



## Fandom Fest

**Saturday, March 4, 11 AM - 4 PM**

Fandom Fest is back! Celebrate Jedi, Whovians, Avengers, Trekkies, heroes, and even villains with a full artist alley, cosplayers galore, epic photo ops, cool crafts, and, new this year, live music! Get a free airbrush tattoo, join the super scavenger hunt, and learn how to draw from pro artists. Come in cosplay to add to the fun! Stay “tooned” for [details](#). Drop in.

## Live Music



### Register. Meeting Room.

#### **Second Fridays: Easy to Love**

**Friday, Feb 10, 7 PM**

Celebrated jazz vocalist Elaine Dame views Valentine’s Day through the prism of Cole Porter’s masterful musical expression and sophisticated rhymes.



#### **Second Fridays:**

#### **Luck O’ The Irish**

**Friday, March 10, 7 PM**

Tri-L-Co Music entertains with sounds, singalongs, and stories from the old sod! Irish baritone Gavin Coyle teams with multi-instrumentalists Carlyn Lloyd and Jon Warfel.



#### **Elgin Symphony's Listeners Club**

**Tuesdays, Feb 28 and March 28, 1 PM**

Your chance to delve deep into the concert experience with a personal guided tour by ESO musicians. Hear them perform and share personal insights about each concert program.



#### **The Scott Green Magic Show**

**All ages w/caregiver**

**Tuesday, March 28, 10:30 AM**

Spring break fun packed with amazing magic, audience participation, and hysterical humor. Bring the family for a fantastic time. Drop in. Meeting Room.

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# More Spring Break Fun

Register, Program Room,  
except where noted.

## Stop-Motion Stories

Grades 2 – 5

Monday, March 27, 2 PM

Use stop-motion techniques to animate your own videos.

## Lego STEM Challenges

Grades 2 – 5, caregivers welcome

Tuesday, March 28, 3 PM

We challenge you to build something incredible with our LEGOs! Create and learn with STEM-based activities. Drop in.

## Knitting 101

Grades 6 – 8

Wednesday, March 29, 10:30 AM

Learn to cast on and knit the basic garter stitch in this program for beginners. Supplies provided but feel free to bring your own, too!

## WeDo Together

PreK – Grade 2 w/caregiver

Thursday, March 30, 5:30 PM

Kids team up with their adults to build and code a working LEGO robot!

## Laser-Etched Keychains

Grades 6 – 8

Thursday, March 30, 3:30 PM

Design a positive affirmation keychain as you listen to relaxing music, learn the benefits of positive self-talk, and receive stress reduction resources to take home.

## Grossology

Grades 3 – 5

Friday, March 31

1:30 PM OR 3:30 PM

These fun experiments will have you shouting, "Gross!"



# Learn – Play – Create

Register, Program Room,  
except where noted.

## Lego Club

All ages w/caregiver

Wednesdays, Feb 8 and March 8

3:30 – 4:30 PM

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

## Snow Slime

Grades 3 – 8

Wednesday, Feb 15, 4 PM

Get ready to learn how to make some winter snow slime. Dress for a mess!

## Big Blue Block Drop-In Play

All ages w/caregiver

Fridays, Feb 17 and March 17

9:30 AM – 12 PM

Drop in to play, create, and build with our Big Blue Blocks.

## Tech Open Lab

All ages w/ caregiver

Friday, Feb 17, 2 PM – 3:30 PM

Wednesday, March 29,  
3:30 PM – 5 PM

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

## Slime Time

PreK – Grade 2: Monday, Feb 20  
2 PM

Grades 3 – 6: Monday, Feb 20  
3 PM

Learn how to make slime. Dress for a mess!

## Family Explorers:

### Animal Tracks

PreK – Grade 2 w/caregiver

Saturday, March 11, 10:30 AM

Let's read *Whose Footprint Is That?* by Darrin Lunde and learn all about different types of animal tracks. Get ready to track the animal footprints you find with a craft activity.

