



# SUMMER KICKOFF

**Saturday, May 31, 10 AM – 3:30 PM**

Celebrate the start of summer and BALibrary Summer Reading with music, crafts, and activities for all ages!

- Interactive kids' music from **Wendy and DB**: 10:30 AM
- Bubbles on the lawn by **Glowby the Bubbler**: 11:30 AM – 2 PM
- Family-friendly 80s music from **The Jolly Ringwalds**: 2:30 PM
- Community Art Project led by **Kaleidoscope School of Art**
- ...and more! Check the [Library's Events Calendar](#) for all the details



**May 30 – Aug 19, 2025**

For kids, teens, and adults

Read, have fun, earn badges, and prizes!

Details and registration at [balibrary.org/summerreading](http://balibrary.org/summerreading)

# TOUCH-A-TRUCK

All ages w/caregiver

**Tuesday, May 13, 9:30 AM – 12 PM**

Dump trucks, excavators, and front-loaders - oh my! Explore the Village of Barrington's fleet of construction vehicles, in celebration of National Public Works Week, May 18 – 24.

Join the **Public Works food drive** and help us fill a truck with food to benefit the **Barrington Township and Cuba Township Food Pantries**. Bring non-perishable food donations to the event. Donations not required for attendance.

**Construction Story Time**

All ages w/caregiver

**Tuesday, May 13, 10 AM OR 11 AM**

Once you've seen the trucks, join us for a fun construction-themed story time!



# BABY FAIR

**Saturday, April 26, 10 AM – 1 PM**

Connect with the information and resources you need most as an expecting parent or parent/caregiver of a child ages 0 – 2.

Enjoy baby and me activities, expert presentations on topics like sleep, mealtimes, and more. Get in touch with local organizations that serve infants and families. Visit [balibrary.org/BabyFair](http://balibrary.org/BabyFair) to see the full schedule of activities. [Register](#) online to receive an email reminder.

New in 2025! Attendees of Baby Fair will have the opportunity to receive one free heirloom quality digital portrait of your child/children (ages 24 months and under), as time allows.

# STORIES & MORE: Ages 0 – 6



Drop in, Program Room, except where noted.

## Happy Birthday Story Time

All ages w/caregiver

**Fridays, April 11 & May 23, 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.

## Parent Play Date

Ages 0 – 18 months w/caregiver

**Wednesday, April 16, 2:30 – 3:30 PM**

**Tuesday, May 20, 11 AM – 12 PM**

Drop in for a cup of coffee and informal play group. Meet up with friends or make new ones! Story Room.

## Spring Story Time

All ages w/caregiver

**Friday, April 18, 10 AM**

Get ready for spring with stories, songs, and rhymes. [Register](#). Story Room.

## Goodnight Story Time

All ages w/caregiver

**Fridays, April 18 & May 23**

**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.

## Decades Story Time

All ages w/caregiver

**The 50s: Friday, April 25, 10 AM**

**The 60s: Friday, May 30, 10 AM**

Get ready for the Library's 100th birthday party in June with songs, stories, and fun flashbacks to decades past! Register.

## Potty Palooza Story Time

Ages 2 – 4 w/caregiver

**Friday, May 2, 10 AM**

Ready to ditch the diapers? Let's get this potty started! Songs and stories get littles excited for this big milestone. Learn ways to make this big transition a positive experience for everyone. [Register](#). Story Room.

## Sensory Playtime

All ages

**Thursday, May 8, 10 – 11 AM**

Enjoy variety of play activities specifically designed to engage the senses.

## Chinese Story Time

All ages w/caregiver

**Friday, May 9, 11 AM**

Starlink Global Education provides Chinese stories, songs and an introduction to the Chinese language in this interactive story time. [Register](#).

## Librarian Puppet Show

All ages w/caregiver

**Wednesday, May 28, 10 AM**

Get ready for a hilariously delightful time as your favorite librarians step into the spotlight for a puppet show! Zimmerman Room.

