



**BARRINGTON
AREA LIBRARY**

PROGRAM GUIDE

April – May 2023

Touch A Truck At The Library

All ages w/caregiver

Wednesday, May 24

9:30 AM - 12 PM

In partnership with the Village of Barrington Public Works Department
Dump trucks, excavators, and front-loaders - oh my! Drop in to explore the Village of Barrington's construction vehicles, in celebration of National Public Works Week.

Construction Story Time

All ages w/caregiver

Wednesday, May 24

10 AM OR 11 AM

See the trucks, then join us for a fun construction-themed story time!



Second Fridays Register. Meeting Room.

More Outdoor Fun

Nature Scavenger Hunt

April 1 – May 31

Complete our nature scavenger hunt and receive a small prize. Begin your journey at the Youth Services Reference Desk.

**Story Time Nature Walk at
Crabtree Nature Center**

All ages w/caregiver

Tuesday, April 18, 1:30 PM

Thursday, May 18, 10 AM

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

KidFest at Citizens Park

All ages w/caregiver

May 6, 11 AM – 3 PM

Come and play in Citizens Park! Fly a kite, play games, and learn about nature at this all-ages event, presented by the Barrington Park District.



Maureen Christine Trio

Friday, April 14, 7 PM

Travel back to the 1960s with sophisticated pop hits like *Yesterday*, *What the World Needs Now Is Love*, *Take Five*, and more, sung by award-winning vocalist Maureen Christine!



Luciano Antonio Duo

Friday, May 12, 7 PM

Guitarist Luciano Antonio plays a selection of original arrangements, including bossa nova, samba, and other Brazilian genres.

Volunteer Connection LIVE

Saturday, April 15, 1 – 4 PM

With Barrington Area Volunteer Connection

Barrington area non-profits make a world of difference. Stop by and connect with organizations who can answer questions about local resources, offer volunteer opportunities, and accept donated items – see event page for a list of participating organizations and requested donations. Drop in or register for a reminder. Meeting Room.



Learn – Play – Create

Lego Club

All ages w/caregiver

Wednesday, April 5, 3:30 – 4:30 PM

Wednesday, May 3, 3:30 – 4:30 PM

Make LEGO robots, create stories, and build amazing creations. Drop in. Program Room.

Tech Open Lab

All ages w/caregiver

Friday, April 7, 2 – 3:30 PM

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

Who Would Win Club

Grades K – 3

Wednesdays, April 19 & May 17, 4 PM

Whale or great white shark - who would win? Join us to discuss Who Would Win, make crafts, and play some games. [Register](#). Program Room.

WeDo Together

PreK – Grade 2 w/caregiver

Thursdays, April 20 OR May 18
5:30 PM

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

DIY Picture Frames

Grades 4 – 8

Wednesday, April 26, 4 PM

Decorate a wooden picture frame. All supplies provided. [Register](#). Program Room.

Star Wars Fan Club

Grades 3 – 6

Thursday, May 4, 4 PM

May the Fourth be with you! Celebrate Star Wars with crafts and games. [Register](#). Program Room.

Sensory Playtime

All ages

Friday, May 5, 10 – 11:30 AM

Join this sensory play experience that includes activities specifically designed to engage the senses. Drop in. Meeting Room.

Open Play, Build Away

All ages w/caregiver

Thursday, May 25, 10 - 11:30 AM

Families can explore and build with a variety of blocks and other materials! Program Room.

Fresh Air Fun

Meditation Story Time

Ages 2 – 6 w/caregiver

Monday, May 1, 10 AM

Sunday, May 7, 2 PM

Take time to feel the breeze on your face and the grass on your toes, as we read stories and participate in activities that introduce basic mindfulness skills. Register. BALibrary Lawn, east of the upper parking lot.



Family Explorers: Birds

Baker's Lake Younghusband Prairie

East Dundee Rd, Barrington

PreK - Grade 2 w/caregiver

Saturday, May 13, 9:30 AM

Let's read *How to Find a Bird* by Jennifer Ward and Diana Suduka, and learn all about finding birds. Get ready to walk around and spot our feathered friends! [Register](#).

