; space is limited.

Conspiracy Theories

Thursday, November 11 at 7:00 p.m. | Live on Zoom

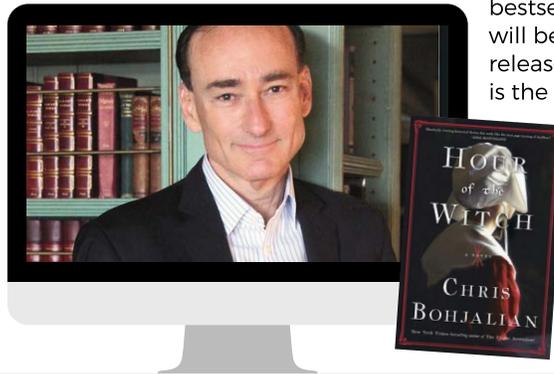
Did Courtney Love kill Kurt Cobain? Was J.F.K.'s death an inside job? Historian Tim Wilsey will discuss these conspiracy theories.

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This program is co-sponsored by the RAILS Virtual Programming Consortium.

LOCAL HISTORY PROGRAMS



UNLOCKING THE PAST

Genealogy Discussion Group

Wednesday, September 8 at 7:00 p.m. | Live on Zoom

Join Elizabeth Morris, the Library's Digital Librarian & Archivist, for an all-skill-level group discussion on getting started with genealogy using Ancestry.com, and overcoming roadblocks in your research. If you have a genealogy journey that you would like to share with the group, you are invited to share how you started, stayed organized, and saved your journey back in time. All genealogy questions are welcome.

Registration is required through our [online calendar](#) or by phone; space is limited.

Organize & Save Your Digital Files Workshop

Wednesday, November 10 at 7:00 p.m. | Live on Zoom

Join our Digital Librarian & Archivist Elizabeth Morris to learn uncomplicated ways to organize and save your digital files. Learn how to create your own file hierarchy, name files, and where you should store and back up your files. We will also briefly discuss what happens to social media accounts when someone dies and making digital afterlife plans.

Registration is required through our [online calendar](#) or by phone; space is limited.



Making History Everyday: Introduction to The Bensenville Stories Oral History Project

Wednesday, October 6 at 7:00 p.m. | Live on Zoom

Join our Digital Librarian & Archivist for an introduction to our new Bensenville history gathering project, Our Bensenville Stories Oral History Project. Learn the ins and outs of making oral histories, how it is done, the library's collection today, and what you can do to help the library continue to save the history of Bensenville.

Bring your oral history questions and see how you can bring Bensenville's past to life for future generations. All ages welcome.

Registration is required through our [online calendar](#) or by phone; space is limited.



ADULT DIY & CRAFT PROGRAMS



DIY Button Fob Live on Zoom

Thursday, September 2 at 7:00 p.m. | Adults only

Join us and make a playful bauble made from an oversized decorative wooden button! Use it as a keychain, attach it to a brooch, hang it from a window or pull string; whatever you'd like!



DIY Beaded Dragonfly Live on Zoom

Thursday, October 7 at 7:00 p.m. | Adults only

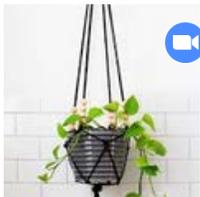
October is the month we say goodbye to dragonflies until next April, so join us as we make a decoration honoring these pest-eating friends using seed beads, faceted crystal, and beading wire.



DIY Autumn Colors Bracelet Live on Zoom

Thursday, November 4 at 7:00 p.m. | Adults only

Together on Zoom we'll create an elastic cord bracelet with some crystal rondelles, spacer beads, and a few forest-themed charms in an autumn color palette.



DIY Macramé Jar Holder Live on Zoom

Monday, November 15 at 7:00 p.m. | Adults only

Join us on Zoom and make a decorative macramé mason jar holder to hang in your home. This craft is perfect to hang succulents, sand art, candles, or anything you'd like!



Intro to Aromatherapy

Wednesday, September 15

at 7:00 p.m. | Adults only

Explore the art and science of creating harmonious essential oil blends and walk away with a custom roller bottle you will make in class yourself! Uncover what essential oils are, the history, production and safety of oils, plus how to effectively balance top, middle, and base note aromas to make a perfume blend you will love!



