



# CAROL STREAM PUBLIC LIBRARY

December, January & February 2025-2026

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# Community & Resources

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Social Services Hours

#### Ask the Social Worker **P**

December-February

Tues. (Bilingual), Jan. 6 & Feb. 3

10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Wed., Dec. 17, Jan. 21 & Feb. 18  
3-5 p.m.

Drop in and meet with a Carol Stream PD Social Worker who can connect you with the services that meet your needs. Learn what is available to all residents.

### Winter Coat Sharing **P**

Wed., Dec. 3 to Wed., Dec. 31

Help keep our community warm. The Rotary Club of Carol Stream is hosting its annual Winter Coat Drive. The Library is collecting new and gently used coats to help those in need stay warm this season. Please consider donating — your generosity makes a real difference in our community.

### WIC Mobile Clinic **P**

Friday, January 9, 12:30-4:30 p.m.

The Mobile Clinic offers full WIC (Women, Infants & Children) appointments, nutrition education, healthy food benefits, breast feeding support and community referrals. Registration is available online; however, walk-ins are welcome.

### CSPL Blood Drive **R P**

Thurs., Jan. 22, 12:30-5 p.m.

The Carol Stream Public Library and Versiti Blood Center are teaming up for a community Blood Drive. Your donation will help save the lives of local residents in the area. The Blood Drive will be held in the Library's meeting room. A photo ID is required to donate. Registration is available at the Library's online calendar; however, walk-ins are welcome. *Versiti is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.*

### Local Food Drive **P**

Wed., Dec. 3 to Sat., Feb. 28

#### Library Lobby

Help out your neighbors and friends by donating food, toiletries and paper products this winter season. All collected donations will be allocated to the Neighborhood Food Pantries locations in Carol Stream, Lutheran Church of the Master and St. Andrew United Methodist Church. Your generosity will support our neighbors in need. Use the QR code for a list of most needed items.



## HOLIDAY FUN

### Carol Stream Tree

#### Lighting Extravaganza **P**

Friday, December 5, 6-8 p.m.

Carol Stream Town Center

The Carol Stream Public Library is partnering with the Village of Carol Stream & the Carol Stream Park District to host a Tree Lighting Extravaganza! Enjoy carols around the tree, pony rides, a petting zoo, meet Santa, watch a cheerful dance routine & dive into festive cookie-decorating.



## RESOURCES

### Beyond The Bookshelf

Discover online resources such as Tumblebooks, Consumer Reports, hoopla and Libby. All resources are available to patrons, ranging from help provided with product testing and ratings to help you make better, more informed purchasing choices; access to children's books, videos, and games using any web-enabled device; digital media with tons of titles, which may include audiobooks, movies, ebooks, television shows, music albums and comics.



# ● A Year in Review

## SUMMER READING

### Youth Services Program

The Youth Summer Reading Program had a total of 1,345 participants. 941 children each read 600 minutes or more and earned a book to take home and keep. Together participants reported reading 884,200 minutes of great non-stop reading.

### Adult Services Program

The Adult Summer Reading Program had a total of 458 Adult and 45 High School participants.

Some notable programs included the Summer High School Volunteer Program where 75 teens created 300 handmade pet blankets & provided more than 500 cat toys to Anderson Humane. Adult Services hosted 100 ESL sessions, partnering with COD & People's Resource Center. The Library also delivered over 2,000 items to our Homebound Patrons, creating a wonderful experience for patrons from the comfort of their homes.



The Library provided dance and movement programs, book discussions, cooking, science & animal programs for kids and families. Youth Services offered a variety of engaging programs designed for kids to learn, explore, and have fun. Highlights included the Summer Reading Kick-Off, where families enjoyed a day of art activities and a foam party. Other popular events included the DIY Drive-In, Encanto Experience and A Date with Dad, each providing opportunities for creativity, connection and lasting memories.



## PROGRAMS

### Adult Services

Adult Services offered special programs for Adults and Teens. In the past year, Adult Services had an estimate of 387 Adult and 125 Teen in-person and self-directed Adult programs servicing a total of 8,481 Adults & 2,021 Teens who participated in a variety of engaging activities, including crafts, presentations and hands-on events.



### Youth Services

During 2025, Youth Services hosted 726 in-person and self-directed programs servicing a total of 22,580 patrons.

## DISTRIBUTED CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES

### CSPL, Spice of the Month & Take & Make Kits

Youth Services Librarians distributed a total of 3,470 CSPL Kits over the past year. In total, Adult Service distributed 600 Spice of the Month Kits, 1,440 High School Take & Makes and 1,350 Adult Take & Makes to Carol Stream patrons this past year.

