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COMMUNITY EVENTS



2025 Community Food Drive **P**

March 1 to April 11

Help make a difference and donate to those in need! The Library is accepting non-perishable food donations from March 1 to April 12. All donations collected will go to the Community-Wide Food Drive sponsored by the Rotary Club of Carol Stream. Everyone's help is welcome and appreciated. Thank you for joining the fight against hunger!

Social Services Hours

Ask the Social Worker **P**

March-May

Tuesday (Bilingual), March 4,
April 1 & May 6, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Wednesday, March 19, April 16 &
May 21, 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.



Red Cross Blood Drive **P**

Friday, April 18, 12-5 p.m.

Red Cross and the Carol Stream Public Library are teaming up to save lives with a Blood Drive and we need your help! Your support saves lives, including those with sickle cell disease. 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.

Earth Day 2025: Our Power, Our Planet

April 22 is the 55th Anniversary of Earth Day. It is celebrated in 192 countries around the globe, recognizing our role in caring for our planet and the life and resources it provides us all.



WIC Mobile Clinic **P**

Friday, March 14
& May 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.

RESOURCES



Beyond The Bookshelf

The Library provides an extensive array of resources beyond our captivating book collection. Explore online platforms like Tutor.com, Era Books Online, LOTE Online and Mango Languages. These resources cater to patrons' needs, offering assistance with challenging school subjects, improving your child's English reading, writing and comprehension skills, acquiring proficiency in a new language, and accessing digital books in various world languages.

New Resource



Whether you're looking to build new skills in a profession you love or making a big career change, Udemy is here to help. Udemy connects you to thousands of on-demand video courses for the most in-demand skills taught by top instructors across 75 categories in business, technology, design and more: cslibrary.org/udemy.

Spotlight

SUMMER READING



Starting Tuesday, May 27

Welcome to Summer Reading! Mark your calendars for Tuesday, May 27, and be prepared to “Color Our World” with reading, crafts and fun activities. Join us for our Summer Reading Art Zones the week leading up to our Summer Reading Kick-Off.

Summer Reading Art Zone **P**

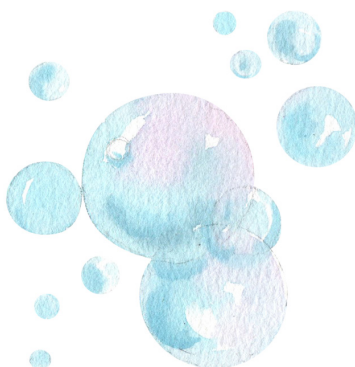
Thursday, May 29 to Saturday, May 31, All Day | *Everyone*

Drop by the Create & Learn Center and explore art stations to celebrate the start of Summer Reading 2025: Color Our World. Pick up a reading log while you are here!

Summer Reading Kick-Off **P**

Saturday, May 31
2-4 p.m. | *Everyone*

Kick off the beginning of Summer Reading by coloring our world through fun activities, music, crafts and ice pops. Drop by the Library anytime between 2-4 p.m. Make sure to take home reading logs for the whole family!



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Baking with Chef Cherise Slattery: Make, Take & Bake Your Own Bread **R P**

Thur., April 17, 5:30 p.m. | *Adults*
Sponsored by the Friends of the Library

Chef Cherise will guide attendees during this interactive hands on class as they learn the steps of yeast bread production. Each participant will gain the knowledge of how to make a great loaf of bread and will leave with dough, in the fermentation stage, which will be ready to take home, shape, and bake in their home kitchen.



NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

User Stories

Share Your Library Story

In celebration of National Library Week, we're inviting you to share how the Library has made an impact on your life. We'd love to hear your stories and experiences. Share your story now on the Library's website.



Spotlight

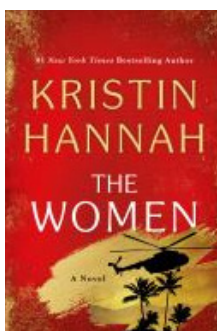
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CELEBRATE

Women's History Month

March 1 to March 31

During the month of March we celebrate women and all the amazing contributions and achievements they have made throughout history. Check out the variety of books available on our online catalog today.



Shhh! Don't Tell Mom! R P

All Day, April 21 to May 10

Ages 3-12

Find a grownup (not Mom!) to help create a treasure box for that special person you want to honor on Mother's Day. The Library will provide the supplies, you provide the imagination and creativity. Reserve your kit today, and the Library will send an email when it is ready for pickup.



PARENTING & MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

Caregiver Cafe P

Wednesday, April 23 & Friday, May 30, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Adults, Toddlers & Babies

In April, bring your little one and learn about the birth to three years developmental milestones. Join us in May to learn about baby sign language.



