



# BARRINGTON AREA LIBRARY

PROGRAM GUIDE  
February – March 2024



## BALIBRARY FANDOM FEST

**Saturday, Feb 24, 11 AM – 4 PM**

Calling all Jedi, Whovians, Avengers, Trekkies, heroes, and villains of all ages – Fandom Fest is back! Celebrate all things fandom with an artist alley, cosplayers galore, epic photo ops, cool crafts, and live music! Get a free airbrush tattoo and join our passport challenge. Come in cosplay to add to the fun! Drop in.

## MCHEMRY COUNTY LIBRARY LOVERS EXPEDITION

**Feb 1 – March 30, 2024**

Take a tour of public libraries that serve McHenry County! Get your “passport,” collect souvenir brag tags, try fun activities, and explore the many services and resources on offer. Visit 12 – 14 participating libraries to be eligible for gift card prize baskets. Register in person at our Customer Service desk to get started and receive a list of participating libraries.



## BRING THE FAMILY

All ages w/caregiver. Drop in. Meeting Room except where noted. Look for the 🌟 to find Spring Break fun throughout the Program Guide!

### Book Bingo

**March 1 – 31**

Celebrate Read Across America by completing a Book Bingo card and receive a small prize when you finish! Start your journey at the Youth Services Desk.

### Family Fort Building 🌟

**Friday, March 22, 1:30 – 3 PM**

Build an amazing fort with the Library’s fort-building supplies.

### Recycled Robots 🌟

**Monday, March 25, 2 – 3 PM**

Make a super cool robot using cardboard boxes and other recycled materials. Program Room.

### Mammals & More 🌟

**Tuesday, March 26, 10 AM OR 11 AM**

Learn about and meet some of the most unique creatures from around the world!



### Family Movie:

***Trolls Band Together* 🌟**

**All ages**

**Friday, March 29, 1:30 PM**

Bring the family for a movie on our big screen. Wigglers and wailers welcome. Enjoy popcorn and movie-friendly activities, too.

# STORIES & MORE: Ages 0 – 6

Drop in, Story Room,  
except where noted.

Look for the 🌞 to find Spring Break fun throughout the Program Guide!

## Family Story Time

All ages w/caregiver

Mondays through March 18

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 through March 19, 3:30 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 through March 19

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 March 20

10 AM OR 10:30 AM

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

## Preschool Story Time

Ages 3 – 5 w/caregiver

Thursdays, Feb & March, 11 AM

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

## Mandarin Chinese Story Time

All ages w/caregiver

Friday, Feb 2, 10 AM

Chinese language story time, including books, songs, and basic Chinese instruction. Led by the District 220 Barrington Chinese Immersion Council. [Register](#). Program Room.

## Happy Birthday Story Time

All ages w/caregiver

Fridays, Feb 9 OR March 8

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.

## Let's Move! Story Time

Ages 3 – 6 w/caregiver

Friday, Feb 16, 10 AM OR 11 AM

Stories, rhymes, and activities that focus on getting you moving! Meeting Room.

## I Love Me! Story Time

Ages 2 – 6 w/caregiver

Friday, Feb 23, 11 AM

Celebrate what makes you unique and special! We'll read *I Love Me!* by LaRonda Gardner Middlemiss and Beth Hughes, along with other affirming books, rhymes, and songs. Create a self-portrait to take home. [Register](#). Program Room.

## Goodnight Story Time

All ages w/caregiver

Fridays, Feb 23 & March 22

6:30 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. Program Room.

## Potty Palooza Story Time

Ages 2 – 4 w/caregiver

Friday, March 1, 10 AM

Let's get this potty started! Ready to ditch the diapers? Join us for songs and stories to get littles excited, and ideas for caregivers to help make this big milestone a positive experience for everyone. [Register](#).

## Hindi Story Time

All ages w/caregiver

Friday, March 15, 10 AM

The Language Labs provides a Hindi language story time and basic Hindi instruction, and kids will also enjoy a craft. [Register](#). Program Room.

## Little Kids, Big Feelings 🌞

Ages 3 – 6 w/caregiver

Friday, March 22, 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. Program Room.

