



# BARRINGTON AREA LIBRARY

## PROGRAM GUIDE

February – March 2026



## FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

### Science Heroes: The Adventure of the Missing Color

All ages w/caregiver



Friday, Feb 13, 10 AM

Kids get excited through hands-on experiments and fun, interactive stories as they discover and celebrate the scientists who color our world! Featuring awesome experiments about chemical reactions, the laws of motion, air pressure, energy, and more! Drop in.

### Family "Drive-In" Cinema

All ages w/adult participant



Monday, Feb 16, 10:30 - 11:30 AM

Make a car out of a cardboard box then enjoy popcorn as you watch a series of *Cars* short films from your new ride! All materials provided. Register each child in attendance.

### Crosstown Exotics Bug and Reptile Show

All ages w/caregiver



Wednesday, March 25

10 AM OR 11 AM

Explore amazing reptiles, amphibians, and bugs from around the world! This interactive show features fascinating creatures, fun facts, and safe, hands-on encounters. For families and animal lovers of all ages! Drop in.

### Family Trivia Night

Kindergarten and up w/family



Friday, March 27, 6:30 PM

Bring the whole family and join us for a night of trivia about Disney, dinosaurs, and more! Register as a family.

## Fandom Fest

Saturday, Feb 28, 10 AM – 3 PM

Heroes and villains of all ages, let's celebrate all things fandom! Join us for an action-packed day including an artist alley, cosplayers, photo ops, airbrush tattoos, crafts, scavenger hunt, live entertainment, and more! Check our website for a detailed lineup. Come in cosplay to add to the fun! Register for a reminder e-mail or drop in.

## McHenry County Library Lovers Expedition



Feb 1 – March 31

All ages

Get on the trail and explore the 15 participating libraries in the McHenry County area! Collect brag tags, check out books, attend programs, and enjoy fun activities, including a new mystery challenge, The Case of the Missing Manuscript. Visit at least 12 libraries to be eligible for gift card prize baskets. Ask for a brochure at our Customer Service desk or see our Events Calendar for more details.



### More family fun inside!

Searching for school holiday and Spring Break activities? Look for the programs with the bluebird icon!



# WEEKLY STORY TIMES

Drop in, Story Room, except where noted.

## Family Story Time

All ages with adult participant

**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. \*No Family Story Time on Feb 16.

## Baby Time

Ages 0 – 12 months

with adult participant

**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

with adult participant

**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 with adult participant

**Wednesdays, Feb & March**

**10 AM OR 10:30 AM**

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

## Preschool Story Time

Ages 3 – 5 with adult participant

**Thursdays, Feb & March, 11 AM**

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



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## Art Play

All ages with 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.



# STORIES & MORE: FOR AGES 0 – 6

Program Room, except where noted.

## Baby Playgroup

Ages 0 – 18 months with adult participant

**Fridays, Feb 6 & March 6**

**10 AM**

Join us for an informal play group. Meet up with friends you already have or make new ones! Drop in. Story Room.

## Goodnight Story Time

All ages with adult participant

**Tuesdays, Feb 10 & March 17**

**6 PM**

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

## Developmental Playgroup

Ages 0 – 5 with adult participant

**Wednesdays, Feb 18 & Mar 18**

**11:30 AM - 12:30 PM**

An inclusive drop-in playgroup for children ages 0 – 5 who receive or are considering therapy services. Children play while families meet and find support. Siblings welcome. Facilitated by Megan Smith, a Clinical Therapist at Peace Within Therapy and Wellness, and aligned with C.I.T.Y. of Support's program model. Drop in.

## Books + Beats



Ages 0 – 5 with adult participant

**Friday, Feb 20, 10 AM & 10:30 AM**

**Tuesday, March 24, 10 AM & 10:30 AM**

Practice making rhythm with our shakers and sticks in this interactive, musical story time. Drop in.

Story Room.

## It's Your Birthday!

All ages with adult participant

**Fridays, Feb 27 & March 13**

**10 AM**

This special experience is for children celebrating a birthday in February or March. Register in advance with the birthday child's name and then we'll celebrate with stories, songs, a craft, and birthday surprises!