Suicide Signs & Symptoms: Let's Talk About It R P

Thurs., May 1, 7 p.m. | Adults

There are many protective factors that can be put into place to support students at risk. This Glenbard Parent Series program, presented by Dr. Jonathon Singer, will provide parents with a better understanding of suicide and discuss the warning signs, myths & facts.



Parents & Caregivers: Find Your Calm R P

Thurs., May 15, 6:30-8 p.m.

Adults

Feeling overwhelmed, anxious, or emotionally off balance? Join us for a transformative program designed to equip adults with simple and effective grounding techniques to manage stress, anxiety, and emotional dysregulation.

Parent with Confidence: Common Techniques R P

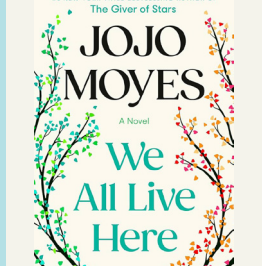
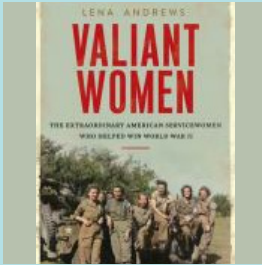
Thurs., May 15, 11 a.m. | Everyone

Parents, come with or without your children to discover practical and effective strategies for fostering positive relationships. These proven methods, rooted in Child-Parent Relationship Therapy (CPRT) can help you create a more harmonious home and build stronger connections. Focuses on children 3-10, but all parents are welcome.

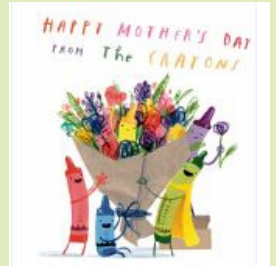
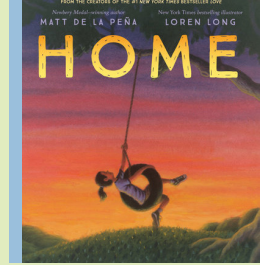


Spring Reads

ADULTS READS



KIDS READS



Kids

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WEEKLY STORYTIMES: Recurring 3 Weeks Each Month

Storytime for Little Ones **R P**

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

We will share wonderful stories, songs and rhymes for our smallest friends. An opportunity for free play and discussion will follow the storytime.

Preschool Pals **R P**

Wednesday, 10:30-11 a.m.
 Ages 3-6

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

Terrific 2s and 3s **R P**

Wednesday, 9:30-10 a.m.
 Ages 2-3

Get ready to shake, rattle and read. We'll enjoy rhythmic stories and songs that may cause some bouncing of your own. Let's shake those wiggles out.

Storytime Jamboree **R P**

Thursday, 10-10:30 a.m.
 Ages 0-6

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

SPECIAL STORYTIMES

Yoga Storytime **R P**

Sat., March 1 & May 3
 Fri., Mar. 21, Apr. 18 & May 16
 10-10:30 a.m. | Ages 3-6

Miss Adriana will guide us through an interactive storytime that pairs gentle movement with stories and active songs.

Friday Stories and Fun **R P**

Fri., Mar. 28, Apr. 25 & May 23
 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.

Arabic Storytime **R P**

Sat., Mar. 22, Apr. 26 & May 24
 2-2:30 p.m. | Ages 3-10

Arabic Storytime is suitable for families who speak Arabic in the home as well as families interested in learning or improving a new language. Enjoy all your favorite stories, rhymes, songs, and crafts in this half-hour of educational fun.



Niños

R = Requiere Registro O = Evento En Línea P = Evento En Persona

B = Bilingüe Ñ = En Español

Bilingüe se llevará a cabo en inglés y español

TODOS

Encuentro bilingüe B R P

Sábado 8 de marzo,
12 de abril y 10 de mayo
11 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

Martes 11 de marzo,
15 de abril y 13 de mayo
11-11:30 a.m. | *Edades 0-6*
Prepárate para una hora de cuentos en español para niños pequeños con historias y más.



Lectura familiar en español Ñ R P

Sábado, 29 de marzo,
26 de abril y 24 de mayo
11-11:45 a.m. | *Familia*

Acompañenos para tener la oportunidad de leer libros infantiles auténticos en español y aprender sobre la cultura y costumbres de países latinoamericanos.

Juegos de mesa Ñ R P

Jueves 17 de abril
6:30 p.m. | *Familia*

Vengan a disfrutar de unas botanas mientras jugamos juegos familiares en Español. Usted podrá girar a diferentes estaciones independientemente y disfrutar de múltiples juegos en familia.