# WEEKLY STORY TIMES

Drop in, Story Room, except where noted.

## Family Story Time

All ages w/caregiver

**Mondays thru April,**

**10 AM OR 10:30 AM**

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

## Baby Time

Ages 0 – 12 months w/caregiver

**Tuesdays in April, 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 in April,**

**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 in April,**

**10 AM OR 10:30 AM**

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

## Art Play

All ages and abilities w/caregiver

**Thursdays through May 1, 10 AM**

Through process-oriented, open-ended art, kids explore their imaginations and develop creative thinking skills. Mess-makers welcome! Program Room.

## Preschool Story Time

Ages 3 – 5 w/caregiver

**Thursdays through May 1, 11 AM**

Enjoy skill building stories, rhymes, and activities, especially designed for preschoolers.



# LEARN – PLAY – CREATE

Register, Program Room, except where noted.

## Lego Club

All ages w/caregiver

Fridays, April 11 & May 9

3:30 – 4:30 PM

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

## Read With Me™

Therapy Dogs

Grades 1 – 5

Saturday, April 12, 10 AM

SOUL Harbour Ranch will be here with 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.

## All About Animals

Grades K – 2

Sharks: Tuesday, April 15, 4:15 PM

Monkeys: Tuesday, May 13, 4:15 PM

Learn all about an animal and make a craft! Register. Program Room.

## Crochet 101

Grades 5 – 8

Thursday, April 17, 4:30 PM

Learn the very basics of crocheting and create a bookmark. [Register](#). Program Room.

## Springtime Craft

All ages w/caregiver

Friday, April 18, 11 – 11:45 AM

Let your creativity bloom with an art activity for all ages. Drop in. Program Room.

## Discovery Center Museum

Space Activities

Grades K – 8

Friday, April 18, 2 PM OR 3 PM

Discovery Center Museum presents hands-on space activities like building a Mars Rover, blasting off rockets, creating a star map, and feeling anti-gravity effects. Register. Meeting Room.

## Afterschool Story + Craft

Grades K – 2

Wednesday, April 23, 4 PM:

*Hello, Rain!* By Kyo Maclear

Wednesday, May 21, 4 PM:

*Waiting for Wings* by Lois Ehlert

Register. Program Room.

## Code Together

PreK – Grade 5 w/caregiver

Thursdays, April 24 & May 15

6 PM

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

## Beginning Weaving

Grades 3 – 5

Wednesday, April 30, 4 PM

Weave a simple potholder. Register. Program Room.

## Art Studio

Grades K – 8, caregivers welcome

Friday, May 2, 4 – 5 PM

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

## REGISTRATION:

Some Youth Services programs require registration. Registration for April and May programs opens Monday, March 31. To register, visit the [Library's online calendar](#) or call (847) 382-1300.

## Make a Mother's Day Card

All ages w/caregiver

Tuesday, May 6

10 AM – 10:45 AM OR 4 – 4:45 PM

Make a card for someone special. Drop in. Program Room.

## Stop Motion Animation

Grades 3 – 8

Wednesday, May 7, 4:30 PM

Use stop motion technology to create an awesome animated video! [Register](#). Program Room.

## Family Explorers: Birds @ Crabtree

All ages w/caregiver

Saturday, May 17, 9:30 AM

Let's read *How to Find a Bird*, written by Jennifer Ward, illustrated by Diana Suduka, and learn all about birding. Then we'll take a walk to spot some birds. Drop in. Crabtree Nature Center, 3 Stover Rd, Barrington.

