



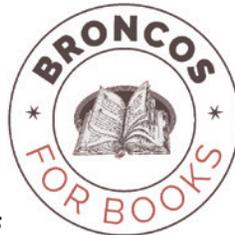
Saturday, Feb 22, 10 AM - 3:30 PM

Heroes and villains of all ages – don't miss our 10th annual Fandom Fest! Artist alley, cosplayers, photo ops, airbrush tattoos, crafts, live entertainment, and more. Check out balibrary.org/fandom for all the details! Register for a reminder e-mail or drop in.



Saturday, March 8, 10 AM - 3:30 PM

With Barrington High School's Broncos for Books



Teens and adults, if you have a passion for reading and writing, an interest in literary careers, or a desire to learn more about the world of books, join us for Lit Fest! Learn from an inspiring keynote speaker, panels of literary professionals, book signings, button making, bookmark decorating, and more. For more details, please visit: balibrary.org/litfest. Register for each individual session.

SPRING BREAK!

Dave DiNaso's Traveling World of Reptiles

All ages w/caregiver
Wednesday, March 26
10 AM OR 11:30 AM



An up-close, hands-on presentation and experience featuring reptiles and amphibians from around the world!

Miniature Horse and Therapy Dog Story Time

All ages w/caregiver
Friday, March 28, 10 AM



Enjoy a story time with the registered miniature therapy horses and therapy dogs of SOUL Harbour Ranch, followed by a meet and greet with the animals!



MCHENRY COUNTY LIBRARY LOVERS EXPEDITION RETURNS

Feb 1 – March 31, 2025

Visit McHenry County libraries, collect brag tags, explore fun activities, and you just might win a prize basket of gift cards! Register at our Customer Service desk, and get more details at balibrary.org. Fun for all ages!

STORIES & MORE: Ages 0 – 6

Drop in, Program Room, except where noted.

DIY Play Dough

All ages w/caregiver
Friday, Feb 14, 10 AM

Create your very own play dough with your grown-up.

Happy Birthday Story Time

All ages w/caregiver
Fridays, Feb 21 OR March 14
10:30 AM

It's your birthday month! Let's get together and celebrate YOU with stories, songs, and a craft! Register with the birthday child's name.

Goodnight Story Time

All ages w/caregiver
Fridays, Feb 21 & March 14
6 PM

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

Little Kids, Big Feelings

Ages 3 – 6 w/caregiver
Friday, Feb 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. Story Room.

Look for  for Spring Break fun!

Parent Play Date

Ages 0 – 12 months w/caregiver
Friday, Feb 28, 11 AM
Monday, March 31, 2:30 PM

Join us for coffee and an informal play group. Meet up with friends or make new ones! Story Room.

Chinese Story Time

All ages w/caregiver
Friday, March 7, 10:30 AM

Starlink Global Education brings their Chinese story time to the library. Enjoy stories, songs, and an interactive introduction to Chinese. [Register](#). Story Room.

Story Time Dance Party

All ages w/caregiver
Monday, March 24, 10 AM

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

Sensory Playtime

All ages w/caregiver
Tuesday, March 25, 10 – 11 AM
Explore a play experience featuring a variety of activities specifically designed to engage the senses.

FAMILY FUN

Family Explorers:

Winter Seed Sowing

PreK – Grade 2 w/caregiver
Wednesday, Feb 12, 5:30 – 6:30 PM

Let's plant the seeds of knowledge with *Every Little Seed* by Cynthia Schumerth, then dig into winter sowing and get our hands dirty! [Register](#).

Family Movie & Picnic

All ages w/caregiver
Monday, Feb 17, 11:30 AM

Pack a lunch and bring the whole family to watch *The Wild Robot* on our big screen. Wigglers and wailers welcome. Enjoy popcorn and movie-friendly activities, too.



LEARN – PLAY – CREATE

Register, Program Room, except where noted.

All About Animals

Grades K – 2

Tuesday, Feb 11, 4:15 PM: Axolotls

Tuesday, March 11, 4:15 PM: Foxes

Learn all about an animal and make a craft!

Code Together

PreK – Grade 5 w/caregiver

Thursdays, Feb 13 & March 27

6 PM

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

Kids for Kindness

Grades 2 – 5, caregivers welcome

Friday, Feb 14, 1:30 PM

Thursday, March 27, 1:30 PM

Create something special for our furry friends! We'll provide the supplies, and you'll learn to create snuffle mats, fun toys to enrich the lives of animals in local shelters.