Family Planting Day

All ages w/caregiver

Friday, May 19, 10 AM

Bring your little ones to our Teaching Garden, and we'll teach them basics like planting and weeding. Work side by side with Master Gardeners. Gloves and tools provided. [Registration](#) suggested.

Story Time in the Sun

All ages w/caregiver

Monday, May 22, 10 AM OR 10:30 AM

Connect with nature as we share stories, songs, and rhymes. BALibrary Lawn. Weather permitting. Drop in.

A note on registration

Some Youth Services Programs require registration. Registration for April and May programs opens Monday, March 27. Register at balibrary.org or call (847) 382-1300. BALibrary cardholders receive priority admission until a program begins or fills.

Bring the Family

Family Movie: *Strange World*

All ages w/caregiver

Friday, April 7, 10 AM

Watch Disney's *Strange World* on a big screen. Bring the family: wiggles and wailers welcome! Enjoy popcorn and movie-friendly activities, too. PG, 1 hour 42 minutes. Drop in. Meeting Room.

Earth Day Celebration

All ages

Friday, April 21, 10 AM - 12 PM

Let's celebrate Earth Day! Enjoy crafts and a game, and view a documentary film about our planet on the big screen. Drop in. Meeting Room.

Librarian Puppet Show

All ages w/caregiver

Wednesday, May 3, 10 AM

Thursday, May 4, 10 AM

A puppet show presented by your very own BALibrary Librarians! Drop in. Meeting Room.

Summer Reading Kickoff Party

All ages w/caregiver

Thursday, June 1, 4 - 6 PM

Celebrate the end of the school year and the beginning of Summer Reading. We're having a party – with activities, giant bubbles, and popcorn! -- to kick off the fun. Drop in. Plaza and Lawn.



Stories & More: For Ages 0 – 6

Program space is limited. BALibrary cardholders receive priority admission until a program begins or fills. **Drop in, Story Room, except where noted.**

Family Story Time

All ages w/caregiver

Mondays through April 24

10 AM OR 10:30 AM

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

Baby Time: Lapsit

Ages 0 – 12 months w/caregiver

Tuesdays, April & May, 3 PM

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

Baby Time: Wobbly Ones

Ages 12 – 24 months w/caregiver

Tuesdays, April & May

10 AM OR 10:30 AM

Enjoy songs, rhymes, and stories that support early language and motor skills.

Toddler Time

Ages 2 – 3 years w/caregiver

Wednesdays through April 26

10 AM OR 10:30 AM

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

Preschool Story Time

Ages 3 – 5 w/caregiver

Thursdays, April 6 – 20, 10 AM

Time to dance, sing, and enjoy stories especially for preschoolers.

Ukulele Baby Rhyme Time

Ages 0 – 24 months w/caregiver

Wednesday, April 12, 4 PM

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

Ukulele Sing-Along Story Time

Ages 2 – 6 w/caregiver

Wednesday, May 10, 4 PM

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

Art from the Heart

All ages w/caregiver

Thursday, April 13, 2:30 PM

Wednesday, May 10, 10:30 AM

Bring your creativity and curiosity. Explore materials, learn about process, and make art that is uniquely yours.

Happy Birthday Story Time

All ages w/caregiver

Friday, April 14, 10:30 AM

Friday, May 12, 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 with the birthday child's name. Program Room.

Goodnight Story Time

All ages w/caregiver

Friday, April 21, 6 PM

Friday, May 19, 6 PM

Shake your sillies out, get cozy, and listen to bedtime stories in this calming evening story time designed to help kids get a good night's sleep.

Little Kids, Big Feelings

Ages 3 – 6 w/caregiver

Friday, April 28, 10 AM

Mister Rogers often said that anything mentionable is manageable. Join us as we create a space to talk about all feelings big and small through books, songs, and mindfulness exercises.

