



Saturday, Sept 21, 10 AM – 4 PM

Join us for a day of fall fun! Pumpkin painting, seasonal crafts, entertainment for all ages. Check our online calendar for more details! BALibrary Lawn. Indoors in case of inclement weather.

JAM WITH THE FAM!

Drop in, all ages with caregiver

We'll Sing A Song Together

Wednesday, Aug 7, 10 AM

Let's celebrate Chicago's own Ella Jenkins, the "First Lady of Children's Music," as she turns 100! We'll sing some of her classic songs together in this interactive musical program.

**Story Time Dance Party
in the Sun**

Thursday, Aug 8, 10 AM

Bop to the beat and share some stories! BALibrary Lawn.

**Concert: Istvan and His
Imaginary Band**

Friday, Aug 16, 10:30 AM

Istvan's cool, cleverly crafted kids' concert will entertain the whole family! Bring a blanket or portable seating. A limited number of lawn blankets will be available. BALibrary Lawn.

Concert: Nanny Nikki

Saturday, Aug 24, 10:30 AM

Grammy®-nominated artist Nanny Nikki performs her high energy, interactive musical show including sing-along songs, dancing, puppets and an original story! Sing and soar!

Concert: Jim Gill

Wednesday, Sept 11, 10 AM

Sing, clap, dance, and spin with award-winning musician and author Jim Gill.

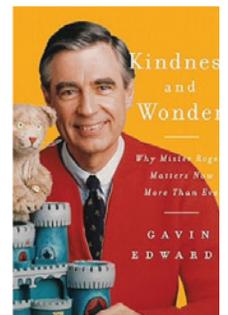


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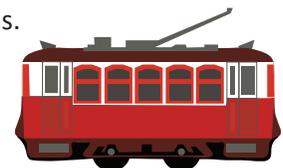
**Gavin Edwards on
Kindness and Wonder
and Mister Rogers**

Wednesday, August 28, 7 PM

Gavin Edwards, author of our 2024 Beach Read, *Kindness and Wonder*, takes us on a journey through his writing process, while shedding light on the enduring value of Mister Rogers, and why his lessons matter now more than ever. [Register.](#) Meeting Room.



Edwards is the New York Times bestselling author of nine books, including *MCU: The Reign of Marvel Studios*, *The Tao of Bill Murray*, and *Last Night at the Viper Room*. A longtime contributor to *Rolling Stone*, he has written for *the New York Times*, *Wired*, *Billboard*, and *GQ*, and appeared on television programs including *TODAY*, *Entertainment Tonight*, and *Jeopardy!* He's also moonlighted as a game designer, photographer, and demolition derby driver. He lives in Charlotte, North Carolina, with his wife and their two sons.



SUMMER'S STILL GOING STRONG!

Kindness Rocks

Grades K – 6

Tuesday, Aug 6, 2 PM

Listen to a story about kindness and paint a kindness rock to keep. [Register.](#)

Make A Dragon Egg

Grades K – 2: 2 PM

Grades 3 – 5: 3 PM

Thursday, Aug 8

Make a clay dragon egg, inspired by *Kenny and the Dragon*, BALibrary's Book of the Summer. Register.

Tie Dye Tote Bag

All ages w/caregiver

Monday, Aug 12

2 OR 2:45 OR 3:30 PM

Try out tie-dye techniques! Library will provide one tote bag. Dress for a mess. Register. BALibrary Lawn.

Water Fun!

Grades K – 2: 2 PM

Grades 3 – 6: 3 PM

Tuesday, Aug 13

Play fun water games to beat the heat. Bring a towel and prepare to get wet! Drop in. BALibrary Lawn.

Mini Mud Kitchen

All ages w/caregiver

Thursday, Aug 15, 10 AM

Let's cook up all sorts of "recipes" with mud, sticks, leaves, and other natural materials. Dress for a mess. Drop in. BALibrary Lawn.

Kitchen Science: Ice Cream

Grades K – 8

Friday, Aug 16, 2:30 PM

Make your own ice cream in a bag on a hot day! Children in grades 3 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. [Register.](#)

DIY Playdough

All ages w/caregiver

Thursday, Aug 22, 10 AM

Create play dough with your grown-up. Drop in.