## Kindergarten Story Time

PreK going into Kindergarten

**Friday, Feb 27, 11 AM**

Practice important kindergarten readiness skills in an independent story time environment. [Register](#). Story Room.

## Counting Down to Kindergarten

PreK going into Kindergarten

with adult participant

**Friday, March 6, 11:30 AM**

Practice important skills to help prepare your child for their transition to kindergarten. [Register](#).

## Science Sprouts: The Water Cycle

Ages 3 – 6 with adult participant

**Wednesday, March 11, 11:30 AM**

Do you have a curious preschooler who loves to ask why? Join us in learning about exciting science topics and then do a hands-on experiment to further their curiosity. [Register](#).

## Chinese Story Time

All ages with adult participant

**Friday, March 13, 11 AM**

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

## Won't You Be My Neighbor Day Story Time



All ages with caregiver

**Friday, March 20, 10 AM**

Celebrate all things Mister Rogers on Won't You Be My Neighbor Day with stories, songs, and acts of kindness. Drop in.

## I Love Me! Story Time

Ages 2 – 6 with caregiver

**Monday, March 23, 10 AM**

Celebrate what makes you unique and special in this story time all about self-love. We'll be reading the book *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](#).



## Little Kids, Big Feelings

Ages 3 – 6 with adult participant

**Thursday, March 26, 11 AM**

Mister Rogers 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. Drop in. Story Room.

## Story Time Dance Party

All ages with adult participant

**Friday, March 27, 10 AM**

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



# LEARN-PLAY-CREATE

## Family Fort Building

All ages w/caregiver



**Thursday, Feb 12, 2 PM**

Use the Library's fort building supplies and your family's imagination to create cozy, creative structures together. Drop in. Program Room.

## Design A Totebag

Grades 3 – 8



**Thursday, Feb 12, 4 PM**

Grab a blank totebag and turn it into something unique using puffy paint and other materials. [Register](#). Program Room.

## Salt Dough Hearts

Grades K – 8



**Friday, Feb 13**

**1:30 PM OR 2:15 PM**

Roll, stamp, and create salt dough conversation hearts to give to those you love. Register. Program Room.

## Read With Me™ Therapy Dogs

Grades 1 – 5

**Saturdays, Feb 14 & March 14**

**10 AM**

SOUL Harbour Ranch brings 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. Program Room.



## LEGO Workshop

All ages w/caregiver



**Monday, Feb 16, 3:30 PM**

**Friday, March 27, 3:30 PM**

Make LEGO robots and tell their stories through your amazing creations. Drop in. Program Room.

## Afterschool Story + Craft

Grades K – 2

**Tuesday, Feb 17, 4:15 PM:**

*Extra Yarn* by Mac Barnett/yarn craft

**Tuesday, March 31, 4:15 PM:**

*Happy Springtime!* By Kate McMullan/ flower craft. Register. Program Room.

## Code Together

PreK – Grade 5 w/adult participant



**Wednesday, Feb 18, 6 PM**

**Wednesday, March 25, 6 PM**

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

## Hobby Hopping

Grades 3 – 8

**Friday, Feb 20, 4 PM**

**Friday, March 20, 4 PM**

Drop in to try a new hobby! Try one, try many, and find your new fave. Drop in. Program Room.

## Family Explorers:

### Winter Seed Sowing

PreK – Grade 2 with adult participant



**Monday, Feb 23, 5:30 - 6:30 PM**

Plant the seeds of knowledge as we read *Every Little Seed* by Cynthia Schumerth together. Then we'll dig into winter sowing and get our hands dirty with a gardening adventure! [Register](#). Meeting Room.

## Beaded Keychains

Grades 3 – 8



**Wednesdays, Feb 25 & March 25**

**4 PM**

Create a new backpack charm with some bead artwork! Register. Program Room.

## Astronomy Club

Grades 3 – 5

**Monday, March 9, 4:15 PM**

Are you mesmerized by stars, planets, and all things outer space? Let's explore the universe together with space-themed crafts, experiments, and activities. [Register](#). Program Room.



## Fiction & Nonfiction:

### All About Heroes

Grades K – 2

Monday, March 16, 4:15 PM

Learn all about heroes and make a craft! [Register](#). Program Room.



### DIY Playdough

All ages w/adult participant

Thursday, March 19, 2 PM

Create your very own playdough!