DIY Vision Boards

Tuesday, September 21 at 7:00 p.m. | AGES: Teens & adults

When you dream of the best version of yourself, what do you want that to look like? Lately we hear a lot about turning our dreams into reality through "setting intentions" and "manifesting" the things we want. One simple way to start visualizing our dreams for ourselves and for our lives and to move towards our goals is to create a vision board — a collage of images, pictures, and affirmations of one's dreams and desires as a source of inspiration and motivation. Join Samantha as we craft together and celebrate Self-Care Awareness Month with this relaxing and reflective program. Magazines and other collage materials will be provided, but feel free to bring your own clippings, photos, or magazines to cut up for your vision board!

Anytime Craft Kits

Craft at home, on your own time!

Like crafting, but too busy to attend a program? Stop by the library to pick up an Anytime Craft Kit! Anytime Craft Kits are available all month long beginning the first Saturday of the month, while supplies last. Each kit includes the materials to create the project, plus step-by-step instructions. Anytime Craft Kits are for adults only on a first-come, first-served basis. One craft per adult, please! Sorry, we are unable to hold crafts.

● "Stained Glass" Sunflower

Pickup starting: September 4

Brighten up any window with this tissue paper "stained glass" sunflower.

● Cheesecloth Ghost

Pickup starting: October 2

Get your spook on this Halloween season with a simple cheesecloth ghost.

● Gratitude Leaves

Pickup starting: November 6

Show what you are thankful for by making gratitude leaves out of air clay.

NEW



HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH & BILINGUAL EVENTS

Each year, we observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15 by celebrating the histories, cultures, and contributions of Americans whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America.

During National Hispanic Heritage Month, we celebrate Hispanic and Latino Americans who have positively influenced and enriched our nation and society. **Join us all month as we recognize their important presence in the United States and celebrate their heritage and culture.**



Bilingual Night: Mexican and Central American Independence Day Party

Thursday, September 16 at 6:30 p.m. | All ages

Did you know that Mexican Independence Day is September 16, and September 15 for Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua? In addition, Hispanic Heritage Month begins on September 15! Celebrate these special holidays with us at the Library!

Registration is required through our [online calendar](#) or by phone; space is limited.



Bilingual Movie Night: Selena

Tuesday, September 21 at 6:30 p.m. | All Ages | Rated PG; 2 hr 7 min

Bring the family out for a movie night! Join Miss Karen and Miss Sofia for a screening of the movie Selena! Admission to the show is free!

- In this biographical drama, Selena Quintanilla (Jennifer Lopez) is born into a musical Mexican-American family in Texas. Her father, Abraham (Edward James Olmos), realizes that his young daughter is talented and begins performing with her at small venues. She finds success and falls for her guitarist, Chris Perez (Jon Seda), who draws the ire of her father. Seeking mainstream stardom, Selena begins recording an English-language album which, tragically, she would never complete.

Registration is required through our [online calendar](#) or by phone; space is limited.



Take & Make: Papel Picado

Thursday, September 30, while supplies last | All ages

Pick up a kit with supplies for papel picado that you can take and make at home! Craft kits will be available for pick up on a first-come, first-served basis, while supplies last.



Take & Make: DIY Mexican Tin Hearts

Thursday, October 14 at 6:30 p.m. | All ages | Video posted on social media

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and learn how to create something using one of Mexico's oldest folk art mediums: tin. Pick up your supplies at the Library starting October 7, while supplies last. We will learn how to create Mexican tin hearts using lotería images and flowers! Visit our [Facebook](#), [Vimeo](#), or [Instagram \(IGTV\)](#) to watch!



Bilingual Nights: Day of the Dead Sugar Skull Decorating

Thursday, October 21 at 6:30 p.m. | Live on Zoom | All ages

Get ready for Day of the Dead and join Miss Karen and Miss Sofia live over Zoom for sugar skull decorating.

Registration is required through our [online calendar](#) or by phone; space is limited. Craft supplies will be available for pickup 1 week prior to the event date.



Bilingual Nights: Lotería Night

Thursday, November 18 at 6:30 p.m. | All ages

Lotería is a traditional game of chance, similar to bingo, but uses images on a deck of cards instead of numbered ping pong balls. Join Miss Karen and Miss Sofia for Lotería Night and a chance to win prizes!

Registration is required through our [online calendar](#) or by phone; space is limited.

STORYTIMES



Tuesday Tales

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. | Live on Zoom
Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. | at the Library
September 7 - November 16
AGES: 0 to 6 years old

Join the Youth Services staff every Tuesday for fun, interactive storytimes filled with songs and books! We have two sessions available – join us for a virtual storytime live on Zoom or join us in-person at the Library for storytime!