Code Together

PreK— Grade 5 w/caregiver

Thursdays, Aug 22 & Sept 26

6 PM

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

Lego Club

All ages w/caregiver

Friday, Aug 23, 3:30 PM

Friday, Sept 27, 2 PM

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

Taylor Swift Fan Club

Grades K – 2:

Wednesday, Aug 28, 4 PM

Grades 3 – 6:

Wednesday, Sept 25, 4 PM

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

Tech Open Lab

All ages w/caregiver

Friday, Aug 30, 2 PM

Friday, Sept 20, 3:30 PM

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

Astronomy Club

Grades 3 – 5

Wednesday, Sept 4, 4 PM

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

Potato Pants Book Craft

Grades K – 2

Thursday, Sept 5, 4:15 PM

Create a potato person based on *Potato Pants* by Laurie Keller – don't forget the pants! [Register.](#)

All About Animals: Tigers

Grades K – 2

Tuesday, Sept 17, 4:15 PM

Learn about tigers and make a craft! [Register.](#)

REGISTRATION:

A note on registration: Some Youth Services programs require registration. Registration for Aug and Sept YS programs opens Monday, July 29. Register on the Library's online calendar or call (847) 382-1300.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL FUN!



Meet A School Bus

All ages w/caregiver

Wednesday, Aug 14, 9:30 – 10:30 AM

A special meet and greet with a Barrington Transportation Company school bus! Drop in. Upper parking lot.

School Bus Story Time

For children entering Kindergarten

Wednesday, Aug 14

10:30 OR 11 AM

Climb aboard a school bus and enjoy books, rhymes, and songs to get you ready for kindergarten. Register. Upper parking lot.

Locker Decorating

Grades 3 – 8

Wednesday, Aug 14, 3:30 PM

Get ready for school by making magnets and other supplies to decorate your locker! [Register.](#)

Back-To-School Buttons

All ages

Thursday, Aug 15, 2 PM

Create your own buttons with a back-to-school theme! Drop in.

Kindergarten Keepsakes

Kindergarten w/caregiver

Thursday, Aug 15, 4:30 OR 5:30 PM

Create a keepsake for your child as they start their school journey! Personalize a t-shirt to fill with handprints - one for each school year through 2037! Register with your BALibrary card.

STORIES & MORE

Drop in, Story Room, except where noted

Sensory Playtime

All ages

Fridays, Aug 2 & Sept 20
10 – 11:30 AM

Join us for a play experience that includes activities specifically designed to engage the senses.

Morning Garden Story Time

All ages w/caregiver

Tuesdays, Aug 6 & Sept 10, 9:30 AM

Enjoy an outdoor story time, then explore the Teaching Garden with the Master Gardeners. Dress for a mess! BALibrary Lawn. Weather permitting.

Early Literacy Explorers

Ages 3 – 5 w/caregiver

Friday, Aug 9, 10 OR 11 AM

Thursday, Aug 29, 6 OR 6:30 PM

Phonics games, literacy activities, and tools to grow young readers. Register. Program Room.

Story Time Nature Walk at Crabtree Nature Center

All ages w/caregiver

Tuesday, Aug 13, 10:30 AM

Stories, a nature walk, and playtime at Crabtree Nature Center, 3 Stover Road, Barrington. Weather permitting.

Let's Move! Story Time

Ages 3 – 6 w/caregiver

Tuesday, Aug 20, 10 OR 11 AM

Get your body moving with stories, rhymes, and activities. Drop in. Meeting Room.

Happy Birthday Story Time

All ages w/caregiver

Friday, Aug 23, 10:30 AM

Friday, Sept 13, 10 AM

Is it your birthday this month? Let's celebrate with stories, songs, and a craft! Register with the birthday child's name.

Goodnight Story Time

All ages w/caregiver

Fridays, Aug 23 & Sept 13, 6 PM

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

Baby Café and Play

Ages 0 – 12 months w/caregiver

Tuesday, Aug 27, 11 AM

Wednesday, Sept 18, 2:30 PM

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

Little Kids, Big Feelings

Ages 3 – 6 w/caregiver

Wednesday, Aug 28, 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.

Ukulele Sing-Along Story Time

Ages 2 – 6 w/caregiver

Friday, Aug 30, 10 AM

Experience the joys of song and dance in this interactive, sing-along story time.

Fall Into Autumn Story Time

Ages 2 – 6 w/caregiver

Friday, Sept 6, 10 OR 10:30 AM

Autumn songs, stories, and dancing.

Ukulele Baby Rhyme Time

Ages 0 – 18 months w/caregiver

Wednesday, Sept 11, 3:30 PM

Join this interactive, musical rhyme time, and learn the benefits of bathing your baby in song!

Potty Palooza Story Time

Ages 2 – 4 w/caregiver

Friday, Sept 13, 11 AM

Let's get this potty started! Songs and stories get littles excited for this big milestone. Get help making this transition a positive experience. Register.