## A note on registration:

Some Youth Services Programs require registration. Registration for Feb and March programs opens Monday, Jan 30. Register at [balibrary.org](http://balibrary.org) or call (847) 382-1300. Program space is limited. BALibrary cardholders receive priority admission until a program begins or fills.

## Pokemon Fan Club

Grades 3 – 6

Wednesdays, Feb 22 and March 22  
4 PM

Gotta catch them all! Let's talk Pokemon, play games, and make crafts inspired by Pokemon.



# Stories & More: For Ages 0 – 6

Program space is limited. BAlibrary cardholders receive priority admission until a program begins or fills. Drop in, Story Room, except where noted.

## Family Story Time

**All ages w/caregiver**  
**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.

## Baby Time: Lapsit

**Ages 0 – 12 months w/caregiver**  
**Tuesdays through March 21, 9:30 AM**  
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 March 21**  
**10:15 AM**  
Enjoy songs, rhymes, and stories that support early language and motor skills.

## Toddler Time

**Ages 2 – 3 years w/caregiver**  
**Wednesdays through March 22**  
**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 March 23, 10 AM**  
Time to dance, sing, and enjoy stories especially for preschoolers.

## Shadows & Groundhogs Story Time

**All ages w/caregiver**  
**Thursday, Feb 2, 4 PM**  
Come join us for a special story time all about shadows and groundhogs. Meeting Room.

## Art from the Heart

**All ages w/caregiver**  
**Tuesday, Feb 7, 4 PM**  
**Thursday, March 30, 10 AM**  
Bring your creativity and curiosity. Come explore materials, learn about process and make art that is uniquely yours. Program Room.

## Happy Birthday Story Time

**All ages w/caregiver**  
**Friday, Feb 10, 10 AM**  
**Friday, March 10, 10 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.



## Love & Kindness Story Time

**All ages w/caregiver**  
**Tuesday, Feb 14, 6:30 PM**  
Warm up with some heartwarming stories and songs. Meeting Room.

## Sensory Playtime

**All ages**  
**Thursday, Feb 16, 2:30 - 4 PM**  
**Friday, March 24, 10 - 11:30 AM**  
Join us in a sensory play time that includes rice, sand, music, and other play that engages the senses. Meeting Room.

## Little Kids, Big Feelings

**Ages 3 – 6 w/caregiver**  
**Friday, Feb 24, 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.

## Goodnight Story Time

**All ages w/caregiver**  
**Fridays, Feb 24 and March 17, 6 PM**  
Shake out your sillies, get cozy, and listen to bedtime tales in this calming evening story time designed to help kids get a good night's sleep.

## Ukulele Baby Rhyme Time

**Ages 0 – 18 months w/caregiver**  
**Tuesday, Feb 28, 4 PM**  
Join our librarians and their ukuleles in this interactive, musical rhyme time, and learn the many benefits of bathing your baby in song!

## Meditation Story Time

**Ages 2 – 5 w/caregiver**  
**Friday, March 3, 10 AM**  
Take a few mindful moments as we read stories and participate in activities that introduce basic mindfulness skills. [Register.](#)

## Ukulele Sing-Along Story Time

**Ages 2 – 6 w/caregiver**  
**Tuesday, March 14, 4 PM**  
Experience the joys of song and dance in this interactive, sing-along story time.

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

**All ages w/caregiver**  
**Monday, March 20, 4 PM**  
Celebrate all things Mister Rogers on Won't You Be My Neighbor Day with stories, songs, and acts of kindness. Meeting Room.

## Story Time Dance Party

**All ages w/caregiver**  
**Friday, March 31, 10 AM**  
Bop to the beat and share some stories! Meeting Room.

## Virtual Programs on YouTube

Tune into our [YouTube channel](#) for on-demand fun! Search "Barrington Area Library Youth Services" to find us on YouTube.

## All Ages Story Time

Stories, songs, and rhymes! Watch and sing along to help your child develop important early literacy skills.

## Story Time Shorts

Quick rhymes, songs, and movement activities - follow along at home!



