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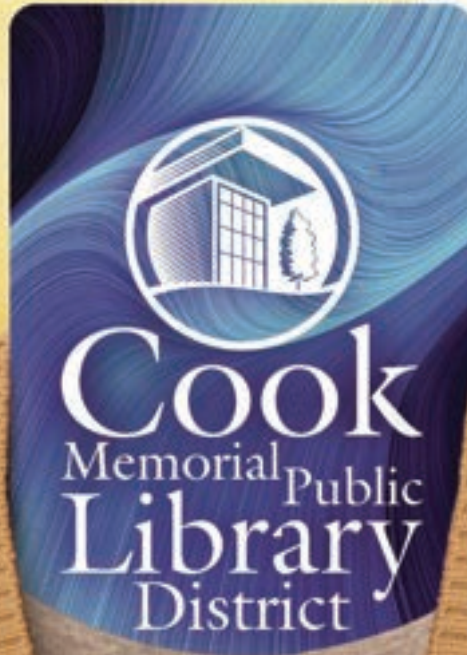
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FALL 2023

september - november

It's
CARDigan
Season!

(and the library is
always in style)



Enter to Win Prizes
Library Card Sign-Up Month

Find Great Reads
on the Bookmobile

Friends of the Library
One-Day Book Sale

Ukrainian Welcome Event
Ласкаво просимо до бібліотеки

Learn & Grow
Through Play!

Books & Braaaaaains
Zombie Night at the Library



Locations

Aspen Drive Library
701 Aspen Drive
Vernon Hills, IL 60061

Cook Park Library
413 N Milwaukee Ave
Libertyville, IL 60048

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cooklib.org

Email: info@cooklib.org
Renewals: 847-362-0438
Register: cooklib.org/events

Hours
Monday–Thursday: 9 am–9 pm
Friday: 9 am–6 pm
Saturday: 9 am–5 pm
Sunday: 1–5 pm

Closed
September 4: Labor Day
September 15: Staff Training
(open 1–6 pm)
November 22: Thanksgiving Eve
(close at 5 pm)
November 23: Thanksgiving Day

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Photo Policy

The Library may utilize photos and videos from public programs at CMPLD facilities for use in Library publicity. Those not wishing to be in a photograph or video should advise a staff member.

Safe Child Policy

The library is dedicated to providing a welcoming and safe environment for people of all ages. To accomplish this, the library relies on parents/caregivers to closely supervise their children. Please stick together! If a child under age 10 is participating in a program that does not require a parent/caregiver to attend, the accompanying adult must remain in the library throughout the program. To view the Safe Child Policy, visit cooklib.org/policies.

Your Library Card is a Great Fit

My commute to and from the Library isn't complete without listening to an eAudiobook from our vast digital collection — nearly 200,000 titles! It's a daily reminder of the great value a library card provides through access to a wide variety of collections, services, and resources. September is Library Card Sign-Up Month making it the perfect time to discover all the Cook Memorial Public Library District has to offer. Just like your favorite sweater, a CMPLD library card is always a comfortable fit.

In addition to eAudiobooks, our eLibrary collection provides access to eBooks, magazines, newspapers, TV shows, movies, and music titles that can be enjoyed on your computer, phone, or tablet anytime, anywhere. With 1.5 million digital titles, we're sure to have something to fit your interests. But if eBooks aren't your preferred format, we also offer an engaging collection of print titles — just as we have for over 100 years.

As a parent, I appreciate the resources tailored specifically to students, including a broad collection of books and dozens of premium online homework help resources, such as HelpNow from Brainfuse (page 9). With a new school year upon us, it's an ideal time to discover how a CMPLD card can play an important role in your child's educational success.

For the lifelong learner in all of us, I especially value the Library's many online skill-building resources such as LinkedIn Learning, providing 16,000 curated courses in business, technology, and creative skills. Other premium online resources deliver great content for investors, genealogy buffs, and crafters. See page 10 for more information on LinkedIn Learning or visit cooklib.org/research to browse other resources.

In addition to our media and resource collections, I'm always amazed at the sheer number of programs offered throughout the year. Your Library card grants access to a broad range of engaging, informative, and entertaining programs for all ages. Browse this newsletter and visit cooklib.org/events to learn more about this season's events — there is something for everyone!

This fall, I hope you'll discover what a great fit your CMPLD card is. Explore all the Library has to offer at cooklib.org and by visiting one of our locations in Libertyville, Vernon Hills, or the Bookmobile.

Don't have a Library card?

Come see us at the Check Out Desk at any Library location to complete an application form. You'll need your photo ID and proof of your address in the Library District, such as a utility bill, lease or mortgage, or official mail with recent postmark. Visit cooklib.org/get-a-library-card for more information.

David Archer,
Library Director



Currently Listening to:
The Genius of Birds
by Jennifer Ackerman



bookmobile schedule



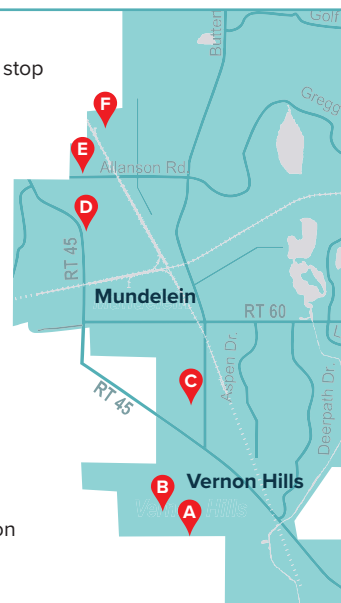
Visit cooklib.org/bookmobile for the most up-to-date stop information, or sign up for our email newsletter at cooklib.org/newsletters. See you on the road!

WEDNESDAYS

- A** 5:15–5:45 pm – Court of Spruce/Court of Birch
Vernon Hills
- B** 5:45–6:15 pm – Pebbleshire Apartments
Cherry Valley Rd & Lakeside Dr, Vernon Hills
- C** 6:30–8 pm – Park Butterfield Apartments
Near the pool on Churchill Ct, Mundelein

SATURDAYS

- D** 1:15–2 pm – Deepwoods
Deepwoods Dr, Mundelein
- E** 2:25–3 pm – Lakeside Village
313 S Hickory St, Mundelein
- F** 3:15–4 pm – Orchard Apartments
E Orchard St, between Shaddle Ave & Washington
Blvd, Mundelein





What's the Buzz?