### Binge Boxes

Adult Services Librarians produced 200 Adult & High School Binge Boxes with hand-selected books for patrons. Youth Services Librarians produced over 889 Binge Boxes with hand-picked books, treats and small gifts to brighten readers' days.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### CSPL Blood Drive

In collaboration with the generous Carol Stream community and Versiti Blood Center, 53 units of blood were donated, aiding 159 patients in need. A heartfelt thanks to all our donors for their unwavering support.



# Spotlight

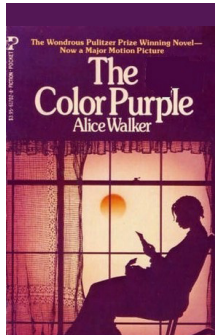
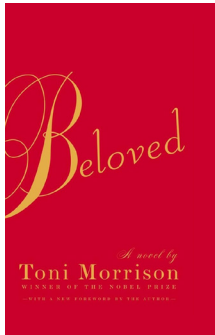
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## CELEBRATE

### Black History Month

February 1 to February 29

Join the Carol Stream Public Library in remembering and honoring African Americans for the significant accomplishments and contributions they have made throughout history. Explore novels rich in African American History. Check out the variety of books available on our online catalog today.



### 28 Days of Black History Interactive Display P

All Month February

Stop by throughout the month and watch a giant calendar change day by day. Based on a virtual calendar from the National Park Service, learn about the Black History preserved in national parks and beyond.



### Chicago's African American Aviation Pioneers R P

Tuesday, February 17

6:30 p.m. | Adults

In celebration of Black History Month, we welcome Chicago author Michael Haupt who will take us back in time to learn about how two African American auto mechanics followed their passion for aviation. These men paved the way for African American pilots, as well as creating the first black-owned and operated airport.



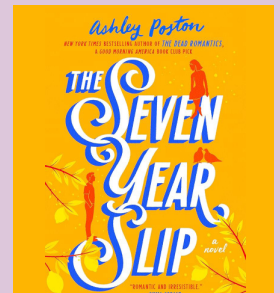
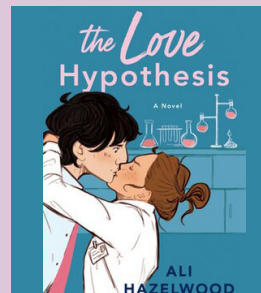
### Science Fiction Day P

Saturday, January 31, 1-4 p.m.

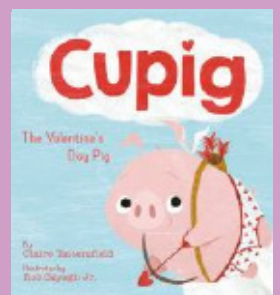
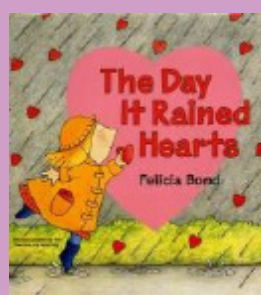
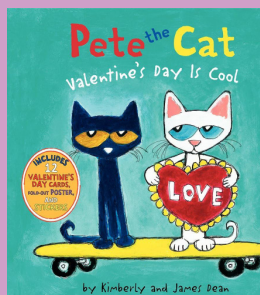
Science Fiction lovers and Star Wars fans are invited to meet the 501st Midwest Garrison and others for some intergalactic fun and activities. Photos, you will take!

## VALENTINE'S DAY READS

### Adults



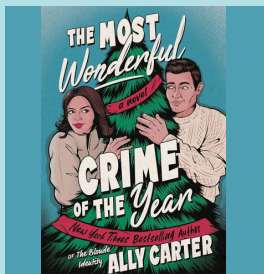
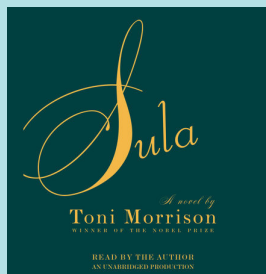
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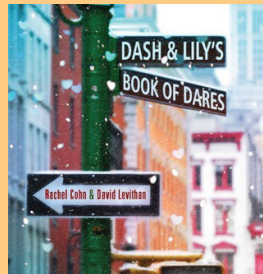


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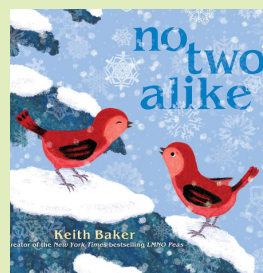
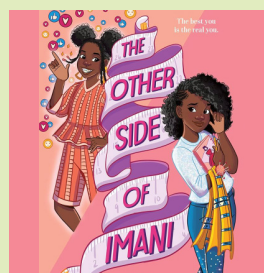
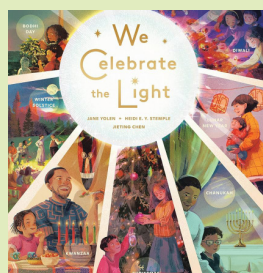
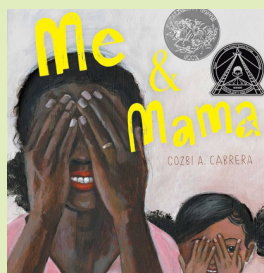
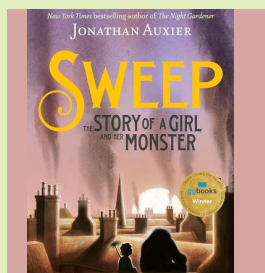
## ADULTS READS