Meditation Story Time

Ages 2 – 5 w/caregiver

Friday, Sept 27, 10:30 AM

Feel the breeze on your face and the grass on your toes, then enjoy stories and activities that introduce basic mindfulness skills. BALibrary Lawn. Register.

Art Play

All ages and abilities w/caregiver

Thursdays in September, 10 AM

Kids explore their imaginations and creative thinking skills through open-ended, process-oriented art projects. Mess-makers welcome!



WEEKLY STORY TIMES

Story Time in the Sun

All ages w/caregiver
Mondays, Aug & Sept
10 OR 10:30 AM

Stories, songs, and rhymes in nature! Bring a blanket or portable seating. A limited number of lawn blankets will be available. BALibrary Lawn.
*No Story Time on Monday, Sept 2

Baby Time

Ages 0 – 12 months w/caregiver
Tuesdays in September, 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 September
10 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 September
10 OR 10:30 AM

Enjoy stories, songs, and rhymes in this energetic story time for toddlers.
*No Toddler Time on Wed, Sept 11

Preschool Story Time

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

Virtual Programs on YouTube

Tune into our [YouTube Channel](#) for on-demand Story Time, rhymes, songs, and puppet shows! Search “Barrington Area Library Youth Services” to find us on YouTube.

SUPER SATURDAYS

Read With Me™ Therapy Dogs

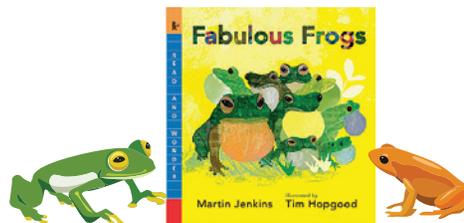
Grades 1 – 5
Saturdays, Aug 10 & Sept 14
10 AM

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.

Family Explorers: Frogs

PreK – Grade 2 w/caregiver
Saturday, Aug 31, 10 AM

Let's read *Fabulous Frogs* by Martin Jenkins, illustrated by Tim Hopgood, learn about frogs and toads, and make frog houses! Register. BALibrary Lawn.



Family Story Time

All ages w/caregiver
Saturday, Sept 7, 10 AM

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

Baby Time

Ages 0 – 24 months w/caregiver
Saturday, Sept 7, 11 AM

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

FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

Embroidery 101

Grades 4 – 8
Friday, Aug 9, 2 PM
Learn the basics of embroidery in this introductory program. Register.

Taste Testers

Grades 6 – 8
Thursday, Aug 29, 4:15 PM: Sour Foods
Thursday, Sept 19, 4:15 PM:
Chocolate Chip Cookies

Test out your taste buds on a variety of foods 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.

FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

YA Perler Party

Ages 14+
Wednesday, Aug 14, 6 PM
Make Perler bead creations using patterns or your own original designs! Perler beads are plastic fusible beads that you place on a grid and melt to create a piece of art. Snacks provided. Register.



The College Admission Process

Wednesday, Sept 18, 7 PM
The college application process has changed dramatically in recent years. Don't forget about financial aid and scholarships! Thomas J. Jaworski of Quest College Consulting helps families navigate and understand the admission process. For parents and students. Register.

JUST FOR SENIORS



Game-O-Rama

Tuesday, Aug 13, 2 PM

Bring your friends for an afternoon of fun. Dave Tuszynski leads simple and fun games for 2 – 4 players, like Polish Poker, Wichita, Roll for It, and many others. For those 65 and older. [Register.](#)



Living with Less

Wednesday, Aug 14, 7 PM

In Collaboration with Bacoa

Learn how to access benefits and thrive on a lower income. You'll get tips for saving on medical, housing, food, and transportation costs, and other insights. [Register.](#)

Aligning Senior Living For Your Needs

Monday, Aug 19, 7 PM

In Collaboration with Bacoa

For some older adults, "Aging in Place" at home is not an option. Transitioning and downsizing are opportunities to find housing that fulfills medical, safety, and care needs. Join Bacoa for a panel discussion with senior living experts. Includes representatives from Avantara Lake Zurich, The Pointe at Eastgate, Lake Barrington Woods, Senior Living Advisors, and SYNERGY HomeCare of Barrington. [Register.](#)

Autumn Luminaries for Seniors

Saturday, Aug 24, 2 PM

Create your own cozy luminary out of a mason jar. For those 65 and older. [Register.](#)



Finding the Right Medigap Plan

Monday, Sept 23, 6 PM

Librarian Kate shows you how to use Weiss Financial Ratings to find and price Medigap plans and ratings of the insurance companies that sell them. [Register.](#)



When I'm 64...