Lego Club

All ages w/caregiver

Fridays, Feb 14 & March 28

3:30 – 4:30 PM

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

Art Studio

Grades K – 8, caregivers welcome

Monday, Feb 17, 3 – 4 PM

Wednesday, March 26, 3 – 4 PM

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

Design a Pencil Pouch

Grades 3 – 6

Friday, Feb 21, 4 PM

Design a pencil pouch for you or a friend.

Afterschool Story + Craft

Grades K – 2

Wednesday, Feb 26, 4 PM: *The Day It Rained Hearts* by Felicia Bond

Wednesday, March 19, 4 PM: *Don't Touch That Flower* by Alice Hemming

REGISTRATION:

Some Youth Services Programs require registration. Registration for Feb and March programs opens Monday, Jan 27. To register, visit the Library's online calendar or call (847) 382-1300.

Cardboard Craft: Cats

Grades K – 5

Friday, March 21, 11:30 AM

The sky (and your creativity) is the limit, when we make cats using recycled cardboard!

Tech Open Lab

All ages w/caregiver

Friday, March 21, 3 – 4 PM

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

Crafting for a Cause

All ages w/adult

Monday, March 24, 6 PM

Create something special for our furry friends! We'll provide the supplies, and you'll learn to create snuffle mats, fun toys to enrich the lives of animals in local shelters.

Slime Time

Grades K – 8

Tuesday, March 25

1:30 PM OR 3:30 PM

Learn how to make slime. Dress for a mess!



WEEKLY STORY TIMES

Drop in, Story Room, except where noted



Family Story Time

All ages w/caregiver
Mondays, Feb & March
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

Ages 0 – 12 months w/caregiver
Tuesdays, Feb & March, 3:30 PM
Bond with your baby as we share rhymes and songs to build early language skills.

Wobbly Ones

Ages 12 – 24 months w/caregiver
Tuesdays, Feb & March
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, Feb & March
10 AM OR 10:30 AM

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

Art Play

All ages w/caregiver
Thursdays, Feb & March, 10 AM
Through process-oriented art, kids explore their imaginations and develop creative thinking skills. Join us for an open-ended art project for all ages and abilities. Mess-makers welcome! Program Room.

Preschool Story Time

Ages 3 – 5 w/caregiver
Thursdays, Feb & March, 11 AM
Time to dance, sing, and enjoy stories, especially for preschoolers.

***No Story Times March 24–28**



READ WITH ME™ THERAPY DOGS



Grades 1 – 5

Saturdays, Feb 8 & March 8, 10 AM

SOUL Harbour Ranch brings their Pet Partners registered therapy dogs for 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. Program Room.

SATURDAY STORIES

Family Story Time

All ages w/caregiver
Saturdays, Feb 15 & March 15
10 AM

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

Baby Time

Ages 0 – 24 months w/caregiver
Saturdays, Feb 15 & March 15
11 AM

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

FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL

Taste Testers: Cheese Crackers

Grades 6 – 8
Thursday, Feb 20, 4:15 PM

Test out your taste buds and rank your favorites. Note: the Library cannot guarantee that food served at this program has not come into contact with tree nuts, soy, or other allergens. [Register](#). Program Room.

Perler Beads: Cute Animals

Grades 6 – 8
Monday, March 24, 3:30 PM

Make simple, adorable animal designs with Perler beads! Create your own designs, too! All materials supplied. Drop in. Program Room.



Start Early, Start Smart

Thursday, March 13, 7 PM
Identify careers that fit your unique profile, narrow down career and college majors, and learn more about your natural abilities and how they relate to the workplace. For parents and students. [Register](#).

WOMEN MAKE HISTORY

The Life of Bessie Coleman

Thursday, Feb 13, 2 PM

Gigi Coleman, great niece of aviation trailblazer Bessie Coleman, portrays the experiences that lead to Bessie becoming the first African American woman to earn a pilot's license and fly an airplane. [Register.](#)

Ruth Handler And Barbie, Her Dream Doll

Thursday, March 6, 7 PM

Storyteller Lynn Rymarz portrays the creator of Barbie, from her beginnings to becoming the co-founder of one of the largest toy companies in the world, MATTEL. [Register.](#)

Charlotte, The Stifled Writer

Thursday, March 13, 7 PM

Laura Keyes portrays author Charlotte Brontë in 1847, reflecting on her life as both student and teacher. [Register.](#) Virtual.