## TEEN READS



## KIDS READS



# Kids

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## WEEKLY STORYTIMES: Recurring 3 Weeks Each Month

### Storytime for Little Ones **R P**

Mon., 9:30-10:15 a.m.  
& Tues., 10:30-11:15 a.m.  
**Ages 0-24 Months**

We will be sharing wonderful stories, songs and rhymes with our smallest friends. An opportunity for free play and discussion will follow.

### Storytime Jamboree **R P**

Thurs., 10-10:30 a.m. | **Ages 0-6**

Get ready for an all-ages storytime featuring stories, music and movement.

### Preschool Pals **R P**

Wednesday, 10-10:30 a.m.  
**Ages 2-6**

Join us for storytime and dance, sing, read and play.

## SPECIAL STORYTIMES

### Yoga Storytime **R P**

Friday, Dec. 19, Jan. 16 & Feb. 20  
10-10:30 a.m. | **Ages 3-6**

An interactive storytime that pairs themed and learning books with movement & mindfulness. Practice yoga poses, play with active songs, and complete mindful moments for focus and relaxation.

### Friday Stories and Fun **R P**

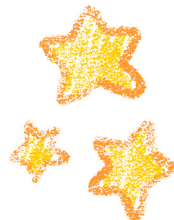
Friday, January 23 & February 27  
10-11:30 a.m. | **Ages 0-6**

Fridays are fierce, fun and fantastic at the Library. Join us for a fabulous storytime and stay afterwards to enjoy an hour of free play.

### Fairy Tale Friday **R P**

Friday, January 30  
11-11:30 a.m. | **Ages 3-8**

This month's special storytime will be all things Fairy Tale! We'll be covering old tales and new takes on classics.



B = Bilingüe Ñ = En español

Bilingüe se llevará a cabo en inglés y español



## Celebración del Día de las Velitas B R P

Domingo 7 de diciembre  
2 p.m. | Grados K-6

Acompañenos a celebrar el Día de la Velitas con un cuento y con una manualidad (un farol). Aparte, otorgaremos dulces típicos de Colombia para celebrar este evento importante.

## Celebración del Día de los Reyes B R P

Sábado 3 de enero  
2 p.m. | Edades 2-10

Acompañenos a celebrar el Día de los Tres Reyes con un cuento y una manualidad. Participaremos en la partida tradicional del pan de la Rosca de Reyes.

## Juegos de mesa Ñ R P

Juev. 15 de ene., 6:30 p.m. | Fam.

Vengan a disfrutar de unas botanas mientras jugamos juegos familiares en español. Usted podrá meterse en diferentes estaciones independientemente y disfrutar de multiples juegos en familia.



## Lotería en familia Ñ R P

Lunes 2 de febrero  
6 p.m. | Familia

¡Únase a nosotros para jugar el juego Lotería, también conocido como Bingo Mexicano! Jugaremos la versión para niños de este juego clásico, del que toda la familia puede disfrutar. Métase en el colorido mundo de la Lotería mientras nos reunimos para una sesión llena de diversión, azar y emoción.

## HORAS DE CUENTO

### Encuentro bilingüe B R P

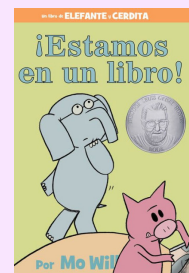
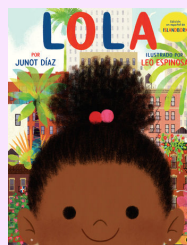
Sábado 13 de diciembre  
y 14 de febrero  
11:30 a.m.-12 p.m. | Edades 2-8

Venga a disfrutar de una historia contada en inglés y español, seguida de divertidas actividades para los más pequeños. Habrán meriendas.

### Hora del cuento Ñ R P

Mart. 2 de dic., 6 de enero y  
17 de febrero, 9:30-10 a.m.  
Edades 0-6

Prepárate para una hora de cuentos en español para niños pequeños con historias y más.





## LITTLE ONES



### Tots Can Cook R O

Tues., Dec. 2, 6:30 p.m. | Ages 2-5

Join the master chefs from The Kids' Table as they instruct preschoolers in the fine art of creating delicious double chocolate cookies.