Cook Memorial Public Library Podcast

- ▶ Book recommendations
- ▶ Local history stories
- ▶ Author interviews

Listen wherever you get your podcasts.



2024 One Book, One Community Sneak Peek

Our eighth annual community-wide reading program kicks off in December! Look for more details and the book title reveal in the upcoming winter newsletter, monthly eNewsletters, and on our website in November.



September 1–30

Open to New and Current Cardholders of All Ages

Get rewarded for using your library card all September long during Library Card Sign-Up Month. Complete activities to earn hole punches on a special punch card. When you reach the goal, you'll earn an entry ticket for your chance to win one of four grand prize drawings. The more you use the Library, the greater your chances of winning!

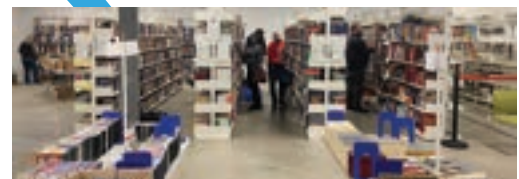
1. Pick up a punch card at any Library location.
2. Complete activities from the list, then visit a Library service desk to get a hole punch.
3. Collect five punches, then visit the Check Out Desk to enter the drawing of your choice. Every additional five punches earns another entry ticket.

Starting Friday, September 1, visit any Library location to get started and to learn more about the prizes!



Explore Hispanic Life in America

Search topics, eras, and events in history that tell the experience and impact of Hispanic Americans as recorded by the news media. Learn about the Spanish arrival in the New World and Cuban independence to the Zoot Suit Riots, Arizona Senate Bill 1070, and beyond. Get started at cooklib.org/research. CMPLD card required.



2023 Friends of the Library One-Day Fall Book Sale

Saturday, October 21, 9 am–5 pm

Library Lower Level

We're trying something a little different this season: a one-day sale. But don't worry, the bag sale is still happening!

9–11 am: Members Only

Not a member? Join at the Book Sale entrance: \$10 for the rest of the year or \$50 for a lifetime membership.

11 am–3 pm: Open to the Public

3–5 pm: \$5 Bag Sale

We supply the bag, and you fill it with all the books, movies, etc. that fit for \$5. Multiple bags are permitted. Educators who teach at schools in the Library District may select books free of charge with a valid school ID.

Membership & Sale Questions

Email friendsofcooklibrary@gmail.com, check their Facebook page (Friends of Cook), or call 847-362-2330.

Donations

Donate your gently used books, movies, and music for the upcoming sale! Drop the material in the donation bins located in the lobby of each Library location starting Monday, September 11.

It's About Time to Renew

We're keeping it simple with no fines*, but borrowed items still need to be returned **on time** so the items can be enjoyed by all.

Two days before the due date...

...you'll receive a reminder notice if you're signed up for email notification. If you need more time, just renew!

1 WEEK OVERDUE (still time to renew!)

First overdue notice is sent.

2 WEEKS OVERDUE (last chance to renew!)

Second overdue notice is sent.

3 WEEKS OVERDUE (TIME'S UP!)

Items are billed and all borrowing privileges withdrawn. Return items as soon as possible or pay for your billed items at a self-checkout station, the Check Out Desk, or at cooklib.org/borrowing-materials.

**Fines still apply on overdue equipment.*



Email Newsletters

Stay up to date on Library events and get the latest titles straight to your inbox. Sign up for CMPLD email newsletters on our website at cooklib.org/newsletters.

birth-age 5

Playful Learning @ the Library

Play is essential to the developing child. Play promotes joyful learning that fosters cognitive, language, physical, social, and emotional development. We invite you to join us at the Library for programs and activities that promote play to help those little brains grow!

SESSION 1:**August 21–October 13**

Weekly Story Times

SESSION 2:**October 23–December 15****Baby Story Time (birth-12 mos w/adult)**

Children and their caregivers are guided through bounces, movement, rhymes, and stories in this lap-sit program.

Family Story Time (birth-age 5 w/adult)

Family Story Times are lively and play-based programs for children and their caregivers. **DROP IN**

Mondays**Baby Story Time**9:30–10:15 am **C****Tuesdays****Family Story Time**10–10:45 am **A** **DROP IN****Wednesdays****Baby Story Time**9:30–10:15 am **A****Fridays****Family Story Time**10–10:45 am **C** **DROP IN****Toddlers @ the Library!****(13-35 mos w/adult)**

Celebrate and support your toddler's physical growth and development through play!

Monday, October 16, 10–11 am **C****Preschoolers @ the Library!****(ages 3-5 w/adult)**

Explore hands-on activities with your preschooler through play in a group setting at the Library!

Thursday, October 19, 10–11 am **A****Trick-or-Read Stroll!****(birth-age 5 w/adult)**

Get your trick-or-treat on at Cook Park Library! Stroll around the Children's Department to read Halloween stories, then find a librarian and say "Trick-or-Read" for a spooktacular surprise! Costumes welcome.

DROP IN**October 23–31, During Library Hours** **C****Kindergarten Readiness Calendars**

Visit either Library location to pick up a 2023-2024 Kindergarten Readiness calendar from United Way. These bilingual calendars are available in English and Spanish.



Seek & Find

Some of your favorite characters are on the loose and hiding in the Children's department. Earn a sticker every time you find one, and remember, these characters change spots every week! **DROP IN**

Recommended Resource

Illinois
Early Intervention
Clearinghouse



Fall Reading Club (up to grade 8)

September 15–November 15

Join the Fall Reading Club to earn points for reading or listening. Reach the goal and receive a prize — a book of your choice to keep! Starting Friday, September 15, register online at cooklib.readsquared.com or in person at any CMPLD location.



Craftivities @ the Library

Feeling crafty? Every two weeks a new craft is available in the Children's Department at both Libraries. Stop by and get creative!

Email Sign-Up

Sign up for eNewsletters for great reading recommendations and upcoming children's activities. Visit cooklib.org/newsletters and choose *News & Upcoming Events* and *Lists of New Materials* to receive the latest information.

