



**BARRINGTON
AREA LIBRARY**

PROGRAM GUIDE
December 2022 – January 2023



2022 Winter Reading Challenge **Dec 19 – Feb 28**

Read and complete fun winter activities to earn digital badges and a chance to win a weekly prize drawing. Visit balibrary.org/winter to sign up and get started! For kids, teens, and adults.

Second Fridays



Multiplicity Jazz Band

Friday, Dec 9, 7 PM

Get into the seasonal spirit! Enjoy this wintry jazz program featuring songs like *Skating in Central Park*, *I've Got My Love to Keep Me Warm*, and *Winter Wonderland*. [Register](#). Meeting Room.



George Holmes

Friday, Jan 13, 7 PM

Enjoy an entertaining and inspiring evening as this talented vocalist performs classic songs by Elvis, Sinatra, Bennett, Martin, Diamond, and more. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

For The Whole Family

A note on registration: Some Youth Services programs require registration. Registration for Dec and Jan programs opens Monday, Nov 28. To register, visit the Library's online calendar or call (847) 382-1300.

Big Blue Block Drop-In Play **All ages w/caregiver**

Friday, Dec 23, 9:30 AM – 12 PM

Friday, Dec 30, 9:30 AM – 12 PM

Monday, Jan 16, 9:30 AM – 12 PM

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

Family BINGO Night

All ages

Friday, Jan 6, 6:30 – 7:30 PM

Gather your family and friends and join us for a fun-filled evening of B-I-N-G-O! Drop in. Meeting Room.



Family Concert: Tunes with Tim

All ages w/caregiver

Wednesday, Dec 28, 10 AM

A one-man-band with a wide repertoire - from nursery rhymes to Beatles tunes! Families will sing, play, and dance together while learning the basics of music. Drop in. Meeting Room.

Stories & More: For Ages 0 – 6

Program Space is limited. BALibrary cardholders receive priority admission until a program begins or fills. Drop in except where noted.

Baby Time

Ages 0 – 18 months w/caregiver
Tuesdays, Jan 10 – 31, 9:30 AM
Bond with your baby as we share rhymes and songs to build early language skills. Story Room.

Toddler Time

Ages 18 months – 3 years w/caregiver
Wednesdays, Jan 11 – 25, 10 AM
Enjoy stories, songs, and rhymes in this energetic story time for toddlers. Story Room.

Preschool Story Time

Ages 3 – 5 w/caregiver
Thursdays, Jan 12 – 26, 10 AM
Time to dance, sing, and enjoy stories especially for preschoolers. Story Room.

Family Story Time

All ages w/caregiver
Mondays, Jan 9, 23 & 30, 10 AM
Children (with a favorite adult) enjoy books, songs, rhymes, and movement activities while building language and literacy skills. Story Room.

Sensory Playtime

All ages w/caregiver
Monday, Dec 5, 10 – 11:30 AM
Thursday, Jan 5, 10 – 11:30 AM
Join us in a sensory play time with rice, sand, music, and other ways to engage the senses. Meeting Room.

Meditation Story Time

Ages 2 – 5 w/caregiver
Friday, Dec 9, 10:30 AM
Take a few mindful moments with us as we read stories and participate in activities that introduce basic mindfulness skills. [Register](#). Story Room.

Winter Wonderland Story Time

All ages w/caregiver
Monday, Dec 12, 10 AM
Snuggle up and get ready for winter-themed stories, songs, and rhymes. Story Room.

Ukulele Baby Rhyme Time

Ages 0 – 18 months w/caregiver
Tuesday, Dec 13, 9:30 AM OR 4 PM
Join our librarians and their ukuleles in this interactive, musical rhyme time, and learn the many benefits of bathing your baby in song! Story Room.

Art from the Heart

All ages w/caregiver
Wednesday, Dec 14, 10:30 AM
Thursday, Dec 29, 10:30 AM
Friday, Jan 20, 10:30 AM
Bring your creativity and curiosity. Come explore materials, learn about process, and make art that is uniquely yours. There's no right or wrong way, only your way! Program Room.

Happy Birthday Story Time

All ages w/caregiver
Fridays, Dec 16 & Jan 13, 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. Story Room.

Shortest Day Story Time

Ages 2 – 6 w/caregiver
Wednesday, Dec 21, 7 PM
Cozy up on the shortest day of the year for books, songs, and a jar lantern craft to celebrate the Winter Solstice. Feel free to wear pajamas and/or bring a blanket for maximum coziness! Story Room.