## Just For Teens

### Chat and Chill

Grades 6 – 8

**Thursdays, Feb 23 and March 16  
4:30 PM**

Unwind with different forms of art, like mandala coloring, mosaic sticker art, and watercolor painting, while enjoying friendly conversation and soothing music. Bring your materials or use ours. Bring a friend or meet new friends! Drop in. Program Room.

### Clock Embroidery

Grades 4 – 8

**Friday, March 24, 3 PM**

Learn how to do basic embroidery by decorating your very own clock. [Register](#). Program Room.

## For Young Adults

### Begin Your College Search

**Wednesday, Feb 22, 7 PM**

Finding the right college means finding the best academic, social, and financial fit for college-bound students. Thomas Jaworski of Quest College Consulting provides high school families with advice on the stressful search process, including how to virtually interact with colleges. For parents and students. [Register](#). Virtual.



### Yoga for Teens

**Friday, March 24, 11 AM**

Grades 9 – 12

Relax and enjoy the many benefits of yoga with registered instructor Karen Fotopoulos. Please dress comfortably and bring a mat. [Register](#). Zimmerman Room.

## Let's Get Growing

### Winter Sowing and Seed Starting

**Thursday, Feb 16, 7 PM**

Master Gardeners share the basics of starting seeds indoors or using the outdoor milk jug method. [Register](#). Virtual.

### Design a Native Plant Garden

**Thursday, Feb 23, 7 PM**

*In collaboration with Chicago Living Corridors*

Restoration expert Matt Hokanson explores best practices and inspiring examples for creating a garden that showcases Illinois native plants. [Register](#). Virtual.

### Growing Veggies in Raised Beds

**Thursday, March 16, 7 PM**

Raised beds have many advantages. Master Gardeners explain how to use one to establish a successful vegetable garden. [Register](#). Virtual.

## History Revisited

### The Essential Houdini

**Thursday, Feb 16, 7 PM**

William Pack takes us on the mind-bending journey of famous magician and escape artist Harry Houdini. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

### Female Lighthouse Keepers of America

**Tuesday, March 14, 7 PM**

Illinois Road Scholar Laura Keyes introduces the amazing ladies who kept the lights on for centuries. [Register](#). Virtual.

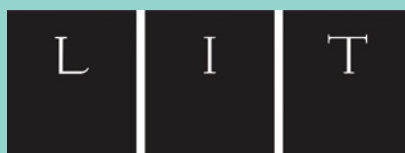


### Leslie Goddard Presents: Lady Bird Johnson

**Thursday, March 30, 7 PM**

Explore the life of this prominent First Lady and advocate for Civil Rights, the environment, and beautifying America. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

## For Book Lovers



### LIT

Discuss popular titles in a social book club for adults. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

***The Very Secret Society of Irregular Witches* by Sangu Mandanna**  
**[Monday, Feb 13, 7 PM](#)**

***Hench* by Natalie Zina Walschots**  
**[Monday, March 13, 7 PM](#)**

### Big Spring Books

**Monday, Feb 6, 6 PM**

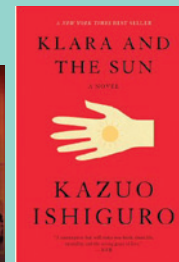
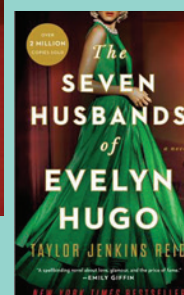
Hear about some of the most anticipated spring releases. You might even go home with a free book! [Register](#). Meeting Room.

### Book Discussions with Lanny Ori

Professional book discussion leader Lanny Ori leads thought-provoking discussions of notable titles. [Register](#). Zimmerman Room.

***The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo* by Taylor Jenkins Reid**  
**[Thursday, Feb 16, 2 PM](#)**

***Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro**  
**[Thursday, March 16, 2 PM](#)**



# March is National Craft Month

Register, Meeting Room, except where noted.

## Wine Bottle

### Hummingbird Feeders

Thursday, March 2, 2 PM OR 6 PM

Repurpose an old bottle into a pretty feeder for our feathered friends.