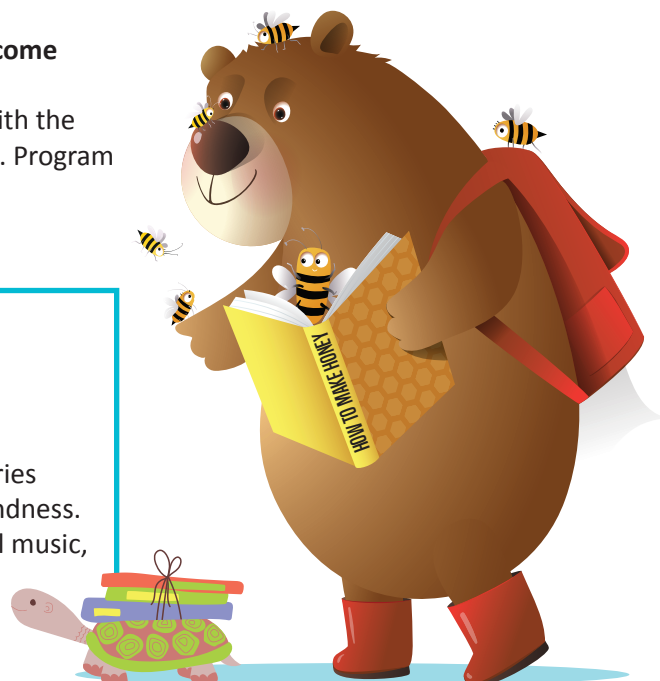


## Firefly Family Theatre Presents: The Kindness Garden

All ages w/caregiver

Saturday, May 10, 10:30 AM

Join Spark the Firefly and all her friends for stories and songs all about spring and the power of kindness. The Kindness Garden includes puppets, original music, interactive movement, and lots of springtime fun for families! Drop in. Meeting Room.



# JUST FOR SENIORS

## Game-O-Rama

**Tuesday, April 8, 2 PM**

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

## Senior Scrabble

**Wednesdays, April 23 & May 28, 1 PM**

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

## AARP Driver Safety Course

**Friday, May 2 and Saturday, May 3,**

**9 AM – 1 PM**

*With Bacoa and AARP*

Learn defensive driving methods, exercises, and safety strategies during AARP's two-day seminar. Both sessions are required. Course fee is \$25 for the general public and \$20 for AARP members. Make checks payable to Bacoa and mail to Bacoa, Attn: Janine, 6000 Garlands Ln, Suite 100, Barrington IL 60010. Registration is not complete until Bacoa receives your check.

## Chair Tai Chi

**Wednesday, May 7, 10 AM**

Experience a fun and relaxing, head-to-toe workout via Zoom. For those 65 and older. [Register](#). Virtual.

## When I'm 64

**Three dates in May, 7 PM**

*With Bacoa*

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

May 7: Medicare Basics

May 8: Medicare Advantage Plans

May 15: Medicare Supplements and Prescription Plans

## A Panel on Aging in Place

**Wednesday, May 21, 6 PM**

Community experts discuss resources available to seniors looking to "Age In Place." Presenters include: Bacoa, Northwest Neurology, Synergy HomeCare of Barrington, Empatia Palliative Care & Gentiva Hospice. [Register](#).

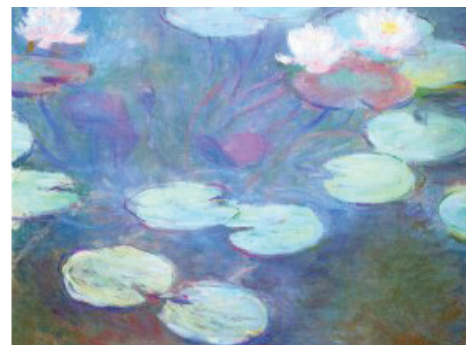
## Illinois Tollway I-Pass

### Transponders Assistance

**Thursday, May 8 OR Saturday, May 24  
Drop in 10 AM - 4 PM**

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority will be here to share information about the new I-Pass Transponders and help customers update their I-Pass accounts. Get information about the I-Pass Assist/Assistance account for those who qualify.

## GET CREATIVE



### Monet Lives!

**Wednesday, May 14, 7 PM**

An interactive presentation on the life of Claude Monet. [Register](#).