## Ukulele Baby Rhyme Time 🌞

Ages 0 – 18 months w/caregiver

Monday, March 25, 11 AM

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

## Ukulele Sing-Along Story Time 🌞

Ages 2 – 6 w/caregiver

Monday, March 25, 10 AM

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

## Sensory Playtime 🌞

All ages w/caregiver

Wednesday, March 27, 10 – 11:30 AM

A variety of play experiences specifically designed to engage the senses. Meeting Room.

## Story Time Dance Party 🌞

All ages w/caregiver

Friday, March 29, 10 AM

Bop to the beat and share stories! Meeting Room.



# LEARN – PLAY – CREATE

Register, Program Room, except where noted.

## Art Play

All ages w/caregiver

Thursdays, Feb & March, 10 AM

Drop in for an open-ended, process-oriented art project, in which kids explore their imaginations and develop creative thinking skills. For all ages and abilities: mess-makers welcome! Program Room.

## Lego Club

All ages w/caregiver

Friday, Feb 9, 3:30 – 4:30 PM

Friday, March 8, 3:30 – 4:30 PM

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

## Modeling Clay Valentine Hearts

Grades K – 2

Monday, Feb 12, 4:15 PM

Create a clay heart for your special Valentine or for yourself!

## Taylor Swift Fan Club

Grades 3 – 5

Wednesdays, Feb 14 & March 20  
4 PM

In your Swiftie era? Let's make friendship bracelets, listen to songs, and talk all things Taylor Swift!

## Code Together

PreK – Grade 5 w/caregiver

Thursdays, Feb 15 OR March 14  
6 PM

Kids team up with their adults to explore early coding concepts using Sphero Indi cars and LEGO WeDo robots.

## DIY Snow Dough

Grades K – 8

Monday, Feb 19, 1:30 OR 2:30 PM

Learn to make the softest dough ever and customize it with winter-themed sensory mix-ins.

## Cardboard Creations

Grades K – 2

Wednesday, Feb 21, 4 PM

What kind of sculpture can you create with a set of simple cardboard squares? Get creative and see how tall you can build.

## Art Studio 🌟

Grades K – 8, caregivers welcome

Wednesday, Feb 28, 3:45 – 4:45

Tuesday, March 26, 1:30 – 2:30 PM

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

## Leap Day Origami Frogs

Grades 4 – 6 (or younger w/caregiver)

Thursday, Feb 29, 4:15 PM

Leapfrog into Leap Day! Make an origami jumping frog and compete against others. Whose frog jumps the highest? Whose frog jumps the farthest?

## Candle Making

Grades 5 – 8

Wednesday, March 6, 4 PM

Create your own personalized candle using scents and colors!

## DIY Rainbow Tambourine

Grades K – 2

Wednesday, March 13, 4 PM

Make some music with your very own handmade rainbow tambourine!

## Registration:

Some Youth Services Programs require registration. Registration for Feb and March programs opens Monday, Jan 29. To register, visit the Library's online [calendar](#) or call (847) 382-1300.

## 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.

## Slime Time 🌟

Grades K – 8

Wednesday, March 27,  
1:30 OR 2:30 PM

Learn how to make slime. Dress for a mess!

## Tech Open Lab 🌟

All ages w/caregiver

Thursday, March 28, 2 – 3:30 PM

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

## Paint Party 🌟

Grades 3 – 6

Friday, March 29, 3:30 PM

Chat with friends and listen to relaxing tunes while painting a canvas.





# SATURDAY SMILES

## Family Story Time

All ages w/caregiver

Saturdays, Feb 17 & March 16, 10 AM

## Baby Time

Ages 0 – 24 months w/caregiver

Saturdays, Feb 17 & March 16, 11 AM

## Family Explorers: Gardening

PreK – Grade 2 w/caregiver

Saturday, March 2, 10:30 AM

Let's read *Every Little Seed* by Cynthia Schumerth and learn all about gardening, including an activity to help get your own garden started. [Register](#). Program Room.

## Read With Me™ Therapy Dogs

Grades 1 – 5

Saturdays, Feb 10 & March 9

10 – 11 AM

SOUL Harbour Ranch will be here with their Pet Partners registered therapy dogs for some cozy one-on-one reading time. The Pet Partners Read With Me™ initiative incorporates therapy animals to support readers of all ages and abilities.