Family Maker @ Home

We provide all the supplies to have some family fun to go!

- ▶ **Festive Fall Hanging Mobile**
Saturday, September 9
- ▶ **Pinecone Owls**
Saturday, November 18

Family Science:

Catapults Create & Destroy

Build your own catapult and test knocking down different structures. We provide the supplies; your family brings the creativity and fun!

Sunday, September 17, 2–3 pm **C**

Family Maker @ The Library:

Jumping Ghosts!

Make a super cute ghost that hops and jumps. We provide all the supplies; you and the family provide the fun!

Sunday, October 15, 2–3 pm **A**

Stories in Russian (ages 3+ w/adult)

Listen to stories in Russian and take home a fun craft! Parents and children stay together. Program led entirely in Russian.

Monday, October 16, 6–6:45 pm **A**

Истории на русском языке (от 3 лет со взрослыми)

Послушайте истории на русском языке и возьмите домой забавные поделки! Родители и дети остаются вместе. Программа ведется полностью на русском языке.

Пятница, 18:00–18:45 **A**



grades K-5**READY, SET, PLAY****Chess for Beginners (grades 2-5)**


Learn the basics of chess with our friends from Chess for Fighters.


Tuesdays, 5–6 pm


- ▶ Cook Park Library
September 5, October 3 & November 7
- ▶ Aspen Drive Library
September 12, October 10 & November 14

LEGO Adventure (grades K-5)

Bring your imagination and building talents to have a creatively good time with our LEGO collection.




Monday, September 11, 4–5 pm 

Friday, October 6, 4–5 pm 

Friday, November 10, 4–5 pm 


Let's Game! (grades K-5)


Join us for an epic video game battle! We provide the game and system; you provide the fun!


- ▶ Mario Kart
Wednesday, September 13, 4–5 pm 
- ▶ Player's Choice
Thursday, November 2, 4–5 pm 
- ▶ Super Smash Bros.
Monday, November 27, 4–5 pm 


Pokémon Club (grades K-5)

Battle it out with your cards and go head-to-head in epic battles. Bring your best deck and cards to trade.

Thursday, September 14, 4–5 pm 

Wednesday, October 4, 4–5 pm 

Thursday, November 16, 4–5 pm 

Thursday, November 30, 4–5 pm 


Fall Reading Club (up to grade 8)

September 15–November 15

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**EXPLORE OUR WORLD****World Explorers (grades 2-5)**


Immerse yourself in different cultures through stories, crafts, and games!

Thursdays, 4–5 pm 

- ▶ France
September 7
- ▶ Japan
October 5
- ▶ Kenya
November 9


**Goodbye Summer, Hello Autumn! (grades 2-3)**

It's the first day of autumn so let's take a walk in Cook Park and look for signs of the season, listen to a story, and make a craft!

Saturday, September 23, 11 am–12 pm 


Gross Creatures (grades 2-3)

Discover the world's most disgusting animals and make a fun craft! **DROP IN**

Monday, October 9, 4–5 pm 


What Do You See When You Look at a Tree? (grades K-1)

Let's go on a tree walk! Visit the trees in Cook Park, listen to their stories, sketch them, and give them a hug.

Saturday, October 21, 11 am–12 pm 


Heatwaves & Droughts! (grades 2-3)

Learn about droughts and how they affect animals, then make a fun craft!

Monday, November 6, 4–5 pm 

Nature Stories (grades K-1)

Listen to stories and make a fun craft afterwards!

Monday, November 13, 4–4:45 pm 

**Heather's Staff Pick:**

COMICS PLUS

Comics and graphic novels are great for engaging readers of all ages, and our Comics Plus Children's Collection is an

amazing resource! It gives you instant access to so many excellent series, like Svetlana Chmakova's popular *Berrybrook Middle School* series and the adorable manga *Chi's Sweet Home* by Konami Kanata. With no checkout limits, instant access to thousands of series, and an easy-to-use interface, Comics Plus is a win in my book! CMPLD card required. cooklib.org/kids-elibrary





STORIES & BOOKS

International Dot Day (grades K-5)

International Dot Day was inspired by Peter H. Reynolds' book *The Dot*. Listen to the book then let your creativity flow. Come make your mark!

Friday, September 15, 4–5 pm

Page Turners Book Club (grades 4-5)

Join other kids each month to talk about fabulous books!

Mondays, 4–5 pm

September 18, October 23 & November 20

Pirate Party (grades K-1)

Ahoy there! Sail by the Library for a fun time on the high seas reading stories, making crafts, and playing games!

Wednesday, September 20, 4–5 pm

Friendship Stories (grades K-1)

Listen to stories and make a fun craft!

Friday, September 22, 4:30–5:15 pm

Paws for Reading! (grades K-8)

Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy dogs are ready for story time! One 15-minute session per child.

Tuesdays, 6:45–8:05 pm

September 26, October 24 & November 28

The Lighthouse Family: The Sea Lion (grades 2-5)

Let's return to the lighthouse this fall where preparations are underway for the coming months. Come hear the whole story and enjoy making a cozy lighthouse craft.

Friday, September 29, 4–5 pm

American Girls (grades 2-5)

Wednesdays, 4–5 pm

▶ Hola, American Girl Josefina

Bring your doll for a visit with Josefina at her rancho in New Mexico. Hear her story and craft a New Mexican memento in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month.

October 11

▶ Kaya's Hero: A Story of Giving

Bring your doll and listen to Kaya's story in celebration of Native American Heritage Month.

November 15

Little Bookworms: If You Take a Mouse to School (grades K-1)

Read and chat about a story then do a fun craft with other little bookworms and their favorite grown-ups. Caregivers are welcome to attend with their child.

Thursday, October 12, 4:15–5 pm

Spooky Stories (grades 2-3)

Listen to and explore a variety of spooky stories and activities.

Friday, October 20, 4:30–5:30 pm

Pajama Party (grades K-1)

Come to the Library in your PJs to read stories and learn about animals who love to snooze!

Wednesday, October 25, 4:30–5:30 pm

STEM Challenges (grades 4-5)

Put your skills and know-how to the test!

