



**BARRINGTON  
AREA LIBRARY**

**PROGRAM GUIDE**  
April – May 2024

# BABY FAIR

**Saturday, April 27, 10 AM – 4 PM**

Connect with the information and resources you need most as an expecting parent or caregiver of a child ages 0 – 2. Enjoy baby and me activities, expert presentations on topics like sleep, mealtimes, parents' rights, and more. Get in touch with local organizations that serve infants and families. [Register](#) online to see the full schedule of activities, learn more about our presenters, and receive an email reminder.



## BARRINGTON AREA VOLUNTEER CONNECTION LIVE

**Saturday, April 13, 1 – 4 PM**

*In collaboration with Barrington Area Volunteer Connection*

April is National Volunteer Month! Connect with and learn from local nonprofits at this volunteer fair, donation day, and community networking event. Find donation wish lists on our Events Calendar. Earn raffle tickets from participating non-profits for a chance to win gift cards for local dining. Drop in or [register](#) for a reminder. Meeting Room.

# TOUCH A TRUCK AT THE LIBRARY



**All ages w/caregiver**

**Tuesday, May 21, 9:30 AM – Noon**  
Dump trucks, excavators, and front loaders - oh my! Touch and explore the Village of Barrington's fleet of construction vehicles, in celebration of National Public Works Week.

Help us **fill a truck** with non-perishable food to benefit the Barrington Township Food Pantry. Bring non-perishable food donations to the event for collection. Donations appreciated, but not required.



## CONSTRUCTION STORY TIME

**Tuesday, May 21, 10 AM OR 11 AM**

See the trucks, then join us for a fun construction-themed story time!



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## SUMMER KICKOFF PARTY

**All ages!**

**Saturday, June 1,  
10 AM – 4 PM**

Join us for music, crafts and other fun activities for all ages! Sign up for Summer Reading and celebrate the season of sunshine. More details coming soon, check our Events Calendar! [Register](#) for a reminder.

# STORIES & MORE: Ages 0 – 6



Drop in, Story Room, except where noted.

## Family Story Time

All ages w/caregiver  
Mondays through April  
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 May, 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 May\*  
10 AM OR 10:30 AM  
Enjoy songs, rhymes, and stories that support early language and motor skills. \*No Wobbly Ones May 21

## Toddler Time

Ages 2 – 3 years w/caregiver  
Wednesdays through April  
10 AM OR 10:30 AM  
Enjoy stories, songs, and rhymes in this energetic story time for toddlers.

## Preschool Story Time

Ages 3 – 5 w/caregiver  
Thursdays through May 23\*, 11 AM  
Time to dance, sing, and enjoy stories especially for preschoolers.  
\*No Preschool Story Time April 25

## Polish Story Time

All ages w/caregiver  
Friday, April 12, 10 AM  
The Language Labs present a Polish language story time, including basic Polish instruction, and a craft. [Register](#). Program Room.

## Goodnight Story Time

All ages w/caregiver  
Fridays, April 12 & May 10, 6 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.

## Happy Birthday Story Time

All ages w/caregiver  
Friday, April 26 & May 17, 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.

## Ukulele Baby Rhyme Time

Ages 0 – 18 months w/caregiver  
Wednesday, May 1, 11 AM  
Join our Librarians and their ukuleles in this interactive, musical rhyme time, and learn the benefits of bathing your baby in song!

## Ukulele Sing-Along Story Time

Ages 2 – 6 w/caregiver  
Wednesday, May 1, 10 AM  
Experience the joys of song and dance in this interactive, sing-along story time.

## Little Kids, Big Feelings

Ages 3 – 6 w/caregiver  
Friday, May 3, 10 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.

## Mother's Day Craft

All ages w/caregiver  
Wednesday, May 8, 4 PM  
Drop in and make a card for that special someone! Program Room.

## Spanish Story Time

All ages w/caregiver  
Friday, May 10, 10 AM  
The Language Labs present a Spanish language story time, including basic Spanish instruction, and a craft. [Register](#). Program Room.

## Dragon Story Time

All ages w/caregiver  
Monday, May 20, 11 AM  
This magical story time features rhymes, songs, and books all about dragons! Meeting Room.

## Sensory Playtime

All ages w/caregiver  
Friday, May 24, 10 – 11:30 AM  
A variety of play experiences specifically designed to engage the senses. Program Room.