Drop in. Program Room.



### STEM Explorers

All ages w/adult participant

Friday, March 20, 2 PM

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

Drop in. Program Room.



### BLOCK Party

All ages w/caregiver

Monday, March 23, 11 AM

Ready, set, build! Play and let your imagination run wild with a variety of blocks and building materials! Drop in. Program Room.

## Slime Time

Grades K – 8

Monday, March 23

1:30 PM OR 3:30 PM

Learn how to make slime. Dress for a mess! Register. Program Room.

## REGISTRATION:

Some Youth Services Programs require registration. Registration for Feb and March programs opens Monday, Jan 26. To register, visit the Library's online calendar or call (847) 382-1300.

### Beaded Wind Chimes

Grades 3 – 5

Thursday, March 26, 2 PM

Get ready for spring by creating a piece of art to enjoy in the fresh air. [Register](#). Program Room.



### Silent Disco Dance Party

Grades K – 8

Tuesday, March 24, 2:30 - 3:30 PM

Kids dance freely with our silent disco headphones where they can switch between 3 stations that play simultaneously! Drop in. Zimmerman Room.



### Art Studio

Grades K – 8, caregivers welcome

Tuesday, March 24, 4 - 5 PM

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



### Yoga for Kids

Grades K – 8

Friday, April 3

10 AM OR

### Design A Frame

Grades K – 8

Wednesday, March 25, 2 PM

Design a picture frame to keep or give to someone special. [Register](#). Program Room.



# FOR YOUNG ADULTS

## Applying at Highly Selective Colleges

**Tuesday, Feb 24, 7 PM**

With a record number of college applications being submitted, families are encountering lower acceptance rates. Applying to highly selective colleges requires more than just test scores and a strong GPA. How will your student set themselves apart? Thomas Jaworski of Quest College Consulting provides insight into what it means to be competitive when applying to highly selective schools. [Register](#). Meeting Room.



## Beyond Borders: Attending College Abroad

**Tuesday, March 10, 7 PM**

For adventure seekers (and their parents) looking for a unique college experience. Thomas Jaworski of Quest College Consulting discusses applying to international universities, exploring study abroad programs, or even attending an international campus of a U.S. university. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

## Moon Mirror

**Wednesday, March 25, 3 PM**

**Grades 9 – 12**

Create a design to be etched on a wooden moon, then attach the moon to a mirror for a beautiful, unique wall hanging. [Register](#) with your BALibrary card. MakerLab.

# FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL



## Perler Beads: Cute Animals

**Grades 6 – 8**

**Friday, March 6, 4 PM**

Pop in and make adorable, simple animal designs with Perler Beads – or be creative and try your own designs! All materials supplied. Drop in. Program Room.

# FUN & GAMES

## Game-O-Rama

**Tuesday, Feb 10, 2 PM**

Simple and fun card and dice games for 2 – 4 players – bring your friends! For those 65 and older. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

## Trivia: Pop Culture Edition

**Thursday, Feb 19, 7 PM**

From a galaxy far away to your friendly neighborhood Spiderman, test out your knowledge of all things pop culture and see if you have what it takes to be Golden as a Jeopardy champion. Winners walk away with a prize from the mystery box. [Register](#) as a team of up to six or individually. Meeting Room.

## Cozy Game Cafe

**Friday, Feb 20, 12 – 3 PM**

Bring your friends or make some new ones! Try one of our board games or bring your favorites. Café.

## Mahjong Open Play

**Wednesdays, Feb 25 & March 25**

**1 PM**

Let's create order out of chaos with Mahjong! 9 game sets available for teams of 4. [Register](#). Meeting Room.



# HEALTH & WELLNESS

## Self-Compassion

**Wednesday, Feb 11, 7 PM**

Join Chris George for an evening of self-care. [Register](#). Virtual.

## Chair Tai Chi

**Wednesday, March 4, 10 AM**

Get a fun and relaxing, head to toe workout via Zoom. [Register](#). Virtual.