Registration is required through our [online calendar](#) or by phone; space is limited.

Polish Storytime

Fridays at 10:30 a.m.
September 3 | October 1 | November 5
AGES: 0 to 6 years old

Join Mrs. Kat as she virtually shares all of our favorite books, songs, and movement activities in Polish!

Registration is required through our [online calendar](#) or by phone; space is limited.

Cuentos & Canciones

Fridays at 10:30 a.m.
September 17 | October 22 | November 19
AGES: 0 to 6 years old

Join Miss Karen for songs and stories in Spanish!

Registration is required through our [online calendar](#) or by phone; space is limited.

Are both in-person and virtual programs available this fall?

This fall, we are hosting a variety of programming, both virtually on Zoom and in-person at the Library.

For youth programming, registration is required for both in-person and virtual formats. Register using our online calendar or by phone; space is limited.

If materials are provided for a program, they will be available one week prior to the event and can be picked up at the Library or using our Curbside Pickup. Materials are provided free of charge. Registration closes one day prior to the event.

For Zoom programs, a link to the Zoom event will be emailed to participants after registration closes.



Ready, Set, Grow!

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. | AGES: 4 and 5 years old
September 8 | October 6 | November 3

Join Miss Penny and Miss Diane at the Library to explore a different readiness skill every month. We'll help your child to be a future super student with stories, songs, and a craft. A packet of early learning materials will be sent home with each child.

Registration is required through our [online calendar](#) or by phone; space is limited.



Growing Readers Storytime

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. | AGES: 3 to 5 years old
September 1 - November 17* | Live on Zoom

Join Miss Penny and Miss Diane to share some fun stories and songs on seasonal themes. We also love homeschoolers, so please come join the fun!

*Registration is required through our [online calendar](#) or by phone; space is limited. *Does not meet on: September 8, October 6, and November 3.*

SCHOOL AGE PROGRAMS



Pen Pal Exchange All of September | GRADES: 2nd - 5th

Interested in making a friend from another country? Join in our pen-pal exchange project and you will be matched with another kid around your same age from a school in Guatemala! Please call or visit the Youth Services Desk in September for more information and to join the list!

STEAM Club

Mondays at 5:00 p.m. | GRADES: 3rd - 6th
September 13 | October 11 | November 8

Be your very own scientist in STEAM Club! Each activity will explore a new concept and make a cool experiment!

Registration is required through our [online calendar](#) or by phone.

Kid Art Club

Mondays at 5:00 p.m. | GRADES: K - 3rd
September 27 | October 25 | November 22

Learn about different famous artists and art styles with our art club! Become your own master artist with all different materials!

Registration is required through our [online calendar](#) or by phone.

Homeschool Club

Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. | AGES: 5 years old and up
September 9 | October 14 | November 11

Calling all homeschooling families! Join us for our first ever Homeschool Club, where the Library provides fun activities for homeschooling kids and a place for homeschool families to meet up!

Registration is required through our [online calendar](#) or by phone.

Tuesday nights are family nights!

FAMILY PROGRAMS



Family Movie Night

First Tuesday of the Month at 6:30 p.m.

September 7 | *Raya and the Last Dragon* (PG; 1 hr 47 min)

October 5 | Title to be announced one month prior to event

November 2 | Title to be announced one month prior to event

Join the Library the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. and take advantage of stadium seating and HD projection in the Library's auditorium for a showing of our favorite family films. Admission to the show is free!

Registration is required through our [online calendar](#) or by phone; space is limited.



LEGO Night



Second Tuesday of the month 6:30 - 7:15 p.m.

AGES: 4 to 12 years old

Join us for LEGO Night at the Library. Meet other LEGO fans as you compete in our LEGO building challenge! At the end of our building time, builders will be able to pick a prize from our special LEGO trunk.

Registration is required through our [online calendar](#) or by phone; space is limited.

Bingo for Kids



Third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

AGES: 3 to 11 years old | Live on Zoom

Join Miss Diane and Miss Penny for a virtual night of gaming fun as we play Bingo online, where players will have a chance to win prizes!

September 21 | Fall Bingo

October 19 | Halloween Bingo

November 16 | Thanksgiving Bingo

Registration is required through our [online calendar](#) or by phone.