This Is Really War

Wednesday, March 19, 6 PM

The true and inspiring story of 12 POW nurses whose heroism saved thousands of lives in a civilian concentration camp during WWII. Transferred to a prison camp, the nurses built an infirmary and bravely stood up to guards. [Register.](#)

Candidate Forums for Local Elections

Sunday, March 2,
1:30 PM AND 3 PM

Tuesday, March 4,
6:30 PM

With the League of Women Voters of the Palatine, Barrington and Schaumburg Area

The Library and the League will host forums for contested local elections. Details will be posted when candidates for each race have been finalized. Register and find complete details on our Events Calendar.

The Women of Barrington

Saturday, March 15, 11 AM – 2 PM

With the Barrington Cultural Commission

Join us at Barrington's White House to celebrate Women's History Month! Learn about the important role that women have had in the Barrington community, meet members of local groups, and enjoy a Women in History performance from Martina Mathisen.



Chicago's Sweet Bakeries Remembered

Tuesday, Feb 25, 7 PM

Reminisce about Chicago's family-owned bakeries with historian Cheryl Brown. [Register.](#)

YOU MIGHT ALSO ENJOY...

Silent Movie

Thursday, Feb 6, 6 PM

Get into the spirit before the big game with a screening of the 1925 silent comedy *The Freshman*. Live accompaniment provided by Jay Warren from the Silent Film Society of Chicago. [Register.](#)

Introduction to Beekeeping

Wednesday, March 26, 2 PM

With Honey Lake Bee Co. [Register.](#)



Tea Time

Tuesday, March 25, 10:30 AM

Enjoy tea and conversation as we delve into the history of high tea. [Register.](#)

MUSIC LOVERS SECOND FRIDAYS



Elaine Dame Duo: Easy To Love

Friday, Feb 14, 7 PM
Jazz vocalist Elaine Dame commemorates Valentine's Day through the prism of Cole Porter songs. [Register.](#)



Nippersink Rogues

Friday, March 14, 7 PM
The Nippersink Rogues perform well-known Irish standards and traditional jigs, reels, and Irish dances. Wear your green! [Register.](#)



Elgin Symphony's Listeners Club

Tuesdays, Feb 25 & April 1
1 PM

EXPLORE YOUR WORLD Register at balibrary.org

Migration Has No Boundaries

Monday, Feb 10, 7 PM

Spread your wings and learn about the migration process of birds with Alyse Burman of Wildbird Shack.

Yoga

Wednesday, Feb 12, 10 AM



Celebrating the Cherry Blossom Festival

Tuesday, March 11, 7 PM

Explore a brief overview of Japan, and then welcome spring through its national flower, the cherry blossom.

Bring Your Own Craft

**Wednesdays, Feb 26 AND March 26
1 – 3 PM**

Bring a portable project to work on while you enjoy the company of friends and neighbors. Register for a reminder or drop in.

Garden Swap

Thursday, Feb 27, 3 – 7 PM

Drop off extra seeds, houseplants, and cuttings, and help yourself to items other gardeners have shared. Master Gardeners will be on hand. Please label seeds.

Chasing Mother Nature

Monday, March 17, 7 PM

Get a firsthand view of storm chasing and learn about the science behind severe weather phenomena. See awe-inspiring footage and hear personal anecdotes.

Tai Chi

Tuesday, March 18, 7 PM

JUST FOR SENIORS

Game-O-Rama

Tuesday, Feb 25, 2 PM

Simple and fun games for 2 – 4 players – bring your friends! For those 65 and older.

Senior Scrabble

**Wednesdays, Feb 26 and March 26
1 PM**

Bring some friends and test your Scrabble skills! For those 65 and older.

Senior Living Options with Elderwerks

Monday, March 3, 7 PM

Senior Advisor Barbara Rosenberg discusses senior living options and how funding works.

When I'm 64

Thursdays in March, 7 PM

With Bacoa

Representatives from Bacoa and various organizations present a different topic each week.

March 13: Medicare Basics

March 20: Medicare Advantage Plans

March 27: Medicare Supplements and Prescription Plans

GET IN THE GAME

Trivia: Fandom Edition

Wednesday, Feb 19, 7 PM

Obsessed with Disney, Marvel, Star Wars, and other iconic franchises? Test your knowledge in a Jeopardy-style trivia game. [Register](#) as a team of up to six or individually.