Story Time Dance Party

All ages w/caregiver
Thursday, Dec 22, 10 AM
Bop to the beat and share some stories! Meeting Room.

Ukulele Sing-Along Story Time

Ages 2 – 6 w/caregiver
Wednesday, Jan 11, 4 PM
Experience the joys of song and dance in this interactive, sing-along story time. Story Room.

Little Kids, Big Feelings

Ages 3 – 6 w/caregiver
Friday, Jan 27, 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! Program Room.

Meet Us Outside!

Story Time Nature Walk at

Crabtree Nature Center

All ages w/caregiver
Thursday, Dec 8, 10 AM
Enjoy stories, a nature walk, and playtime at the Crabtree Nature Center, 3 Stover Road, Barrington Hills. Weather permitting. Drop in.



Learn – Play – Create

WeDo Together

PreK – Grade 2 w/caregiver

Thursdays, Dec 8 & Jan 5, 5:30 PM

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

LEGO Club

All ages w/caregiver

Wednesdays, Dec 14 & Jan 18

3:30 – 4:30 PM

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

Pokemon Fan Club

Grades 3 – 6

Wednesdays, Dec 21 & Jan 25, 4 PM

Gotta catch them all! Join us as we discuss Pokemon, play games, and make crafts inspired by Pokemon. Register. Program Room.

Tech Open Lab

All ages w/ caregiver

Friday, Dec 30, 2 – 3:30 PM

Friday, Jan 27, 3 – 4:30 PM

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

LEGO STEM Challenges

Grades K – 5, caregivers welcome

Tuesday, Jan 3, 2 – 3:30 PM

We challenge you to make something incredible with our LEGOs! Create cars, zip-lines, wrecking balls, and more with STEM-based activities. Drop in. Program Room.

Create A Vision Board

Grades 4 – 8

Tuesday, Jan 3, 10:30 AM

Grades K – 3

Friday, Jan 6, 2 PM

Set the tone for your year by creating a vision board, an artistic collage of your dreams and goals for 2023. Register. Program Room.

Weave A Bookmark

Grades 4 – 8

Wednesday, Jan 4, 3 PM OR

Monday, Jan 16, 3 PM

Learn how to weave a basic bookmark with yarn and straws. Register. Program Room.

Family Explorers: Hibernation

PreK – Grade 2 w/caregiver

Saturday, Jan 14, 10:30 AM

Let's read *Snoozapalooza* by Kimberlee Gard and learn all about hibernating creatures. Then we'll cozy up to a craft project. [Register](#). Program Room.

For Tweens

Chat and Chill

Grades 6 – 8

Thursdays, Dec 15 & Jan 19, 4:30 PM

Come unwind with different forms of art: mandala coloring, mosaic sticker art, and watercolor painting, along with friendly conversation and soothing music. Bring your own materials or use ours. Come with a friend or meet new friends! Drop in. Program Room.

DIY Pop Sockets

Grades 6 – 8

Wednesday, Dec 28, 3 PM

Come create your own pop socket. [Register](#). Program Room.

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Take-and-Make Kit

Available Dec 19 – 30

Each kit contains materials for a craft or project kids can do at home (with caregiver supervision). [Register](#) online and then pick up your kit by Dec 30. Kits not picked up will be available on a first come, first served basis beginning Jan 2.

Salt Dough Family Keepsake

Mix up some salt dough, bake it, and decorate it to make a unique family keepsake.

Virtual Programs on YouTube

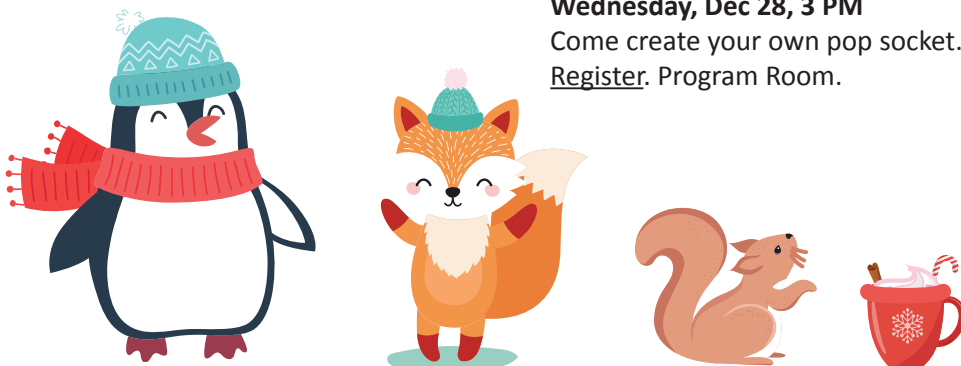
Tune into our YouTube Channel for on-demand story times, rhymes, songs, and puppet shows! Search "Barrington Area Library Youth Services" to find us on [YouTube](#).