### Sensory Series R P

Monday, December 8, January 5 & February 2, 4 p.m. | Ages 3-8

Explore all things fun to squish, squeeze & shape. In December, we're rolling out homemade snow. In January, we're bringing out all things bubbly. In February, we're cracking dinosaur eggs for half an hour of fun sensory activities.

### Itty Bitty Book Fun R P

Friday, Dec. 12, Jan. 9 & Feb. 13  
10 a.m. | Ages 3-8

Discover new picture books and see old favorites in a fresh way with art and craft projects.

### Music & Me R P

Monday, Dec. 15, Jan. 12 & Feb. 9  
3:45 p.m. | Ages 3-6

Carol Streamers, get ready to rock! Kids will clap, stomp & play simple percussion instruments to discover patterns and beats. They will explore a variety of instruments, from simple percussion to stringed instruments, encouraging experimentation.

### Fancy Feet R P

Wed., December 17, January 28 & February 25, 10 a.m. | Ages 2-5

Find your rhythm and use your imagination as you dance along to fun music with an instructor from the Flourish Dance Academy.

### Happy Noon Year R P

Wed., Dec. 31, 11 a.m. | Ages 2-8

Join us to ring in the New Year a little early. We'll make a craft, listen to a story or two, and then dance to some of our favorite tunes. Before the clock strikes Noon, we'll get ready to countdown with noise makers, confetti & balloons!

### Preschool

#### Information Fair R P

Saturday, January 24  
10 a.m. | Family

Attention, parents of future preschoolers! Drop by the Library to meet representatives from area preschools. Get all the information about which preschool is the best fit for your new student and your family.

### Play & Learn R P

Tuesday, January 27 & February 24, 10 a.m. | Ages 2-6

The Library is inviting all little ones and their caregivers to explore snow and ice in January. In February, we will explore body science through fun tactile learning stations.



## CSPL KITS

Available on the dates listed. First come-first served at the Youth Desk. Available while supplies last.

### Mon.-Sat., Dec. 1-6

#### Preschool:

Color Wheel Ornament

#### Grades K-5:

Paper Airplane Launcher

### Mon.-Sat., Dec. 15-20

#### Preschool:

Color Resist Winter Hats

#### Grades K-5:

Rainbow Snow Trees

### Mon.-Sat., Jan. 5-10

#### Preschool:

Beaded Snowflakes

#### Grades K-5:

Wishing Wand

### Mon.-Sat., Jan. 19-24

#### Preschool:

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom Challenge

#### Grades K-5:

Marshmallow Igloo

### Mon.-Sat., Feb. 2-7

#### Preschool:

Winter Bird Craft

#### Grades K-5:

Flower Ice Ball

### Mon.-Sat., Feb. 16-21

#### Preschool:

Newspaper Polar Bear

#### Grades K-5:

Valentine Volcano



## ELEMENTARY

### Afternoon Artists R P

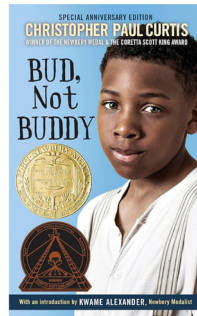
Wed., Dec. 3, Jan. 14 & February 4  
4:30 p.m. | Grades K-2

Calling all Afternoon Artists! Every month, we will feature a special artist to learn their techniques to create unique art of our own.

### Puzzle Presents R P

Tuesday, December 9  
4:30 p.m. | Grades PreK-2  
5:30 p.m. | Grades 3-5

Puzzled about that last-minute gift? Stop by the Library, grab some hot cocoa and create and design your own jigsaw puzzle for your sibling, your bestie or yourself. Using a blank puzzle board provided by the Library, participants will draw their own designs that can be taken apart and reassembled, or it can make an excellent wall art puzzle display.



### Smart Cookie Book Club R P

Thurs., Jan. 8 & Feb. 26  
5:30 p.m. | Grades 3-5

Smart Cookies love to read and talk about books! In January, we will discuss *The Christmas Pig* by J.K. Rowling. In February, we will discuss *Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis.

### Page Turners R P

Thurs., Jan. 22, 4:30 p.m. | Gr. K-2

Page Turners is an exciting book club that explores new worlds, friends, and unforgettable characters inspired by our reading. In January, we will be reading *The Bad Guys: A Very Bad Holiday* by Aaron Babley.

### Valentine's Day Maker Party R P

Tues., Feb. 10, 6 p.m. | Grades 2-5

Decorate a cookie box, a cookie and a card for your special Valentine. There will also be cookies, milk and juice for your enjoyment.



## LITTLE CHEF'S CORNER

### Kids Can Cook R O

Thursday, December 4  
6:30 p.m. | Grades K-4

Join the master chefs at The Kids' Table as they instruct kids in the fine art of creating yummy white chocolate cranberry cookies.

### Little Cooks with Chef Tony R P

Monday, January 26  
6 p.m. | Grades K-3

Little Chefs, come be a part of this interactive cooking demonstration where Tony will cook, with your assistance, to make delicious food for everyone to taste.



