

Take the challenge to read 1,000 books with your child before Kindergarten.

Research shows that sharing books, conversations, and songs with young children builds language skills, contributes to healthy development and academic success, and encourages a love of reading. Sign up at balibrary.beanstack.org and receive a free book from the Library.

VOTE FOR PICTURE BOOKS!

Barrington Area Library Mock Caldecott

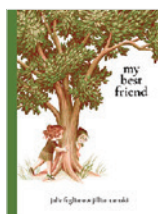
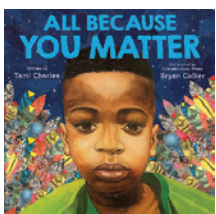


We picked five stellar books. Now you decide which will be the champion in our community-wide Mock Caldecott Vote! Check out a Mock Caldecott Kit, stocked with the five books and everything you need for a fantastic book discussion with friends, family, or classmates, in-person or virtual.

Recommended for ages 6 and up. All are welcome to participate including adults! Return your ballot with your kit by January 18.

Check out booktalks, activity prompts, and discussion tips at balibrary.org/Caldecott and youtube.com/YSAtBALibrary

All Because You Matter – Tami Charles, Bryan Collier
Honeybee: The Busy Life of Apis Mellifera – Candace Fleming, Eric Rohmann
My Best Friend – Julie Fogliano, Jillian Tamaki
The Cat Man of Aleppo – Irene Latham, Karim Shamsi-Basha, Yuko Shimizu
We Are Water Protectors – Carole Lindstrom, Michaela Goade



WATCH NOW:

Miss Jamie from the Farm - Winter Singalong

Available Monday, Jan 11 through Sunday, Jan 24

Sing and dance with Miss Jamie from the Farm in this fun, colorful program all about the wonders of winter! The whole family will love the stories and songs both new and familiar, while learning a little something along the way.

Social-Emotional Family Reading: *After the Fall* by Dan Santat

All ages w/caregiver, best for Grades K – 5

Thursday, January 21, 7 PM

Humpty Dumpty had a great fall and needs your help! Join special guest Jennifer Parisi, Barrington 220 teacher and author of an empathy-building, letter-writing experience inspired by the picture book



After The Fall by Dan Santat. Connect as a family over conversations about empathy, compassion, and overcoming obstacles. After you register, we'll set aside a copy of the book for you to check out and read before the program.

Register to be emailed a link to join virtual programs.

Programs can be accessed from computer, tablet, or mobile phone. First-time participants may need to download and run free software. We recommend joining a few minutes early.

WINTER READING CHALLENGE: FOR BIRTH – GRADE 8

Dec 18 – Feb 28

Read and complete fun winter activities to earn digital badges and a chance to win a weekly gift card drawing. Visit balibrary.beanstack.org to sign up and get started!



TAKE-AND-MAKE KITS

Available January 11 – 22

Each kit contains materials for a craft or project kids can do at home (with caregiver supervision). Register online and then stop by the Library between Jan 11 - 22 and request Parking Lot Pick-Up.

Toddler – PreK:

DIY Activity Dice Game

Color and create your own movement dice game, then have fun rolling it again and again!

Grades K – 2:

Design A Calendar

Personalize and decorate a calendar you can use the whole year.

Grades 3 – 8:

Quirky Winter Terrarium

Create your own tiny winter scene, complete with snow and a miniature dinosaur!

ABOUT YOUTH SERVICES VIRTUAL PROGRAMS:

Watch Now

Find these pre-recorded, on-demand story times, activities, and book talks on our Events Calendar. Activities become available on the dates listed.

Watch Live

Live, virtual programs, hosted by the friendly Youth Services Librarians you know.

Visit the Events Calendar to view, register, and get more details



BLOG!

Read. Play. Make. Grow.

Visit the Youth Services Blog for more activities and book recommendations:
balibrary.org/ys-blog

FOR BIRTH-6 STORY TIMES

Watch Now: All-Ages Story Time

A new, on-demand story time every Monday! Stories, songs, and rhymes to help your child build confidence, comprehension, and critical thinking skills.

Watch Live: Story Time

Thursdays, at 10 AM

Books, songs, rhymes, and movement to build language and literacy skills.

Watch Now: Story Time Shorts

Tune into our YouTube channel for quick rhymes, songs, and movement activities: follow along at home! New videos added weekly at youtube.com/YSatBALibrary.

Watch Now: *Don't Copy Me!*

Tuesday, Jan 26

A virtual performance of the picture book by Jonathan Allen, brought to you by the BALibrary librarians.

FOR GRADES K-8

Watch Now:

Check Out This Book!

Wednesdays

Catch a new video each week to find out about awesome books recommended by your trusty librarian friends.

Watch Live:

Virtual Pictionary - AMP

Wednesday, Jan 13, 4:30 PM

Ready..set..draw! Put your online drawing and guessing skills to the test in a friendly game of virtual Pictionary.