Mystery Story Time

Grades K – 2 w/families

Thursday, May 4, 6 PM

Calling all detectives! Join this special story time with rhymes, songs, and stories with mysteries to solve!

Story Time Dance Party

All ages w/caregiver

Monday, May 8, 10 AM

Bop to the beat and share some stories! Meeting Room.

Flowers for Mom Story Time

All ages w/caregiver

Thursday, May 11, 10 AM

Celebrate the wonderful women in our lives with rhymes, stories, and a song! Meeting Room.

Let's Move! Story Time

Ages 3 – 6 w/caregiver

Wednesday, May 17

10 AM OR 11 AM

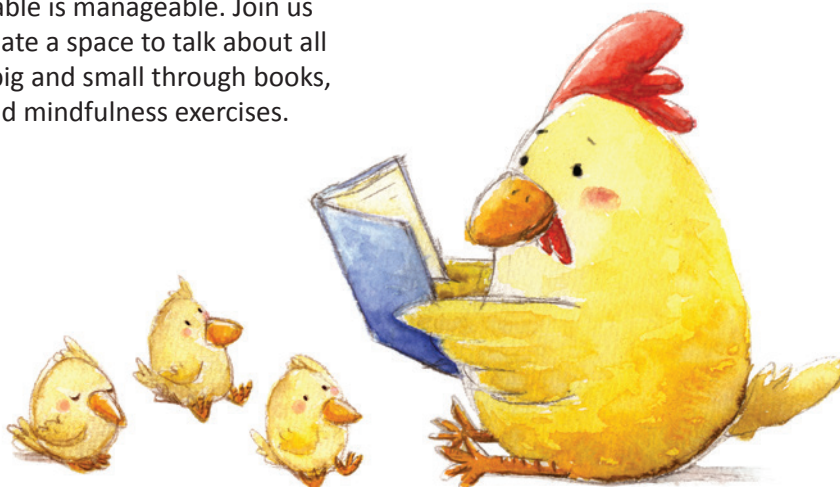
Stories, rhymes, and activities that are all about movement! Meeting Room.

ASL Story Time

All ages w/caregiver

Friday, May 19, 10 AM

The Language Labs will be here to interpret a story in ASL as we read it aloud, followed by basic ASL instruction and a craft. [Register](#). Program Room.



Historic Happenings

Register. Meeting Room.



Wright Brothers, Wrong Story

Tuesday, April 18, 7 PM

William Hazelgrove shares the real story of the Wright brothers and their contributions to aviation.

The Essential Houdini

Friday, April 21, 7 PM

William Pack takes us on the mind-bending journey of famous magician and escape artist Harry Houdini.

Your House Has a Story

Wednesday, April 26, 7 PM

When was your home built? What style is it? Who were the original owners? Author and local historian Julia Johnas presents a step-by-step guide to researching the history of your house.

Yellow Peril Past and Present: Understanding Asian America through Personal and Historical Stories

Wednesday, May 3, 7 PM

A mix of intimate storytelling and informative historical presentations from Illinois Road Scholar Ada Cheng.

My Kind of Town – And Yours!

Tuesday, May 23, 7 PM

Clarence Goodman shares all things Chicago, including treasures and landmarks you've read about and seen in the movies.

For Teens & Their Parents

Finals Cafe

Tuesday, May 30 &

Wednesday, May 31, 1 – 9 PM

High school students: drop in to study, enjoy light snacks, and get some stress relief during exam week. Meeting Room.

The Rising Sticker Price of Higher Education

Monday, April 17, 7 PM

How can college-bound families afford to pay for college with annual tuition increases?

Thomas J. Jaworski of Quest College Consulting explains the financial aid process and how to find scholarships. For parents and students. [Register](#). Virtual.



Cooks With Books Food Expo

Saturday, May 20, 11 AM – 3 PM

Discover delicious restaurants, business owners, and Farmers Market vendors from the Barrington area. Sample a few tasty bites while you chat and enjoy live demos – see additional registration/details for demos. Vendor list includes: Honey Lake Bee Co., Nekter Juice Bar, Primo Pizza, and Organic Rootz, to name just a few. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

Food Expo Demos

Priority registration for BALibrary cardholders. One reservation per BALibrary card number. Register. Zimmerman Room.