### Lunar New Year Party R P

Mon., Feb. 16, 2 p.m. | Grades K-3

Ring in the year of the horse with games and activities!

### Drop-In Giant Games R P

Fri., Feb. 27, 1 p.m. | Grades 3-5

It's a day off of school. What to do? Come to the Library for our drop-in Giant Games program. Challenge yourself to an oversized game of Chess, Checkers, Sorry, Candy Land, Uno and more!





## EVERYONE

### Chess Club **R P**

Tues., Dec. 2, Jan. 6 & Feb. 3  
3:30 p.m. | *Grades 3-8*

Join us for a two-hour session of open play chess. All skill levels are welcome to play. There will be no formal instruction given, but Mr. Steve will be on hand to answer any chess related questions.

### Homeschool Hangout **R P**

Fri., Dec. 5, Jan. 2, & Feb. 6, 11 a.m.  
*Grades K-8, but siblings are welcome*

Join us for fun activities and meet other home-schooling families in the community. In December, we will have fun making a winter craft while enjoying a snack. In January, we enjoy a cup of cocoa while having fun playing with giant games. In February, we will enjoy a snack and decorate Valentines for Carol Stream homebound seniors.

### Family Yoga **R P**

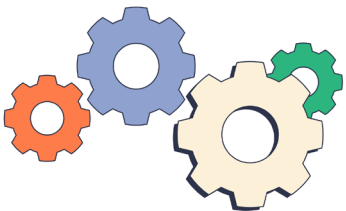
Sat., Dec. 6 & Feb. 7, 11 a.m.  
Wed., Feb. 11, 6:30 p.m. | *Family*

Enjoy some family bonding time with yoga flow, partner poses, games, mindfulness & a craft.

### Family STEM Time **R P**

Sunday, January 11, 2 p.m.  
*For families with kids grades K-5*

Drop in and spend quality family time exploring different STEM concepts. Work together using Library supplied kits to learn about electricity, magnets, circuits, engineering, robots and gears.



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### Yuletide

#### YouTube Singalong **R P**

Tuesday, December 16  
5 p.m. | *Family*

Join us for a cozy evening filled with delicious hot chocolate, cookies and the joyful sounds of Christmas carols! Gather the whole family and sing along to your favorite holiday classics as we celebrate the season together.

### Youth Services

#### Book Club Party **R P**

Thurs., Dec. 18, 5:30 p.m. | *Gr. K-8*

Calling all Page Turners, Smart Cookie and One More Chapter participants. This party is for you! Join Mr. Steve and Ms. Sam for a fun-filled time to celebrate the year we've had and pick up your first book for 2026. *Partygoers must have attended at least one book club in the last six months.*

#### LEGO Club **R P**

Sunday, December 28  
& February 15, 2 p.m. | *Family*

Bring your friends and family for a great time constructing all of your LEGO ideas. Enjoy a fun, hands-on experience where creativity knows no bounds. Build, imagine, and explore together as you create amazing LEGO designs.

### PUZZLE ME THIS

#### 500 Piece Puzzle Challenge **R P**

Wed., Dec. 10, 6 p.m. | *Grades 3-8*

Carol Streamers, get ready to rock! The Library will provide copies of the same 500-piece puzzle. Bring your team (up to 5 people with only 2 adults per team) to race against competitors and win prizes. Smaller groups will be paired together to form teams. Please register all who are participating in the race.

#### Escape From Puzzle Mania **R P**

Thurs., Dec. 11, 6 p.m. | *Grades 3-8*

Your fellow puzzlers needs your help! It will take a team of clever students and maybe their parents to enter the escape room and solve all of the puzzles for the win. Will you join the team?

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

### Middle School Meetup **R P**

Mondays, 3:15 p.m. | *Grades 6-8*

Bring your friends to this fun hangout featuring a different activity at each scheduled meetup!

**December 15:** Movie, *Charlie Brown Christmas*

**February 2:** Kahoot! Trivia

**February 23:** Video Games

### After School Art **P**

Fridays, December-February  
3:15 p.m. | *Grades 6-8*

First and third Fri. of the month.

Drop by after school on the first and third Fridays of the month to enjoy some relaxing and creative time with your friends.

### Tweens Can Cook **R O**

Mon., Dec. 1, 6:30 p.m. | *Gr. 4-8*

Join the master chefs from The Kids' Table as they instruct tweens in the fine art of creating Iced Lemon Cookies.

### Accessorize a Vision Board **R P**

Tues., January 6, 4 p.m. | *Gr. 6-12*

Ready to turn your dreams into something you can see? In this fun and creative workshop, you'll design your own vision board filled with your goals, passions and future plans.