Wednesdays, 4:30–5:30 pm

▶ Castle Construction

September 27

▶ Bucket Tower

November 29

Artist Spotlight: Henri Matisse (grades K-5)

Learn about artist Henri Matisse and his style of art. Create and take home your own Matisse-inspired artwork!

Friday, October 13, 4–5 pm

Spooky Secrets of the Cook Home! (grades 2-5)

Do ghosts lurk behind the curtains at the Cook Home? Learn about the special spooktacular history of the Cook Home. A *Libertyville Historical Society History Matters, Jr.* program.

Monday, October 16, 4:30–5:30 pm

Stuffed Animal Sleepover (grades K-3)

Bring your favorite stuffie to the Library to listen to a bedtime story together, then leave them here with our loving librarians who will make sure they have a wonderful sleepover. Come back on Saturday to pick up your stuffed animal and see pictures of what they got up to during the night!


Friday, November 3, 5–5:45 pm

middle school grades 6-8**Service Crafts**

All materials are provided for you to have a fun and rewarding time.


▶ **DIY Animal Toys**

Create distinct and fun animal toys for dogs and cats at local animal shelters.

Wednesday, September 6, 4–5 pm 


▶ **Rescue Bears**

Make your own stuffed rescue bear to support mental health with this project created by the Institute of Positive Mental Health.

Monday, October 2, 4–5 pm 


▶ **Sensory Painting**


Create a painting using a variety of sensory materials beyond just a paint brush.


Monday, October 30, 4–5 pm 

In the Middle Book Club

A book club just for middle schoolers! Join us for a fun and lively book discussion with awesome books.

Wednesday, September 13, 6:30–7:30 pm 

Wednesday, October 11, 6:30–7:30 pm 

Friday, November 10, 6:30–8:30 pm 

International Snack Exploration


Taste and rank unique snacks from around the world while learning about new countries as you munch on unique foods.


Tuesday, September 19, 3–4 pm 


T(w)een Advisory Board Meeting

Join us monthly to get involved with the Library!

Bring your ideas about programs or new services for middle schoolers.


Wednesday, September 27, 6:30–7:30 pm 

Wednesday, October 18, 4–5 pm 

Wednesday, November 8, 4–5 pm 


Tote Bag Decorating

Using materials and products such as the Cricut vinyl cutter and sewing machines, design your own tote bag and learn new design techniques.

Tuesday, October 17, 4–5 pm 

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**After Hours at Aspen****Mario Kart IRL**

Build and ride in your very own Mario golf cart and compete in video game tournaments after the Library closes. Snacks and pizza provided.

Friday, September 8, 6:30–8:30 pm 


Weird & Wacky Taste Testing

Join us after the Library closes to taste, rate, and guess the flavors of some delicious, unexpected, and certainly wacky foods and beverages.

Friday, September 29, 6:30–8:30 pm 


Zombie Night

Explore the Library after hours to decorate spooky treats and play games such as zombie tag and capture the flag. Costumes encouraged.

Friday, October 27, 6:30–8:30 pm 

After Hours Stuffed Animal Sleepover Volunteers

Teen volunteers are needed to assist stuffed animals on their sleepover adventures at the Library! Kids in grades K–3 are leaving their favorite stuffies overnight, and we need your help taking and compiling photos of them completing fun activities.

Friday, November 3, 6–8 pm 

Meet the Middle School Librarian, Kevin

Currently reading:

Cardboard Kingdom by Chad Sell

Favorite food: Breakfast burritos

What are you most excited for this fall?

At the library: All the after hours programs!
Personally: My son's first birthday!

Go-to video game: I stick to classic series from when I was a kid: *Super Mario 64*, *Goldeneye 007*, and *Mario Party!*

What's the best part about being a librarian? Encouraging kids to explore, be creative, and be themselves in a positive environment.

Would you rather be turned into a vampire or a werewolf? Vampire! They seem to be much cooler in general. You get to live in a castle but aren't a monarch? Awesome!





Visit our table at your school's health fair!

- ▶ Vernon Hills High School
Wednesday, October 25
- ▶ Libertyville High School
Friday, October 27

Fall Health Fairs

c'mon... make something

Paper Quilling Art

Dive into the mesmerizing world of paper quilling! Learn intricate techniques to craft stunning masterpieces with paper strips. Materials provided. Registration opens September 10 at 9 am.

Tuesday, October 10, 6:30–9 pm **A**

Stamp-Making Workshop

Hand printing has never been so easy. Carve your very own rubber stamp and create some prints to take home! Materials provided. Registration opens September 20 at 9 am.

Friday, October 20, 3:30–5:30 pm **C**

Pour-A-Painting

Learn how to make stunning abstract masterpieces using acrylic paints and pouring mediums. Materials provided. Registration opens October 28 at 9 am.

Monday, November 27, 6:30–9 pm **A**

Mark's Staff Picks

In the mood for a terrifying tale?

Try these two! Sure to disturb and chill, *She is a Haunting* by Trang Thanh Tran is a unique haunted house story that will keep you up on those cool, crisp fall nights.

You're Not Supposed to Die Tonight by Kalynn Bayron is a creepy but fun slasher that will keep you guessing through all the twists and turns!

high school grades 9-12

World Letter Writing Day

September 1 is World Letter Writing Day. Keep the tradition of letter writing alive by writing to a friend, relative, or even to your future self! We provide the supplies; you bring your penmanship.

Friday, September 1, 3:30–5:30 pm **C**

High School Book Club

Register for a free copy of the book (limited to first 10). Questions? Contact Mark at mmorton@cooklib.org.

Wednesdays, 6:30–7:30 pm

- ▶ *Hollow Fires* by Samira Ahmed
September 6 **C**
- ▶ *White Smoke* by Tiffany D. Jackson
October 4 **A**
- ▶ *Hotel Magnifique* by Emily J. Taylor
November 1 **C**

SAT/ACT Practice Tests

Take a practice test under realistic conditions and get a measurement on your performance from C2 Education.

Saturdays, 12–4 pm **C**

- ▶ **SAT**
September 16
- ▶ **ACT**
October 7

Book-or-Treat

Get ready for a spooky scavenger hunt! Learn more about the library and get candy and a free book!

DROP IN

Sunday, October 29, 1–4:30 pm **C**

Need homework help? Connect with a live tutor!