Family Art Night

Fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. | AGES: 3 to 11 years old | Live on Zoom

Join us on Zoom the fourth Tuesday of every month* to channel your inner artist. See what you can create with different types of paints, stamps, and more – all from the Library's art supply stash! We will present themed project ideas to get you started. All of our supplies are washable, but there is a chance for a mess, so wear something that can get messy!

Registration is required through our [online calendar](#) or by phone; space is limited. Craft supplies will be available for pickup 1 week prior to the event. *Please note that November's Family Art Night will be held on the fifth Tuesday.



Family Apple Pie Making

Tuesday, November 23 at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. | All ages

Thanksgiving is Thursday, November 25 this year, and what better way to celebrate than baking together as a family? Join the Library in a special program to make an apple pie for your holiday gathering! Pies will be assembled at the Library and you can take them home to bake! All materials and ingredients will be provided! One pie and one time slot per family, please.

Registration is required to attend; please register at the Youth Services Desk or via phone by calling (630) 766-4642.



Friday, October 29 | AGES: 11 years old and under
Sessions at: 6:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m., and 7:30 p.m.

Families are invited to celebrate Halloween with the Library! Join us for an evening of play, crafts, and games. Wear your Halloween costume so that you can take part in the Library's indoor Trick-or-Treating! All children must be attended by an adult and all adults must be accompanied by a child. Please register for only one of the timed entries.

Registration is required through our [online calendar](#) or by phone; space is limited.



Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. | All Ages
September 1 - November 17

Looking for some fun activities to play with the family? Join Mr. Parish on Wednesdays for a night of coloring and games! Each week we will have new coloring sheets, and a selection of games out for you to play and share laughs with the whole family.

Registration is required through our [online calendar](#) or by phone; space is limited.



YOUTH & TEEN PROGRAMS



Polish Family Movie Nights!

First Thursday of the Month at 7:00 p.m. ALL AGES

Join Mrs. Kat for an evening of family movies in Polish! Take advantage of stadium seating and HD projection in the Library's auditorium. Admission to the show is free!

September 2 | Corgi: psiak Krolowej (PG; 1 hr 33 min)

October 7 | Auta 3 (G; 1 hr 42 min)

November 4 | Balerina (PG; 1 hr 29 min)

Registration is required through our [online calendar](#) or by phone; space is limited.



Hispanic Heritage Month Trivia

September 15 - October 15

Youth Services Desk

Help us celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by stopping at the Youth Services Desk to test your knowledge about famous Hispanic and Latino figures! Each day we'll have a different icon on display; answer correctly for a prize!



Native American Heritage Month Trivia

November 1 - 30 | Youth Services Desk

Help us celebrate Native American Heritage Month by stopping at the Youth Services desk to test your knowledge about famous Native American figures! Each day we'll have a different icon on display; answer correctly for a prize!



Afterschool Hangout Club

Monday through Friday, August 19 - November 19

Join the Library everyday after school for a period of chill downtime while we participate in fun and relaxing activities. Each day will be a different activity.

Registration is not required to attend, but space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please note that Afterschool Hangout Club will not meet on days that school isn't in session.



No School Teen Movie

Monday, October 11 & Tuesday, November 23
at 1:00 p.m. | GRADES: 7th - 12th

Looking for something to do on your no school day? Join Mr. Parish as we watch our favorite animated movies. Sit back, relax, and enjoy! Admission to the show is free!

Registration is required through our [online calendar](#) or by phone; space is limited.

October 11 | Spider-Man into the Spider-Verse (Rated PG; 1 hr 57 min)

November 23 | Shrek 2 (Rated PG; 1 hr 33 min)

Afterschool Hangout Club

Schedule of Activities:

Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays -
Board games and Coloring

Wednesdays and Thursdays -
Video Game Club

LOVE GRAPHIC NOVELS? CHECK OUT OUR BINGE BOXES!



Teen Volunteering

GRADES: 9th - 12th

Calling all teens seeking volunteer opportunities! The Library occasionally has volunteer opportunities that need to be filled. If you are interested in volunteering at the Library, stop by the Youth Services Desk and fill out an application. Once completed, you'll receive an email when an opportunity is available. If you have any questions, please contact the Library.