### Reusable Fabric

### Handwarmers **R P**

Wed., January 7, 4 p.m. | *Gr. 5-8*

Sew your own reusable hand warmer for an enjoyable winter. We will be making handwarmers that you can microwave and enjoy having toasty hands in the middle of winter.

### Young Cooks

### with Chef Tony **R P**

Mon., January 26, 4 p.m. | *Gr. 4-8*

Young Chefs, come be a part of this interactive cooking demonstration where Tony will cook, with your assistance, to make delicious food for everyone to taste.



### One More Chapter **R P**

Thurs., Jan. 29, 4 p.m. | *Grades 5-8*

Join us for a book chat in January about the book *Escape at 10,000 Feet* by Tom Sullivan.

## HIGH SCHOOL

### Take and Make Kits

*Grades 9-12:*

**Monday, December 1:**

Paper Ornament

**Friday, January 2:**

Snowflake Window Clings

**Sunday, February 1:**

Heart Suncatcher

The kits will be available on the dates listed. First come-first served at the Adult Services Desk. Available while supplies last.

### Crafting for a Cause **R P**

Sat., Dec. 6, Jan. 3 &

Feb. 7, 10 a.m.

Thurs., Dec. 11, Jan. 15

& Feb. 12, 4 p.m. | *Gr. 9-12*

Looking for a fun and rewarding way to help out your community? Give back by joining the Library's Crafting for a Cause Program. We will work together on short-term projects to benefit the Library and the community.

### High School Study Zone **P**

Monday-Thursday,  
December 15-18

4-8 p.m. | *Grades 9-12*

The Create & Learn Center in the Library will be available as a study space for high school students during Glenbard North Finals Week. Snacks, drinks and office supplies will be provided by the Library.

### Diamond Painting **R P**

Saturday, February 7

1 p.m. | *Grades 9-12 & Adults*

Join us for a cozy and fulfilling session where you can relax, unwind, express yourself and connect with others! This month we will be making Valentine's Day cards!





# Adults

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## ENTERTAINMENT

### Pages Through the Ages Book Club **R P**

Come and join our Book Club's tour through time. Ask for a copy of the book at the Reference Desk.

**Monday, December 15, 6:30 p.m.**  
Book Club Holiday Party

**Monday, January 19, 6:30 p.m.**  
*Fever 1793*

by Laurie Halse Anderson

**Monday, February 16, 6:30 p.m.**  
*A Ballad of Love and Glory*  
by Reyna Grande

### COD GREAT READ

#### Connecting Shakespeare to Modern Day **R P**

Tuesday, February 3, 7 p.m.

To kick-off the second year of the COD Great Read Series, English Professor Tip Tipton from College of DuPage will explore how literature allows us to consider our enduring fascination with embodiment by diving into Shakespeare's *As You Like It* and finding the connection to the Great Read Series selection, *Foul Lady Fortune* by Chloe Gong.

#### *Foul Lady Fortune*

#### Book Discussion **R P**

Wed., February 25, 6:30 p.m.

The College of DuPage Great Read Series book choice is *Foul Lady Fortune* by Chloe Gong. Come to our book club to share and learn about this historical fantasy of espionage, intrigue and dynamic characters.



### Mom's After Bedtime Book Club

Join this book club for busy moms. All books are available as e-audio on Hoopla or ask for a physical copy of the book at the Reference Desk.

**Mon., December 15, 6:30 p.m. **R P****  
Book Club Holiday Party

**Monday, January 19, 8 p.m. **R O****  
*The Housemaid*  
by Freida McFadden

**Monday, February 16, 8 p.m. **R O****  
*Shatter Me*  
by Tahereh Mafi

## ON YOUR OWN TIME

### Take & Make Kits

**Monday, December 1:**

Color Your Own  
Christmas Ornament

**Monday, December 15:**

Christmas Character Picture Frame

**Monday, December 29:**

DIY 3D Snowflake

**Friday, January 2:**

Paper Flower Gift Topper

**Sunday, February 1:**

Rainbow Stripe Bangle

Available on the dates listed, First come-first served at the Adult Services Desk. Available while supplies last.



### CHILL & READ Winter Reading Challenge

Through Saturday, January 31  
*High Schoolers & Adults*

Find your motivation and have fun meeting your reading goals this winter. Pick up a paper reading log at the Library or log your books online.



## HOBBIES



### Donuts & Dice R P

Saturday, January 17 & February 21, 10:30 a.m.

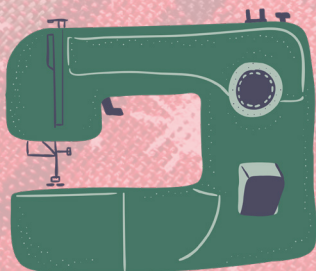
Relax with coffee, donuts and a game! We will be playing Harmonies in January and February. There will also be a variety of board games on hand from classics to newest favorites.

