

Bensenville Community Public Library

Fall Issue | September-November 2023 | Program Guide

CHECK OUT THE LIBRARY'S NEW COLLECTION:

LIBRARY OF THINGS

NEW!



ABOUT THE LIBRARY

HOURS

Monday- Thursday 9 AM - 9 PM
Friday & Saturday 9 AM - 5 PM
Sunday 1 PM - 5 PM

CLOSINGS

Sunday, September 3 Labor Day
Monday, September 4 Labor Day
Thursday, November 23 Thanksgiving

LOCATION & CONTACT

Address: 200 S. Church Road, Bensenville, IL 60106
Phone: 630-766-4642
Website: benlib.org

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PROGRAM INFORMATION

REGISTER

Registration is required through our online calendar or by phone. Registration closes 24 hours prior to the event.

DROP-IN

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

VIRTUAL

Registration is required through our online calendar or by phone. Registration closes 24 hours prior to the event. A link to the Zoom event will be emailed to participants after registration closes.

GET A LIBRARY CARD

To register, renew, or replace a Bensenville Community Public Library card, you must bring a valid government-issued photo ID showing residence within the district, or a photo ID in combination with a recently issued document with a name and corresponding address within the district. These additional forms of documentation include, but are not limited to, utility bills, postmarked mail, a rental/mortgage agreement, or voter registration card.

For more information, visit benlib.org/get-a-card or give us a call at 630-766-4642 and ask for Circulation.

NOTARY PUBLIC SERVICE

Our Notary Public service is available to you for free! The Notary is accessible on weekdays from 9AM - 5PM. However, we recommend calling beforehand to verify their availability.

REGISTER TO VOTE

If you reside in DuPage County and have not yet registered to vote, you can easily do so by visiting our library during our regular business hours. Our staff will be available to assist you with on-site registration. Please remember to bring two forms of identification, with at least one showing your current address.

Questions? Please contact the Adult Services Desk at 630-766-4642.

ACCESS YOUR ACCOUNT

To renew materials, view the status of items on hold, and create wish lists, simply log in to bvd.swanlibraries.net or the **SWAN Library App**, found in your device's app store, using your library card number and PIN (which are the last 4 digits of the phone number on file). Alternatively, you can call the library for assistance.

SWAN LIBRARY APP

Download the SWAN Library App today and enjoy the extra perks the app has to offer!

- Access your library card barcode for when you forget your physical card at checkout.
- Check your due dates and holds.
- See a book at the store and want to know if the library has it? Use the barcode scanner and check! You can place a hold on the item once scanned as well.
- Download eBooks directly to your device.
- View current library events and the library's social media accounts.



Illinois Libraries Present

All Ages | Virtual

These events are made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering high-quality events. Registration is required to attend these virtual Zoom events. Please register at benlig.org/calendar or call the Library at (630)-766-4642.



Colson Whitehead

September 6 from 7–8 PM

His highly anticipated latest, "Crook Manifesto", is a tale of a city under siege, but also a search for the meaning of family.



Stephen Graham Jones

October 4 from 7–8 PM

National Endowment for the Arts Fellow Stephen Graham Jones talks horror.



Grace Lin

October 17 from 7–8 PM

Children's book author and illustrator Grace Lin discusses food, family, and folktales, along with a drawing demonstration.



Maya-Camille Broussard

November 8 from 7–8 PM

Netflix's Bake Squad star and owner of the Chicago-based bakery Justice of the Pies, Maya shows us how to bake with love.

Arts & Crafts Fair

All Ages | Drop-In

Looking for a unique gift for someone special in your life? Our local artists and crafters are selling their hand-made arts and crafts, just in time for the holiday season!

Saturday, December 2 from 10 AM – 1 PM (Youth Sellers)
Sunday, December 3 from 1–4 PM (Adult Sellers)



Arts & Crafts Fair by Youth Sellers

Interested youth must register by November 17

If you are 17 or younger and would like to sell your art or crafts, reserve a table for this event by filling out an application form with your parent or guardian at the Youth Services Desk by November 17th. Please note that you must start setting up your table at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 2, and stay until 1 p.m. **You must price your work \$5 or less, but all profits are yours to keep.**

Arts & Crafts Fair by Adult Sellers

Interested adults must register by November 17

If you are 18 or older and would like to sell your art or crafts, reserve a table for this event by filling out an application form at the Adult Services Desk by November 17th. Please note that you must start setting up your table at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 3, and stay until 4 p.m. **You must price your work \$10 or less, but all profits are yours to keep.**

Blood Drive: Versiti Blood Center of Illinois

Ages 18+ | Register

Versiti Blood Center of Illinois will be hosting a blood drive at the library. Donating blood is one of the quickest, yet most impactful ways to help your community. Reserve an appointment at: bit.ly/BloodDrive-11-14-23 or scan the QR code. Please bring a photo ID and expect your appointment to take 45-60 minutes.

Tuesday, November 14 from 12–4:30 PM



Open House Chicago Event

All Ages (Under 18 must have adult present) | Register

Experience Open House Chicago, hosted by **The Chicago Architecture Center**, with the Bensenville and Wood Dale Libraries! Visit iconic Loop buildings or Southside buildings in a group with roundtrip transportation provided and a lunch break (at your own expense). Meet at Wood Dale Metra Station at 8 a.m. on Sunday, October 15th and return before 6 p.m. Visit openhousechicago.org for more info or register at benlib.org/calendar. Be advised that both the Loop Tour and the Southside Tour involve considerable walking.