## Story Time Dance Party

All ages w/caregiver  
Wednesday, May 29, 10 AM  
Bop to the beat and share some stories! Meeting Room.

## Librarian Puppet Show

All ages w/caregiver  
Thursday, May 30, 10 OR 11 AM  
Don't miss this fun performance of puppet stories and more with our Youth Services Librarians. Meeting Room.



# LEARN – PLAY – CREATE

Register, Program Room, except where noted.

## Art Play

All ages w/caregiver

**Thursdays through May 23\*, 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! \*No Art Play April 25

## Solar Eclipse Party

All ages w/caregiver

**Friday, April 5, 6:30 PM**

Celebrate the total solar eclipse that is coming on April 8! Bring the whole family as we learn all about eclipses and eye safety, and participate in eclipse-related crafts and activities. Drop in. Meeting Room.

## Taylor Swift Fan Club

Grades 3 – 5

**Wednesdays, April 10 & May 15, 4 PM**

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

## All About Animals: Elephants

Grades K – 2

**Tuesday, April 16, 4:15 PM**

All about elephants – including a fun craft!

## Graphic Novel Fan Club

Grades 5 – 8:

**Friday, April 17, 4:15 PM**

Grades 2 – 4:

**Tuesday, May 21, 4:15 PM**

Hang out and talk about your favorite comics and graphic novels!

## Code Together

PreK - Grade 5 w/caregiver

**Thursdays, April 18 & May 16, 6 PM**

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

## Earth Day Seed Paper

Grades K – 5

**Monday, April 22, 4:15 PM**

Make seed-embedded paper to plant and watch bloom. Drop in.

## Lego Club

All ages w/caregiver

**Wednesdays, April 24 & May 22**

**3:30 – 4:30 PM**

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

## Beginning Embroidery

Grades 4 – 8

**Wednesday, May 1, 4 PM**

Learn basic embroidery by decorating your very own clock.

## Zines for Tweens and Teens

Grades 3 – 8

**Monday, May 6, 4:15 PM**

Learn the basics of creating a zine, a homemade publication about something you love.

## All About Animals: Giraffes

Grades K – 2

**Tuesday, May 7, 4:15 PM**

All about giraffes – including a fun craft!

## REGISTRATION:

Some Youth Services programs require registration. Registration for April and May programs opens Monday, March 25. 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.

## Literary Feast:

### A Book-Tasting Adventure

Grades 3 – 5

**Thursday, May 9, 4:15 PM**

Satisfy your picky palate at the Barrington Book Bistro! Get a taste of the newly released 2025 Bluestem Award Books. Story Room.

### Paint A Pot

Grades K – 5

**Monday, May 13, 4:15 PM**

Get ready for spring by decorating a clay pot.

### Make A Fidget

Grades 5 – 8

**Thursday, May 23, 4:15 PM**

Color, fold, and create a unique kaleidocycle fidget.

### Astronomy Club

Grades 3 – 5

**Friday, May 24, 4:15 PM**

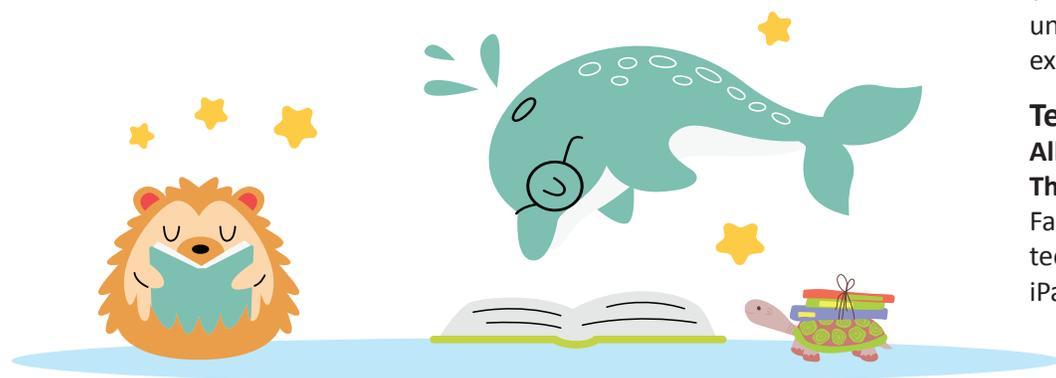
Mesmerized by stars, planets, and all things outer space? Let's explore the universe with space-themed crafts, experiments, and activities.