### Let's Sew Together R P

Supplies will be provided. If you have your own machine and want to use it, please bring it to class. No machine? You are welcome to use one of the Library's.

### Six Pocket Bag

Friday, January 30  
2-4 p.m.



## CRAFTS

### Cricut Maker R P

Registration will open for CSPL cardholders age 16+ at the start of each month.

Unlock your creativity with this hands-on program designed to guide you through the process of designing and creating. This program is perfect for beginners and seasoned crafters alike, offering step-by-step instructions for each stage of the process, from digital design to cutting and assembly.

### Personalized Gnome Sign

Fri., Dec. 12, 10 a.m. or 2 p.m.

### Personalized Pencil Pouch

Fri., Jan. 9, 10 a.m. or 2 p.m.

### Personalized Tray

Fri., February 13, 10 a.m. or 2 p.m.

### Create Your Vision Board R P

Tuesday, January 6, 6 p.m.

Explore how the Law of Attraction can help you align your mindset with your goals in this reflective and inspiring workshop.

### Painting Stargazing Snowmen R P

Wed., December 10, 6:30 p.m.

Join us for a fun evening of painting! An instructor from Pinot's Palette will guide us as we create our own masterpiece — a charming family of stargazing snowmen.

### Painting Radiant Roses R P

Thurs., February 12, 6:30 p.m.

Get ready for an evening of painting and fun! An instructor from Pinot's Palette will guide us as we create our own take on a beautiful bouquet of radiant red roses.



## DID SOMEONE SAY DIY?

### DIY Wood Train Engine R P

Tuesday, December 9  
10 a.m., 5 p.m. or 7 p.m.

Registration for CSPL cardholders 16+ opens Dec. 1.

Join us for a fun painting session where participants will create their own colorful train engine artwork.

### DIY New Years Craft R P

Tues., Jan. 20, 10 a.m.,  
5 p.m. or 7 p.m.

Registration for CSPL cardholders 16+ opens Jan. 2.

Join us for a fun painting session where participants will create their own colorful project to welcome in the New Year.

### DIY Playing Card Wreath R P

Tues., Feb. 17, 10 a.m.,  
5 p.m. or 7 p.m.

Registration for CSPL cardholders 16+ opens Feb. 2.

Join us for a fun, hands-on craft session where participants will create their own heart-shaped wreath made from playing cards.





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## HEALTHY LIVING



### Zumba R P

Monday, January 12  
& February 9, 7 p.m.

Get moving at this hour-long, high-intensity cardio workout. Expect a fast-paced session that gets your heart rate up and energy levels soaring. Be sure to wear comfortable clothes and shoes.

### Meditation Together R P

Meditation Together is a club for adults meeting on the second Saturday morning of each month that introduces different relaxation techniques to try with your friends and neighbors.

### Mini Mindfulness

#### Holiday Exercises

Saturday, December 13, 10 a.m.

### Sound Bathing

Saturday, January 10, 10 a.m.

### Meridians and Meditation

Saturday, February 14, 10 a.m.



## HOME & GARDEN

### Compost Magic with Worms R P

Thursday, January 8, 7 p.m.  
*In partnership with the DuPage Organic Garden Club*

Turn kitchen scraps, cardboard and leaf mulch into garden gold. Stasia Richter from Richter Nursery will show how red wigglers can transform these wastes into nutrient-rich compost for healthier soil and as an additive for peat free soil mixes. Reduce landfill waste and protect the environment while enriching your indoor and outdoor gardens.



### Winter Sowing R P

Thursday, February 5, 7 p.m.  
*In partnership with the DuPage Organic Garden Club*

Cynthia Ciekiewicz from the University of Illinois Extension will show an easy method of seed starting. Seeds are planted in mini greenhouses during the cold winter months, germinate outside and are ready to transplant once the ground thaws.

## TIS' THE SEASON

### Swap 'til you Drop: Toys R P

Saturday, December 13, 1-4 p.m.

Welcome to our first Swap 'til You Drop event hosted by the Library Green Team!



### Timeline & Guideline

**1 p.m.:** Registered guests will check in and have all items vetted. Items that do not fit our criteria will need to be taken back to your car. Please plan to bring between 3-10 toys max. Approved items will be placed in an assigned basket which will remain your responsibility through the day.

**2 p.m.:** Registered guests will have a first-pick around the room and choose up to 3 toys to keep.

**3 p.m.:** Free shopping will be open to the public. You may choose up to 3 toys, while supplies last.

**4 p.m.:** The Swap will close and guests will be responsible for taking home any items left over in their baskets at the end of the event.

## HISTORY

### Chicago's Sweet Bakeries Remembered **R P**

Tuesday, December 2, 7 p.m.

Remember your first bite of a sweet roll? Relive those memories as we explore the history of Chicago's sweet bakeries and learn about the history of some of Chicago's top baking companies. Discover where you can still enjoy mouth-watering, made-from-scratch baked goods today.