Register by Saturday, October 7
Sunday, October 15 from 8 AM–5:45 PM

Library of Things

Available for checkout starting September 1st!

Introducing the new and exciting addition to the library—the "Library of Things" collection! Beyond books, this unique collection opens the doors to a world of possibilities by offering an eclectic range of non-traditional items for borrowing, from home repair tools to kitchen appliances to outdoor games, the Library of Things invites you to explore, learn, and create in entirely new ways. Whether you're looking to experiment with a new hobby, or simply experience the joy of trying something different, our Library of Things has you covered.

Below is a sample of items currently available, although our collection will continue to grow with new additions over time.

- Bingo Set
- DVD Player
- Instax Mini Camera
- Waffle Maker
- Portable Power Supply
- Blood Pressure Monitor
- Crochet Kit
- Bicycle Repair Kit
- Frozen Yogurt-Sorbet & Ice Cream Maker & more!



FAMILY FUN

Family Art Night

All Ages | Drop-In

Join us the last Tuesdays of the month from September to November to create amazing crafts with your family!

Fourth Tuesdays of the month from 6:30–7:30 PM



Paper Plate Scarecrow

September 26 at 6:30 p.m.

What would Autumn be without a few friendly scarecrows? We'll be crafting our own happy version on a simple paper plate!



Halloween Door Hanger

October 24 at 6:30 p.m.

Spiders, Monsters and Ghosts! They are all hanging around on this cute door hanger that we'll be creating just in time for Halloween!



Graham Cracker Gingerbread Houses

November 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Begin the holiday season by decorating your own adorable little gingerbread house, complete with an ice cream cone tree!

Mini Canvas Painting

All Ages | Drop-In

Join us for a night of painting! Take a mini canvas and decorate it however you'd like. Please be sure to wear something that you won't mind getting dirty! All materials will be provided.

Wednesdays from 6:30–7:30 PM

October 11, November 29

Bilingual Family Nights

Family Pumpkin Painting Party

All Ages | Drop-In

Explore your creative side with this fun pumpkin painting program. Pay homage to your favorite literary character or paint a silly or spooky pumpkin to take home. Supplies are limited, one pumpkin per family, and will be available on first-come, first-served basis.

Thursday, October 26 from 6:30 – 7:30 PM



Dia de Los Muertos Sugar Skulls

All Ages | Drop-In

Curious about this Aztec ritual? Come and celebrate the history of Dia de los Muertos and paint your own ofrenda. All decorating materials will be provided. The sugar skulls will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Thursday, November 2 from 6:30 – 7:30 PM



Digging for Apples

All Ages | Drop-In

Fall is right around the corner and what better way to celebrate than to make some apple-themed crafts? After we are done with our craft, you will take home an apple treat!

Wednesday, September 13 from 6:30–7:30 PM

Scavenger Hunts

All Ages | Drop-In

Stop by the Library and find all of the images hiding throughout the Youth Services Department to earn a prize from our treasure chest!



Amazing Apples!
September 10–17



Happy Halloween!
October 8–15



Thanksgiving!
November 12–19

Family Movie Night

All Ages | Drop-In

Bring some snacks and watch a movie that is sure to delight both children and adults alike, with a focus on family-friendly themes and positive messages. Movies will be announced one month prior to showing at the library.

First Tuesdays of the month from 6:30–8 PM

September 5, October 3, November 7

Write Your Own Book

All Ages | Drop-In

Have you ever wanted to illustrate and write your own book? Well come on down to the library! Blank books will be provided, but supplies are limited and distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Teens and adults welcome!

Wednesday, September 27 from 6:30–7:30 PM

Mug Decorating

All Ages | Drop-In

Get ready for winter by decorating your very own mug! All supplies will be provided and take home a packet of hot chocolate at the end of the night!

Wednesday, November 8 from 6:30–7:30 PM

Nature at Night

All Ages | Drop-In

Join Ms. Donna to learn about our local nocturnal animals. We'll take a nature walk or make a craft depending on the weather- but still remember to dress for the outdoors!

Monday, September 18 from 6:30–7:30 PM

Trivia Night at Green St. Grille

All Ages | Drop-In, but reservations recommended

Gather your friends and family to compete against other teams by answering questions about history, pop culture, and more. The top 3 teams with the most points win gift cards! We recommend calling (630)-474-1202 to reserve a table at Green St. Grille.

Mondays from 7–9 PM

September 11, October 2, November 6

Family History For the Holidays Activity Bag

Ages 18+ | Register

Pick up a bag of Family Search activities and some goodies for drawing out your family history during the holidays. A printed PowerPoint includes many ways to engage your family, teach children about their ancestors, and revisit forgotten stories. One bag per family.



Register by November 1 at 9 PM

Bag pick-up starting November 6th at 5 PM



Halloween Boo-Tacular

All Ages | Drop-In

Families are invited to celebrate Halloween with the Library with an evening of play, crafts, and games, and don't forget to wear your Halloween costumes for indoor Trick-or-Treating! All children must be accompanied by an adult and all adults must be accompanied by a child.

Friday, October 27 from 6:30–8 PM

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month!

All Ages | Drop-In

Stop in the Library anytime this September and either **sign up for a library card** or **confirm your library card information** to spin our prize wheel and win a prize! Every spin wins! This year, patrons will also have the chance to be entered into a drawing for a 1st and 2nd place prize.