Register for a 15 minute time slot.

Program Room.



# TEENS

## What Does Test Optional Really Mean?

Tuesday, March 12, 7 PM

Many colleges have announced a test-optional admission policy – some have even made this a permanent change. Thomas Jaworski of Quest College Consulting helps families gain insight into what it means for a college to review an application without standardized test scores, while also identifying the pros and cons of submitting these exams. This step-by-step program is for parents and students. [Register](#). Meeting Room.



# FOR MUSIC LOVERS

## Elgin Symphony's Listeners Club

Tuesdays, Feb 27 & April 2, 1 PM

Your chance to 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.

## The Women of Mozart's Operas

Wednesday, March 13, 7 PM

Join Berkley Professor Dr. Kristi Brown Montesano, author of *Understanding the Women of Mozart's Operas*, as she explores the female characters represented in his work. [Register](#). Virtual.

# SECOND FRIDAYS



## The Flat Cats

Friday, Feb 9, 7 PM

Celebrate the season of love with The Flat Cats! Swinging jazz and blues, contemporary classics, and timeless standards. Sit and listen or cut a rug on the dance floor! [Register](#). Meeting Room.



## Evan and Tom Leahy

Friday, March 8, 7 PM

With over 20 years performing Irish music in the Midwest, this talented father-son duo from Milwaukee have a unique sound that will have you tapping your feet and singing along. Original, fresh, and compelling! [Register](#). Meeting Room.



## Trivia: Pop Culture Edition

Monday, Feb 19, 7 PM

From a galaxy far away to a marvelous cinematic universe, test out your knowledge and see if the force is with you to become a Jeopardy champion. Win one prize to rule them all! [Register](#) as a team of up to six or individually. All ages. Meeting Room.

# WELLNESS Register. Meeting Room.

## **Wellness In The Bookends Of Life** **Monday, Feb 5, 7 PM**

Deb Torres is a clinical social worker whose knowledge, training, and compassion have helped hundreds of seniors and their families make educated and thoughtful healthcare decisions. Join this compassionate discussion on the value of holistic end-of-life-care, and the courage it takes to have the hard conversations.

## **Tai Chi** **Tuesday, Feb 13, 7 PM**

Let the stress melt away with this instructional class from Allison Deputy of MoonWillow Tai Chi.



## **Coffee & Coloring** **Wednesday, Feb 21, 7 PM** **Thursday, March 21, 7 PM**

Looking to unwind? Pull up a chair, pour a cup of coffee, and immerse yourself in a coloring sheet and conversation with other Library customers!

# NON-PROFIT KNOW-HOW

## **Fill Your Cup** **Wednesday, Feb 14, 1 PM**

Discover and share new ways to stay engaged and energized for your organization's mission – and for yourself. Light snacks provided; bring your lunch if you wish. Register. Meeting Room.



## **Declutter And Simplify** **Thursday, March 14, 7 PM**

*In collaboration with Bacoa*

Professional organizer Annette Migala of Neater offers tips, techniques, and step-by-step plans to eliminate the chaos of clutter.



## **Yoga** **Tuesday, March 19, 2 PM**

Roll out your mat and enjoy an hour of relaxation with instructor Karen Fotopoulos.

## **Annual Legacy Check-Up: Wills, Trusts, And More** **Wednesday, Feb 7, 7 PM**

*In collaboration with Bacoa*

Give yourself and your loved ones peace of mind this year. Attorney Marilyn Rowley of Rowley Law explores how to perform an annual check-up on important documents such as advance directives, power of attorney, Five Wishes, trusts, wills, and more.

## **Local Leaders Learning** **Wednesday, March 13, 10 AM**

*In collaboration with Barrington Area Development Council and Barrington Area Community Foundation*

Join peers from local nonprofit, civic, and business communities to grow your leadership and networks. We'll use curated material from the international Global Leadership Summit as a starting point for group discussions. Lunch will be served. Register. Meeting Room.