For those nights when you're burning the midnight oil studying, the HelpNow from Brainfuse database offers text-based tutoring help via chat every day from 2–11 pm. You can also create flashcards, form online study groups, and submit papers to the Writing Lab. Get started at cooklib.org/teens/homework-help.

new young adult



September



October



November

technology classes

Get Organized:

Online Digital Photo Storage

Learn tips and tricks for saving, backing up, and organizing your memories from free and low-cost storage options such as Google Photos and Flickr.

Monday, September 11, 6:30–8 pm ▼ Zoom

Android Phone Basics

Get started with your Android! Learn about button functions, using apps, and personalizing your phone.

Tuesday, September 12, 7–8 pm ▲

Graphic Design for Non-Designers

Have you ever wondered how to create easy yet eye-catching graphic projects? Learn simple techniques and create original and edited graphic images.

Wednesday, September 13, 6:30–8 pm ▼ Zoom

Online Security: How to Stay Safe

Learn how to navigate around the web safely. Review the basics of malware and explore methods of staying safe online.

Monday, September 25, 6:30–8 pm ▼ Zoom

Phone Photography

Learn the basics of taking great photos with your Android phone or iPhone.

Wednesday, September 27, 6:30–8 pm ▼ Zoom

Must-Have Free Apps

There are thousands of free apps on the market today. This class reviews several popular free apps for TV, music, education, and much more!

Monday, October 2, 6:30–8 pm ▼ Zoom

iPhone Basics

Get started with your iPhone! Learn about button functions, using apps, and personalizing your phone.

Tuesday, October 3, 7–8 pm ▲

iPhone/Android Phone Backup

Learn how to automatically backup your Android or iPhone photos to Google Drive, OneDrive, Flickr, and other online storage sites.

Wednesday, October 4, 6:30–8 pm ▼ Zoom

Backing Up Your Data

Never lose a family photo or important file again! Learn how to back up data with Apple iCloud, Google Drive, and Dropbox.

Friday, October 6, 10:30–11:30 am ©

Introduction to Excel

Learn the basics of Excel, including how to navigate spreadsheets and use simple functions to organize data.

Monday, October 9, 6:30–8 pm ▼ Zoom

Canva

Learn how to navigate this popular graphic design website, including how to create dynamic flyers, edit documents, and even start building a webpage.

Wednesday, October 11, 6:30–8 pm ▼ Zoom

Excel: Formulas & Functions

Learn how to create simple to complex formulas to calculate and manage data.

Monday, October 23, 6:30–8 pm ▼ Zoom

Tech Topics: Augmented Reality

Grab a cup of coffee and join us in a thoughtful discussion around technology. How will our sense of reality change as we combine more computer-generated content into our real world experience?

Friday, October 27, 9:30–10:30 am ©

Online Garage Sale

We cover the different aspects of selling online, including best practices for local pickup, options for exchanging funds, and strategies.

Monday, November 6, 6:30–8 pm ▼ Zoom

Coupons & Rebates

Review several of the most popular rebate options when online shopping, such as Ratuken and Honey.

Wednesday, November 8, 6:30–8 pm ▼ Zoom

Photoshop

Learn how to navigate toolbars, photo editing techniques, and how to use AI in Photoshop.

Monday, November 13, 6:30–8 pm ▼ Zoom

LinkedIn Learning Video Courses

- 16,000+ Courses •
- 7 Languages •
- 1 Learning Hub •



Artificial intelligence, AI, ChatGPT — you've probably heard these terms a lot recently. Learn more about this topic and other relevant, professional skills with LinkedIn Learning video courses.

1. Visit cooklib.org/linkedinlearning
2. Log in with your library card and PIN (your cooklib.org password)
3. Browse topics or search skill keywords to watch and learn!

Need help? Call us at 847-362-2330 during library hours or use the chat feature on the bottom right corner of our website.



genealogy

DAR Workshop

Interested in joining the DAR? Stop by for one-on-one research help by representatives from the DAR.

DROP IN

Wednesday, September 6, 10 am–1 pm

Wednesday, October 4, 10 am–1 pm

Saturday, November 4, 10 am–1 pm

Genealogy Networking Group

Share genealogy tips and resources with other family history enthusiasts. All levels welcome.

Thursdays, 7–8:30 pm

September 7, October 5 & November 2

Beginning Polish Genealogy

Learn how to research your Polish ancestors with genealogist Jason Kruski. He discusses a wide variety of records, including vital, church, and immigration records that are available on the internet to build your family tree both in the USA and Poland.

Thursday, September 21, 7–8:30 pm

Finding Your English Ancestors:

The Big Four

Paul Milner examines how to access and interpret the four primary records groups you need when searching for your English ancestors from the 15th to the 20th century: civil registration, census, church records, and probate.

Thursday, October 26, 7–8:30 pm Zoom

Genealogy After Hours

The night belongs to the genealogists! Bring your research and settle in for four hours of individual research and networking after the Library closes. Librarians will be on hand for advice and encouragement. Light refreshments provided.

Friday, October 27, 6–10 pm

Will the Real Sven Larsson

Please Stand Up

Names, geography, and parish records are important in Swedish genealogy, but they can be confusing for the uninitiated. Demystify the process and learn how to get started researching your Swedish ancestors with genealogist Dr. Dan Hubbard.

Thursday, November 9, 7–8:30 pm



HISTORY MATTERS
LIBERTYVILLE
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The History Matters series is presented by the Libertyville Historical Society.

Preserving Photographs & Paper Documents

Heather Johnson, curator of the Dunn Museum of Lake County, shares tips for preserving family photographs and documents.

Monday, September 18, 7–8 pm

history

It Happened in Chicago

Storyteller William Pack returns with a program like no other. He shares a collection of unusual short stories that add texture and depth to the everyday life and history of Chicago and celebrates the surprising people who lived and died in the City of Big Shoulders.

Tuesday, September 19, 6:30–7:30 pm

The Life, Laughter & Legacy of Robin Williams

Historical presenter Michelle Gibbons takes us into the life of comic genius Robin Williams. She discusses his famous works, movies, TV shows, personal struggles, and achievements.