New and existing cardholders who download the **SWAN mobile app** and show staff their digital library card will have a chance to be entered to win a pair of tickets to one of the neighboring attractions: Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art, Elmhurst Art Museum or Chicago History Museum.



Polish-American Heritage Month Display

All Ages | Drop-In

Celebrate Polish-American Heritage Month at our 2-week-long display at the library, on loan from professional folk dancer Irene Jarocinski! See vibrant folk costumes, traditions, and contributions of the Polish-American community through this enlightening display.

October 2 thru October 19

Annular Solar Eclipse Viewing

All Ages | Drop-In

Stop by our garden to view the annular solar eclipse. Make a pinhole projector to view it safely, or pick up eclipse viewing glasses beginning Saturday, October 7. While supplies last.

Saturday, October 14 from 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Free Flu Shot Clinic

All Ages | Drop-In, but registration recommended

Protect yourself and family this winter. Jewel Osco and Hamdard Health will be on hand providing free flu shots to the community. Please bring your insurance card (if available) and a photo ID.



Saturday, September 23 from 2–4 PM

Program Information

Drop-In

No registration required- just come on in!
Space is limited and on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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benlib.evanced.info/signup
or by calling (630)-766-4642.

Virtual

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EARLY READERS AGES 0-KINDERGARTEN

Early Learning Storytimes To-Go

Ages 0-5 | Drop-In

Would you like to do your own storytime at home? With each of our bundles you'll get a book to check out, a craft, an activity page and a song or rhyme. Just grab and go to make your own special moment at home. These storytime kits are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Third Saturdays of the month from 9 AM – 5 PM



Make a Date with Pete or Peppa

All Day September 16

Your friends Pete the Cat and Peppa Pig are looking forward to a special playdate at home with you!



The Perfect Autumn Pumpkin Day

All Day October 21

Spend a golden autumn moment with a sweet Fall-themed story and craft. You will want to jump in a big pile of leaves!



Wonderful Woodland Animals

All Day November 18

Those adorable animal friends from the forest are just waiting to spend a cozy moment at home with you!

Little Learners

Ages 3-5 | Drop-In

Come on down for a story time geared toward preschool students! Afterwards we will do a fun craft or outdoor activity depending on the weather!

Tuesdays from 11:30 AM – 12 PM

September 5, 12, 19, 26

October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

November 7, 14, 28 (No 11/21)

Cuentos en Español

Ages 4-8 | Drop-In

Looking to promote early literacy in Spanish? Come and join us as we read our favorite books and create a craft - all in Spanish!

Thursdays from 6:30-7 PM

September 7, October 5, November 9

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Ages 0-5 | Drop-In

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Third Saturdays of the month from 9 AM – 5 PM

Book Buddies

Ages 0-5 | Drop-In

You and your little ones are invited to join Ms. Diane for an enchanting themed storytime experience with picture books that will warm your heart. For a special touch, we'll end each session by making a delightful craft for you to take home.

Wednesdays from 10:30-11:15 AM

September 6, 13, 20, 27

October 4, 11, 18, 25

November 1, 8, 15, 29 (No 11/22)



Where Adventure & Discovery are Waiting For You!

Get a **Museum Adventure Pass** with your library card at the Youth Services Desk. Enjoy free or discounted access to 24 different museums and attractions in the Chicagoland area.

To view all of the attractions and available passes, scan the QR code or call **(630)-766-4642** and ask for Youth Services.

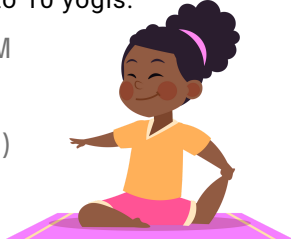


Yoga Storytime

Ages 4 and up | Drop-In

Join Ms. Stephanie for a yoga storytime! Afterwards we will practice some fun yoga poses! Due to restricted space, this program is limited to 10 yogis.

Thursdays from 11:30 AM –12 PM
September 7, 14, 21, 28
October 5, 12, 19, 26
November 2, 9, 16, 30 (No 11/23)



LEGO Night

Ages 4-11 | Drop-In

Hang out with other LEGO lovers as you create your own one-of-a-kind builds. When the building time is up, you'll get to strike a pose with your awesome creation and even grab a yummy snack to take home.

Second Tuesdays of the month from 6:30-7:30 PM
September 12, October 10, November 14

Bingo For Kids

Ages 3-11 | Drop-In

Test your luck with Miss Diane and Miss Penny for a night of gaming fun as we play bingo at the library! Every child that joins in to play bingo will receive a fun bag of prizes at the end of play.

Third Tuesdays of the month from 6:30-7:30 PM
September 19, October 17, November 21

Kids Grab and Craft

Grades Preschool-5th | Drop-In

Visit the Youth Services Desk to pick up craft kits for kids! Each kit includes materials and step-by-step instructions to complete at home. These are first-come, first-serve. One craft kit per child.

First Saturdays of the month from 9 AM-5 PM
September 2, October 7, November 4

Make Your Own Monster

All Ages | Drop-In

Make your own monster puppet using discarded socks, buttons, and yarn plus a little creativity and love.

Monday, October 16 from 6:30-7:30 PM



Get access to free and discounted tickets to museums, zoos, parks, science centers, sporting events, cultural venues, and more!

Explore More Illinois can be accessed 24/7 from any computer, tablet, or smartphone.

To get started, scan the QR code or call **(630)-766-4642** and ask for Youth Services.