## Yoga

**Tuesday, March 24, 10 AM**

Enjoy a relaxing morning of in-person yoga. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

## Declutter and Simplify

**Thursday, March 26, 2 PM**

*With Bacoa*

Professional organizer Annette Migala of Neater offers tips, techniques, and step-by-step plans to eliminate the chaos of clutter. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

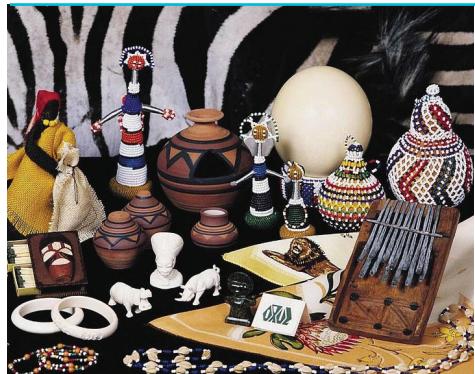
# FOR ART & MUSIC LOVERS

## Elgin Symphony's Listeners Club Tuesdays, Feb 3 & March 3, 1 PM

Your chance to delve deep into the ESO concert experience with a guided tour, including personal insights about each concert program. Register. Meeting Room.



**Elgin Symphony Orchestra Presents  
Sounds of Spring**  
**Sunday, March 29, 2 PM**  
Welcome spring with the Elgin Symphony Orchestra's string trio at this concert for all ages. Register. Walk-ins admitted as space allows. Meeting Room.



## Echoes of Africa: Art and Folktales Thursday, Feb 12, 7 PM

*With Algonquin and Other  
Participating Libraries*

Let's celebrate Black History Month with vibrant storytelling, music, and cultural traditions, led by Kenyan educator and storyteller Elizabeth Kahura. This program showcases the history, resilience, and creativity of African communities, honoring their traditions and talents. Register. Virtual.

## Hidden Messages in Negro Spirituals on the Underground Railroad

Wednesday, Feb 18, 7 PM

Illinois Road Scholar Connie Martin shares the stories and secrecy surrounding hidden messages inside lyrics of beloved songs on the Underground Railroad. Register. Meeting Room.

## SECOND FRIDAYS



**Dream Lover!  
Vintage Songs of Love**  
**Friday, Feb 13, 7 PM**  
Remember the flirty, fun, and playful love songs from the 1920s-60s! Matt and Cynthia of Nostalgia Entertainment 'sass it up' with girl group hits and Fab Four faves, then sweeten it up with tender ballads that will leave you swooning. Register. Meeting Room.



**Derek Byrne and Paddygrass**  
**Friday, March 13, 7 PM**  
Paddygrass plays Celtic, Bluegrass, and Gospel, with a collective of Wisconsin's best folk musicians. Paddygrass will move you to sing, dance, and forget all else – you'll even enjoy a live Irish dance performance! Register. Meeting Room.

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# FLORA AND FAUNA



## Superb Owls

**Thursday, Feb 12, 2 PM**

Meet and greet the owl residents of Stillman Nature Center and learn all about these fascinating nocturnal birds from Stillman's Executive Director, Mark Spreyer. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

## Winter Sowing Basics

**Monday, Feb 23, 5:30 – 6:30 PM**

Take advantage of the slow winter season to start your garden seeds outside! Learn this simple, no fuss technique using milk jugs and potting soil to start natives, annuals, and veggies in the snow. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

## Seed and Houseplant Swap

**Thursday, Feb 26, 3 – 6 PM**

Drop off your surplus seeds, houseplants, and cuttings, and help yourself to items that other gardeners have shared. Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer questions and help you make your selections. Please label your seed envelope with the seed variety. Meeting Room.

## Mary Anning: Fossil Hunter

**Monday, March 2, 6:30 PM**

Join Anglophile and former UK resident Claire Evans to discover the Jurassic Coast and "the greatest fossil hunter the world has ever known," Mary Anning, who developed an unmatched eye for finding the undiscovered creatures embedded in 185 million years of geological history. [Register](#). Virtual.



## Shady Characters: Nifty Plants for Shady Sites

**Monday, March 23, 6 PM**

Explore the colors and textures of shade-loving plants as we look at varieties and species for dry, moist, partial, and dense shade. [Register](#). Meeting Room.