Charcuterie & Cheese Boards With One Life Kitchen

Saturday, May 20, 11:30 AM

Miranda, One Life Kitchen sommelier, demonstrates the art of creating beautiful charcuterie and cheese boards, and pairing wine and cheese.

Cooking with Locally Sourced and Sustainable Food with Zak Dolezal

Saturday, May 20, 1:30 PM

Chef Zak from Duke's Alehouse in Crystal Lake discusses the use of locally sourced food for their menu and the benefits for health and community.

Cooks with Books Book Club



Register. Meeting Room.

Tuesday, April 25, 7 PM

It's National Food Month! Pick your favorite recipe and come ready to "dish" with the group!

Tuesday, May 30, 7 PM

Let's talk favorite Farmer's Market finds and decorate reusable market bags for new adventures!

Starting Your Own Food Business

Thursday, May 18, 7 PM

Sybil Ege, President and CEO of The Business of Food, presents a workshop on getting started in the food business. Learn about local regulations, working in a commercial kitchen, pricing products, marketing, branding, and more. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

Authors & Influencers

Delightful virtual experiences with best-selling authors and other famous folk, in partnership with Illinois Libraries Present. Registration and more biographical details about the presenters may be found at balibrary.org.

Danny Trejo Talks Tacos, Hollywood, and Redemption **Tuesday, April 4, 7 PM**

Actor, author, and restaurateur Danny Trejo discusses his prolific career in the entertainment industry and hard-earned, atypical road to success.

Secrets of a Puzzle Master: Will Shortz

Tuesday, April 25, 7 PM

Will Shortz, editor of the *New York Times* crossword puzzle, author/editor of more than 500 puzzle books, and the world's only academically accredited puzzle master, discusses crosswords. An exclusive crossword puzzle about Illinois will be emailed to all registrants!

Drawing Comics with Jarrett J. Krosoczka

Saturday, May 6, 10 AM

Celebrate Free Comic Book Day with bestselling author and illustrator Jarrett J. Krosoczka! This live, virtual drawing workshop is sure to inspire the inner artist in everyone. Jarrett creates books with humor, heart, and respect for his young readers—qualities that have made his titles perennial favorites over the past twenty years.

On Being Fabulous with Jonathan Van Ness & Kristi Yamaguchi

Wednesday, May 17, 7 PM

"Queer Eye" and "Getting Curious" star Jonathan Van Ness talks figure skating, fabulous style, and lots more with his idol, Olympic gold medalist Kristi Yamaguchi. Van Ness is an Emmy-nominated television personality, author, podcaster, and hairstylist. Yamaguchi is a world famous figure skater with two World Championship gold medals along with Olympic gold, and a bestselling author.



Big Summer Books

Thursday, May 11, 6 PM

Explore some anticipated summer releases. You might even go home with a free book! Meeting Room. [Register.](#)

For Book Lovers



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

True Biz by Sara Novic **Monday, April 10, 7 PM**

Diamond Eye by Kate Quinn
Monday, May 8, 7 PM

Book Discussions with Lanny Ori

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

***Endurance* by Alfred Lansing**
Thursday, April 20, 2 PM

***Interpreter of Maladies* by Jhumpa Lahiri**
Thursday, May 18, 2 PM

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Library Closings:
Sunday, April 9, Easter
Thursday, April 27, Staff In-Service Day
Monday, May 29, Memorial Day



The Great Outdoors

Gardening 101

Thursday, April 13, 7 PM

Master Gardeners share tips and tricks for planning your garden, preparing the soil, and nurturing it through the growing season. Virtual. [Register.](#)

Bringing Nature Home

Monday, April 24, 7 PM

With Barrington Area Conservation Trust

Environmental Restoration Specialist David Eubanks explains the beauty and function of native plants, and how to source and maintain the best plants and trees for your specific niche. Q & A to follow. Hybrid. Meeting Room. [Register](#)

Barrington Birds and Nesting Structures

Thursday, May 4, 2 PM

Every year, Crabtree Nature Center installs a variety of cavity nesting boxes to support local birds. Director Jeff Rapp talks about how they are made and why they are important. [Register.](#) Meeting Room.