## Accordion Keepsake Book

Thursday, March 9, 2 PM OR 6 PM

Make an easy mini photo book or journal using folded papers and other creative materials.



## Crafting for a Cause:

### Fidget Quilts

Wednesday, March 15

2 PM OR 6 PM

*In collaboration with Bacoa*

Learn to sew a fidget quilt for adults with memory issues while hearing about what it means to be a dementia friend. Supplies provided. Instructor on hand to demonstrate and troubleshoot.

A local non-profit will distribute completed quilts to people with dementia.



## Take-And-Make: Creativebug Macramé Keychains

For Ages 14+

Pick-Up Saturday, March 18 OR

Sunday, March 19

Craft from the comfort of home with Creativebug. Kit includes everything you need, follow the link on the instructions to get started.

## Bring Your Own Craft!

Wednesday, March 22, 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. We'd love to make BYOC a monthly event! Zimmerman Room.

## Ombre Wind Chime Craft

Thursday, March 23, 2 PM OR 6 PM

Add a spark of color and sound to your yard with delightful DIY wind chimes.



## Decorative Beehive

Monday, March 27, 2 PM OR 6 PM

Buzz over and create a charming beehive to sweeten up your space.



## Yoga With Karen Fotopoulos

Tuesday, Feb 21, 10 AM

Show yourself a little extra love this month with a yoga class.  
Register. Zimmerman Room.

# Program Guide

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### **Cooks with Books: Valentine's Day**

**Tuesday, Feb 14, 2 PM**

Share the love with this Valentine's dinner menu from chefs Susan and Michael Maddox. [Register](#). Virtual.

### **Cooks with Books: Book Club**

**Tuesday, Feb 28, 7 PM**

Check out one of our dessert cookbooks and come ready to chat while you decorate your own candy dish! [Register](#). Meeting Room.

### **Cooks with Books: After Dark**

**Tuesday, March, 7, 7 PM**

Natalie Bovis highlights Irish whiskey in honor of St. Paddy's Day. [Register](#). Virtual.

### **Cooks with Books: Book Club**

**Tuesday, March 28, 7 PM**

Spring is here so let's talk about cooking with herbs, while you decorate a planter pot and get herb seeds from our Seed Library. [Register](#). Meeting Room.



## Local Learning

### **Going Solar**

**Monday, Feb 27, 7 PM**

*In collaboration with  
Go Green Barrington*



Peter Gorr from the Illinois Solar Energy Association discusses going solar, from panels on your home to remote community solar organization subscriptions. Q & A to follow. [Register](#). Hybrid/Meeting Room.

### **Barrington 220 School Board Candidate Forum**

**Saturday, March 11, 10:30 AM**

*In collaboration with the League of  
Women Voters of the Palatine Area*

A moderated forum featuring Barrington 220 School Board candidates. Upon registration, attendees may submit a question. Questions are subject to review & editing by an LWV team. [Register](#). Virtual.

### **The Full Story on Electric Vehicles**

**Monday, March 20, 7 PM**

*In collaboration with Go  
Green Barrington*



Kate Carney from the Cook County Department of Environment & Sustainability discusses the basics of electric vehicles. Learn the benefits and get the full story about common myths. Q & A to follow. [Register](#). Hybrid/Meeting Room.

## Just for Seniors



### **Relief Printmaking Class**

**Tuesday, Feb 7, 10:30 AM**

Alison Baggio from Kaleidoscope School of Fine Art leads us through the process of carving a relief and using it to print a custom Valentine card. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

### **Traveling On Public Transportation**

**Thursday, Feb 9, 1 PM**

*In collaboration with Bacoa*  
Learn about public transportation options in our area, accessibility features on buses/trains, trip planning, and safety tips from a representative from the Regional Transportation Authority. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

### **Let's Organize and Simplify**

**Tuesday, Feb 21, 3 PM**

*In collaboration 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.