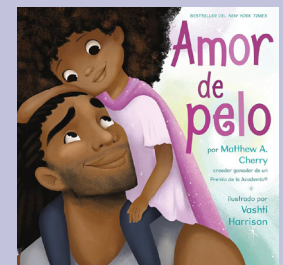
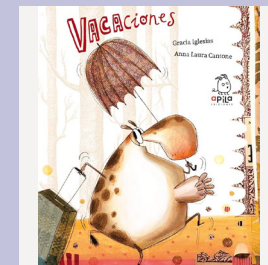
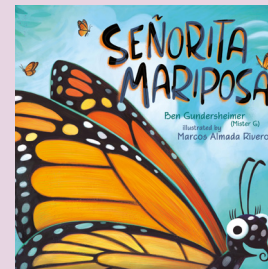
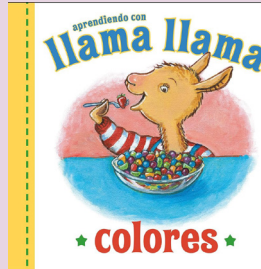
Fiesta de Cinco de Mayo B R P

Sábado 3 de mayo
2 p.m. | *Edades 3-8*

¡Ven a celebrar el Cinco de Mayo! Haremos una manualidad, bailaremos y rompereoms una piñata.



LECTURAS EN ESPAÑOL



LITTLE ONES

Fancy Feet **R P**

Wednesday, March 26, April 23 & May 28, 10 a.m. | Ages 2-5

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

Holi Party **R P**

Thursday, March 13
4 p.m. | Ages 2-8

Holi is one of the most popular festivals in Hinduism, celebrating the arrival of spring, the end of winter and the blossoming of love. Join us for a joyous Holi party!



Itty Bitty Book Fun **R P**

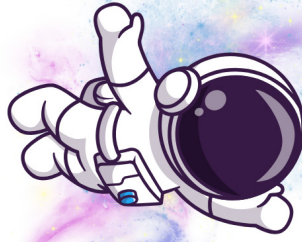
Friday, March 14, April 11 & May 9
10 a.m. | Ages 3-6

Come and explore our favorite books and authors. Activities, crafts and playful learning stations will be available inspired by each month's book selections.

Sensory Series **R P**

Monday, March 17, April 21 & May 19, 4 p.m. | Ages 3-8

Let's explore all things that are fun to squish, squeeze and shape. In March, we'll examine the different ways you can tear & shape textures and colors of paper to create a work of art. In April, we'll make silky, squishy 2-ingredient dough. In May, we will shape cornstarch noodle creations in this half-hour of fun sensory activities.



Hands-on Learning **R P**

Tuesday, March 25, April 22 & May 27, 10 a.m. | Ages 2-6

The Library is inviting all little ones and their caregivers to explore space in March. In April, we will learn about the weather. In May, we will learn about gardens through fun tactile learning stations.

STEAM Stackers:

Preschool **R P**

Friday, April 4, 2 p.m. | Ages 2-5

Instructors will lead children through interactive demonstrations of aerodynamics, engineering, architecture and more. Kids will develop problem solving, pattern recognition and math skills. Includes time for creative play with blocks.

We're Over the Moon for Ramadan **R P**

Tues., March 18, 4 p.m. | Ages 3-8

All are welcome to celebrate this important holiday of love, kindness, & making happy memories with family and friends. Registrants can drop in anytime between 4 p.m. & 5:15 p.m. & do activities at their own pace.



CSPL KITS

Register on the dates listed or e-mail your kit request to children@cslibrary.org or call us at 630-344-6127. Available while supplies last.

Mon.-Sat., Mar. 3-8 **R**

Preschool:

Silly Faces Flip Books

Grades K-5:

Mini Light-Up Planets

Mon.-Sat., Mar. 17-22 **R**

Preschool:

Leprechaun Finger Puppet

Grades K-5:

Paper Strip Shamrock

Mon.-Sat., Apr. 7-12 **R**

Preschool:

Build a Bird's Nest

Grades K-5:

Butterfly Cycle

Mon.-Sat., Apr. 21-26 **R**

Preschool:

Confetti Caterpillar

Grades K-5:

Homemade Sundials

Mon.-Sat., May 5-10 **R**

Preschool:

Cherry Blossom Trees

Grades K-5:

Paper Chain Caterpillar

Mon.-Sat., May 19-24 **R**

Preschool:

Stick & Connect

Grades K-5:

Pipe Cleaner Daisies



ELEMENTARY



Kids Yoga **R P**

Sat., Mar. 1 & May 3, 11 a.m. | Gr. 1-5

Yoga is a great way to experience movement and relaxation at your own pace. Join us for themed kids poses, active games and breathing and mindfulness breaks.