Polish Storytime

Ages 0-12 | Drop-In

Join Ms. Maggie for a family storytime! She will be reading books from American and Polish authors. After storytime, children are welcome to make crafts and play interactive games.

First Thursdays of the month from 10-10:30 AM
September 7, October 5, November 2

Polish Folk Dancing

Ages 3-10 | Drop-In

Young audiences will be captivated as they learn simple and lively dance moves, immersing themselves in the rich cultural heritage of Poland through a fun and engaging experience with professional folk dancer Irene Jarocinski!

Thursdays from 6:30-7:30 PM
October 5, 12, and 19



TWEENS AND TEENS 6TH-12TH GRADE



Bananas and Bananyas Grades 6th-12th | Drop-In

Did you know that "nya" is an onomatopoeia used in anime and manga to indicate the sound of a cat meowing? Pop in after school and make a banana split while watching the anime Bananya.

Thursday, September 7 from 3:30 – 5 PM

Tween & Teen Grab and Craft Grades 6th-12th | Drop-In

Visit the Youth Services Desk to pick up craft kits for tweens and teens! Each kit includes materials and step-by-step instructions to complete at home. These are first-come, first-serve. One craft kit per teen.

First Saturdays of the month from 9 AM-5 PM
September 2, October 7, November 4



Monster of the Week: Jeepers Creepers Grades 6th-12th | Drop-In

Can you stop creepy-crawly monsters from taking over before it's too late? Race against the clock in this action-packed mystery-horror game.

Wednesday, October 25 from 3:30-5 PM

Question of the Day Grades 6th-8th | Drop-In

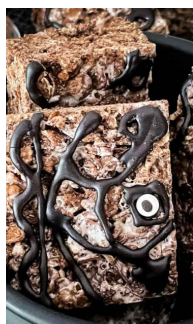
Visit the Youth Services desk for a question prompt. Answer the question and win a piece of candy!

Daily in September, October, and November

Boba and Ghibli Grades 6th-12th | Drop-In

Pop in and make some delicious boba tea with us! Afterwards we will watch one of the most popular Studio Ghibli films, *Spirited Away*!

Wednesday, September 20 from 5:30-8 PM



Book Snacks: Rice Krispie Spell Books Grades 6th-8th | Drop-In

Join us for a book-tasting adventure as we sample new and 'new-to-you' reads while making and munching on rice krispie spell books.

Wednesday, October 11
from 3:30-4:30 PM

Youth Advisory Council Grades 6th-12th | Drop-In

Are you interested in earning volunteer service hours? Join us to discuss current events, give input into library services for youth, and complete a service project.

First Fridays of the month from 3:30-4:30 PM
September 1, October 6, November 3



Make Your Own Sun Print Grades 6th-12th | Drop-In

Create a unique piece of silhouette art using light-sensitive paper and the power of the sun.

Wednesday, September 13
from 3:30-4:30 PM

After School Gaming Grades 6th-8th | Drop-In

Join us on early dismissal days for some gaming fun on the library's Nintendo Switch! Play Mario Kart, Mario Party, Smash Bros., Kirby, and more!

Tuesdays from 2:30-4 PM
September 5, 12, 19, 26
October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
November 7, 14, 28 (No 11/21)

SCAN ME TO START READING DIGITALLY!

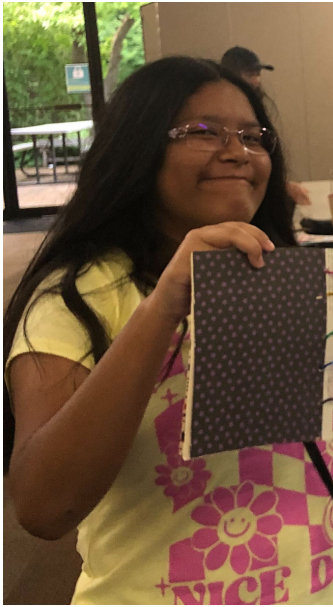
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DID YOU KNOW YOU HAVE UNLIMITED ACCESS TO 1000'S OF DIGITAL COMICS, GRAPHIC NOVELS, AND MANGA?

NO! BORROWING LIMITS
NO! WAITLISTS
NO! HOLDS

6TH-12TH GRADE **TWEENS AND TEENS**



Lit Chicks Book Club

Teens and Adults Welcome | Virtual

We read a variety of subgenres in young adult fiction, including but not limited to realistic fiction, mystery, fantasy, and more!

Third Mondays of the month from 7–8 PM



***Royal Blood* by Aimee Carter**

September 18 at 7 PM on Zoom

The King's illegitimate daughter, Evan, is accused of murder. She unearths explosive secrets and fights to clear her name and protect the monarchy's fate.



***You'd Be Home Now* by Kathleen Glasgow**

October 16 at 7 PM on Zoom

After a fatal car accident that reveals Emory's brother Joey's opioid addiction, Emory struggles to help him on his road to recovery and make herself heard in a town that insists on not listening.



***All My Rage* by Sabaa Tahir**

November 20 at 7 PM on Zoom

In Pakistan, Misbah and Toufiq's arranged marriage leads to a tragic upheaval, prompting them to start anew by opening a motel in Juniper, California.

National Novel Writing Month Feedback Swap

Grades 6th–12th | Drop-In

Share your writing to earn kudos and comments. All forms are welcome, whether you write fanfiction on A03, books on wattpad, or poetry in your notebook. Let's all encourage each other to write!