Teaching Garden Spring Cleanup

Tuesday, May 16, 9:30 – 11 AM

Work side by side with Master Gardeners and learn how to prepare a garden for planting. [Registration](#) suggested.

Teaching Garden Planting Day

Saturday, May 20, 1 – 3 PM

Work side by side with Master Gardeners to learn basic gardening skills, and help us plant our garden! Gloves and tools provided. [Registration](#) suggested.

Teaching Garden Workdays

Tuesdays, 9:30 – 11 AM

Master Gardeners provide hands-on instruction in seasonal gardening tasks. Meets weekly, weather permitting, starting Tuesday, May 30. [Registration](#) suggested.

Restoring Barrington: Creating the Hill 'n Dale Preserve

Thursday, May 25, 7 PM

With Chicago Living Corridors
Citizens for Conservation's Jim Anderson discusses the process of restoring the Spring Creek watershed to support a wide variety of plants and animals for future generations. Virtual. [Register.](#)



Composting Truths, Myths, and How-Tos

Tuesday, May 9, 10 AM

With Go Green Barrington and Mindful Waste

Food waste in landfills is responsible for 10% of greenhouse gases. Local experts explain why and how composting reduces your impact on the environment and benefits your garden. If weather permits, we'll also visit the Library's Teaching Garden. [Register.](#) Meeting Room.



More Adult Learning

Weiss Financial Ratings

Thursday, April 13, 6 PM

Tom Kilkenny demonstrates the Weiss Financial Ratings service. Create an account, set up watch lists, create screeners, and run a Medigap report. [Register.](#) Virtual.

Morningstar Investment Research Center

Thursday, April 20, 6 PM

Learn to navigate this one-stop tool for novice and seasoned investors. Real-time financial information on mutual funds, stocks, and ETFs, reliable portfolio analysis, up-to-date financial news. [Register.](#) Virtual.



Read Aloud Factor

Wednesday, May 10, 1 PM

With BStrong Together
Rekha Rajan, EdD, author of *The Read Aloud Factor*, shares research on the value of reading to your children, including cognitive development and social-emotional learning. Q & A to follow. Hybrid. [Register.](#) Meeting Room.

Non-Profit Know-How: Funders Panel

Tuesday, May 16, 1 PM

Learn best practices when seeking grants from local organizations. Panel discussion, Q&A to follow. [Register.](#) Meeting Room.

QPR Suicide Prevention Training

Tuesday, May 16, 7 PM

With BStrong Together and Ascension Alexian Bros. Behavioral Health
May is National Mental Health Month. Mandy Burbank, LCSW & certified QPR trainer, shares what to do when you're concerned that someone is contemplating suicide. [Register.](#) Virtual.

Library Resources for Job Seekers

Wednesday, May 17, 7 PM

With Barrington Career Center
Learn insider tips and tricks to accelerate your job search, from writing resumes to finding target companies in your area. [Register.](#) Virtual.



Retirement and Beyond

Navigating the Maze of Senior Services

A three-part series. Different topics are explored each week. Register. Meeting Room.

Barrington Area Aging Services Wednesday, April 12, 2 PM

Residential Living, Memory Care, Assisted Living, and Short-Term Rehabilitation Wednesday, April 19, 2 PM

Home Care, Hospice, and Funeral Preparation Wednesday, April 26, 2 PM

"When I'm 64..."

In collaboration with Bacoa

A three-part educational workshop on Medicare. Representatives from various organizations present a different topic each week. Register. Meeting Room.