All-Ages Story Time

Enjoy stories, songs, and rhymes! Watch and sing along to help your child develop important early literacy skills.

Story Time Shorts

Quick rhymes, songs, and movement activities that you can follow along with at home.



Music, Art, Travel



Elgin Symphony Listener's Club

Tuesday, Jan 3, 1 PM

Tuesday, Jan 31, 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.

Elgin Symphony Orchestra Presents: Sounds of Winter

Saturday, Jan 21, 2 PM

Listen to the joyful sounds of winter in this concert for all ages. Drop in, or [register](#) to receive a reminder. Meeting Room.

Art Excursions: Norman Rockwell

Wednesday, Dec 7, 7 PM

Jeff Mishur from Art Excursions highlights famous American painter Norman Rockwell.

[Register](#). Virtual.



Explore New Zealand

Thursday, Jan 5, 7 PM

Take a live virtual tour of Devonport, where charming streets, ancient volcanoes, harbors, and history all meet! Trek the dormant volcano Maungauika, stroll the coastal walkway to the North Battery, enjoy beautiful Victorian homes, and more. [Register](#). Virtual.

Brush Pen Modern Calligraphy

Thursday, Jan 12, 7 PM

The art of calligraphy with a modern twist. Instructor Audrey Ra teaches participants how to write with a brush pen by practicing basic strokes and the lowercase alphabet. Kits accompanying the program will be available the week prior. [Register](#). Virtual.



Game On!

Game-O-Rama!

Tuesday, Jan 24, 2 PM

Bring your friends for an afternoon of card and dice games. Dave Tuszyński leads us through some simple and fun games for 2-4 players. Polish Poker, Wichita, Roll For It, Sevens, and many others. For those 65 and older. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

Game Night

Wednesday, Jan 25, 7 PM

Join us for a few rounds of Trivial Pursuit and BINGO! [Register](#). Meeting Room.

For Gardeners



Indoor Edible Gardening

Thursday, Dec 15, 7 PM

Gardening doesn't have to stay outdoors. Grow fresh salad greens, herbs, and more, at any time of year. Learn about indoor growing environments, and how to make the most of your space. [Register](#). Virtual.

Flower Beds with Seasonal Interest

Thursday, Jan 19, 7 PM

Ever seen a garden that took your breath away – and months later, still looks amazing? How do you design a garden that offers visual interest through the seasons? Master Gardeners walk you through the design process step-by-step, to create an eye-catching garden year-round. [Register](#). Virtual.

Seed Library Launch

Wednesday, Feb 1, 10 AM – 4 PM

Stop by on Feb 1 to see what's available in the Seed Library this season. During the day, Master Gardener experts will be on hand to answer questions and share seed starting tips. Learn how to make custom garden items with the laser cutter, help us create painted rocks for our fairy garden (and for you, too!), and pick up Take-And-Make Kits for both kids and adults. Take-And-Makes, info tables, and activities run from 10 AM – 4 PM; Seed Library is open during Library hours. Seeds and supplies while supplies last. Seeds are organic and non-GMO.

To learn more about the Seed Library, including the seeds we're stocking in 2023, visit balibrary.org/garden beginning Dec 1.



Take Care



Living with Arthritis

Thursday, Dec 1, 1 PM

In collaboration with Bacoa

Dr. Chakour, an orthopedic surgeon, speaks about arthritis and how to manage it, as well as joint issues and joint replacement options. [Register.](#) Meeting Room.

Singing Bowl Meditation

Wednesday, Dec 14, 7 PM

Let the stress of the holidays melt away as Andrea Cortez guides us through meditation. [Register.](#) Virtual.