## Legends of the Eagle

**Thursday, March 26, 7 PM**

Blending science and natural history with Native American legends and drumming songs, storyteller Brian "Fox" Ellis takes listeners into the world of the magnificent eagle. Informative and inspiring, Fox tells the story of the eagle's demise and glorious return from the brink of extinction. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

# COMMUNITY EDUCATION WITH CITIZENS FOR CONSERVATION

## Garden Despite Drought

**Sunday, Feb 22, 2 PM**

Droopy, thirsty plants? Too much time watering? As our climate changes, we will experience more drought. How do we choose the correct species for new plantings and protect our existing plants? How often, how long, and when to water? What native plants are happier with drier conditions? Get answers from CFC conservation expert Matt Hokanson. Hybrid program; attend in person or via Zoom. [Register](#). Meeting Room.



## Natives for Shade

**Saturday, March 15, 2 PM**

Discover the many beautiful native woodland plants that thrive in shade: delightful spring ephemerals, summer bloomers, and shrubs and trees that provide year-round interest. Peggy Simonsen, chair of CFC's Community Ed Committee, provides pictures and practical tips to diversify the shady spots in your yard. Hybrid program; attend in person or via Zoom. [Register](#). Meeting Room.



## Sky Viewing

**Tuesday, Feb 24, 6:30 – 8:30 PM**

*With Northwest Suburban Astronomers and Citizens for Conservation*

Explore the night sky! Northwest Suburban Astronomers will bring their telescopes; Citizens for Conservation will provide dark, peaceful space. Six planets, the first quarter moon, and several nebulae and galaxies will be visible. Dress for the weather, footwear must be appropriate for field walking.

[Registration recommended](#) so we can reach you with updates. Only one registration per group is needed. Hill 'N Dale Preserve, 11801 Ridge Road, Barrington.

# AMERICA 250!



Celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 2026! These special

programs are a collaboration with the Daughters of the American Revolution – Signal Hill Chapter.

## The Rule of Rum

**Monday, Feb 16, 7 PM**

Food historian Cynthia Clampitt explores the rise of rum: where and when, how pirates got involved, and also how rum helped unite the 13 Colonies and why it became one of the issues that led to the American Revolution. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

## DAR Genealogy Workshop

**Monday, Feb 23, 7 PM**

Did one of your ancestors participate in the American Revolution, as a soldier or a civil servant, or through other selfless acts of patriotic service? The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) is a service organization with almost 200,000 members who descend from one of these brave patriots. This workshop will provide you with the necessary tools and support to identify a patriot in your lineage and start you on your way to building the lineage links between you and the Revolutionary era. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

## Uncle Sam Wants YOU to Remember the Women of Independence

**Wednesday, March 4, 7 PM**

Numerous women played key roles in the establishment of our nation. How did they contribute? How did their perception of freedom differ from that of men? Actor Terry Lynch explores the lives of the women of Colonial America and their significant impact on the Revolutionary War. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

# HISTORY & GOVERNMENT



## Unvarnished: Housing Discrimination in the US

**Tuesday, Feb 17, 7 PM**

Learn how a large-scale system of housing discrimination – often based on race, ethnicity, or religion – resulted in segregation patterns across the Northern and Western United States. The Naper Settlement shares how systemic discrimination shaped six American communities, including Naperville and Oak Park. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

## Obsessed with True Crime

**Tuesday, March 3, 7 PM**

Discover why we're so obsessed with true crime tales and learn about some wrongful convictions from psychology professor Amanda Vicary. [Register](#). Virtual.

## Elizabeth Packard

**Tuesday, March 10, 7 PM**

Committed to an Illinois State Hospital by her husband, Elizabeth Packard spent three years advocating for her freedom and the rest of her life advocating on behalf of others. Laura Keyes portrays the life of this Illinois native. [Register](#). Virtual.