### Tech Open Lab

All ages w/caregiver

**Thursday, May 30, 2 – 3:30 PM**

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



# FRESH AIR FUN

## Story Time Nature Walk at Crabtree Nature Center

All ages w/caregiver

Wednesday, May 8, 10:30 AM

Enjoy stories, a nature walk, and playtime at the Crabtree Nature Center, 3 Stover Road, Barrington Hills. Weather permitting. Drop in.

## Family Explorers: Bird Walk

PreK – Grade 2 w/caregiver

Saturday, May 11, 9:30 AM

Let's read *How to Find a Bird* by Jennifer Ward and Diana Suduka, and then take a walk as we learn how to spot our feathered friends at Baker's Lake Younghusband Prairie, E. Dundee Rd, Barrington. Register one name per family.

## Family Teaching Garden Planting

Friday, May 17, 10 AM – 12 PM

All ages w/caregiver

Bring your little ones to work side by side with Master Gardeners and learn how to plant a garden. Gloves and tools provided. Registration suggested.



# WONDERFUL WEEKENDS

## Read With Me™ Therapy Dogs

Grades 1 – 5

Saturdays, April 13 & May 18, 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.

## Family Story Time

All ages w/caregiver

Saturdays, April 20 & May 25, 10 AM

Drop in. Story Room.

## Baby Time

Ages 0 – 24 months w/caregiver

Saturdays, April 20 & May 25, 11 AM

Drop in. Story Room.

## Check Out A Board Game!

Make it a game night for the whole family - take home one of the Library's board games!



FIND MORE BOARD GAMES

# TAYLOR SWIFT NIGHT (LIBRARY VERSION)

Friday, April 19, 6 PM

All ages!

“Question...?” Are you “...Ready For It?” You belong with us for “The Best Day” ever! Join other Swifties to celebrate Taylor's new album release. There will be cupcakes, friendship bracelets, photo ops, trivia, music, and more. “It's Nice to Have a Friend” whenever Taylor drops a new album, so “Speak Now” and register! Register. Meeting Room.



# FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

## Beyond Borders: Attending College Abroad

Wednesday, April 17, 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.



## Finals Café

Check Events Calendar for dates!

Drop into the Library to study, enjoy light refreshments, and de-stress during exam week. Our Meeting Room will be reserved from 1 – 9 PM just for high school students! Meeting Room.

# JUST FOR SENIORS

## Game-O-Rama

**Tuesday, April 9, 2 PM**

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

## Ensuring Safety and Dignity: How to Discuss Turning in the Car Keys

**Tuesday, April 16, 7 PM**

*In collaboration with Bacoa*

Join Bacoa Social Services Director Sue McNamara and Barrington Police Department Elderly Services Officer Hakeem Smith and learn about the signs of when it's time to stop driving, transportation alternatives, driving rehabilitation, and what to do when all else fails. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

## Tape Resist Art

**Monday, May 6, 2 PM**

Enjoy an easy and colorful crafting experience! Tape resist art requires no special skills, just supplies that we'll provide. For those 65 and older. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

## When I'm 64...

**Monday, May 20, 7 PM**

**Wednesday, May 29, 7 PM**

**Monday, June 3, 7 PM**

*In collaboration with Bacoa*

A three-part educational workshop on Medicare. Representatives from Bacoa and various organizations present a different topic each week. Register. Meeting Room.

**May 20 – Medicare Basics**

**May 29 – Medicare Supplements and Drug Plans**

**June 3 – Medicare Advantage Plans**

# TAKE GOOD CARE

## Green Cleaning

**Monday, April 22, 2 PM**

*In collaboration with  
Go Green Barrington*



Celebrate Earth Day. Learn tools and tips for reducing hazardous waste in your home, safer disposal methods, and recipes for creating green cleaning alternatives. Make a cleanser to take home. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

## Self-Care Essentials For A Resilient World

**Wednesday, April 24, 7 PM**

Explore five key principles that will help you learn how to nurture yourself while nurturing Earth. [Register](#). Virtual.



## Caring for the Caregiver

**Thursday May 9, 7 PM**

Dr. Kristin Heider of the Barrington Center shares her research on caregiver burnout, self-care, and local support and resources. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

## QPR Suicide Prevention

**Friday, May 3, 10 AM**

*In collaboration with BStrong  
Together and Ascension Illinois  
Behavioral Health*

May is National Mental Health Month. Mandy Burbank, LCSW & certified QPR trainer, shares what to do when you're concerned that someone is contemplating self-harm. Participants will receive material to support what they've learned. [Register](#). Meeting Room.



