

BRING THE FAMILY



Nature Scavenger Hunt

April 1 – May 31

Complete our nature scavenger hunt outside the Library or at home and receive a small prize. Visit the Youth Services Reference Desk or balibrary.org/kids to begin your journey!

Big Blue Block Drop-In Play

All ages w/caregiver

Fridays, April 8 & 22, 9:30 AM – 12 PM

Fridays, May 6 & 27, 9:30 AM – 12 PM

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

Firefly Family Theater

Presents: Grow

All ages w/caregiver

Friday, May 20, 10 AM

Spark the Firefly wants to grow a garden. With the help of her forest friends, Spark learns all about plants and patience through music, poetry, and interactive movement. Please bring your own blanket.

BALibrary lawn, east of the upper parking lot. Weather permitting. Drop in.



FIREFLY FAMILY THEATRE

Teaching Garden Workday for Families

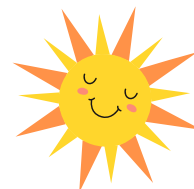
All ages w/caregiver

Saturday, May 21, 9 AM – 12 PM

Bring your little ones, and we'll teach them garden basics like planting and weeding. Work side-by-side with Master Gardeners. Gloves and tools provided. Drop in.



MEET US OUTSIDE!



Safety precautions, including adjusted capacity and physical distancing, will be in place for outdoor programs.

Rhyme Time Nature Walk at Crabtree Nature Center

All ages w/caregiver

Thursdays, April 21 & May 19, 10 AM

Enjoy rhymes, a nature walk, and play time at Crabtree Nature Center, 3 Stover Road, Barrington Hills. Weather permitting. Register.

May Flowers Story Time

All ages w/caregiver

Tuesday, May 24, 10 AM

Stories, songs, rhymes, and movement activities about flowers, followed by a walk through our Teaching Garden. Families are asked to sit together on provided blankets, set apart for social distancing. BALibrary Lawn, east of the upper parking lot. Weather permitting. Register.

Story Time in the Sun

All ages w/caregiver

Tuesday, May 31, 9:45 OR 10:30 AM

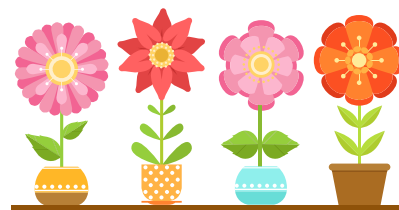
Meet us outside for stories, songs, and rhymes in nature! Families are asked to sit together on provided blankets, set apart for social distancing. BALibrary Lawn, east of the upper parking lot. Weather permitting. Register.

Meditation Story Time

Ages 2 – 5 w/caregiver

Wednesday, May 25, 10:30 AM

Take a few mindful moments to feel the breeze on your face and the grass on your toes, as we enjoy stories and activities that introduce basic mindfulness skills. BALibrary Lawn, east of the upper parking lot. Register.



A NOTE ON REGISTRATION:

Some Youth Services programs require registration. Registration for April and May programs opens Monday, March 28. To register, visit the [Library's online calendar](#) or call (847) 382-1300.

LEARN, PLAY, EXPLORE

Preschool STEAM

Ages 3 – 5 w/caregiver

Wednesday, May 11, 10:30 AM

Join us to explore science, technology, engineering, arts, and math with exciting experiments and activities.

[Register.](#)

WeDo Together

PreK – Grade 2 w/caregiver

Saturday, April 16, 10:30 AM

Wednesday, May 11, 6 PM

Kids team up with their adults to build and code a working LEGO robot! Register.

Art Studio

Grades K – 8, caregivers welcome

Wednesday, April 13, 4 PM

Create something amazing with the Library's art supplies. Drop in.

Little Kids, Big Feelings

Ages 3 – 6 w/caregiver

Wednesday, April 27, 10:30 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.

[Register.](#)

Lego Club

All ages w/caregiver

Wednesdays, April 27 & May 18, 4 PM

Make robots, create stories, and build other amazing creations with LEGOs or DUPLOs. Register.

Family Engineering Challenge: Towers

All ages w/caregiver

Friday, April 15, 2:30 OR 3:30 PM

Families partake in an engineering challenge to build towers out of cups, blocks, and Legos. Register.

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SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

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Earth Day Story Time

Ages 2 – 6 w/caregiver

Wednesday, April 20, 9:30 OR 10 AM

Celebrate Earth Day through stories, songs, and rhymes. Register.