Smart Cookie Book Club **R P**

Thursday, March 20 & April 29
5:30 p.m. | Grades 3-5

In March, we will discuss *May the Best Player Win*, by Kyla Zhao and meet the author, Kyla Zhao virtually for Q&A. In April, we will discuss *Now We Are Six*, by A. A. Milne.

Page Turners **R P**

Thursday, March 27 & April 24
4:30 p.m. | Grades K-2

Page Turners is an exciting new book club. In March, we will be reading *Field Day* by Cari Meister. In April, we will be reading *Minecraft: The Sky's the Limit* by Nick Eliopoulos.



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STEAM Stackers: Kids **R P**

Friday, April 4, 3:30 p.m. | Gr. K-2

Instructors will lead children through interactive demonstrations of aerodynamics, engineering, architecture and more. Includes time for creative play with blocks.

Sock Worm Plush **R P**

Friday, April 15, 4:30 p.m. | Gr. 3-5

Ring in the spring with this fun no-sew sock craft!

On the Dot **R P**

Wed., Apr. 30, 6:30 p.m. | Gr. 3-5

Celebrate spring by creating a picture using dots of paint. We will use the artwork style of pointillist painter Georges Seurat as our inspiration.



Mother's Day Mug Sublimation Craft **R P**

Tuesday, May 6, 6 p.m. | Gr. 1-4

Make a beautiful craft for Mother's Day. We will be coloring a piece of paper with infusible ink and transferring it to a mug. Come with your creative ideas and leave with a Mother's Day gift.

Egg Splatter Painting **R P**

Wed., May 14, 5 p.m. | Gr. K-3

Use plastic Easter eggs to make splatter paint by throwing them at canvases.

SPRING BREAK

Drop-In to Spring Break: Family STEM **R P**

Monday, March 31
10 a.m. | Grades K-5

It's Spring Break and you're feeling bored? Drop-in and spend time with your family and friends tinkering with fun STEM activities.

Spring Break Afternoon at the Movies **R P**

Thurs., Apr. 3, 2 p.m. | Gr. K-5

Attention all Families, Spring Break Afternoon at the Movies is for you! Enjoy popcorn & the film *Peter Rabbit* (2018) with family & friends.



EVERYONE

Chess Club **R P**

Tuesday, March 4, April 8
& May 6, 4 p.m. | *Grades 3-8*

Join us for a one-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., Mar. 7, Apr. 4 & May 2, 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 March, we will have fun using our building skills with LEGO Challenges and games. In April, we will make Garden Glyphs to share information about ourselves through a picture. In May, we will learn about planting grass seeds by making grass caterpillars, pets or even our own grass heads.



Family STEM Time **R P**

Sunday, March 9, 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.

LIBRARY ADVENTURES

Youth Services

March Madness **P**

Mon., Mar. 17 to
Mon., Mar. 31 | *Everyone*

During the month of March come fill in brackets of your favorite books and characters. Visit Youth Services for this fun activity where you will receive your weekly brackets. Each age group will have a separate bracket to participate in.



Music & Me **R P**

Mon., Mar. 10, April 14 & May 12
3:45 p.m. | *Ages 3-6*
4:30 p.m. | *Grades K-2*

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

Happy Pi Day (Pi, π) **R P**

Friday, March 14, 3:30 p.m. | *Gr. 3-8*

Learn about the mathematical constant known as Pi (π) 3.14159, how it is used, participate in fun-related activities and eat some delicious pie.

Magic Matt's Family Fun Show **R P**

Saturday, April 5, 2 p.m. | *Family*

Bring the whole family to experience an interactive magic show for everyone to enjoy.

LEGO Club **R P**

Sunday, April 13, 2 p.m. | *Family*

Bring your friends and family for a great time constructing all of your LEGO ideas.

Recycled Plastic Lid Wind Chime **R P**

Tues., Apr. 22, 3:45 p.m. | *Gr. 4-8*

Celebrate Earth Day by making a windchime out of recycled materials! We will be using plastic lids and pony beads to make this fun spring craft.

National Tap Dance Day Performance **R P**

Sat., May 17, 3:30 p.m. | *Everyone*

Featuring Flourish Dance Academy Tap students & guest professional tap dancers, this performance will showcase this uniquely American art form, with historic works, new material & improvisation.



MIDDLE SCHOOL

After School Art R P

Thursdays, March-May
3:15-4:30 p.m. | Grades 6-8
First and third Thurs. of the month

Drop by after school on the first and third Thursdays of the month to enjoy some relaxing and creative time with your friends. Art instructions and supplies are provided.