## The Supreme Court: How Did We Get Here

**Monday, March 16, 7 PM**

Tauya Forst and Richard Forst, Attorneys and Professors of Criminal and Justice Studies at the College of DuPage, outline the events that led to the Supreme Court being what it is today. Explore the history, processes, challenges, and techniques which make the Supreme Court of the United States the final word. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

## PRIMARY CANDIDATE FORUMS FOR ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

With the League of Women Voters – Palatine, Barrington & Schaumburg Area and Schaumburg-Hoffman Estates Alumnae Chapter  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

Hear from candidates running in the primaries for the Illinois General Assembly. Visit VOTE411.org to find your district. Register at least two weeks in advance to submit a question for the candidates. Questions are subject to review and editing by forum facilitators. Attendees are asked to refrain from displaying partisan support via clothing or other personal items. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

**Saturday, Feb 14, 10 AM: Democratic Primary for 52nd District**

**Saturday, Feb 21, 10 AM: Republican Primary for 5th District**

**Saturday, Feb 21, 1 PM: Democratic Primary for 5th District**



# NON-PROFIT & BUSINESS KNOW-HOW

## Project Management 101:

### Using AI

Tuesday, Feb 3, 7 PM

With Algonquin and Other Participating Libraries

Part Two of a series. Michael Spilg, PMI-certified instructor, explores AI tools like OpenAI ChatGPT and provides an introduction on utilizing them to enhance project productivity. Learn important best practices like prompt engineering, awareness of bias, and keeping the human in the loop. [Register](#). Virtual.

## Headshots

Tuesday, Feb 10

### 6, 7, OR 8 PM

Non-profit workers, small business owners, and job seekers: refresh your online presence with a high-quality photo. Dress in solid, neutral colors, and keep jewelry, makeup, and hair simple for a clean, polished look. Photo will be emailed to you. Eight appointments are open during each one-hour session, taken in the order of arrival. Registration with BALibrary card required. Meeting Room.

## Local Leaders Learning:

### Succession Planning

Wednesday, March 11

11:30 AM – 1 PM

With Barrington Area Development Council

Start thinking about succession planning at your non-profit before it's needed. BADC board member and BYFS Executive Director Betsy Wintringer discusses how to begin the conversation, what questions to ask, and strategies that contribute to a resilient, thriving organization. Lunch will be served. Meeting Room. [Register](#).

## Illinois Tollway I-Pass

### Transponders Assistance

Wednesday, March 18, 3 – 7 PM

Get travel ready before spring break! Agents from the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority will share information about the new I-Pass (sticker) Transponders and help customers update their I-Pass accounts. They will also provide details about the I-Pass Assist/Assistance account for those who qualify. Drop in. Meeting Room.

# INDEPENDENT LIVING

## Beyond the Fall: Options for

### Rehab & Recovery

Thursday, Feb 19, 2 PM

Senior care experts lead a panel discussion to help you understand what happens after a fall. Recover safely, rebuild confidence, and regain independence. Learn about therapy options, simple ways to stay active, and support resources available in your community. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

## Travel Independence with the RTA

Thursday, March 19, 2 PM

With Bacoa

Learn how older adults and people with disabilities can save money on public transportation, and be sure their trip on public transit is accessible. The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) shares accessible public transport options and tips for independent travel. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

See the back cover for exciting virtual author events!

# FOR BOOK LOVERS



## LIT

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

### A Novel Love Story

by Ashley Poston

[Monday, Feb 9, 7 PM](#)



### The Correspondent

by Virginia Evans

[Monday, March 9, 7 PM](#)



## Cover To Cover

### Cover to Cover

Discuss popular titles in an afternoon book club for adults. Register. Meeting Room.

### A Marriage at Sea by Sophie Elmhirst

[Wednesday, Feb 11, 1 PM](#)

### Seascraper by

Benjamin Wood

[Wednesday, March 11](#)

1 PM



## Cooks with Books:

### Decorative Plate Craft

Tuesday, Feb 24, 7 PM

Ivy Dally guides us through a decorative plate painting project. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

## Cooks with Books:

### Irish Flavors

Tuesday, March 17, 7 PM

Let's celebrate Irish-American Heritage Month with a focus on food! [Register](#). Meeting Room.

# TECH AND MAKER WORKSHOPS

Registration with BALibrary card required, MakerLab, except where noted

## Starter Seed Markers

Monday, Feb 2, 6 PM

OR

Tuesday, Feb 3, 10 AM

Choose your seeds from the Seed Library, then make a few markers to organize your garden!

## Mini MakerLab Winter Wall Art

Wednesday, Feb 4, 6 PM

OR

Thursday, Feb 5, 11 AM

Love our seasonal wall art in the MakerLab? Make a desk-sized version to take home and learn more about the behind-the-scenes design process.