Happy Birthday Story Time

All ages w/caregiver

Friday, April 15, 9:30 OR 10:30 AM

Friday, May 13, 9:30 OR 10:30 AM

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

Ukulele Baby Rhyme Time

Ages 0 – 18 months w/caregiver

Tuesday, April 26, 9:30 OR 10:30 AM

Join our Librarians and their ukuleles in this interactive, musical rhyme time, and learn the many benefits of bathing your baby in song! Register.

Ukulele Sing-Along Story Time

Ages 2 – 6 w/caregiver

Tuesday, May 17, 9:30 OR 10:30 AM

Experience the joys of song and dance in this interactive, sing-along story time. Register.

STORIES & SONGS

Baby Rhyme Time

Ages 0 – 18 months w/caregiver

Tuesdays, April 12, 9:30 OR 10 AM

& May 10, 9:30 OR 10 AM

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

Family Story Time


Ages 2 – 6 w/caregiver

Wednesday, April 6, 9:30 OR 10 AM

Tuesday, May 3, 9:30 OR 10 AM

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





2022 SUMMER READING

June 1 -
August 21

Barrington Area Library

Get ready for the Library's Summer Reading program,
and earn badges and prizes for reading - all summer long!
Sign-up and logging begin on June 1 at balibrary.org/summer

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS ON YOUTUBE

Tune into our YouTube channel for on-demand story times, rhymes, songs, and puppet shows! Find us at: youtube.com/YSAtBALibrary

All-Ages Story Time

A new, on-demand YouTube story time every Monday! Enjoy stories, songs, and rhymes every day to help your child build confidence, comprehension, and important early literacy skills.

Story Time Shorts

Tune into our YouTube channel for quick rhymes, songs, and movement activities – follow along at home. New videos added throughout the month.

Video Puppet Shows

Puppet performances by the BALibrary Librarians, adapted from favorite picture books.

Little Peep - April 19

Bear Wants to Sing - May 17

DID YOU KNOW ABOUT...

Browsing Bundles?

Need a fresh stack of stories for your little bookworm? Let the Librarians do the work! Request a Browsing Bundle for a hand-picked, personalized collection of fantastic books just right for your child. Visit balibrary.org to get started.

TAKE-AND-MAKE KITS

Available April 18 – May 1

Each kit contains materials for a craft or project kids can do at home (with caregiver supervision). Register online and then stop by to pick up your kit by May 1. Kits not picked up will be available on a first come, first served basis, beginning May 2.

Toddler – PreK:

Bubble Wrap Stomp Painting

Be ready to get messy with this active art technique.

Grades K – 2:

Mini Collection Boxes

Decorate a box to hold your smallest treasures.

Grades 3 – 8: CD Weaving

Turn an old CD into a work of art with this simple weaving project.

Program Guide

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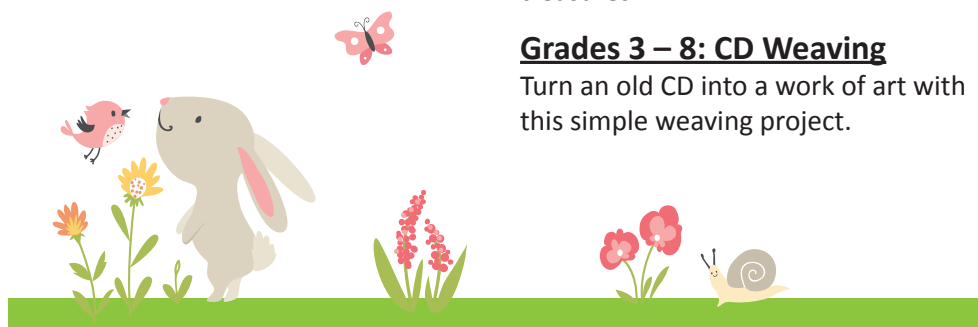
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Library Closings

Sunday, April 17, Easter

Monday, May 30, Memorial Day

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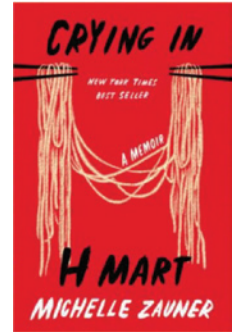
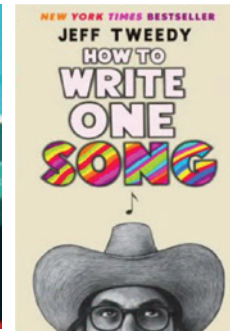
MEET THE AUTHORS

An Evening with Nick Offerman & Jeff Tweedy Wednesday, April 27, 7 PM

Enjoy an evening with actor, humorist, and woodworker Nick Offerman. Best known as Ron Swanson in the acclaimed series *Parks and Recreation*, he discusses his new book, *Where The Deer and The Antelope Play: The Pastoral Observations of One Ignorant American Who Loves to Walk Outside*. His walking companion, Jeff Tweedy of Wilco, joins the conversation. Virtual. [Register](#).