Middle School Meetup R P

Mondays, 1:45-3 p.m. | Grades 6-8
Bring your friends to this fun hangout featuring a different activity at each scheduled meetup!

March 3: Bridge Building Activity
Mar. 17: Movie, *Transformers One*
Mar. 24 & Apr. 28: Video Games
April 7: Perler Beads Crafts
April 21: Movie, *The Little Mermaid* (2023)
May 5: Cinco De Mayo
May 19: Movie, *The Wild Robot*

Hand Sewing a

Bear Stuffy R P

Wed., Mar. 12 & 19, 4 p.m. | Gr. 5-8
Please attend both classes for this 2-part series

The first class will teach cutting, threading, stitching and stuffing a bean bag. The second class will be picking fabric colors, pinning, stitching & sewing your own little teddy bear. We will use glue guns to add eyes, noses & other features.



TD3 Innovative

Gaming: Minecraft R P

Mon., Mar. 31, 3:30 p.m. | Gr. 6-8
Minecraft activities and games! No existing account required & laptops will be provided.

One More Chapter R P

Thursday, April 3, 4 p.m. | Gr. 5-8
Join us for a book chat in April about *Slacker*, by J Gordon Korman.

Mother's Day Mug

Sublimation Craft R P

Wednesday, May 7, 4 p.m. | Gr. 5-8
Make a beautiful craft for Mother's Day. We will be coloring a piece of paper with infusible ink and transferring it to a mug. Come with your creative ideas and leave with a Mother's Day gift. The image will not wash off and the mug is dishwasher and microwave safe.



HIGH SCHOOL

Take and Make Kits

Grades 9-12:

Sat., Mar. 1: Pom-Pom Paperclip Bookmark Kit
Tues., Apr. 1: Recycled Plastic Bag Friendship Bracelet Kit
Thurs., May 1: Paper Flower Bouquet Kit

Each month, e-mail your kit request to cstream@cslibrary.org or call us at 630-344-6123. Available while supplies last.

Volunteer Program

Grades 9-12

Get involved at the Carol Stream Public Library! Discover exciting ways to earn volunteer service credit hours, boost your resume for college and job applications and give back to your community. Apply today at cslibrary.org/teens.

Diamond Painting

Saturday, March 15, April 5 & May 17, 2:30 p.m. | Grades 9-12

Join us for a cozy session where you can relax, unwind, express yourself & connect with others! In March, we will make St. Patrick's Day key chains and coasters. In April, we will make key chains for Autism Awareness Month. In May, we will make refrigerator magnets for Memorial Day.

High School Study Zone P

Check the Online Calendar during the month of May for Upcoming Study Zone dates & timeframes | Gr. 9-12

The Create & Learn Center will be available for high schoolers as a dedicated study space. Light snacks, drinks and office supplies will be provided. Fast food and meals are not allowed.

● Adults

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ON YOUR OWN TIME

Spring Binge Boxes R

Must be a CSPL

Cardholder | Ages 16+

Request one personalized Binge Box per season with hand-picked items, treats and small gifts to brighten a reader's day. cslibrary.org/binge-boxes

Take & Make Kits

Saturday, March 1:

Beaded St. Patrick's Leprechaun

Tuesday, April 1:

Pipe Cleaner Butterfly Ring

Thursday, May 1:

Mini Maypole

On the dates listed, e-mail your kit request to cstream@cslibrary.org or call us at 630-344-6123. Available while supplies last.



Spice of the Month Club

Monday, March 17:

Smoked Lemon Pepper

Monday, April 21:

Smoked Leek Salt

Monday, May 19:

Smoked Pineapple Sugar

Beginning on the third Monday of the month, call the Adult Services Desk at 630-344-6123 or email cstream@cslibrary.org to have a spice put aside for you. Restricted to one per household. No advanced requests can be taken.

Poet-Tree Interactive Display P

April 1-30

April is National Poetry Month and this year we are celebrating by growing a poet tree! Write a poem, haiku, or a line from one of your favorite poems on a leaf and hang it on the poet-tree.



Free Comic Book Day P

Sat., May 3, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. | Everyone

Visit the Adult Services desk Saturday, May 3rd to pick up a free comic book. Get creative and make your own comic with available comic book printouts to take home. Two comics per person please, while supplies last.

READING & WRITING

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, March 17, 6:30 p.m.

Lady Tan's Circle of Women

by Lisa See

Monday, April 21, 6:30 p.m.