Wednesdays from 3:30–4:30 PM



National Novel Writing Month Kick-Off

November 1 from 3:30–4:30 PM

Kick-off the month with fun challenges to get your creative juices flowing. Share your work for positive feedback!



National Novel Writing Month Midway Meetup

November 15 from 3:30–4:30 PM

Bring your works-in-progress to swap for comments, and up your word count with a sprint. Motivate your fellow writers to keep going!



National Novel Writing Feedback Finale

November 29 from 3:30–4:30 PM

Whether you're working on a drabble or a novel, a first draft or final edit, bring your works to share for positive feedback.

LATINO EVENTS



Dreams

All Ages | Drop-In

What is your most cherished wish? Inspired by Chilean photographer Martín Weber's photography book "Mapa de sueños latino americanos" ("Map of Latin American Dreams") we will present some of his powerful photographs and invite you to come and write your own dream on our display. With your permission, we will add your picture and written wish to our display to show that in our community, we still dream. Please ask the front desk for the camera.

September 1 thru September 8

English/ Español Conversation Group

Ages 18+ | Drop-In

¡Hola amigos! Would you like to learn Spanish and practice pronunciation? Would you like to help others with their English pronunciation? Join our English/Spanish Conversation Group, where you will meet new people, practice your English/Spanish, and socialize.

Tuesdays from 6:30–7:30 PM

September 12, October 10



Tenango Embroidery

Ages 18+ | Register

Embroidery has always been an important part in every culture, making them unique to the place where they come from. Tenango Embroidery is recognized all around the world for its colorful animal designs. Learn how to embroider Tenango style with us!

Saturday, September 23 from 2–3 PM



Literature and Mental Health

All Ages | Drop-In and Virtual

Presented by the Latinx Kidlit Book Festival.

Join authors **Francisco S. Stork** (I Am Not Alone), **Hailey Alcaraz** (Up In Flames), **Federico Erebia** (Pedro & Daniel) and moderator **Laekan Zea Kemp** (An Appetite for Miracles) as they discuss how their characters overcame obstacles, providing inspiration for young readers today. Scan the QR code to view, or visit the library on October 4 to view this event on the big screen.

Wednesday, October 4 from 6–7:30 PM

¡Lotería!

All Ages | Drop-In

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month we will be trying our hand at playing Lotería, a Mexican game of chance similar to bingo. Learn about the history of the game and its place in Mexican culture. There will be prizes!

Thursday, September 21 at 6:30 PM

Latino Film Festival

All Ages | Drop-In

Get ready for a family-friendly cinematic fiesta as the Latin Film Festival lights up the screen with vibrant stories, captivating performances, and the irresistible rhythm of Latin culture.

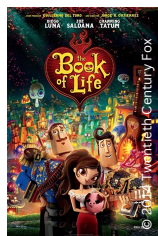
Thursdays from 6:30–8 PM



Dora and the Lost City of Gold

September 14 at 6:30 PM

After moving from the jungle to stay with her cousin and attend High School, a teen girl is kidnapped alongside a motley crew of characters and ordered to find the lost city of gold, saving her parents in the process.



The Book of Life

October 12 at 6:30 PM

This animated adventure follows a young man named Manolo on a journey across three enchanting realms, where he faces his greatest fears and learns to follow his heart and embrace his future.



Vivo

November 16 at 6:30 PM

This adventure comedy follows an adventurous and music-loving capuchin monkey as he makes a perilous journey from Havana to Miami to pursue his calling and ambitions in showbusiness.

Thriving Together

All Ages | Drop-In

In our first community health fair, we are bringing in some organizations to help you find a variety of health resources and thrive! The list below is just a sample of the complete lineup – there will be more joining us too!

Saturday, October 7 from 10 AM – 1 PM



Literacy DuPage

Helping adults improve their English-language skills.



Casa Michoacán

Helping Michoacanos, Mexicans, and Latinos navigate American life.



Alas v Raíces (Roots and Wings)

Supports immigrants' integration and celebrates cultures.



Find Help

Offers an easy way to find social services.



DuPage Health Coalition

Managing the health of low-income families.



YWCA

Eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace.

Movie Music Romance

Ages 18+ | Virtual

A captivating compilation of 20 iconic songs and dance sequences from the finest films, featuring beloved stars like Fred Astaire, Judy Garland, and John Travolta. Experience a fresh perspective as scenes are re-edited to blend with new music, taking you on a heartwarming journey through lyrical splendor and cherished memories.

Wednesday, October 18 from 7–8 PM

Basics of Wills and Trusts

Ages 18+ | Drop-In

Discover the key elements of an estate plan - Wills, Trusts, and Powers of Attorney - in a discussion led by Attorney Lisa Knauf. Plan ahead to safeguard your wishes, save your family time and money, and minimize potential disputes by avoiding costly court proceedings like probate.

Thursday, October 26 from 7–8:15 PM

Nutrition and Yoga for Gut Health

All Ages | Drop-In

Discover the power of nutrition and yoga in improving gut health with registered dietitian and yoga instructor Katie Fischer, as she shares valuable insights and practical tips to address digestive concerns like bloating, gas, constipation, or diarrhea, offering a holistic approach to optimize your well-being.

Wednesday, November 15 from 7–8 PM

Hamilton: The Man vs. The Musical

All Ages | Virtual



Hamilton historian Martha Londal confronts myths propagated by the musical and uses Revolutionary War history to examine how precedents set 250 years ago are still part of our daily lives.