Offerman is the New York Times bestselling author of *Gumption: Relighting the Torch of Freedom with America's Gutsiest Troublemakers*, *Paddle Your Own Canoe: One Man's Fundamentals for Delicious Living*, and *Good Clean Fun: Misadventures in Sawdust at Offerman Woodshop*. Born in Joliet, Offerman can now often be found in his LA woodshop building hand-crafted items.

Tweedy is an American musician, songwriter, author, and record producer best known as the singer and guitarist of the band Wilco. An Illinois native, he has released 20 studio albums and two books, *Let's Go (So We Can Get Back): A Memoir of Recording and Discording with Wilco, Etc.* and *How to Write One Song: Loving the Things We Create and How They Love Us Back*.



An Evening with Michelle Zauner Wednesday, May 18, 7 PM

Fresh off a tour with her band Japanese Breakfast, author/songwriter/guitarist Zauner joins a conversation exploring the intersection of food, culture, family, identity, and loss, lovingly chronicled in her bestselling memoir, *Crying in H Mart*. Virtual. [Register](#).

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SECOND FRIDAYS



The People, Yes Friday, April 8, 7 PM

Folk singer-songwriter Mark Dvorak pays tribute to one of the most celebrated poets of all time, Illinois' own Carl Sandburg. Celebrate National Poetry Month with this entertaining presentation mixing traditional folk songs preserved by Sandburg with spoken word selections from the Pulitzer Prize winner. [Register](#). Virtual.

The Roots of Rock and Roll Friday, May 13, 7 PM

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



Art Excursions: Leonardo da Vinci Thursday, April 14, 7 PM

Jeff Mishur from Art Excursions takes us on a captivating tour of the life of artist and inventor Leonardo da Vinci. [Register](#). Virtual.

CHERISH THE NATURAL WORLD



Lighthouses of Michigan with Laura Keyes

Wednesday, April 6, 7 PM

Explore the rich history and vibrant stories of Michigan's lighthouses during this illustrated Zoom presentation. [Register](#). Virtual.

Bringing Nature Home

Tuesday, April 12, 7 PM

In collaboration with
Barrington Area Conservation Trust
Environmental Restoration Specialist David Eubanks explains the beauty and function of native plants, requirements of prairie, woodland, and wetland plants, and how to source and maintain the best native plants and trees for your specific niche. [Register](#). Virtual.



Take-And-Make: Button Tree Wall Art

April 18 - 23, 9 AM

Celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day! Decorate a laser-etched wood canvas with buttons to create a vibrant tree to display on a wall. Limited to one reservation per BALibrary card number. [Register](#).



Plastic Pollution Is Everywhere Tuesday, April 26, 7 PM

*In collaboration with Go Green
Barrington*

The University of Illinois – Urbana-Champaign works with other national and international organizations to gather data about plastic in the environment. Visible plastic, like straws, bags, and wrappers, is only part of the problem. Microplastics scientist John Scott shares research on how plastic finds its way into the ground, air, water, and more. [Register](#). Virtual.

Beekeeping with Greg Fischer Thursday, May 12, 7 PM

Fischer, from Wild Blossom Meadery and Winery in Chicago, talks about these delightful insects that grace our gardens every year and their importance to our ecosystem. [Register](#). Virtual.

Hiking with Lindsay Welbers Wednesday, May 18, 7 PM

Enjoy a virtual guided tour of many locations in the Chicagoland area where one can escape the noise and bustle of the city. Learn to use public transportation to get to these out-of-the-way destinations, too! [Register](#). Virtual.

The ABCs of Green Infrastructure

Thursday, May 26, 7 PM

*In collaboration with Chicago Living
Corridors*

Environmental steward and educator Jeff Weiss provides examples of green infrastructure opportunities that can be employed on private property and HOA common areas. No permitting, engineering, consulting services, or large budgets required – just hard work – for these projects! [Register](#). Virtual.