The Great Gatsby

by F. Scott Fitzgerald,

The Book's 100th Anniversary

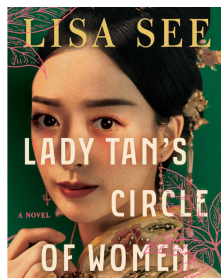
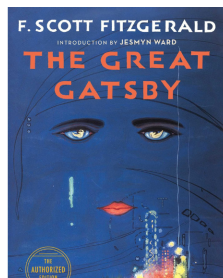
Monday, May 19, 6:30 p.m.

The House of Eve The Anxious

Generation: How the Great

Rewiring of Childhood Is Causing an Epidemic of Mental Illness

by Jonathan Haidt



Preparing to Write a Book R P

Wednesday, March 26, 6:30 p.m.

Zachary Jeffries is a bestselling author of Young Adult fiction books and a non-fiction book on the craft of writing. He will provide practical and insightful tips and advice on how to write the book you have always wanted to. The presentation will include interactive elements, including a Q&A.

HOBBIES



Donuts & Dice R P

Sat., March 15, April 19
& May 17, 10:30 a.m.

Relax with coffee, donuts and a game! We will be playing Wandering Towers in March and April with a free play day in May. There will be a variety of board games on hand from classics to newest favorites. Instruction, games and snacks will be provided.

Self-Publishing 101 R P

Wednesday, April 9, 6:30 p.m.

Award winning writer Theresa Goodrich will guide you through the steps to go from manuscript to final product, including the pros and cons of indie publishing and common mistakes that can occur.



CRAFTS

DIY Easter Carrot Decorations R P

Tuesday, March 18
3:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m.

Registration for CSPL
cardholders 16+ opens March 1

Need a cute but cheap Easter craft idea? This cute farmhouse carrot is super simple to make with items purchased from the Dollar Tree.



Miniature Bookcase R P

Tuesday, April 8, 3:30 or 6:30 p.m.

Registration for CSPL
cardholders 16+ opens April 1

Creating a miniature bookcase is a fun project that lets you hone your crafting skills while making a functional & decorative piece.

Decoupage Napkins on Glass R P

Tues., May 27, 3:30 or 6:30 p.m.

Registration for CSPL
cardholders 16+ opens May 1

Decoupage napkins onto glass is a creative & simple way to add a personalized touch to glassware, jars, vases or any glass surface.

Let's Sew Together R P

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

How to Use a Sewing Machine

Friday, March 28, 2-4 p.m.

Expandable Pouch

Friday, April 18, 2-4 p.m.

Pincushion Thread Holder

Friday, May 2, 2-4 p.m.



HEALTHY LIVING

Zumba **R P**

Monday, March 10,
April 14 & May 12, 7 p.m.
Thursday, March 27,
April 24 & May 29, 7 p.m.

Get moving at this hour-long, high-intensity cardio workout. Be sure to wear comfortable clothes and shoes. Bottled water will be provided.

Medicare 101 **R P**

Tuesday, March 25, 6:30 p.m.

Medicare can be confusing. Medicare Solutions Network will be presenting a free educational seminar to get you up to speed on what Medicare covers, what it doesn't and your potential out-of-pocket exposure. They'll discuss Supplements, Advantage Plans, Part D Prescription Plans and cost-saving strategies for the years ahead.

Tai Chi **R P**

Tuesday, April 15, 6 p.m.

This easy-to-follow practice guides you through gentle, flowing exercises that help you to get better balance, strength, and flexibility, and the ability to concentrate, relax and focus your mind. Wear comfortable clothing and gym shoes.

Chair Yoga **R P**

Tuesday, May 20, 6 p.m.

No yoga mat? No problem. Learn how to do traditional yoga poses using a chair as a prop! Great for seniors, office workers, students or anyone who needs a quick yoga break from daily tasks or stiff muscles.

HOME & GARDEN

DUPAGE ORGANIC GARDEN CLUB

The Making of a Rain Garden **R P**

Thursday, March 6, 7 p.m.

Join Joe LeCroy from Saving Monarchs as he explains how he used rain gardens to address flooding issues in his yard and transform his turf yard into a nature haven with native plants.

Growing Great Tomatoes **R P**

Thursday, April 3, 7 p.m.

Dreaming of vibrant, juicy tomatoes from your own garden? Dave Hodge, a tomato aficionado, will share practical tips to help you grow a bountiful harvest.



Cucumbers, Melons & Squash, Oh, My **R P**

Thursday, May 8, 7 p.m.