### Paint It at BALibrary:

#### Springtime Lovebugs

**Wednesday, May 21, 2 OR 7 PM**

Art instructor Ivy shows you how to create a heart-warming work of art, step by step. Dress for a mess! Priority registration for BALibrary cardholders. Ages 14+.



## Barrington Area Volunteer Connection LIVE

**Saturday, April 12**

**1 – 4 PM**

*With Barrington Area Volunteer Connection*

April is National Volunteer Month! Connect with local nonprofits at this combination volunteer fair, donation day, and community network. Learn about volunteer opportunities and local resources, and donate requested items (find wish lists on our Events Calendar). Drop in or [register](#) for a reminder.

## FOR TEENS

### Capstone Café

**Tuesday, May 27 –**

**Thursday, May 29, 3 – 9 PM**

Our Meeting Room will be reserved from 3 – 9 PM just for high school students to study and relax! Enjoy a visit from SOUL Harbour Ranch mini therapy horses from 4 – 5 PM and therapy dogs from 5 – 6 PM on Wednesday. Drop in.

## BALIBRARY 100TH BIRTHDAY PARTY



**Saturday, June 21**

**10 AM - 2 PM**

It's our BIG birthday so let's party like it's 1925! Live entertainment, crafts, games, treats, and good old-fashioned fun for everyone. Save the date!

# FOR MUSIC LOVERS

## Elgin Symphony Listeners Club

**Tuesdays, April 1 & April 29, 1 PM**

Delve deep into the concert experience with a personal guided tour, including insights about each concert program. Register.

## ESO: Sounds of Spring

**Saturday, May 3, 2 PM**

Celebrate springtime with the Elgin Symphony Orchestra String Quartet. [Register.](#)



## HEALTH & WELLNESS

### Green Cleaning

**April 9, 2 OR 7 PM**

*With Go Green Barrington*

For Earth Day 2025, get tools and tips to reduce hazardous waste in your home, safer disposal methods, and recipes to create your own green cleaning alternatives. Make a cleanser to take home. Register.

### Declutter and Downsize with The New Nest

**Thursday, April 24, 7 PM**

Too much stuff? Ready to downsize? Enjoy a brief, engaging talk on this topic! [Register.](#)

### Forest Therapy Walk at Crabtree

**Friday, April 25, 10 AM**

Experience an immersive walk inspired by the work of Robin Wall Kimmerer, author of *Braiding Sweetgrass*. Dress comfortably. [Priority registration](#) for BALibrary cardholders. Crabtree Nature Center, 3 Stover Road, Barrington.

### Bike Maintenance 101

**Tuesday, May 6, 7 PM**

The experts at Barrington Village Cycle teach the maintenance must-dos for summer season. [Register.](#)

### Relaxing Yoga

**Tuesday, May 20, 10 AM**

[Register.](#)



## Tri-L-Co Music 70s Style

**Friday, April 11, 7 PM**

A musical trip to the 70s featuring songs by James Taylor, Seals and Crofts, Chicago, Elton John and more. [Register.](#)



## Tinker Boys Trio

**Friday, May 9, 7 PM**

Enjoy an acoustic sound that melds traditional Irish, American country, and folk. [Register](#)

# Program Guide

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### Library Closings:

Thursday, April 3, Staff In-Service

Sunday, April 20, Easter Sunday

Monday, May 26, Memorial Day



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# MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

## Communicating in a Crisis

Wednesday, April 16, 2 PM

With *Bacoo* and *BYFS*

Explore the difficult conversations families and caregivers must facilitate when challenging events occur. Recognize when a loved one is in crisis and when to take action, analyze possible outcomes, develop a safety plan, and manage communication.