## Grow Your Organization

### **Name Tags For Non-Profits and Small Businesses**

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

Staff will help you design and produce a professional magnetic nametag with the logo of your organization or business, using our sublimation printer. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

### **Non-Profit Book Discussion: Soundtracks by Jon Acuff**

**Monday, March 6, 1 PM**

*In collaboration with Barrington Area  
Development Council*

Community non-profit leaders discuss Global Leadership presenter Jon Acuff's book *Soundtracks: The Surprising Solution to Overthinking*. BAlibrary cardholders: download the free audiobook – with no waitlist – using Hoopla. [Register](#). Zimmerman Room.



# Inspiring Stories

## The Life-Changing Power of Community: Author Clifton Taulbert

Thursday, Feb 23, 7 PM

Internationally-known, best-selling author Clifton Taulbert (*Once Upon A Time When We Were Colored*, *The 8 Habits Of The Heart*) illustrates the power of community to transform lives.

From the cotton fields of Mississippi to boardrooms around the world, Taulbert's journey is a remarkable testament to hard work, education, and the many kindnesses good people showed him throughout his life. [Register](#). Virtual.

Event made possible by Gail Borden Public Library.



## Invisible Warriors Film Event

Sunday, March 5 –  
Wednesday, March 15

Meet a small group of ladies who represent the 600,000 Black women who fled lives as domestics and sharecroppers to work in factories and U.S. government offices during World

War II. These patriotic pioneers share wartime memories, recounting their battles against racism at home, Nazism abroad, and sexism everywhere.

Receive a [link](#) to stream this powerful film online at your convenience by registering for either the live introduction to the film or the closing Q&A session: (details below), both featuring the film's producer Gregory S. Cooke. Cooke is the Founder and President of the Basil and Becky Educational Foundation, dedicated to relocating African Americans from the margins to the main pages of American and global history.

### *Invisible Warriors*: Introduction to the Film

Sunday, March 5, 2 – 3 PM | Virtual | [Register](#)  
Gregory S. Cooke introduces his film *Invisible Warriors*.

### An Evening with Documentary Historian Gregory S. Cooke

Wednesday, March 15, 7 – 8 PM | Virtual | [Register](#)  
Join an insightful conversation and Q&A after viewing *Invisible Warriors*.

Presented in partnership with over 50 Illinois public libraries and the College of DuPage.



## Author Events

### Saying Yes to Your Story: A Conversation with Kwame Alexander

Tuesday, Feb 8, 7 PM

For all ages

Young people and their families are invited to an inspiring evening with best-selling, award-winning, children's and young adult author and poet Kwame Alexander. Virtual. [Register](#).

Please note that this program will be presented live without a recording.

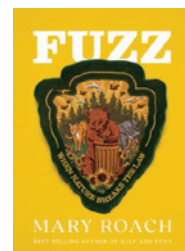


### The Weird and Wonderful World with Mary Roach

Wednesday, March 1, 7 PM

An entertaining and hilarious evening with New York Times best-selling science author Mary Roach. Roach discusses her frank approach to science, the importance of humor, and the weird, wonderful world in which we live. Annalee Newitz joins her in conversation.

[Register](#).



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# Tech & Maker Topics

## Personalized Wine Bottle Caddy

**Monday, Feb 6, 6 PM**

Laser-etch a name or phrase on a wine bottle caddy made with our laser cutter. [Register](#). Conference Room.

## Valentine's Day Card Making

**Monday, Feb 13, 3 PM OR 6 PM**

Learn how to make a special greeting card with the Silhouette software and cutting machine. Register. Conference Room.



## Laser-Cut Picture Frame

**Tuesday, March 7, 3 PM**

Learn the basics of Inkscape to personalize a picture frame. [Register](#). Conference Room.

## Golf Markers

**Monday March 20, 6 PM**

Design and etch a custom birch wood golf marker. [Register](#). Conference Room.



## Introduction to Photoshop

**Thursday, March 16, 6 PM**

Learn to change and improve your images by using the spot removal tools, selection tools, and adjustment layers. [Register](#). Conference Room.