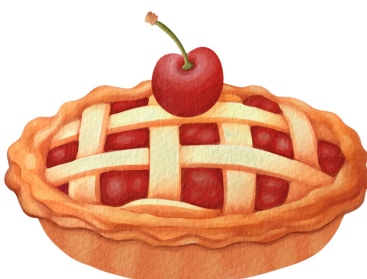
Join Lindsay Zimmerman from Sustain DuPage for a candid discussion about the ups and downs of cultivating these garden favorites. Learn practical tips on when, where, and how to plant, soil amendments and creative strategies for managing common pests.

BAKING WITH CHEF CHERISE SLATTERY

Easy As Pie **R P**

Thursday, March 20, 7 p.m.

Learn the techniques for making a delicious pie crust and the many ways it can be used. Chef Cherise will cover mixing methods, rolling, shaping, blind baking, filling and decorating a pie.



Cake Decorating **R P**

Thursday, May 22, 7 p.m.

Learn how to decorate like a pro! Chef Cherise will teach how to prep and ice a cake for a professional appearance. Watch as Chef shows basic piping skills that can be applied to a variety of different baked goods, and other quick decorating techniques that are sure to impress.

HISTORY

History of the Girl Scouts R P

Tuesday, March 4, 7 p.m.

Presented by DuPage County Historical Museum.

Girl Scouts created a recreational movement in the 1910s that impacted the residents of DuPage County by providing a welcoming place for girls to experience the great outdoors with activities traditionally allowed only to boys. The organization also emphasized and taught community service, leadership skills and more.

Henna: History & Demonstration R P

Wednesday, May 28, 6:30 p.m.

Join Asma Bohra of Colorful Smiles as she gives a brief overview of Henna and its history; she will also instruct us on Henna designs both on paper and on hands.



SENIORS



AARP Smart Driver Course R P

Tuesday, April 29

10 a.m.-2 p.m. & Wednesday, April 30, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Registration opens for CSPL cardholders Monday, March 31, at 9 a.m. Attendance is mandatory for both days to be eligible for the certificate of completion.

The AARP Smart Driver course teaches valuable defensive driving strategies and provides a refresher on the rules of the road. This course is for drivers aged 50 and older. Depending on your car insurance, you may qualify for a multi-year discount by completing the course. This course will span over two days and attendance for both is mandatory. Each class will be roughly 4 hours, with breaks in between. Light refreshments will be available. *Please check with your insurance provider if you would qualify for any discount before registering, as space will be limited.*

EXPLORING CHICAGO

Chicago's

Hometown Bites R P

Tuesday, March 11, 7 p.m.

Monica Eng and David Hammond will discuss their book, *Made in Chicago: Stories Behind 30 Great Hometown Bites*, covering thirty can't miss eats found in all corners of Chicago, from the Jibarito and Taffy Grapes to the Big Baby and Mother in Law. Learn the stories of the people and places behind these Windy City favorites.



A Tour of the 1893 World's Fair R P

Tuesday, April 22, 7 p.m.

Dream City Dreaming author Cindy Angell Keeling offers a fascinating introduction to the spectacular Chicago World's Fair. In this entertaining presentation, Cindy will take you on a tour of the fairgrounds using vintage photographs, maps and artwork.

Living Landmarks of Chicago R P

Tuesday, May 6, 7 p.m.

Author Theresa L. Goodrich presents ten of her favorite *Living Landmarks of Chicago*. She will introduce you to the architecture of landmarks like the Field Museum and Art Institute of Chicago and the people behind the brick and mortar. Learn little known stories about famous – and infamous – characters like Marshall Field, Walter Newberry, and Cap Streeter, for whom Streeterville was named.

● Adults

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TECHNOLOGY

Microsoft Word Basics R P

Thursday, March 13, 6 p.m.

Gain more confidence in your computer skills. In this single-session class, you will be shown how to use this common word processor program that is useful for writing resumes, doing schoolwork and more.

Microsoft Excel Basics R P

Thursday, April 10, 6 p.m.

Gain more confidence in your computer skills. In this single-session class, we will be showing you how to use Microsoft Excel, a common spreadsheet program on many desktop computers useful for making charts, tables & more.

Computer Fundamentals:

Learning Windows R P

Wednesdays, starting
April 16, 6:30 p.m.

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

During this seven-week course, students will learn; to move and resize application windows, create files, folders, shortcuts, libraries, and external drives, rename and delete files, and a brief introduction to Word, Excel and PowerPoint. *Please consider the time commitment before registering.*

A Guide to

Electric Vehicles R P

Monday, April 28, 7 p.m.

Librarian Paul McDonald will provide a informative 1-hour presentation about electric vehicles.

FINANCES



Developing Sound Financial Skills R O

Wednesday, March 19, 7 p.m.

A representative from Consumer Credit Counseling Services of Northern Illinois will explain the basics of setting up a budget and developing sound financial skills.