Tai Chi

Tuesday, Jan 24, 7 PM

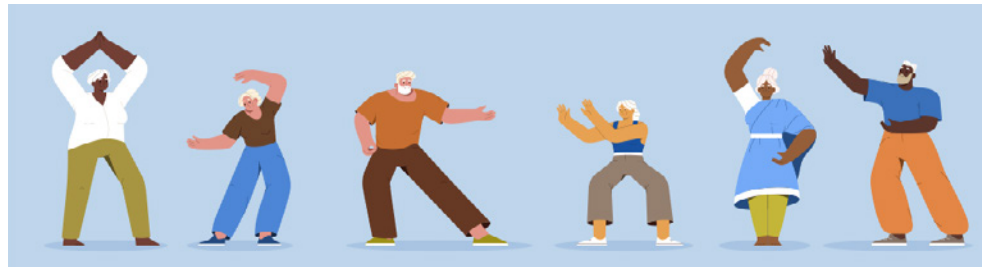
Join instructor Allison Deputy from MoonWillow Tai Chi & Wellness for this introductory class. [Register.](#) Virtual.

Annual Legacy Check-Up: Wills, Trusts and More

Monday, Jan 30, 3 PM

In collaboration with Bacoa

Start the new year by giving yourself and your loved ones peace of mind. Attorney Joseph Lucas of Lucas Law explores how to perform an annual check-up on important documents such as advance directives, power of attorney, Five Wishes, trusts, and wills. [Register.](#) Meeting Room.



Adult Learning

Attorney General: Resources for Seniors

Wednesday, Dec 7, 1 PM

In collaboration with Bacoa

A representative from the Illinois Attorney General's Office discusses what their office does, how their office helps seniors, and how to handle consumer fraud. Question & answer time to follow. [Register.](#) Meeting Room.

Job Search for People with Disabilities

Tuesday, January 10, 7 PM

Garret Rosiek, MA, MBA, shares valuable information, from employment opportunities to workplace accommodations. You'll receive a list of potential employers and organizations to help you connect to the right job. [Register.](#) Meeting Room.



Sustainable vs. Fast Fashion

Wednesday, Jan 18, 7 PM

In collaboration with Go Green Barrington

The average American buys a new piece of clothing every 5.5 days. Fashion choices affect clean air and water, the people who make the clothes, and what goes to the landfill. Amanda McCarty, host of the Clotheshorse podcast, discusses how to make the best decisions about what you buy and where you buy it. [Register.](#) Virtual.

Non-Profit Know-How

Find Your Funding Workshop

Wednesday, Jan 4, 1 PM

The Library subscribes to the extensive Foundation Directory Online database. Learn from Community Engagement Librarian Sam how to use FDO to find the organizations interested in supporting nonprofits like yours. Presentation + Q&A at 1 PM, workshop after 2 PM. [Register.](#) Zimmerman Room.





Cookie Take-And-Make Kit

Monday, Dec 6, 9 AM

Warm up those ovens and delight your senses with the delicious tastes and aromas from this cookie baking kit. One kit per household. [Register.](#)

Winter Cocktails

Tuesday, Dec 13, 7 PM

Get cozy as Natalie Bovis guides us through a few winter cocktail/mocktail recipes to warm us until spring. [Register.](#) Virtual.

The Rule of Rum

Tuesday, Jan 17, 7 PM

Illinois Humanities Road Scholar Cynthia Clampitt walks us through the Rule of Rum in this historical account of the famous beverage. [Register.](#) Virtual.

Cooks with Books

Book Club:

Movie Madness

Tuesday, Jan 31, 7 PM

Let's talk about the delicious snacks that co-star with your favorite movies in the winter! [Register.](#) Zimmerman Room.



Finals Café

**Monday, Dec 19 –
Wednesday, Dec 21
1 – 9 PM**

Time to cram for exams! Our large Meeting Room will be reserved for high school students to study. Hot cider, cocoa, and popcorn will be available (while supplies last) along with some activities when you're in need of a study break. Drop in.



For Book Lovers



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

Book Potluck

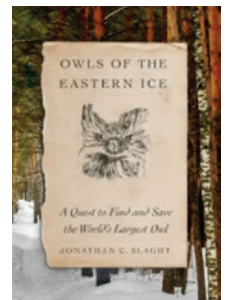
Monday, Dec 12, 7 PM

Bring two books to talk about: one you love, and one you hate. Bonus points if it's a book you feel like you **should** love.