Thursday, September 7 from 7–8:15 PM

Medicare 101

Ages 18+ | Drop-In

Medicare can be challenging and confusing! Join Tom Perrucci for a seminar on Medicare Supplements, Medicare Advantage Plans, Part D Prescription Coverage, and cost saving strategies when you first enroll and every year after that.

Thursday, October 12 from 7–8:15 PM

Living Well: Strategies For Your Personal Finances

Ages 18+ | Drop-In

Khadia Michel, a Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor®, will cover strategies for optimizing income, maximizing workplace benefits, investment planning, insurance preparedness for unexpected events, and essential legacy documents.

Thursday, November 9 from 7–8 PM

Detox Your Mind Through Meditation

Ages 18+ | Virtual

Join Umesh Bhatia, an experienced meditator, to learn a simple and transformative meditation technique that can help cleanse and calm the mind, leading to positive changes in life.

Wednesday, October 4 from 6:30–7:30 PM

Steve Darnall

The Windy City on the Air : Chicago & the Golden Age of Radio by Steve Darnall

Ages 18+ | Virtual



Explore Chicago's many groundbreaking contributions to radio history including soap operas, juvenile adventure series, early morning radio shows and local legends that became national sensations with this exciting presentation by Steve Darnall!

Wednesday, September 13 from 7–8 PM

Radio Goes to War by Steve Darnall

Ages 18+ | Virtual



This program examines how radio rose to the challenge of life during WW2 wartime using sound clips, presidential speeches, & entertainment programs to boost morale at home, among the armed forces and more!

Wednesday, November 8 from 7–8 PM





Cards & Games Social Club

Ages 18+ | Drop-In

Join us on Wednesday afternoons for quality adult time with the latest cards and board games of 2023 - bring yourself and a friend if possible!

Wednesdays from 1-2:30 PM
September 6, 13, 20, 27
October 4, 11, 18, 25
November 1, 8, 15, 29 (No 11/22)



Personal Care: Custom Bath Salt Soak

Ages 18+ | Register

Learn how to make a custom batch of scented bath salts and then pack it in a labeled jar. Join us for this fall mix fest, all materials provided. Registration is required and space is limited.

Register by September 13 at 1:30 PM
Thursday, September 14 from 1:30-2:30 PM



The Needle Guild

Ages 18+ | Drop-In

Calling all knitting, crochet, and embroidery enthusiasts! Are you eager to expand your skills and meet fellow crafters? Look no further than The Needle Guild, your ultimate creative hub.

Tuesdays from 6-7:30 PM
September 5, 19
October 3, 17
November 7



Paint Stick Scarecrow

Ages 18+ | Drop-In

Come and join us for an evening dedicated to autumn crafting. We will be creating a delightful scarecrow using paint sticks.

Thursday, September 14 from 7-8 PM



Snowy Pinecone Candle Jars

Ages 18+ | Register

Make a pretty winter luminary that appears to be covered with freshly fallen snow. Gorgeous, perfect for the holidays, and they are very easy to make. Join us for decorating fun at the library, all materials provided.

Thursday, October 12 from 1:30-2:30 PM

DIY Mixed Media Crafting

Ages 18+ | Virtual

Get ready for a crafty adventure with Mary as your virtual guide on Zoom! Follow her step-by-step instructions and create these stunning crafts that will leave your friends and family in awe! Registration ends 1 week before each event, and an email confirmation will be sent to pickup your craft kit at the library.

Register at benlib.org/calendar
Thursdays from 7-8 PM



DIY Mums the Word, Felt Flower Pin

September 21 at 7 PM on Zoom

Using soft, felt fabrics in early Autumn colors, create a simple pin pattern to adorn your cool weather cardigan. Use of scissors and a hot glue gun is required for this craft.



DIY Witch's Hat Charm Halloween Bracelet

October 19 at 7 PM on Zoom

Let's "craft" a wicked easy stretch bracelet in haunting Halloween shades!



DIY Snowman Tea Light

November 16 at 7 PM on Zoom

A tea light, a Sharpie, quick setting adhesive, and a few trims will create this jolly, frosty friend that can be used as an ornament, package trim, or to decorate your desk.

Anytime Craft Kits

Ages 18+ | Drop-In

Get crafty on your own time with Anytime Craft Kits! Kits are available all week long beginning on the first Saturday of the month, or while supplies last. Each kit includes materials and instructions for one project. Anytime Craft Kits are for adults only on a first-come, first-served basis. Limit one craft per adult and no holds allowed.

Pickup begins on the first Saturdays of the month



Sunflower Pomander

Pickup beginning September 2

Celebrate the arrival of sunflower season by crafting a beautiful sunflower pomander to enhance your home's decor.



Wooden Block Halloween Creatures

Pickup beginning October 7

Display your Halloween enthusiasm by painting miniature wooden blocks into spooky Halloween characters.



Native American Corn

Pickup beginning November 4

Using pony beads and pipe cleaners, you can create a charming decorative Indian corn that will add a touch of beauty to your Thanksgiving table.

Not a Book Club – Film Talk

Ages 18+ | Drop-In

Share your perspectives with fellow movie enthusiasts in vibrant discussions about these hand-picked titles every month. DVDs and Blu-Rays will be available for pick-up at the Circulation Desk one month before the discussion.

Third Wednesdays of the month from 7–8 PM



John Wick

September 20 from 7–8 PM

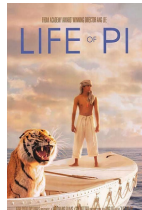
After retiring, legendary assassin John Wick is driven back into the violent underworld when his wife dies and he seeks vengeance against the mobster who stole his car, killed his puppy, and now has a bounty on his head.