Planning for Retirement R O

Thursday, April 3, 7 p.m.

Financial Fitness Series

Certified Financial Planner John Daly presents this information packed session. Learn what to consider about when to retire, how much money you will need, when to take Social Security & how to invest when you are retired.

Terry Savage

Talks Money R O

Wednesday, April 23, 7 p.m.

Financial Fitness Series

Terry Savage is a nationally recognized expert on personal finance, the economy & the markets. Terry will provide a reality check on the volatile economy, financial markets, & personal finance topics, followed by a Q&A.

Scams, Schemes & Financial Predators R O

Monday, May 5, 7 p.m.

A representative from Consumer Credit Counseling Services of Northern Illinois will provide information on how to stop a scammer from making you a statistic. Learn how to identify emails & phone calls designed to relieve you of your hard earned cash.

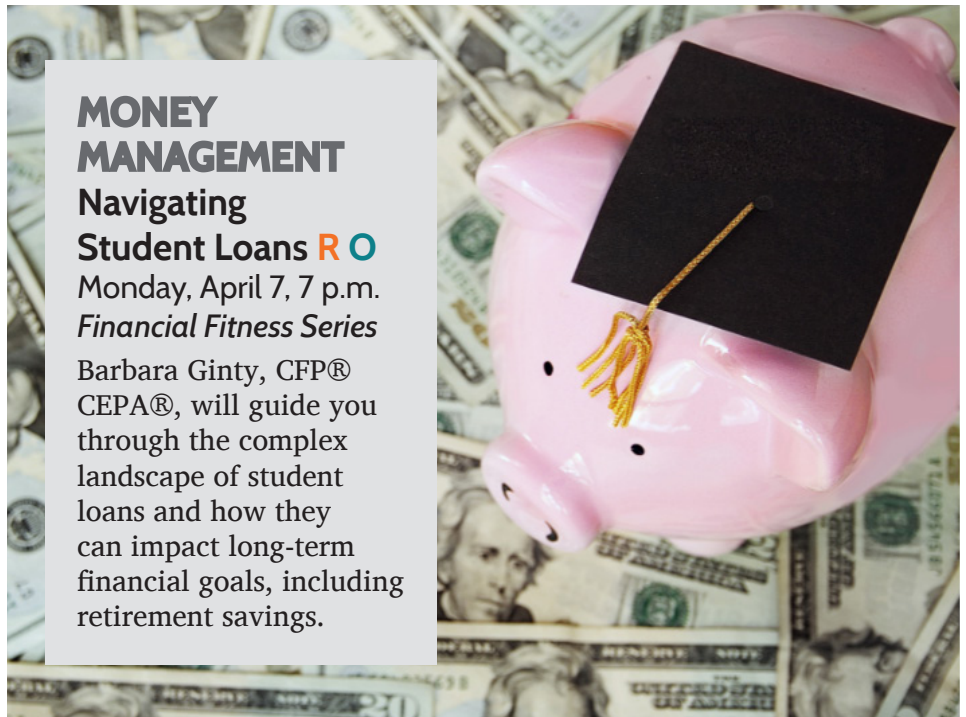
MONEY MANAGEMENT

Navigating Student Loans R O

Monday, April 7, 7 p.m.

Financial Fitness Series

Barbara Ginty, CFP® CEPA®, will guide you through the complex landscape of student loans and how they can impact long-term financial goals, including retirement savings.

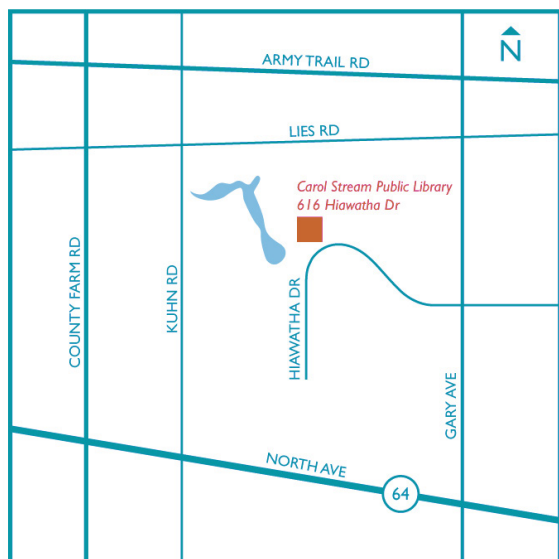




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Sunday, April 20
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Monday, May 26

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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 every month at the Library:
March 19, 7 p.m.
April 16, 7 p.m.
May 21, 7 p.m.
The public is invited to attend.

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