Puzzle Races and Puzzle Swap

Thursday, March 27, 2 PM

Compete against other teams to see who can complete a 500 piece jigsaw puzzle fastest. [Register](#) as a team of up to five, or individually.

Have a gently used puzzle that you'd like to share? Drop it off during the Puzzle Races, and help yourself to a puzzle that someone else has contributed.

ADULT LEARNING

Annual Legacy Check-Up: Wills, Trusts, and More

Tuesday, Feb 4, 7 PM

With Bacoa

Attorney Marilyn Rowley of Rowley Law explores how to perform an annual check-up on important documents such as advance directives, power of attorney, trusts, wills, and more.

Non-Profit Know-How: Fill Your Cup

Wednesday, Feb 19, 1 PM

Discover and share ways to stay engaged and energized for your organization and yourself. Light snacks provided; bring lunch if you wish.



Overseas Genealogy: Where In The World Are My Ancestors?

Monday, March 10, 2 PM

Learn about other countries' online genealogical holdings and how to navigate their sites in this instructive program.

Non-Profit Know-How: Candid Resources

Tuesday, March 18, 1 PM

The Foundation Center and GuideStar merged to form Candid, a one-stop resource for non-profits, foundations, and donors. Is your non-profit making use of it?

QPR Suicide Prevention

Wednesday, March 19, 10 AM

With BStrong Together and Ascension Illinois Behavioral Health
Learn what to do when you're concerned that someone is contemplating self-harm.

FOR BOOK LOVERS



Discuss popular titles in a social book club for adults. Register.

The Key to My Heart by Lia Louis
Monday, Feb 10, 7 PM

The Bookshop by Evan Friss
Monday, March 10, 7 PM

Big Spring Books

Thursday, Feb 20, 2 PM OR 6 PM
Learn about the most anticipated spring releases. You might go home with a free book!

All About Audiobooks

Wednesday, March 12, 2 PM
Learn about BALibrary's physical and digital audiobook collections, get started with Libby and Hoopla, and more.

AUTHORS & INFLUENCERS: EXCITING VIRTUAL EVENTS

Register at balibrary.org

An Evening with James McBride

Tuesday, Feb 4, 7 PM
James McBride is an award-winning author, musician, and screenwriter.



James McBride

Slowing Down with Amy Tan

Wednesday, Feb 19, 7 PM
Amy Tan is a National Humanities Medal winner and bestselling author of *The Joy Luck Club*.



Amy Tan

Exploring Space with Coralie Adam

Tuesday, March 4, 7 PM
Get an inside look at the space industry with Illinois' own Coralie Adam, who leads the multi-mission Optical Navigation team at KinetX Aerospace.



Coralie Adam

9to5: The Story of a Movement

March 21 – March 23
The previously untold story of the fight that inspired a hit and changed the American workplace. The recording can be viewed starting at 2 PM, Friday, March 21 through 11:59 PM, Sunday, March 23. [Register](#).



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Thursday, April 3, Staff In-Service

TECH AND MAKER TOPICS

Register. Makerlab is temporarily closed. Check registration page for location.

Making Cards in the MakerLab

Monday, Feb 3, 2 PM OR 6 PM

Meet the Silhouette Cameo and the Sizzix, two machines that can be used for card making.

Sewing: Mug Cozy

Monday, Feb 10, 2 PM OR 6 PM

Love is brewing with this reusable mug cozy you'll make on a sewing machine.



Hobbit Door Sign

Monday, Feb 17, 6 PM

Make a little welcome sign to decorate your own hobbit home.

Bullet Journal: Gardening Edition

Monday, March 3, 6 PM

Tuesday, March 4, 1 PM

Get organized for the gardening season with a bullet journal. Use the Silhouette Cameo to personalize yours.

Laser-Etched Golf Markers

Monday, March 17, 2 PM OR 6 PM

Design and etch your own wood golf marker with the laser cutter.

Positive Affirmation Boxes

Monday, March 24, 2 PM

(Adults and Teens) ☀️

Personalize a small box and then fill it with affirmations to inspire you.



YA Positive Affirmation Boxes

Monday, March 24, 6 PM (Teens)

Personalize a small box and then fill it with affirmations to inspire you.