The Menu

October 18 from 7–8 PM

In this dark comedy, a young couple ventures to an exclusive island restaurant for an extravagant meal prepared by a renowned chef, only to find themselves confronted with unexpected and startling surprises.



Life of Pi

November 15 from 7–8 PM

Witness the gripping tale of Pi Patel and the Bengal tiger Richard Parker, as they face the perils of being stranded on a lifeboat together, in this visually stunning adaptation of the best-selling novel by Ang Lee.

Thursday Night Virtual Book Club

Ages 18+ | Virtual

We explore a diverse selection of literature including popular titles, best-selling books, and more! Books will be available for pick-up at the Circulation Desk one month before the discussion.

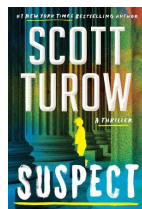
First Thursdays of the month from 7–8 PM



Wild Women and the Blues by Denny S. Bryce

September 7 from 7–8 PM on Zoom

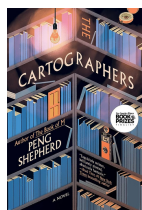
In 1925 Chicago, a sharecropper's daughter climbs the jazz scene at Dreamland Cafe, while in 2015, a student uncovers Honoree Dalcour's past, revealing surprising links and truths.



Suspect by Scott Turow

October 5 from 7–8 PM on Zoom

When Chief Lucia faces scandalous accusations, she enlists old friend Rik Dudek and determined PI Pinky Granum to uncover truths, risking deep-seated city secrets and personal betrayals.



The Cartographers by Peng Shepard

November 2 from 7–8 PM on Zoom

Nell Young delves into her father's map, unraveling deadly secrets and facing a ruthless collector, in a thrilling quest revealing his family's history and the map's hidden power.

Book Brunch

Ages 18+ | Drop-In

We explore a diverse selection of literature including popular titles, best-selling books, award-winning works, and more! Books will be available for pick-up at the Circulation Desk one month before the discussion.

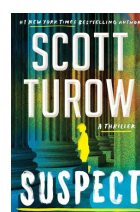
Second Wednesdays of the month from 2–3 PM



Wild Women and the Blues by Denny S. Bryce

September 13 from 2–3 PM at the library

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Suspect by Scott Turow

October 11 from 2–3 PM at the library

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The Cartographers by Peng Shepard

November 8 from 2–3 PM at the library

Nell Young delves into her father's map, unraveling deadly secrets and facing a ruthless collector, in a thrilling quest revealing his family's history and the map's hidden power.

True Stories Book Club

Ages 18+ | Drop-In

Join us for fascinating biographies and memoirs this fall. Books will be available for pick-up at the Circulation Desk one month before the discussion.

Second Mondays of the month from 11 AM–12 PM



The Last Interview and Other Conversations by Joan Didion

September 11 from 11 AM–12 PM at the library

This collection covers it all, exploring her underappreciated mid-career works, her influences, the loss of her husband and daughter, and her infamous essays.



West With the Night by Beryl Markham

October 9 from 11 AM–12 PM at the library

Beryl's life in Kenya encompassed remarkable achievements as an adventurer, aviator, and racehorse trainer, including being the first person to fly nonstop from Europe to America.



All the Beauty in the World: The Metropolitan Museum of Art and Me by Patrick Bringley

November 13 from 11 AM–12 PM at the library

An inspiring portrait of a great museum, its hidden treasures, and the people who make it tick, written by one of its most intimate observers.

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>September is Library Card Sign-Up Month!</p> <p>Stop in the Library anytime this September and either sign up for a library card or confirm your library card information to spin our prize wheel and win a prize! Every spin wins! This year, patrons will also have the chance to be entered into a drawing for a 1st and 2nd place prize.</p>						
<p>Library is Closed 3</p> 	<p>Library is Closed 4</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>Little Learners 11:30 AM</p> <p>After School Gaming 2:30 PM</p> <p>The Needle Guild 6 PM</p> <p>Family Movie Night 6:30 PM</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Book Buddies 10:30 AM</p> <p>Cards & Games Social Club 1 PM</p> <p>Illinois Libraries Present 7 PM</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Polish Storytime 10 AM</p> <p>Yoga Storytime 11:30 AM</p> <p>Bananas & Bananyas 3:30 PM</p> <p>Cuentos en Español 6:30 PM</p> <p>Hamilton & Thursday Club Both at 7 PM</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Youth Advisory Council 3:30 PM</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Kids Grab and Craft All Day Pickup</p> <p>Tweens & Teens Grab and Craft All Day Pickup</p>
<p>10</p> <p>True Stories Book Club 11 AM</p> <p>Trivia Night @ Green St 7 PM</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Little Learners 11:30 AM</p> <p>After School Gaming 2:30 PM</p> <p>English/Español Conversation Group 6:30 PM</p> <p>LEGO Night 6:30 PM</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Book Buddies 10:30 AM</p> <p>Cards & Games Social Club 1 PM</p> <p>Book Brunch Book Club 2 PM</p> <p>Make Your Own Sun Print 3:30 PM</p> <p>Digging for Apples 6:30 PM</p> <p>Windy City Air 7 PM</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Yoga Storytime 11:30 AM</p> <p>Custom Bath Salt Soak 1:30 PM</p> <p>Latino Film Festival 6:30 PM</p> <p>Paint Stick Scarecrow 7 PM</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Yoga Storytime 11:30 AM</p> <p>Early Learning Storytimes To-Go All Day</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Free Flu Shot Clinic 2 PM</p> <p>Tenango Embroidery 2 PM</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Free Flu Shot Clinic 2 PM</p> <p>Tenango Embroidery 2 PM</p>
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<p>24</p> <p>Hot tip!</p> <p>You can keep track of library events happening every day of the week by cutting out these calendar pages and hanging them on your fridge!</p> 	<p>25</p> <p>Little Learners 11:30 AM</p> <p>After School Gaming 2:30 PM</p> <p>Family Art Night 6:30 PM</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Book Buddies 10:30 AM</p> <p>Cards & Games Social Club 1 PM</p> <p>Write Your Own Book 6:30 PM</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Yoga Storytime 11:30 AM</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Yoga Storytime 11:30 AM</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Yoga Storytime 11:30 AM</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Yoga Storytime 11:30 AM</p>