Thursday, September 28, 6:30–8 pm

The Real Mae West

She rocketed from Broadway to become the highest-paid actress in Hollywood, and her one-liners scandalized the censors yet made her an icon. Meet the woman behind the wit. Presented by actress and historian Martina Mathisen.

Tuesday, October 3, 6:30–8 pm

Betty White: A Lifetime of Laughter

Dr. Annette Bochenek showcases the early years, career highlights, and legacy of Betty White in this multimedia presentation of photos, video clips, and captivating stories.

Thursday, October 19, 6:30–8 pm Zoom

The Wicked, Wild & Wonderful Women of the Windy City

From Jane Addams and Dinah Washington to Oprah Winfrey, the legacy of Second City ladies is long and rich. Historian Clarence Goodman talks about these impactful women.

Tuesday, October 24, 6:30–8 pm

Friend, Foe & Ally:

250 Years of German-American Relations

Join historian Anette Isaacs for a fascinating discussion of the achievements and challenges of the history of German-American relations.

Tuesday, November 7, 6:30–8 pm Zoom

Lake County Barns

John Rouse has photographed barns throughout Lake County to record its agricultural heritage. Join us to view photographs and stories of barns in Warren, Libertyville, and Vernon Townships.

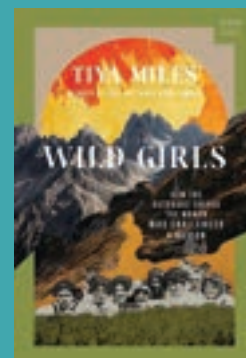
Monday, October 16, 7–8 pm

The Very Best We Had

Libertyville native Joe Nemmers discusses his recent book, *The Very Best We Had*, the story of four U.S. Marines from Libertyville who died in the Battle of Okinawa at the end of World War II.

Monday, November 20, 7–8 pm

new nonfiction



September



October




November

arts & culture*movies & music***Movie Matinee**

Free screenings of popular and acclaimed movies. For titles and ratings, call the Library, pick up a flyer at either location, or sign up to receive monthly Movie Matinee event emails at cooklib.org/newsletters.

NEW: enjoy an encore presentation of one film on the fourth Sunday of each month! **DROP IN**

Thursdays, 1:30 pm • Libertyville Civic Center

Fridays, 1:30 pm 

4th Sunday of the Month, 1:30 pm 

Piano Concert:
Hispanic Heritage Celebration

Join pianist Dan Fogel for a celebration of Hispanic heritage through music, with familiar songs such as "Besame Mucho", "Somos Novios", "The Impossible Dream", and more!

Friday, September 15, 6:30–7:30 pm  

Afternoon Concert with Chris Minardi

One Man Jam Band Chris Minardi plays tunes from the top 40 classic blues, folk, and country music hit lists of the '60s and '70s. In partnership with the Libertyville Senior Center.

Monday, September 18, 1–2 pm

Libertyville Civic Center

Cinema Club

Monthly film screening and discussion. Sign up to receive our Cinema Club emails full of reviews and neat tidbits about the screenings at cooklib.org/newsletters.

DROP IN

Mondays, 6:30–9 pm 

▶ *Time* (PG-13 | 2020 | 1h 21m)
September 18

▶ *Blow Out* (R | 1981 | 1h 48m)
October 16


Afternoon Concert with Lisa Marie

Specializing in jazz, bluegrass, and disco music, Lisa Marie welcomes everyone to enjoy these classic hits in style. Join us! In partnership with the Libertyville Senior Center.

Monday, October 9, 1–2 pm • Libertyville Civic Center



An Evening of Classical Guitar
with Brad Conroy

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with music that features the works of Mexican composer Manuel Ponce, Spanish composers Enrique Granados and Eduardo Morales, and others!

Thursday, October 12, 6:30–7:30 pm 

Piano Concert: Autumn Leaves

Pianist Dan Fogel plays popular autumn-themed songs written by John Denver, Tchaikovsky, Green Day, Barry Manilow, and other songwriters from around the world!

Friday, October 20, 6:30–7:30 pm  

Afternoon Concert with Jeff Dewbray


An exciting afternoon awaits with longtime Chicagoland vocalist Jeff Dewbray. A passionate performer, Dewbray covers artists and music ranging from pop and rock to dance and country. In partnership with the Libertyville Senior Center.

Monday, November 6, 1–2 pm

Libertyville Civic Center



Legends of Sun Records

Musician Randy Walker explores the beginnings of rock and roll from Elvis, Johnny Cash, and Carl Perkins to Jerry Lee Lewis and Roy Orbison.

Thursday, November 16, 6:30–7:30 pm 


Sushi Making Made Easy

Get step-by-step instructions on how to cook sushi rice, prepare fillings, roll the sushi, and make dipping sauces.

Tuesday, September 12, 6:30–8 pm  

Needlework Meetup


If you knit, crochet, needlepoint or enjoy any other handicraft, here is a great opportunity to work on it at the Library with new friends. All levels are welcome.

Wednesdays, 6:30–8:40 pm 

September 20, October 18 & November 8


Soap Making

A fragrant adventure into the art of soap making awaits! Create beautiful, personalized soaps that will leave you feeling rejuvenated. Materials provided. Registration opens September 23 at 9 am.

Monday, October 23, 6:30–9 pm 


Watercolor 101: Pumpkin Vignettes

Using watercolors, experiment with color blending and layering to paint a pumpkin still life.

Saturday, October 28, 10 am–12 pm 


Celebrating Fall with Chef Maddox

Join Chef Maddox for a demo of seasonal chutneys and compotes that pair deliciously with cheeses, pates, sausages, and fruits. Learn unique flavor combinations that you can recreate.

Saturday, November 4, 12–1 pm 

Sew-It-Yourself Scarf

Learn how to use the Library's sewing machines to make a cozy scarf, ensuring you stay warm and fashionable during the chilly months ahead! Materials provided. Registration opens October 15 at 9 am.

Tuesday, November 14, 6:30–9 pm 



The Battle of the Bulge: The Deadliest Battle of World War II

The library is a great place to scratch a curiosity itch, and I wanted to learn more about my grandfather's experience during WWII — without reading a tome! This well-done documentary shined a light on what he faced in the Battle of the Bulge through interview clips of soldiers who were there. What are you itching to learn more about? Let us help you find material!