Mondays, Sept 16, Sept 23 & Sept 30
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.

Sept 16: Medicare Basics

Sept 23: Medicare Supplements and Drug Plans

Sept 30: Medicare Advantage Plans

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Library Closings:

Monday, September 2, Labor Day



**BARRINGTON
AREA LIBRARY**

EXPLORE YOUR WORLD

Georgia O'Keeffe: An American Master

Thursday, Aug 15, 7 PM

Explore the art and life of Georgia O'Keeffe with art historian Jeff Mishur. [Register](#). Virtual.

A History of Golf in Chicagoland

Thursday, Aug 22, 7 PM

Explore the personalities, players, organizations, courses, and events that have impacted golf in Chicagoland during the past 130 years with historical edutainment speaker Barbara Barrett. [Register](#).

Offbeat Travel

Thursday, Sept 5, 6 PM

Plan your next getaway with our favorite websites and strategies for discovering unusual destinations and experiences. [Register](#).

Puzzle Races

Thursday, Sept 12, 6 PM

Compete against other teams to see who can complete a 500 piece jigsaw puzzle fastest. Members of the winning team get bragging rights and free puzzles. [Register](#) as a team of up to five or individually.

Agatha Christie

Monday, Sept 16, 7 PM

Learn about the life of Agatha Christie through this immersive portrayal by Deb Miller. [Register](#).

Trivia: Autumn Edition

Thursday, Sept 26, 7 PM

It's fall, y'all! Grab your pumpkin spice and test your knowledge on all things autumnal in this Jeopardy-style trivia night. [Register](#) a team of up to six, or individually and we'll add you to a team.

Teaching Garden Workshops

Tuesdays, 9:30 – 11 AM

Local gardeners provide hands-on instruction in seasonal gardening tasks.

9:30 – 10 AM: basic garden maintenance

10 – 11 AM: specific gardening topic (list below)

Weather permitting. Topics may change depending on conditions; see the online calendar for updates. Tools and gloves provided. Register. Teaching Garden.

Aug 6: Gardening with kids: DIY bird baths

Aug 13: Controlling spreading perennials

Aug 20: Flower harvesting and preserving

Aug 27: Stone mosaic craft

Sept 10: Gardening with kids: seed harvesting

Sept 17: Seed collecting

Sept 24: Seed collecting

Oct 1: Harvesting

Oct 8: Goodnight Garden story time; harvesting

NON-PROFIT KNOW-HOW

Love Your Enemies Book Discussion

Thursday, Aug 22, 1 PM

Join us to discuss *Love Your Enemies: How Decent People Can Save America from a Culture of Contempt* by Arthur C. Brooks. Available as a Libby e-book or Hoopla audiobook. Bring lunch if you wish. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

Put Your Annual Report To Work Wednesday, Sept 18, 1 PM

Every non-profit is required to file an annual report. Kate Maver from United Way of Metro Chicago offers tools and tips on creating an annual report that supports your organization's mission and goals. Bring lunch if you wish. Presentation followed by Q&A. [Register](#). Meeting Room.



Freezer Meals

Thursday, Aug 1, 9 AM

Enjoy this cooking video from Kristyn Slick, focusing on freezer meals. [Register](#). Virtual.

Examining History Through Recipes

Tuesday, Aug 27, 7 PM

Learn how recipes teach us about history with this presentation from the Dunn Museum. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

Sushi

Tuesday, Sept 17, 7 PM

Jen Paleracio of Lean Bella's Kitchen demonstrates the art of sushi rolling. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Wednesday, Sept 25, 6 PM

Jenny Fisher, Registrar of the Barrington-based Signal Hill Chapter of DAR, provides an overview of the organization and the application process. Learn how the public may gain access to DAR's rich library of digitized records, including a 66 million all-name index of books, and other items in its vast collections. Personal assistance will be available after the program. [Register](#).



CREATIVITY AND WELLNESS

Zumba

Wednesday, Aug 14, 11 AM

Join instructor Patricia Brown for this energizing class! [Register.](#)

Sea Glass Shadow Box Craft

Monday, Aug 26, 2 OR 6:30 PM

Create a colorful sea glass art piece. Attendees are welcome to bring their own beach finds to personalize their artwork. [Register.](#)

Bring Your Own Craft

Wednesdays, Aug 28 & Sept 25

1 – 3 PM

Bring a project to work on while you enjoy the company of friends and neighbors. Knitting, sketching, embroidery, or any portable craft – all are welcome. Monthly event on fourth Wednesdays. Register for a reminder or drop in between 1 and 3 PM.