FOR ADULTS THIS MONTH

Register to be emailed a link to join virtual programs. Programs can be accessed from computer, tablet, or mobile phone. First-time participants may need to download and run free software. We recommend joining a few minutes early.



SECOND FRIDAYS:

History of Blues in America

Friday, Jan 8, 7 PM

Musician and historian Joey Leone explores the history of American blues music through songs, stories, and facts. Using guitars from his personal collection, Leone demonstrates the influence of the blues on many genres of pop music. He also discusses how the blues transcended racial boundaries, brought people together in times of celebration and times of healing, and how the blues followed the migration from the rural south to the urban north. Leone has performed with Etta James, The Coasters, Sam & Dave, Wilson Pickett, and more.

Meditation Workshop

Tuesday, Jan 12, 7 PM

Mindfulness has scientific support as a means to reduce stress, improve attention, boost the immune system, and promote a general sense of health and well-being. Mindfulness Facilitator Chris George leads a guided meditation practice.

In the Belly of the Beast:

King in Chicago

Wednesday, Jan 13, 7 PM

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. left his mark on the history of our nation and our city, Chicago. Historian and entertainer Clarence Goodman discusses the rise of race issues around the city and shares stories of how Dr. King took on Mayor Richard J. Daley to advocate for better living conditions.

Annual Legacy Check-Up

Friday, Jan 15, 2 PM

In collaboration with Barrington Area Council on Aging

Give yourself and your loved ones peace of mind. Attorney Rena Ballard teaches how to perform an annual check-up on important documents—advance directives, power of attorney, Five Wishes, trusts, and wills.



Native Shrubs for the Home Landscape

In collaboration with Chicago Living Corridors

Thursday, Jan 14, 7 PM

Native shrubs provide year-round beauty as well as food and nesting habitat for birds and pollinators. Join Sarah Michehl from The Land Conservancy of McHenry County to learn about favorite native shrubs including foundation plantings and privacy hedgerows.

50 Ways to Improve Habitat in Your Yard

Saturday, Jan 16, 10 AM

In collaboration with Citizens for Conservation

Peggy Simonsen, Chair of CFC's Community Education Committee, has improved habitat in her yard with over 200 species of native plants. Learn to use shrubs, trees, and native plants in all seasons, and how water resources and earth-friendly practices increase habitat for birds, pollinators, and other useful critters. Let's celebrate CFC's 50th anniversary!



BARRINGTON AREA VOLUNTEER CONNECTION

Local Volunteer Connection

Monday, Jan 18, 7:30 PM

In collaboration with Barrington Area Volunteer Connection
Join us on the national MLK Jr. Day of Service and learn how to improve your life and your community by connecting to local nonprofits. Read about the exciting new Barrington Area Volunteer Connection in the January issue of *Quintessential Barrington*, too!

Non-Profit Know-How: BAVC

Thursday, Jan 21, 12 PM

In collaboration with Barrington Area Volunteer Connection
Involved with a Barrington area non-profit? Volunteer.thebavc.org is a dynamic new volunteer recruiting and management platform. Learn how to benefit from this collaboration between the Barrington Area Development Council and the Barrington Area Library.



The 1980s: Royal Wedding, Reagan, & PAC-MAN

Thursday, Jan 28, 7 PM

Historian Jim Gibbons explores the socioeconomic and political impact of the 1980s. From the end of the Cold War, nuclear threats, and the fall of the Berlin Wall, to the innovations of Microsoft, video gaming, and the World Wide Web, the 80s were a colorful and fast-paced era. Wear your fanny pack and some super hold hairspray!

COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY

Tech Topics:

Mac Computer Basics

Tuesday, Jan 12, 1:30 PM

Learn the basic functionality of the Mac operating system. Navigate the most popular features: system preferences, finder, the dock, and native Apple apps.

Exploring Google Drive

Wednesday, Jan 27, 6 PM

Go beyond Gmail to discover the Google Drive suite of apps. Learn to use docs, forms, calendar, photos, and more.

Laser-Etched Canvas Bag

Pre-Recorded

Available Thursday, Jan 21

Follow along as Digital Services Specialist Ken provides step-by-step instructions on using Inkscape to create a design for a 15" square canvas tote bag. Register with your BALibrary card. Registered participants will receive an email with a link to the pre-recorded instructional video on the day of the program.



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Holiday Closings

Thursday, Dec 31, New Year's Eve

Friday, Jan 1, New Year's Day

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LIT @ HOME:

They Called Us Enemy
by George Takei

Monday, Jan 11, 7 PM

Let's stay connected while we're staying safe at home! Join Librarians Liz and Sam from your couch to discuss popular titles in a virtual book club for adults. Copies of this title are available in print and e-book formats.



FIRST IN A SERIES: BOOK TALK

Monday, Jan 18, 6 PM

Staying safe from the pandemic during the winter months: the perfect time to start a new series! Adult Services Librarian Liz discusses the first books in great mystery, fiction, and romance series.