Esther's Staff Pick

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

to Brookdale Vernon Hills, The Picnic Basket, and Republic Bank of Chicago for sponsoring our Andy Warhol exhibition bus trip to the College of DuPage Cleve Carney Museum of Art.



health & wellness

Morning Meditation

Experience the numerous physiological and emotional benefits of different styles of meditation during our weekly circle.

Fridays, September 1–November 17, 9–10 am

V Zoom

Tai Chi 101

Clear your mind and lower the effects of stress on your life with Tai Chi. It can be done seated or standing.

Tuesdays, September 5–November 28, 9–10 am

V Zoom

Chair Yoga for Everyone

Give yourself the gift of fluid movement and peace of mind. This class is great for anyone who stays seated or standing for long periods of time. No experience needed.

Wednesdays, September 9–November 29, 9–10 am

V Zoom

Medicare & Your Options

Benefit advisor Mike Altman unravels the mysteries of how Medicare works, including the various options, enrollment, and much more.

Wednesday, September 20, 1–2 pm C

Versiti Blood Drive

Versiti Blood Center of Illinois needs your help more than ever! Make an appointment to help our community. For minimum requirements and to sign up for an appointment, please visit cooklib.org/events or call the library.

Saturday, September 30, 9 am–1 pm A

general *interest*

Learn the Art of Tarot

Tarot is an ancient tool that encourages self-reflection, introspection, meditation, and thoughtfulness. Throughout this six-week series, learn about the meanings and symbols in a standard tarot deck and how to apply them to a reading. Bring any tarot deck and a journal. Workbook provided. Registering for one session secures your spot for all six.

Thursdays, 7–8:30 pm A

▶ **Major Arcana**
August 24

▶ **Cups**
September 7

▶ **Wands**
September 21

▶ **Swords**
October 5

▶ **Pentacles**
October 19

▶ **Spreads & Putting It All Together**
November 2

GLMV Chamber Chats

Learn about various topics and Library resources that can help in your business or personal life. In partnership with the Green Oaks, Libertyville, Mundelein, Vernon Hills (GLMV) Chamber of Commerce.

▶ **Skill Up at the Library**

Improve your technology, business, personal development, and test prep skills with Library resources. Join one of our reference librarians for an overview of three popular databases for training: LinkedIn Learning, Gale Courses, and Peterson's Test Prep.

Wednesday, September 20, 6:30–8 pm C

▶ **Building a House**

Get an overview of the steps involved in buying land and building your dream home from experts in finance, insurance, real estate, and designer/builders.

Wednesday, October 25, 6:30–8 pm A

▶ **Tricks Hackers Use to Get to You**

Discover common tactics hackers use to steal information.

Wednesday, November 15, 12–1:30 pm C

Secretary of State Mobile Unit: Driver & Vehicle Services

Representatives from the Secretary of State Mobile Unit will be on site to assist in renewing state identification, driver's licenses, license plate stickers, REAL IDs, and more. Visit cooklib.org/events to register and to view the full list of provided services, acceptable forms of payment, and acceptable forms of identification.

Thursday, October 5, 10 am–2 pm A

Getting Paid to Talk:

A Look at Professional Voice Acting

Learn about the field of voiceover from a professional coach, including an opportunity to receive a brief one-on-one voice range and quality assessment with an instructor.

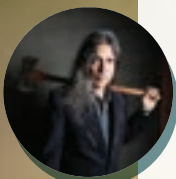
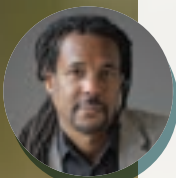
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authors & writing



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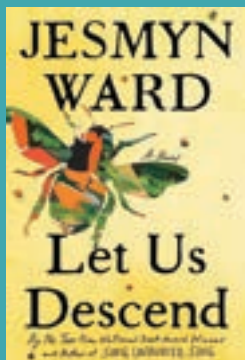
- ▶ **An Evening with Colson Whitehead**
Wednesday, September 6, 7–8 pm ▼ Zoom
- ▶ **Stephen Graham Jones & Horror**
Wednesday, October 8, 7–8 pm ▼ Zoom
- ▶ **Food & Folktales with Grace Lin**
Tuesday, October 17, 7–8 pm ▼ Zoom
- ▶ **Baker Maya-Camille Broussard**
Wednesday, November 8, 7–8 pm ▼ Zoom



new fiction



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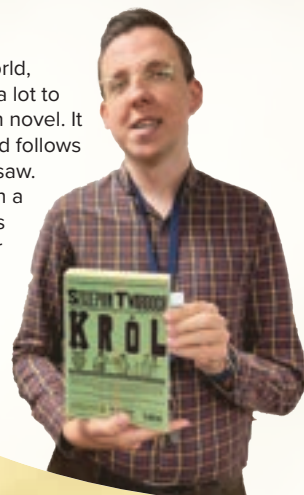
October



November

Król by Szczepan Twardoch

I enjoy historical fiction from around the world, and our World Languages collection has a lot to choose from, like this best-selling Polish novel. It combines the noir and war genres and follows a champion boxer in a gang in Warsaw. It's an exploration of Jewish life in a multicultural city and considers the consequences of power and antisemitism in the city invaded during World War II.



Darek's Staff Pick



Cook Writers' Critique Group

Join other area writers to give feedback on each other's work. This group is currently seeking a moderator. For more information or to volunteer as moderator, contact Erica O'Rourke at eorourke@cooklib.org.

First Thursday of Every Month, 7 pm ▼ Zoom

Authors Out Loud: Gail Lukasik

Join us as local author Gail Lukasik talks about her latest release, *The Darkness Surrounds Us*, a gothic mystery set in the wake of the 1918 Spanish flu pandemic. Books available for sale after the program.

Wednesday, October 4, 7 pm C

Indie Author Day

Celebrate all things indie publishing with speakers and workshops designed to help writers at every stage of their publishing journey.

Saturday, October 28, 9:30 am–12 pm A

English Language Learners

English Conversation Café

Improve your English conversation skills at this informal weekly café for patrons who have completed an English Language Fundamentals course or Intermediate–Advanced ESL class. To register, email Darek Makowski at dmakowski@cooklib.org with your name, email address, and telephone number.