## Non-Profit Know-How: Volunteer Management

**Tuesday, May 14, 1 PM**

Discuss best practices for recruitment, training, and tracking of volunteers, and using the Barrington Area Volunteer Connection platform to reach your goals. Bring lunch if you wish. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

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## Direct Numbers:

Customer Service: 847-382-1300 x1

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## Library Closings:

Thursday, April 25, Staff In-Service

Monday, May 27, Memorial Day



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# RELAX & CREATE

## Coffee & Coloring

**Wednesday April 17, 2 PM**

Looking to unwind? Pull up a chair, pour yourself a cup of coffee, and enjoy coloring and conversation with other Library customers! [Register](#). Meeting Room.

## Forest Therapy Walk with Mary Oliver Poems

**Friday, April 19, 10 AM**

**Rain date: Friday, April 26, 10 AM**

Enjoy a Forest Therapy walk and explore the world of Mary Oliver, a nature poetess who found wonder in the processes and patterns within nature. Begin with a grounding exercise, followed by an exploration of selected poems, time to wander the forest, and a tea ceremony. Priority [registration](#) for BALibrary cardholders. Crabtree Nature Center.

## Cherry Blossom Craft

**Monday April 22, 2 PM OR 6 PM**

Join Kelly and Kat for this charming spring craft. [Register](#). Conference Room.

## Personal Storytelling

**Tuesday April 23, 7 PM**

Instructor, producer, and performer Scott Whitehair introduces practical takeaways and techniques for sharing your personal stories and ideas. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

## Bring Your Own Craft

**Wednesdays, April 24 & May 22  
1 – 3 PM**

Bring a project to work on or color a bookmark while you enjoy the company of friends and neighbors. Knitting, sketching, embroidery, or any portable craft - all are welcome. We'd love to make this a monthly event! Register for a reminder or drop in. Room TBD.



## Guided Meditation

**Wednesday May 8, 7 PM**

Unwind with this guided meditation from Chris George. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

## The Art of Ikebana

**Thursday May 30, 7 PM**

Immerse yourself in this lecture and demo from the Japanese Culture Center as they walk us through the traditional art of flower arranging known as ikebana. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

# GAME ON!

## Puzzle Races

**Thursday, April 18, 6 PM**

Compete against other teams to see who can complete a 500 piece jigsaw puzzle fastest. Winners get bragging rights and free puzzles! [Register](#) individually or as a team of 2-5. Meeting Room.

## Trivia: Classic Jeopardy Edition

**Wednesday, May 15, 7 PM**

Could you make it on Jeopardy? Live the fantasy and test your knowledge on a wide range of categories to see if you have what it takes to be a champion. [Register](#) as a team of up to six or individually. Meeting Room.



**Let's Talk Pizza!**  
**Tuesday April 30  
7 PM**

Where to order and what to order? Or do you prefer to make your own? Come share your ideas! [Register](#). Meeting Room.

## Cinco de Mayo

**Tuesday May 28, 7 PM**

How did you celebrate Cinco de Mayo? What are your favorite dishes to serve and eat for this colorful and festive holiday? [Register](#). Meeting Room.

# LISTEN TO THE MUSIC



## Second Fridays: Jazz Du Jour

**Friday, April 12, 7 PM**

A traditional yet dynamic jazz trio performing music in styles including Dixieland, Swing, Bebop, Folk, Blues, and Pop. Featuring Barrington native Inderjeet Sidhu on drums/percussion. [Register](#). Meeting Room.



## Second Fridays: The Teflons

**Friday, May 10, 7 PM**

Tasty vintage jazz and western swing from three power-voiced females and the best sidemen in Chicago. Heard onstage at Chicago's Millennium Park and across the Midwest. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

## Elgin Symphony's Listeners Club

**Tuesday, April 30, 1 PM**

Listener's Club is 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.



# GROW FOR IT!

Register, Meeting Room, except where noted.

## **Creative Container Gardening**

**Wednesday, April 10, 7 PM**

Learn to create and care for lush, beautiful containers, then explore ways to make them exceptional, with horticulturalist Sharon Yiesla.

## **Staying Alive: Houseplants 101**

**Monday, April 15, 7 PM**

Black thumb? Not you! Learn the basics of houseplant care and troubleshooting to keep your plants happy and healthy.