Owls of the Eastern Ice by Jonathan Slaght

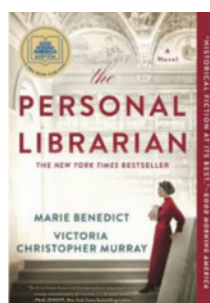
Monday, Jan 9, 7 PM

The true story of field scientist and conservationist Slaght's five year quest to track the Blakiston's fish owl, one of the most elusive birds in Russia.



Book Discussions with Lanny Ori

Professional book discussion leader Lanny Ori leads thought-provoking discussions of notable titles. This group takes December off; meetings resume in January. [Register.](#) Zimmerman Room.



The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict

Thursday, Jan 19, 2 PM

This bestselling novel imagines the life of the brilliant Bella da Costa Greene, art curator and librarian to JP Morgan in the early 1900s in New York City. Despite being born to Black parents, Greene spent her professional career passing for white.

Meet the Authors

Midwest Baking with Shauna Sever

Tuesday, Dec 13, 7 PM

Join Shauna Sever, cookbook author, TV and radio contributor, and daughter of the great Midwest, as she shares her love of food, baking, and tips to make your holiday gatherings delicious. [Register](#). Virtual.



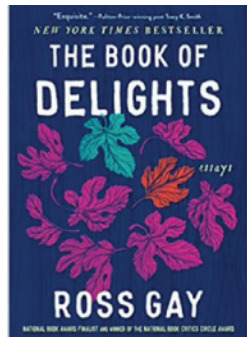
Sever's work is defined by her baking-centric cookbooks. She has also contributed stories and recipes for *Bon Appetit*, *The Kitchn*, *Midwest Living*, and more, and makes regular appearances on TODAY Show and Food Network. After 12 years of California living, Shauna and her family returned to Chicago, where she now bakes, writes, and is always on the hunt for great old-school Midwestern bakeries.



Inciting Joy: A Conversation with Ross Gay

Wednesday, Jan 11, 7 PM

Let's start the new year with a conversation about joy with best-selling essayist and award-winning poet Ross Gay. An exploration of the joy we incite when we turn our attention to what we love and what brings us together, Ross will discuss his most recent collection of essays, *Inciting Joy*, with performance poet Dan "Sully" Sullivan.



Gay has authored four books of poetry, including *Be Holding*, winner of the PEN American Literary Jean Stein Award, and *Catalog of Unabashed Gratitude*, winner of the 2015 National Book Critics Circle Award and the 2016 Kingsley Tufts Poetry Award. His first collection of essays, *The Book of Delights*, was a *New York Times* bestseller.

Sullivan is a three-time Chicago Poetry Slam Champion. His poems and performances have been featured on HBO Def Poetry Jam, WGN Morning News, and National Public Radio. Sully's first full-length book of poems, *The Blue Line Home*, is available from EM-Press. [Register](#).



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Saturday, Dec 24, Christmas Eve

Sunday, Dec 25, Christmas Day

Saturday, Dec 31, New Year's Eve

Sunday, Jan 1, New Year's Day



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Everything You Ever Needed to Know About Daughters of the American Revolution



Thursday, January 26, 7 PM

Jenny Fisher, Registrar of the Barrington-based Signal Hill Chapter of DAR, provides an overview of the organization and the application process. Learn how the public may gain access to DAR's rich library of digitized records, including a 66 million all-name index of books, and other items in its vast collections. Personal assistance will be available after the program. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

Tech & Maker Topics

Gift Tags

Monday, Dec 5, 6 PM

Tuesday, Dec 6, 3 PM

Learn to use the Silhouette software and cutting machine to create personalized gift tags. [Register](#). Conference Room.



Monogram Mug

Thursday, Dec 15, 3 PM

Personalize a mug with a burst of color. A last-minute gift or a treat for yourself! [Register](#). Zimmerman Room.

Introduction to Tinkercad

Monday, Jan 9, 6 PM

Interested in 3D printing but don't know where to start? Learn the basics of Tinkercad to create a design you can submit for printing at BALibrary. [Register](#). Conference Room.

Yarn Birds

Monday, Jan 23, 6 PM

Tuesday, Jan 24, 3 PM

Join us as we use small bundles of yarn and 3D printed pieces to make a cheery bird to brighten up your winter. [Register](#). Zimmerman Room.

Introduction to Creativebug

Monday, Jan 30, 6 PM

Crafty people - unite! BALibrary offers access to a free database of high-quality video tutorials for arts, crafts, and more. Learn how to register and get started on new projects. [Register](#). Conference Room.