Tuesdays, September 5–November 28, 10–11:15 am A

English Language Learners' Book Club

Do you like to read and discuss your reading with other interesting people? Do you also want to practice your English in conversation? Join us for the Library's English Language Learners' Book Club. For more information and to register, contact Darek Makowski at dmakowski@cooklib.org or 847-362-2330 x1139.

Every Other Monday, September 11–December 18, 10:30 am–12 pm C

Hannah's Staff Picks

A Good Day to Bake: Simple Baking Recipes for Every Mood
by Benjamina Ebuehi

Dessert Person by Claire Saffitz

Autumn is my favorite time to bake — a lot less oven heat to worry about! Here are a couple of my favorite baking books. Did you know we also have a Cookbook Book Club section on the Lower Level?



the Bookies

your best bet for good reads

Fall Book Buzz with the Bookies

Discover the most-anticipated books of the season with our readers' advisors, the Bookies! For an early link to the video AND an exclusive list of the featured titles, make sure to register by the program date – then watch (and place your holds!) before the video is made public on Saturday, September 9.

Wednesday, September 6, 7–7:30 pm

V YouTube

Bookies Talk Podcast

Hear about the Bookies' latest and greatest reads on the CMLPD Podcast, no matter where you are. Listen in the car, on the treadmill, or even while you're doing the dishes! Find us at cooklib.org/podcast or search for Cook Memorial Library on your favorite platform.

New episodes drop the third Friday of every month.

Agatha Mystery Book Club

For a copy of the book and the Zoom link, please contact Erica O'Rourke at eorourke@cooklib.org.

DROP IN

Mondays, 11 am–12 pm H C

- ▶ *Two Nights in Lisbon* by Chris Pavone
September 18
- ▶ *The Violin Conspiracy* by Brendan Slocumb
October 23
- ▶ *Finlay Donovan is Killing It* by Elle Cosimano
November 27

Aspen Drive Book Club

For a copy of the book, contact Becky King at bking@cooklib.org. **DROP IN**

Tuesdays, 7–8 pm A

- ▶ *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks
September 5
- ▶ *Lincoln in the Bardo* by George Saunders
October 3
- ▶ *River of the Gods* by Candace Millard
November 7

Classics Book Club

For a copy of the book, contact Amy Becker-Perez at abeckerperez@cooklib.org. **DROP IN**

Mondays, 7–8 pm C

- ▶ *Old Filth* by Jane Gardam
October 18
- ▶ *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett
November 6

Cook Park Morning Book Club

This club is temporarily full. To see if any spaces are available, please contact Andrea Larson at alarson@cooklib.org. Current members may contact Andrea for a copy of the book and the Zoom link.

DROP IN

Wednesdays, 10–11 am H C

- ▶ *The Maid* by Nita Prose
September 13
- ▶ *Black Cake* by Charmaine Wilkerson
October 11
- ▶ *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks
November 8

Fourth Wednesday Book Club

For a copy of the book, contact Marianne Charles at mcharles@cooklib.org. **DROP IN**

Wednesdays, 7–8 pm

- ▶ *Take My Hand* by Dolen Perkins-Valdez
September 27 C
- ▶ *Hour of the Witch* by Chris Bohjalian
October 25 C
- ▶ *L.A. Weather* by María Amparo Escandón
November 15 V Zoom

Nonfiction Book Club

For a copy of the book and the Zoom link, contact Natalie Torres at ntorres@cooklib.org. **DROP IN**

Fridays, 2–3:30 pm H C

- ▶ *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontent* by Isabel Wilkerson
September 1
- ▶ *Solito: A Memoir* by Javier Zamora
October 6
- ▶ *An Immense World* by Ed Yong
November 3

Science Fiction & Fantasy Book Club

For a copy of the book, contact Andrea Larson at alarson@cooklib.org. **DROP IN**

Tuesday, October 17, 7–8 pm A

- ▶ *Babel* by R.F. Kuang

Shelftalkers Roundtable

It's the Library's "no homework book club"! Share what you've been reading — the good, the bad, and the binge-worthy — and get book recommendations from other members. For the Zoom link, contact Erica O'Rourke at eorourke@cooklib.org. **DROP IN**

Tuesdays, 7–8:30 pm H C

September 26, October 24 & November 28

Teen Lit for Grownups Book Club

For a copy of the book, contact Hannah Dove at hdove@cooklib.org. **DROP IN**

Tuesdays, 7–8 pm A

- ▶ *The Color of the Sky Is the Shape of the Heart* by Chesil
September 19
- ▶ *Victory. Stand!: Raising My Fist for Justice* by Tommie Smith
November 21

Local Book Club Discussion Guides



Are you in a local book club? Let us help you keep the conversation going at your next meeting with curated Discussion Guides. We've put together sample questions and information about the authors of 84 popular titles. Find them at cooklib.org/book-clubs.

Amy's Staff Pick

Solito: A Memoir by Javier Zamora

This is a beautifully written, gut-wrenching story of a 9-year-old boy's migration to the United States without his family—though he is joined by other migrants and people paid to escort him. The author, a poet, writes as his child self and we see both the generosity and wickedness of others. While it is a rough read at times, it's a testimony to strength, family, and humanity – and available as a selection for our book clubs!



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Saturday, September 23, 10 am–12 pm **A**
Субота, Вересень 23, 10–12 година дня



Have you, a friend, or a relative recently moved to the area from Ukraine? Ukrainian immigrants, visitors, and refugees are invited to join us for breakfast treats, children's projects, to learn about our materials and services, and to make new friends. Host families are welcome to participate, too. A translator will be available. **DROP IN Saturday, September 23, 10 am–12 pm A**

Українські іммігранти, відвідувачі, та біженці запрошені до нас на сніданкові смаколики, дитячі проекти, та інформацію про нашу бібліотеку.

Чи ви, ваш друг, або родич нещодавно переїхали в нашу місцевість з України? Приходьте до нас у Aspen Drive Library щоб ознайомитися з нашими матеріалами, сервісами, а також завести нових друзів. Хост родини також запрошуються! Перекладач буде у наявності.

Завітайте!
Субота, Вересень 23, 10-12 година дня