## Bestie Glass Etching

Monday, Feb 9, 6 PM

OR

Tuesday, Feb 10, 10 AM

Bring your bestie or partner and make matching glasses. Choose from pint or stemless wine glasses.

## Valentine Faux Stained-Glass Sun Catchers

Thursday, Feb 12

11 AM OR 2 PM

Learn how to make, then assemble, your own faux stained glass window decoration.

## How-To: Digitize VHS Tapes

Tuesday, Feb 17, 10 AM

Learn how the VHS to Digital Transfer kit works so you can digitize your own VHS tapes at home. Kits are available to BALibrary cardholders for checkout. Meeting Room.

## Hamilton Wine Glass

Wednesday, Feb 18, 6 PM

Celebrate one of America's founding fathers and decorate a stemless wine glass with your favorite Hamilton quote. We'll use the Silhouette Cameo to cut the quote from adhesive vinyl.

## Sewing Machine:

### Fireball Plushie

Monday, Feb 23, 6 PM

OR

Tuesday, Feb 24, 4 PM

Sew a little fireball friend based on the fan favorite from *Howl's Moving Castle*.

## Organize and Edit Photos with Your Phone

Tuesday, Feb 24, 3:30 PM

Learn how to organize and edit your photos on Apple and Android phones. Register – open to non-cardholders. Meeting Room.

## Laser-Etched Words

Wednesday, March 4, 6 PM

Design and cut out a laser-etched word.

## Creativebug: Embroidered Constellations

Monday, March 9, 6 PM

In this simple introduction to embroidery, you will stitch stars and straight lines to form a constellation of your choice.

## Overflow: Printing From Edge To Edge

Thursday, March 12, 11 AM

Learn to set up a design that will create a full color print from edge to edge.

## Wooden Golf Tag

Tuesday, March 17, 10 AM

Laser etch a wooden tag with a golf design or a name.

## 3D Printed Fairy House for Indoor Plants

Wednesday, March 18, 6 PM

OR

Thursday, March 19, 11 AM

Paint a 3D printed fairy garden house for your indoor plants.

## Moon Mirror

Wednesday, March 25, 10 AM

Create a design to be etched on a wooden moon, then attach the moon to a mirror for a beautiful, unique wall hanging.

## Laser-Etched Birding Life List

Thursday, March 26

11 AM OR 2 PM

Label and laser etch a wooden birding life list to use throughout the years.

## Moss Art Shadow Box

Monday, March 30, 6 PM

OR

Tuesday, March 31, 10 AM

Use Inkscape to create a laser-cut word to attach to your own moss art shadow box.





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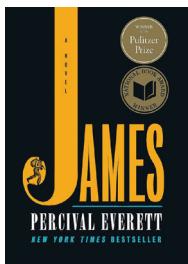
# VIRTUAL AUTHOR EVENINGS

Join in an intimate, online conversation with ground-breaking, award-winning authors.

### Still Afraid of the Dark: An Evening with R.L. Stine

**Tuesday, Feb 24, 7 PM**

Witty, creepy, and compulsively readable, bestselling author R.L. Stine defined horror for a generation of young readers. The *Goosebumps* kids may be grown-ups now, but Stine keeps finding ways to keep us afraid of the dark! Join us and the *Guinness Book of World Records'* "most prolific author of children's horror novels," R.L. Stine, to discuss his illustrious and still-expanding body of work. This event is intended for adults. Virtual. [Register.](#)



### Beyond the Page with Percival Everett

**Thursday, March 19, 7 PM**

Industrious, irreverent, humble—though he may deny the accusation—Percival Everett, like his fiction, defies categorization. His most recent novel, *James*, earned both the Pulitzer Prize for fiction and the National Book Award, and his 2001 novel *Erasure* inspired the film *American Fiction*, which received the Academy Award for Best Adapted Screenplay in 2024. Some of his other titles were finalists for the Booker Prize, the PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction, and the Pulitzer Prize. Despite these accomplishments, he remains devoted to reviewing his own work critically, and his writing process involves intensive research and revision. Tune in to get a glimpse beyond the page. This event is intended for adults. Virtual. [Register.](#)

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