[Register.](#)

## Stress Better®

Wednesday, April 23, 7 PM

With *BStrong Together*

Learn from Matthew Dewar, Ed.D., educator, counselor in training, and developer of the Stress Better® Framework, about the deep connection between our relationship with stress and its far-reaching effects on the quality and length of our lives. Presentation + Q&A. [Register.](#)

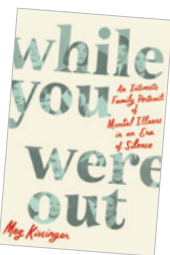


## Mental Health May

Sunday, May 18, 2 – 4 PM

With *Barrington Rotary*

A conversation between award-winning journalist Meg Kissinger, author of *While You Were Out: An Intimate Family Portrait of Mental Illness in an Era of Silence*; Teri Latter, NAMI Illinois Strategist; and Mandy Burbank, licensed clinical social worker. Submit a topic or question for consideration at registration. Books available for purchase and signing.



## Local Resource Fair: 3 – 4 PM

Featuring National Alliance on Mental Illness, BStrong Together, Barrington Youth & Family Services, and more!



## Non-Profit Know-How:

### Fill Your Cup

Tuesday, May 13, 10 AM

It's Mental Health May! Discover and share new ways to avoid burnout and stay energized for your non-profit organization's mission and yourself.

[Register.](#)

## IN THE GARDEN



### Flower Pot Fairy Homes

Monday, April 7, 2 PM OR 6 PM

BALibrary cardholders only. Ages 14+.

### Pruning for Summer Success

Thursday, April 17, 7 PM

Learn basic pruning techniques, timing, and hot weather care with horticulturist Katrina Lewin from Morton Arboretum. [Register.](#)

### Best Annuals for Pollinators

Tuesday, April 22, 2 PM

Attract and support pollinators (bees, butterflies, hummingbirds, more) with a variety of seasonal plants that work in tandem with native plantings. Virtual. [Register.](#)

### Maximize Your Kitchen Garden

Thursday, May 1, 6 PM

Maximize growing space for more harvests and longer growing seasons. [Register.](#)

### Design Your Own Garden

Monday, May 5, 7 PM

Make your flower beds pop! Horticulturalist Sharon Yiesla shares basics of color and design. [Register.](#)

### Pick Your Perfect Plant

#### Walking Tour

Thursday, May 8, 2 PM

Meet us at Knupper's Flower & Garden, 1811 N Rand Rd in Palatine, for a walking tour with horticulturalist and nursery manager Alison. Learn how experts choose plants for their own gardens. Wear your walking shoes, no seating is available. [Register.](#)

## Guided Meditation

Tuesdays, May 6 & May 20

1 PM

Rev. Chris Shade leads a secular guided meditation, with an opportunity to ask questions afterwards. [Register.](#)

## Teaching Garden Spring Cleanup

Wednesday, May 14, 9:30 – 11 AM

Work side by side with Master Gardeners and learn what gardens need to prepare them for planting.

## Teaching Garden Planting Days

Friday, May 16, 10 AM— 12 PM

All ages w/caregiver

Bring your little ones, and we'll teach them how to plant a garden. Work side by side with Master Gardeners. Gloves and tools provided.

Saturday, May 17, 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.

## Teaching Garden Workshops

Tuesdays beginning May 27, weather permitting.

Hands-on instruction in seasonal garden tasks.

9:30-10 AM: basic garden maintenance.

10-11 AM: specific topics.

May 27: Gardening with kids

June 3: Grow your vegan dinner



# FINANCIAL FITNESS

Register for these virtual sessions which will take place via Zoom.

## Retirement

**Thursday, April 3, 7 PM**

John Daly, CFP, presents an information-packed session about getting ready to retire. When to retire, how much money you will need, when to take Social Security, and how to invest.

## Navigating Student Loans

**Monday, April 7, 7 PM**

With Barbara Ginty, CFP® CEPA®. Explore the complex landscape of student loans, and learn how these debts can impact long-term financial goals, including retirement savings. Explore strategies for managing student loan repayments and building a secure financial future.