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Open House Chicago 8 AM - 6 PM 	2 Trivia Night @ Green St 7 PM	3 Little Learners 11:30 AM After School Gaming 2:30 PM The Needle Guild 6 PM Family Movie Night 6:30 PM	4 Book Buddies 10:30 AM Cards & Games Social Club 1 PM Literature & Mental Health 6 PM Detox Your Mind 6:30 PM Illinois Libraries Present 7 PM	5 Polish Storytime 10 AM Yoga Storytime 11:30 AM Polish Folk Dancing 6:30 PM Cuentos en Español 6:30 PM Thursday Book Club 7 PM	6 Youth Advisory Council 3:30 PM	7 Kids Grab and Craft All Day Pickup Twins & Teens Grab and Craft All Day Pickup Thriving Together 10 AM
8	9 True Stories Book Club 11 AM	10 Little Learners 11:30 AM After School Gaming 2:30 PM English/Español Conversation Group 6:30 PM LEGO Night 6:30 PM	11 Book Buddies 10:30 AM Cards & Games Social Club 1 PM Book Brunch Book Club 2 PM Book Snacks 3:30 PM Mini Canvas Painting 6:30 PM	12 Yoga Storytime 11:30 AM Snowy Pinecone Jars 1:30 PM Polish Folk Dancing 6:30 PM Latino Film Festival 6:30 PM Medicare 101 7 PM	13	14 Annular Solar Eclipse Viewing 10:30 AM
15 Make Your Own Monster 6:30 PM Lit Chicks Book Club 7 PM	16 Little Learners 11:30 AM After School Gaming 2:30 PM The Needle Guild 6 PM Bingo for Kids 6:30 PM Illinois Libraries Present 7 PM	17 Book Buddies 10:30 AM Cards & Games Social Club 1 PM Not a Book Club - Film Talk 7 PM Movie Music Romance 7 PM	18 Book Buddies 10:30 AM Cards & Games Social Club 1 PM Not a Book Club - Film Talk 7 PM Movie Music Romance 7 PM	19 Yoga Storytime 11:30 AM Polish Folk Dancing 6:30 PM DIY Mixed Media Crafting 7 PM	20	21 Early Learning Storytimes To-Go All Day
22	23	24 Little Learners 11:30 AM After School Gaming 2:30 PM Family Art Night 6:30 PM	25 Book Buddies 10:30 AM Cards & Games Social Club 1 PM Monster of the Week: Jeepers Creepers 3:30 PM	26 Yoga Storytime 11:30 AM Family Pumpkin Painting Party 6:30 PM Basics of Wills & Trusts 7 PM	27 Halloween BOO-Tacular 6:30 PM 	28
29	30	31 Little Learners 11:30 AM After School Gaming 2:30 PM				

HALLOWEEN BOO-TACULAR
OCTOBER 27 FROM 6:30-8 PM

Families are welcome – don't forget to wear a costume!

November

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	5 Family History Activity Bag Pickup Starts All Day Trivia Night @ Green St 7 PM	6 Little Learners 11:30 AM After School Gaming 2:30 PM The Needle Guild 6 PM Family Movie Night 6:30 PM	7 Book Buddies 10:30 AM Cards & Games Social Club 1 PM Book Brunch Book Club 2 PM Mug Decorating 6:30 PM Illinois Libraries Present 7 PM Radio Goes to War 7 PM	1 Book Buddies 10:30 AM Cards & Games Social Club 1 PM National Writing Month Feedback Swap 3:30 PM	2 Polish Storytime 10 AM Yoga Storytime 11:30 AM Dia de Los Muertos Sugar Skulls 6:30 PM Thursday Book Club 7 PM	3 Youth Advisory Council 3:30 PM
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19 Lit Chicks Book Club 7 PM	20 Bingo for Kids 6:30 PM	21 Little Learners 11:30 AM After School Gaming 2:30 PM Family Art Night 6:30 PM	22 Book Buddies 10:30 AM Cards & Games Social Club 1 PM National Writing Month Feedback Swap 3:30 PM Mini Canvas Painting 6:30 PM	23 Library is Closed HAPPY THANKSGIVING	24 Early Learning Storytimes To-Go All Day	25 Kids Grab and Craft All Day Pickup Tweens & Teens Grab and Craft All Day Pickup
26	27	28	29	30	 Arts & Crafts Fair December 2nd & December 3rd 10 AM - 1 PM & 1 PM - 4 PM	