Teaching Garden Workdays Friday, May 20, 1 PM – 3 PM

Saturday, May 21, 9 AM – 12 PM

Work side-by-side with local Master Gardeners to help us plant for the new season. On Saturday, bring the kids, and we'll teach them basics like planting and weeding. Gloves and tools provided. Drop in. Teaching Garden.

Growing Together Garden Expo Saturday, June 4, 10 AM – 4 PM

Rain Date: Saturday, June 18

Stop by our Teaching Garden (SE corner of the upper lot) to talk with local gardeners and clubs, explore community-wide volunteer opportunities, swap plants, and get Take-And-Make Kits with fun projects for all ages.



REGISTER to be
emailed a link to join virtual
programs. Programs can be
accessed from computer,
tablet, or mobile phone.
First-time participants may
need to download and
install free software. We
recommend joining a few
minutes early.

COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY



Exploring Google Drive

Thursday, April 7, 6 PM

Go beyond Gmail to discover the Google Drive suite of apps. Learn about the functionality of docs, sheets, slides, forms, and drawings. [Register](#). Virtual.

Laser-Etched Notebooks

Tuesday, April 12, 6 PM

Use Inkscape to create a custom design that will be etched on a leather-like notebook. [Register](#) with your BALibrary card. Meeting Room.

Windows 10 Basics

Thursday, April 28, 1:30 PM

Learn about the basic functionality of the Windows 10 operating system. Navigate the most popular features: settings, file explorer, the desktop, taskbar, and applications. [Register](#). Virtual.

Graduation Gift Guide

Thursday, May 5, 6 PM

See examples of graduation gifts made in the MakerLab. Then it's your turn: create a custom design for a leather-like coaster that will be etched on-site. [Register](#) with your BALibrary card. Meeting Room.

Mac Computer Basics

Wednesday, May 11, 1:30 PM

Learn the basic functionality of the Mac operating system. Navigate the most popular features: system preferences, finder, the dock, and native Apple apps. [Register](#). Virtual.

Laser-Etched Luggage Tag

Tuesday, May 17, 6 PM

Prepare for take-off! Use Inkscape to design a custom leather luggage tag just in time for your summer vacation. Tags will be etched on-site using the laser cutter. [Register](#) with your BALibrary card. Meeting Room.

Cutting the Cable Cord

Wednesday, May 25, 6 PM

Thinking about cutting the cord with your cable company? Learn about popular video streaming services like Netflix, Amazon Prime, and Hulu, as well as streaming apps available through the Library. Devices used to stream content will also be discussed. [Register](#). Virtual.

LEARN ABOUT THE LIBRARY

Library Resources for Job Seekers

Wednesday, April 6, 11 AM

In collaboration with Barrington Career Center

Learn insider tips and tricks to accelerate your job search, including Library resources on writing resumes and finding target companies in your area. [Register](#). Virtual.



Library Resources for Investors

Wednesday, April 13, 7 PM

Discover the many Library databases that can help you get more from your investments. Explore ValueLine, S&P, Morningstar, and more. [Register](#). Virtual.

NON-PROFIT KNOW-HOW

Volunteer Recognition

Tuesday, April 19, 1 PM

Looking for economical ways to show appreciation for volunteers? Learn about volunteer tracking, then Digital Services Specialist Ken Fritz will demonstrate creating a branded gift on BALibrary's laser cutter. Bring your logo on a USB drive or via web link, and etch it onto a glass to take with you. [Register](#). Virtual.

Use your personal or non-profit BALibrary card to take advantage of our Digital Studios and MakerLab, including one-on-one appointments with Ken and payment for materials used. Details on getting a card: balibrary.org/borrowing.

Community Surveys

Thursday, May 19, 12:30 PM

In collaboration with Northern Illinois University's Center for Nonprofit & NGO Studies

BALibrary favorite Dr. Alicia Schatteman teaches the why, when, how, and "Now what?" of surveying your community. [Register](#). Virtual

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS, including physical distancing and reduced capacities, will be in place for indoor programs. Masks are recommended.

REGISTER to be emailed a link to join virtual programs. Programs can be accessed from computer, tablet, or mobile phone. First-time participants may need to download and install free software. We recommend joining a few minutes early.

PRESERVATION WEEK

Preserve Your Photos and Documents

Wednesday, April 27, 7 PM

Heather Johnson, Curator of the Dunn Museum, shares basics for preserving precious family photographs and documents. Learn easy DIY tips on preserving the current condition of items and preventing future damage. Receive a swag bag with sample preservation supplies. [Register](#). Virtual.