Teen Subscription Book Boxes



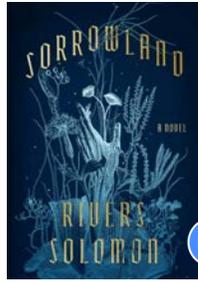
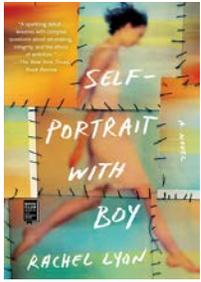
Take our short survey about your reading preferences and receive a personalized monthly subscription box with a book hand-selected by our Youth Services staff and other goodies.

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VIRTUAL BOOK CLUBS



Join a virtual book club and let's talk books! Our virtual book clubs meet on Zoom once a month. We feature a variety of book clubs for different interests.

Registration is required through our [online calendar](#) or by phone; space is limited. Books will be available one month prior to the event and can be picked up at the Circulation Desk or by using our curbside pickup service. Registration closes one day prior to the event.



20/30ish Book Club

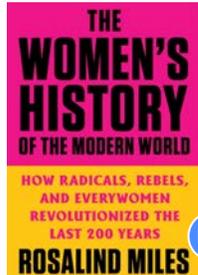
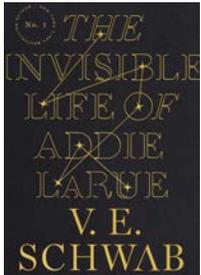
Meets the last Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

Were you born between 1981 and 1996? If so, that makes you a millennial! Join this book club for (and by) your generation as we discuss interesting titles with your peers from the community. Meet new people and read good books in the process!

Wednesday, September 29 | *Self-Portrait with a Boy* by Rachel Lyon

Wednesday, October 27 | *Sorrowland* by Rivers Solomon

Wednesday, November 24 | *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue* by V.E. Schwab

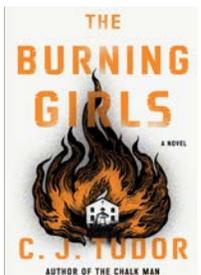


Non-Fiction Book Club

There's a lot going on in the world around us, and thankfully there are a lot of fantastic non-fiction titles to help us gain perspective. Join our non-fiction book group to read and discuss non-fiction titles that address important issues relevant to our society today.

Wednesday, October 20 at 7:00 p.m.

The Women's History of the Modern World: How Radicals, Rebels, and Everywomen Revolutionized the Last 200 Years by Rosalind Miles



Carapia's Coven

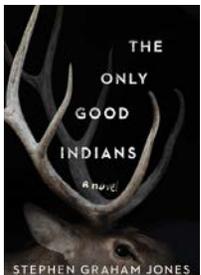
Meets the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

Do horror books have a place on your nightstand all year-round? Join Carapia's Coven as we read all things related to the paranormal.

Monday, September 13 | *The Burning Girls* by C.J. Tudor

Monday, October 11 | *The Southern Book Club's Guide to Slaying Vampires* by Grady Hendrix

Monday, November 8 | *The Only Good Indians* by Stephen Graham Jones



Thursday Night Book Club

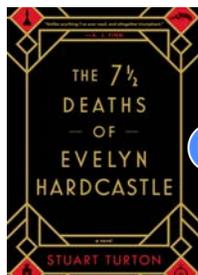
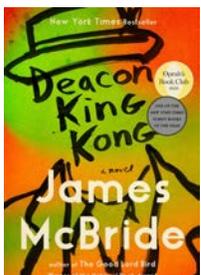
Meets the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom*

We read popular titles, best sellers, award winners, and more!

Thursday, September 2 | *The Guest List* by Lucy Foley

Thursday, October 7 | *Deacon King Kong* by James McBride

Thursday, November 4 | *The 7 1/2 Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle* by Stuart Turton



Book Brunch

Meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom

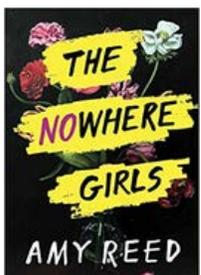
We read popular titles, best sellers, award winners, and more!

Thursday, September 23 | *The Guest List* by Lucy Foley

Thursday, October 28 | *Deacon King Kong* by James McBride

Thursday, December 2* | *The 7 1/2 Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle* by Stuart Turton

Meets the first Thursday in December due to the Thanksgiving holiday.



Lit Chicks

Meets the third Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

We read young adult fiction; teens and adults welcome!

Monday, September 20 | *The Nowhere Girls* by Amy Reed

Monday, October 18 | *By the Book* by Amanda Sellet

Monday, November 15 | *Born of a Crime* by Trevor Noah

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