## Terry Savage Talks Money

**Wednesday, April 23, 7 PM**

Terry Savage is a nationally recognized expert on personal finance, the economy and the markets. She'll provide a reality check on the volatile economy, financial markets, and personal finance topics, and then answer your questions. A truly independent voice for the financial consumer.

# FOR BOOK LOVERS



## Cover To Cover

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

***The Bandit Queens* by Parini Shroff**

**Wednesday, April 9, 1 PM**

***This Is Happiness* by Niall Williams**

**Wednesday, May 14, 1 PM**

## LIT

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

***Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow* by Gabrielle Zevin**

**Monday, April 14, 7 PM**

***None of This is True* by Lisa Jewell**

**Monday, May 12, 7 PM**

## E-Book Accessibility

**Tuesday, May 20, 2 PM**

From e-books to e-audiobooks, reading can be more accessible on your device. [Register.](#)

## Coming Soon: 100 Books after Retirement

A brand new, continuous reading challenge!

Retired and chipping away at your to-be-read list? Get rewarded for it! Launching in June with our annual Summer Reading Challenge, watch for more details.

## *The Irresistible Henry House* with author Lisa Grunwald

**Thursday, April 17, 6 PM**

Join author Lisa Grunwald on Zoom as she talks about her book, *The Irresistible Henry House*, and the use of "practice babies" by colleges and universities from the early 1900s through the 1960s. [Register.](#) Virtual.

## VIRTUAL EVENINGS WITH AUTHORS & INFLUENCERS

Due to the high volume of programming in this issue, please see our online Events Calendar for details on these programs. With Illinois Libraries Present.

### **The Art of Foraging with Alexis Nikole Nelson**

**Thursday, April 10, 7 PM**

### **Art and Adventures with Author/Illustrator Dan Santat**

**Saturday, May 3, 2 PM**

### **Poverty: A Discussion with Matthew Desmond**

**Tuesday, May 13, 7 PM**



## Cooks with Books: Salads

**Tuesday, May 27, 7 PM**

Let's chat about your favorite salads and make one to take home. [Register.](#)

## FOOD EXPO

A month-long celebration of delicious food and drink!

Visit our Events Calendar for full details and registration

### **The Art of Coffee:**

**Tuesday, April 8, 7 PM**

### **Appetizers:**

**Thursday, April 10, 7 PM**

### **Ayurveda with Essential**

**Kitchen: Tuesday, April 15, 7 PM**

### **Cupcake Decorating:**

**Wednesday, April 16, 7 PM**

### **Wine Glass Etching & Charms:**

**Monday, April 21, 2 PM & 6 PM**

### **Foodie Trivia:**

**Monday, April 28, 2 PM**

### **Simple Yet Impressive Meals:**

**Tuesday, April 29, 7 PM**

### **Cold Pressed Juice:**

**Wednesday, April 30, 7 PM**



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Staff In-Service

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Monday, May 26  
Memorial Day

# TECH AND MAKER TOPICS

Register with your BALibrary card. MakerLab.



## Sewing Machine Basics

Monday, April 14

2 PM OR 6 PM

Learn the basics of the Library's sewing machines in this no-project, no-stress tutorial!

## Wine Glass Etching and Charms

Monday, April 21, 2 PM OR 6 PM

Use free software to create a design to etch a wine glass on the laser cutter, and then make a charm to go with it.



## DIY Watercolor Birthday Card

Tuesday, April 29

10 AM OR 2 PM

Paint a birthday card with watercolors, and add vinyl words cut on the Silhouette machine.

## Double-Sided Etching

Tuesday, May 13

2 PM

Learn how to use center engrave on the laser cutter to create a double-sided etch.



## Sewing Machine: Cosmic Banner

Monday, May 19

2 PM OR 6 PM

Sew a banner with a cosmic pattern, then use the heat press to add a vinyl phrase.

## Google Drive Basics

Tuesday, May 27, 3 PM

An introduction to Google Drive.