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**Library Closings:**  
Thursday, March 7:  
Staff Training, Library opens at 1 PM  
Sunday, March 31, Easter



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# MARCH IS NATIONAL CRAFT MONTH

## Crafting for a Cause: Fidget Quilts

**Wednesday, March 6, 2 PM**

*In collaboration with Bacoa*

Meet the BALibrary's new sewing machine, find out what it means to be a dementia friend, and learn to sew a fidget quilt for people with dementia. Instructor will demonstrate and troubleshoot. Supplies provided, and contributions are also welcome. Completed projects will go to a local nonprofit for distribution to people living with dementia. [Register](#). Meeting Room.



## Bring Your Own Craft!

**Wednesdays, Feb 28 & March 27  
1 – 3 PM**

Bring a project to work on while you enjoy the company of friends and neighbors. Knitting, sketching, embroidery, or any portable craft – all are welcome. BYOC is a recurring monthly event. Drop in or register for a reminder. Café.

## Wood Slice Valentine Craft

**Thursday, Feb 29, 2 PM**

[Register](#). Meeting Room.

## DIY Marbled Candles

**Monday, March 4, 2 PM OR 6 PM**

Ages 14+. BALibrary card required. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

## Bunny Planter Craft

**Tuesday, March 12, 2 PM OR 7 PM**

[Register](#). Meeting Room.

## Bee Kind Wall Hanging

**Thursday, March 28, 3 PM OR 7 PM**

[Register](#). Meeting Room.

# ADULT LEARNING & ENRICHMENT

## The Rich and Romantic History of Valentines

**Thursday, Feb 8, 7 PM**

Historian, performer, and curator Elizabeth Carlson tells you all about the beloved holiday, while you view her collection of vintage Valentines and enjoy an opportunity to make a Valentine to take home! [Register](#). Meeting Room.



## Movie Night:

***The Princess Bride***

**Tuesday, Feb 20, 6:30 PM**

Want to get lost in a sweet story this winter? "As you wish!" Enjoy this clever classic from director Rob Reiner. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

## Women of Natural History

**Wednesday, March 20, 7 PM**

Throughout history, women have made significant observations that have changed our understanding of the natural world. Naturalist and educator Kim White introduces us to these remarkable women including Queen Hatshepsut, Mary Anning, Rachel Carson, and more. [Register](#). Meeting Room.



## Art Excursions: Horace Pippin

**Thursday, Feb 15, 7 PM**

Join Jeff Mishur from Art Excursions as he highlights the career of Black artist Horace Pippin. [Register](#). Virtual.



## Let's Talk Chocolate!

**Tuesday, Feb 27, 7 PM**

Share your favorite ways to indulge in the rich ribbons of velvety delight! [Register](#). Meeting Room.

## Mocktail Hour

**Tuesday, March 26, 7 PM**

Relax with mocktails and hors d'oeuvres while you browse our collection of books on party planning, mixology, and small plates. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

# FOR READERS

## Illinois Libraries Present:

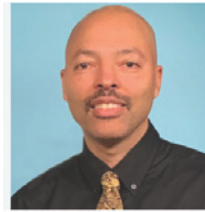
Thoughtful conversations with authors and other influencers  
Register. Virtual.

### A Conversation with Jerry Craft:

From *Mama's Boyz* to *New Kid* and Beyond

Tuesday, Feb 6, 7 PM

Life, art, and telling your story with bestselling author, illustrator, and syndicated cartoonist Jerry Craft. Discover his works and journey to success, and watch a drawing demo that will be fun for the whole family! Craft is the author-illustrator of #1 *New York Times* bestselling graphic novels *New Kid* and *Class Act*. *New Kid* was the first book in history to win the Newbery Medal, the Coretta Scott King Author Award, and the Kirkus Prize for Young Readers' Literature. In his latest, *School Trip*, Craft shares his love of travel in order to inspire kids and their families to see the world and embrace new cultures. He is also the creator of award-winning comic strip *Mama's Boyz*. Craft's captivating narratives and stunning artwork combine to create the works he wishes he'd had as a kid, with characters that represent his community.