Button Garden Craft

Wednesday, Sept 4, 2 OR 6:30 PM

Create a colorful, delightful button garden. [Register.](#)

Coffee & Coloring

Tuesday, Sept 10, 6 PM

Pour a cup of coffee and enjoy coloring and conversation with other Library customers! [Register.](#)

Forest Therapy Walk:

Henry David Thoreau

Friday, Sept 20, 10 AM

Rain Date: Friday, Sept 27, 10 AM

Horticultural therapist, forest therapy guide, and yoga instructor Navraaz Basati leads an immersive walk inspired by the works of Henry David Thoreau. Dress comfortably. Priority registration for BALibrary cardholders. Crabtree Nature Center, 3 Stover Road.



FOR BOOK LOVERS

Join Adult Services librarians to discuss popular titles in a social book club for adults. [Register.](#)

Kindness and Wonder

by Gavin Edwards

Monday, Aug 12, 7 PM

An inspirational read about Fred Rogers' life and legacy, including many timely lessons that still ring true today. Meet author Gavin Edwards at BALibrary on Wednesday, Aug 28!

Brave the Wild River

by Melissa Sevigny

Monday, Sept 9, 7 PM

Big Fall Books

Monday, Aug 5, 6 PM

Join Adult Services Librarian Liz Kirchhoff to hear about some of the most anticipated fall releases. You might even go home with a free book! [Register.](#)

Silent Book Club

Thursday, Aug 29, 7 PM

Bring your current read for a new twist on a book club! We'll share what we're reading for the first half hour, then enjoy an hour of quiet reading time. [Register.](#)

BACOG Well Water Testing

Tuesday, Oct 1, 11 AM – 6:30 PM

With BACOG and Lake County Health Department

Drop off your well water collection kit for analysis; stay to learn about the local aquifer system, safe drinking water, citizen scientist initiatives, and local volunteer opportunities. Note: testing available only to residents of BACOG member communities. Get all the details at BACOG.org.



Beyond The Neighborhood:

Keri Johnsrud & Kevin Bales

Friday, Aug 9, 7 PM

Enjoy a musical tribute to Mister Rogers' Neighborhood, inspired by our 2024 Beach Read! Vocalist Keri Johnsrud and GRAMMY nominated pianist Kevin Bales re-imagine and rearrange the music from the beloved children's television program. Hear these reinvented gems that are wise and wistful, simple but not simplistic, and even, in some cases, a bit sultry. [Register.](#) Meeting Room.

SECOND FRIDAYS



Die Musikmeisters

Friday, Sept 13, 7 PM

Die Musikmeisters Band performs a lively evening of traditional German instrumental and vocal songs! Their diverse repertoire includes German polkas, waltzes, folk music, and lots of audience participation. [Register.](#) Meeting Room.



Elgin Symphony's Listeners Club

Tuesday, Sept 24, 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.](#)



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LIBRARY CLOSINGS:

Monday, Sept 2,
Labor Day

TECH AND MAKER TOPICS

For teens and adults.

Maker classes require registration with a BALibrary card.

Sewing: Twisted Headband

Monday, Aug 5, 2 PM OR 6 PM

Learn the basics of a sewing machine, then sew a fabric headband for the summer heat. Conference Room.

Laser-Cut Explore Sign

Tuesday, August 20, 2 PM

Design your own "Explore" sign for the laser cutter, then decorate it with upcycled maps. Conference Room.

Apple for Windows Users

Monday, August 26, 7 PM

You're a Windows user but curious about Apple computers? Come learn the basics of using a Mac. Meeting Room.

Wooden Gift Tags

Monday, Sept 9, 2 PM OR 6 PM

Learn how to make a customized wood tag etched on the laser and enjoy the creative possibilities! MakerLab.

Sewing Machine Basics: Zippers

Monday, Sept 16, 2 PM OR 6 PM

Learn the basics of a sewing machine, then make a zippered pouch. MakerLab.

EasySubli: Sublimating on Heat Transfer Vinyl

Tuesday, Sept 24, 2 PM

EasySubli is the key to decorating colored polyester and cotton blends when using sublimation. MakerLab.

MAKE WITH A MISSION:

Dog Toys

Wednesday, Aug 7, 2 PM OR 6 PM

Join us to re-purpose old t-shirts into toys for shelter and foster dogs. We'll donate the toys we make to local nonprofits, but if you have a pupper of your own, you can also take one home. T-shirts and scissors provided, or bring your own. For adults and teens, or kids 10 and over with an adult. Register. Meeting Room.