Medicare Basics Monday, May 1, 7 PM

Medicare Supplements and Medicare Part D Monday, May 15, 7 PM

Medicare Advantage Plans Monday, May 22, 7 PM

Maximizing Your Social Security Benefits Wednesday, April 19, 7 PM

Learn how different claiming strategies can maximize your benefits and impact your spouse, and how more income from Social Security can reduce your taxable income in retirement. With Lockwood Wealth Management of Raymond James and a Social Security expert. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

Game-O-Rama! Tuesday, April 11, 2 PM Tuesday, May 16, 2 PM

Bring your friends for an afternoon of card and dice games. Dave Tuszynski leads us through some simple and fun games for 2-4 players. For those 65 and older. Register. Zimmerman Room.



Treat Yourself

DIY Shower Steamers

Thursday, April 6, 2 PM OR 6 PM

Create relaxing aromatherapy tablets for your shower. Register. Meeting Room.



Explore New Zealand

Wednesday, April 12, 7 PM

Explore the Auckland suburb of Devonport, where nature and history meet, on this live virtual tour! Trek a dormant volcano, stroll the coast, see beautiful Victorian houses, and more. [Register](#). Virtual.

Meditation with Chris George

Thursday, April 20, 7 PM

Enjoy an evening of meditation and relaxation. [Register](#). Meeting Room.



Bring Your Own Craft

Wednesdays, April 26 & May 24
1 – 3 PM

Bring a project to work on while you enjoy the company of friends and neighbors. Knitting, sketching, embroidery, any portable craft - all are welcome. Drop in or register for a reminder. Zimmerman Room.

Forest Bathing at Crabtree Nature Center

Friday, May 5, 10 AM

Rain Date: Friday, May 12, 10 AM

Forest Therapy Guide Navraaz Basati leads breathing exercises and grounding, followed by an immersive, therapeutic walk. Dress comfortably. Priority registration for BALibrary cardholders. One [reservation](#) per BALibrary card number. Meets at Crabtree Nature Center, 3 Stover Road, Barrington Hills.



Elgin Symphony Orchestra

Listeners Club

Tuesday, May 2, 1 PM

Delve deep into the concert experience with a personal guided tour by ESO musicians. Hear them perform live and share personal insights about each concert program. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

Sounds of Spring Concert

Saturday, April 22, 1 PM

All ages

Celebrate spring with ESO's Woodwind Trio! [Register](#) each attendee in your party. Walk-ins admitted as space allows. Meeting Room.



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Tech & Maker Topics Register for these events at balibrary.org

Watercolor Birthday Card

Monday, April 3

2 PM OR 4 PM

With a little watercolor and tape, make a rainbow card and make someone smile. Zimmerman Room.

Love Grows Here Sign

Friday, April 14, 3 PM

Create a cute wooden sign made with the laser cutter, and decorate it with the phrase "Love Grows Here."
Zimmerman Room.



Editing 3D Designs

Wednesday, April 19, 3 PM

Learn to import a 3D print into Tinkercad and personalize it before submitting it for printing in the MakerLab! Conference Room.

Libby with Kindle

Friday, April 28, 3 PM

Learn how to get free eBooks from Libby onto your Kindle. Zimmerman Room.

Gratitude Journal

Monday, May 1

2 PM OR 5 PM

Design a positive affirmation notebook cover using the sublimation printer and heat press. Conference Room.

Pop-Up Cards

Friday, May 5, 3 PM

Learn to use Silhouette Studio software to create a pop-up picture card. Conference Room.



Luggage Tag Spotter

Tuesday, May 9, 3 PM

Spot your bag a mile away with a personalized luggage spotter, made with sublimation printing. Conference Room.

Tech Topics:

Artificial Intelligence

Tuesday, May 16, 6 PM

From ChatGPT to Midjourney, join us as Digital Services Manager Mike Campagna leads a casual discussion about the flourishing field of artificial intelligence. Zimmerman Room.

Graduation Keychain

Tuesday, May 23 OR

Thursday, May 25, 3 PM

Celebrate graduation with a custom keychain made with sublimation printing. Conference Room.