### Romance & Regency with *Bridgerton's* Julia Quinn

Tuesday, Feb 20, 7 PM

Julia Quinn, the #1 *New York Times* bestselling and award-winning romance author, has written almost 40 novels, including her popular series about the Bridgerton family, which was adapted into an Emmy-nominated series on Netflix. Her newest novel, *Queen Charlotte*, is co-written with television pioneer Shonda Rhimes. Quinn has been inducted into the Romance Writers of America Hall of Fame and was recently named the national ambassador for EveryLibrary, an organization that helps libraries fight censorship. Her novels have been translated into 41 languages and have appeared on the *New York Times* bestseller list 19 times.



### Ruth E. Carter: Tradition, Imagination, And Costume Design

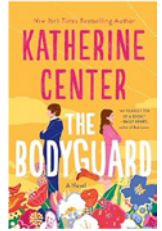
Wednesday, March 20, 7 PM

Ruth E. Carter made history as the first Black person to win an Academy Award in Best Costume Design for the film *Black Panther*. She later received a second Academy Award in the same category. Carter's ability to develop an authentic story through costume and character make her one of the most sought after and renowned costume designers today. Her research and diligence to the craft of costume design shine through in films such as Spike Lee's *Malcolm X*, Steven Spielberg's *Amistad* and Ava DuVernay's *Selma*. Carter has also received accolades and recognition from the Costume Designers Guild, Black Reel Awards, Critics' Choice Movie Awards, and American Black Film Festival, and a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.



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

***The Bodyguard***  
by Katherine Center  
Monday, Feb 12, 7 PM

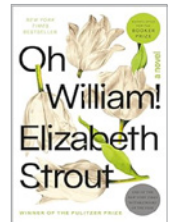


***Killers of a Certain Age***  
by Deanna Raybourn  
Monday, March 11, 7 PM

### Book Discussions with Lanny Ori

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

***Oh William!***  
by Elizabeth Strout  
Thursday, Feb 15, 2 PM



***The Go-Between***  
by LP Hartley  
Thursday, March 21, 2 PM

### Big Spring Books

Monday, Feb 26, 6 PM

Join Adult Services Librarian Liz Kirchhoff to hear about some of the most anticipated spring releases. You might go home with a free book! Register. Meeting Room.

### Intro to Zines

Monday, March 25, 6 PM

Zines are small, independently published magazines, a longstanding and vital component to the underground art community. Cynthia Hanifan of Quimby's Bookstore and Zine Club Chicago explores the history of zines, their relevance as an art form, and the thriving zine community in the Chicago area. Learn to make your own zine and swap with others. For middle schoolers, teens, and adults. Register. Meeting Room.



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### LIBRARY CLOSINGS:

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Staff Training, Library opens at 1 PM

Sunday March 31, Easter

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## TECH AND MAKER TOPICS

### Seed Library Launch: Create A Sublimation Keychain

Thursday, February 1  
10 AM – 4 PM

### Card Making: “You Stole My Heart”

Tuesday, Feb 6, 2 PM  
Use the Silhouette software to design a phrase and add it to a greeting card. [Register.](#)  
Meeting Room.

### Sewing Machine Basics: Bookmark

Friday, Feb 16, 2 PM  
Monday, Feb 19, 2 PM

Learn the basics of our sewing machines with a slow, step-by-step tutorial, then test your skills with a fabric bookmark. [Register.](#) Meeting Room.

### Hobbit Door Wreath

Thursday, Feb 22, 2 PM  
Create a mini, customizable laser-cut Hobbit door wreath. [Register.](#)  
Meeting Room.

### Beginner Sewing: Lucky Bag

Monday, March 25, 6 PM  
Tuesday, March 26, 2 PM

Use our sewing machines to create a small bag, then subliminate a lucky charm onto it with the heat press. [Register.](#) Meeting Room.

### Design for the Laser Cutter

Thursday, March 14, 6:30 PM  
Serial hobbyist Paul Hermany leads us through Inkscape, a software that is used with our laser cutter and other MakerLab equipment. [Register.](#)  
Meeting Room.

### Hand-Stitched Bunny

Monday, March 18, 6 PM  
Learn how to cut out and hand stitch a soft felt bunny. Based on a Creativebug craft. [Register.](#)  
Meeting Room.