## **From Lawn to Prairie**

**Wednesday, April 17, 6 PM**

Tired of maintaining grass? Want to attract birds and butterflies to your property? Sarah Michehl of the Land Conservancy of McHenry County discusses converting areas of your lawn to a native wildflower meadow.

## **Companion Planting**

**Thursday, May 2, 7 PM**

Create gardens with plant combinations that can deter pests, attract pollinators, and look beautiful. Garden coach Mark Lyons discusses best practices and what to avoid.

## **Garden Tool Organizer**

**Monday, May 6, 2 PM OR 6 PM**

Keep your garden tools organized with fun, personalized aprons or garden rolls, made with our heat press. Ages 14+. BALibrary card required.

## **Teaching Garden Spring Cleanup**

**Tuesday, May 14, 9:30 – 11 AM**

Let's get outside! Work side by side with local Master Gardeners and learn what gardens need to prepare them for planting. Registration suggested.

## **Teaching Garden Planting Day**

**Saturday, May 18, 1 – 3 PM**

Work side by side with Master Gardeners to learn basic gardening skills, and help us plant our garden! Gloves and tools provided. Registration suggested.

## **Teaching Garden Workshops**

**Tuesdays, 9:30 – 11 AM**

Local gardeners provide hands-on instruction in seasonal gardening tasks. 9:30 – 10 AM: basic maintenance. 10 – 11 AM: special focus (see below).

Meets weekly starting Tuesday, May 28, weather permitting. Registration suggested.

**May 28: Gardening With Kids**

**June 4: Pruning and Woody Plant Care**



# FOR BOOK LOVERS

## **Book Discussions with Lanny Ori**

Thought-provoking talks about notable titles with professional book discussion leader Lanny Ori. Register. Meeting Room.

***The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo* by Taylor Jenkins Reid**

**Thursday, April 18, 2 PM**

***Inventing the Truth***

**edited by William Zinsser**

**Thursday, May 16, 2 PM**

## **LIT**

Discuss popular titles with Adult Services Librarians. Register. Meeting Room.

***I Must Betray You* by Ruta Sepetys**

**Monday, April 8, 7 PM**

***One Summer in Savannah***

**by Terah Shelton Harris**

**Monday, May 13, 7 PM**

## **Big Summer Books**

**Monday, April 29, 6 PM**

Learn about hot summer releases for adults and young adults. You might go home with a free book! Register. Meeting Room.

# ILLINOIS LIBRARIES PRESENT:

## **Virtual Evenings With Authors and Influencers**

### **The Hidden Gifts of Visual Thinkers with Dr. Temple Grandin**

**Wednesday, April 3, 7 PM**

Dr. Grandin is one of the world's most accomplished and well-known adults with autism. She has been at the forefront of research and activism for autism and neurodiversity for decades. Learn more about her, her research, and her books on the Library's Events Calendar. Virtual. Register.

### **The Many Lives of Kal Penn**

**Tuesday, May 7, 7 PM**

Kal Penn is an actor, writer, producer, and former Associate Director of the White House Office of Public Engagement. He received his undergraduate degree in sociology, theater, film, and television at the University of California, Los Angeles, and received a graduate certificate in international security from Stanford University. Learn more about him, and his experiences in both Hollywood and federal government, on the Library's Events Calendar. Virtual. Register.

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Monday, May 27  
Memorial Day

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# TECH AND MAKER TOPICS Register. Meeting Room.

## Silhouette Organizing Labels

**Tuesday, April 2, 2 PM**

Learn to use the Silhouette to cut out vinyl letters that you can attach as labels at home.

## Teacher Name Décor

**Tuesday, April 9, 2 PM**

Use the Silhouette software to design and cut out a name of your choice, then attach it to a sign you'll decorate.



## Scanning Photos

**Tuesday, April 16, 3 PM**

See how easy it is to scan your photos at the Library!

## Laser-Cut Butterfly Craft

**Tuesday, May 7, 2 PM**

Choose a phrase to etch on your butterfly, then decorate it with spiral flowers cut on the Silhouette.



## Sewing Machine Basics: Scented Sachet

**Monday, May 20, 2 PM OR 6 PM**

Learn the basics of our sewing machines with a slow, step-by-step tutorial, then test your skills with a lavender-scented sachet.

## Excel Basics

**Tuesday, May 28, 3 PM**

Learn the basics of Excel and how to search for the right resources to learn more.