### Toys of the 80s & 90s **R P**

Wednesday, December 3, 7 p.m.

Join historian Cheryl Brown for a fun trip down memory lane as she explores the history of toy companies and the creation of some of the most iconic toys ever made. Two large tables of vintage toys will be on display for everyone to enjoy.

## LEARNING



### Super Simple Spanish Together **R P**

Adults & Grades 9-12

Adults and high schoolers are welcome to join us for short and simple learning activities led by CSPL Librarians Crystal and Jessica to brush up on common Spanish vocabulary.

### Letters & Numbers

Tuesday, January 13, 4 p.m.

### Days & Months

Tuesday, January 27, 4 p.m.

### Family

Tuesday, February 10, 4 p.m.

### Around the House

Tuesday, February 24, 4 p.m.

## College of DuPage ESL Class Testing **P**

The College of DuPage and Carol Stream Library will offer free English Language Learning classes at the Library. To participate in this class you must attend a test date.

### Spring Testing Dates:

Monday, January 26,  
Wednesday, January 28 or  
Saturday, January 31 at 9 a.m.

### Weekly Classes Begin:

Monday, February 2, at 9 a.m.

### Classes Meet:

Mon. & Wed. 9-11:25 a.m. or  
Sat. 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

## Community Resources for Expecting Moms **R P**

Saturday, February 21, 2-4 p.m.

*In partnership with the  
Rotary Club of Carol Stream*

Join us for a nurturing and informative event designed especially for pregnant mothers! Discover essential baby safety tips from trusted experts and connect with local organizations that offer support for new and expecting families. From safe sleep practices to car seat safety, this session will empower you with knowledge and resources to help you prepare for your little one's arrival.



## HOLIDAY FUN It's Christmastime in the City **R P**

Tuesday, December 16, 7 p.m.

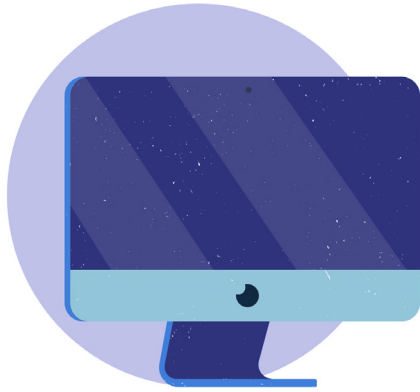
From the windows on State Street to the Sears Wish Book, Chicago has been all about the holidays since the beginning. Join historian and entertainer Clarence Goodman as he highlights Chicago's holiday traditions.



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## TECHNOLOGY



### Buying a Computer **R P**

Monday, December 8, 7 p.m.

Feel lost at the computer store? This program will share everything you need to know to choose the right computer for your needs. Whether you're deciding between a Mac or a PC, a laptop or a desktop, learn what to look for so you can shop with confidence.

### Cut the Cable Cord **R P**

Monday, January 5, 7 p.m.

Explore the best alternatives to traditional cable, including top streaming services like Amazon, Apple and Netflix, as well as popular streaming devices such as Roku and Apple TV.



### Computer Fundamentals:

#### Learning Windows **R P**

Starting Wed., Jan. 14, 6:30 p.m.

*In partnership with  
the People's Resource Center.*

Join us for this five-week course. Students will learn to move and resize application windows, create and organize files, folders, shortcuts, manage external drives and get a brief introduction to Word, Excel and PowerPoint.



### Discover Library

#### Apps, eBooks & More **R P**

Thursday, January 22, 6:30 p.m.

Explore the diverse offerings of Library applications available at your fingertips. Whether you're a tech-savvy book lover, want to stay in the know with digital magazines and newspapers, or wish to challenge yourself to learn a new language. Enhance your Library experience and maximize the benefits of these powerful tools.

### LIBRARY RESOURCES FOR Job Seekers **R P**

Tuesday, January 13, 7 p.m.

Did you know that the Library has several dedicated online and print resources to help you re-enter the job market and seek a new position? These resources are free with your Library card.

### Small Businesses **R P**

Monday, February 23, 7 p.m.

If you are a small business owner residing in Carol Stream, learn about all the free resources available digitally with a free business account at the Library. From mailing lists to trade journal articles and more.





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## **LIBRARY CLOSINGS**

**Wed., December 24**  
**Thursday, December 25**  
**Wednesday,  
December 31 at 5 p.m.**  
**Thursday, January 1**

## **WE'RE OPEN!**

**Monday–Thursday 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.**  
**Friday 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.**  
**Saturday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.**  
**Sunday 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.**

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### **Library Board Meeting**

**The third Wednesday of the  
month at the Library:**  
December Meeting cancelled  
January 21, 7 p.m.  
February 18, 7 p.m.  
The public is invited to attend.

**Join the Friends of the Library!**



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