Take-And-Make:

Pressed Flower Art

Monday, April 25 - Saturday, April 30

Use pressed flowers and a simple frame to create a pretty keepsake. Limited to one reservation per BALibrary card number. [Register](#).

COOKS WITH BOOKS

Bread-Making

Take-And-Make Kit

Tuesday, April 12, 9 AM

Warm your house with freshly baked bread. Includes yeast starter, bread pan, oven mitt, and plenty of bread-making ideas. Limited to one reservation per BALibrary card number. [Register](#).

Springtime Cooking With Chef Andrea Pracht

Tuesday, May 10, 7 PM

Pracht prepares a light spring dinner featuring fresh items easily found at your local Farmers Market. [Register](#). Virtual.

CELEBRATE SPRING

Spring Cleaning:

Finding A "Neater" You

Thursday, April 14, 1 PM

In collaboration with Bacoa

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

Advanced Soap

Thursday, April 28, 2 PM OR 6 PM

Learn to use the melt-and-pour method, along with additives like poppy seeds and activated charcoal, to make beautiful soaps. For BALibrary cardholders. Register. Meeting Room.

Sakura Tales: Stories from Japan

Tuesday, May 3, 7 PM

Professional storyteller Anne Shimojima shares Japanese tales that sparkle with magic, laughter, and wisdom, reflecting the culture of her family heritage. [Register](#). Virtual.

Take-And-Make:

Floral Wine Charms

May 16 - 21, 9 AM

Add charm to your wine glasses by creating a set of beaded floral wine markers. Limited to one reservation per BALibrary card number. [Register](#).



MAY IS NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

QPR Suicide Prevention

Wednesday, May 4, 7 PM

In collaboration with BStrong Together and Ascension Alexian Brothers Behavioral Health

CPR gives you the tools to help in an emergency: QPR teaches you what to do when you're concerned that someone is contemplating suicide. [Register](#). Virtual.

Healing Disordered Eating

Tuesday, May 24, 7 PM

In collaboration with Ascension Alexian Brothers Center for Eating Disorders

Dr. Lacey Lemke, Psy-D, discusses the connection between mind, body, food, and culture, as well as tools to increase your awareness and understanding. [Register](#). Virtual.



FOR OLDER ADULTS

Social Security Basics

Thursday, April 21, 7 PM

What is social security? What is the best age to start receiving benefits? What are the benefits for your spouse? Learn the basics with Megan Forristall from the Social Security Administration. [Register](#). Virtual.

When I'm 64

In collaboration with Bacoa

A three-part educational workshop on Medicare. Various organizations present a different topic at each workshop. Register for each session of interest. Meeting Room.

Medicare Basics

Monday, May 9, 7 PM

Medicare Supplements and Advantage Plans

Monday, May 16, 7 PM

Medicare Part D -

Prescription Drug Plans

Monday, May 23, 7 PM

Preventing Falls Through Exercise

Tuesday, May 31, 7 PM

Paul Brune from Barrington Functional Fitness demonstrates exercise suggestions that may help prevent falls by building strength, balance, and flexibility. [Register](#). Meeting Room.





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FOR BOOK LOVERS

LIT @ Home

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

New: Register and we'll let you know when you can stop by the Library to pick up a fun bag of bookish LIT swag. LIT swag bags limited to one reservation per BALibrary card number. While supplies last. Register.

The Maid by Nita Prose

Monday, April 11, 7 PM

When a maid at an upscale hotel finds the body of a wealthy guest and falls under suspicion for murder, her friends band together to help her solve the mystery.

Malibu Rising by Taylor Jenkins Reid

Monday, May 9, 7 PM

In the steamy final days of August, 1983, the four Rivas siblings throw an epic bash. By the morning, each of their lives has changed forever.



Big Summer Books

Thursday, May 12, 6 PM

Hear about some of the most buzzed-about summer releases by major publishers. You might even take home a free copy! Register. Meeting Room.

Book Discussions with Lanny Ori

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

The Night Watchman by Louise Erdrich

Thursday, April 21, 2 PM

A night watchman's life is upended when he learns that the US government has earmarked his tribes' protected lands for their own.

Circe by Madeline Miller

Thursday, May 19, 2 PM

Banished to a deserted island, the goddess Circe hones her powers of witchcraft, and crosses paths with many of the most famous figures in all of mythology.