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Letter from the Library Director

The past few years have impacted Library service and engagement with our community in a variety of ways. Shifts in how we live, work, and interact with each other provide both a challenge and opportunity for the Library's new four-year Strategic Plan.

Grounded by the Library's commitment to provide dedicated personal service to our diverse community, the Board-approved plan is a 'roadmap' that will help us respond to changing needs and environments while continuing to provide you with innovative service and engaging collections.

We're especially grateful to the 1,700 community members, area businesses, and community groups for providing valuable feedback on how we can best serve our district.

The new Strategic Plan is focused on four goals:



Be a force for community engagement opportunities

Our locations in Libertyville and Vernon Hills are anchors in their respective communities, but we want to further strengthen collaborative opportunities and partnerships with area organizations, schools, and daycare centers.



Re-establish the Library as a community destination

We're always striving to improve our facilities to better meet your needs. Watch for enhancements to the Cook Park Children's Area, with new engagement and interaction opportunities for early learners. Another priority is to optimize space at Cook Park Library to provide more private and collaborative workspaces for remote workers and students.



Build community around technology

With rapid changes in technology, we're looking to fine-tune how to best offer equipment, e-resources, and creative tools that support your work, interests, and educational needs.



Strengthen how we tell our story

We'll continue to explore new ways to engage with our community about Library services and resources, especially with those who don't yet know all we have to offer.

The new Strategic Plan works off our solid foundation of existing Library services, resources, and staff. It is an important tool in our commitment to you and the 61,000 residents we proudly serve. View the full plan at cooklib.org/about or scan the code below.



David Archer, Library Director




Your 5-Star Library

Every year, the trade publication *Library Journal* scores public libraries across the nation on factors such as in-person visits, number of checkouts, and use of electronic resources. We are honored to announce that your Library is named one of America's Star Libraries for 2022 with a five-star ranking. We join eight other Illinois libraries in our budget level with this top honor.

View the full list of libraries, their scores, and other detailed data at libraryjournal.com.

We couldn't have done it without you! Thank you for making our stars shine.

2023 Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale

Friday, April 21–Sunday, April 23  **Lower Level**

Save the dates for this year's spring book sale held in the Lower Level of Aspen Drive Library in Vernon Hills. Please check the Friends' Facebook page (@FriendsofCook) for further details. See you there!

Sunday \$5 Bag Sale

Use the paper bags provided by the Friends to get a bag of books for only \$5! Multiple bags of books may be purchased. 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 (@FriendsofCook); or call 847-362-2330 with questions about Friends membership and the Book Sale.

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, February 20.

Members' Preview

Friday, April 21: Members only 12-2 pm
Not a member? Join at the Book Sale entrance for \$10 for the year or \$50 for a lifetime membership.

Open to the Public

Friday, April 21: 2–5:30 pm
Saturday, April 22: 9:30 am–4:30 pm
Sunday, April 23 \$5 Bag Sale: 1–4:30 pm
We supply the bag; you fill it!

bookmobile schedule

Come out and see us when the Bookmobile stops in your neighborhood! Check cooklib.org/bookmobile for updates or sign up for monthly eNews at cooklib.org/newsletters.

WEDNESDAYS

A 5–5:45 p.m. – Orchard Apartments
E Orchard St, between Shaddle Ave & Washington Blvd, Mundelein

B 6–7:30 p.m. – Park Butterfield Apartments
Near the pool on Churchill Ct, Mundelein



VIX+

Introducing ViX+, the newest Spanish-language streaming service added to our fleet of Roku's available for checkout.

SERIES ORIGINALES | PELICULAS | DEPORTES EN VIVO PREMIUM

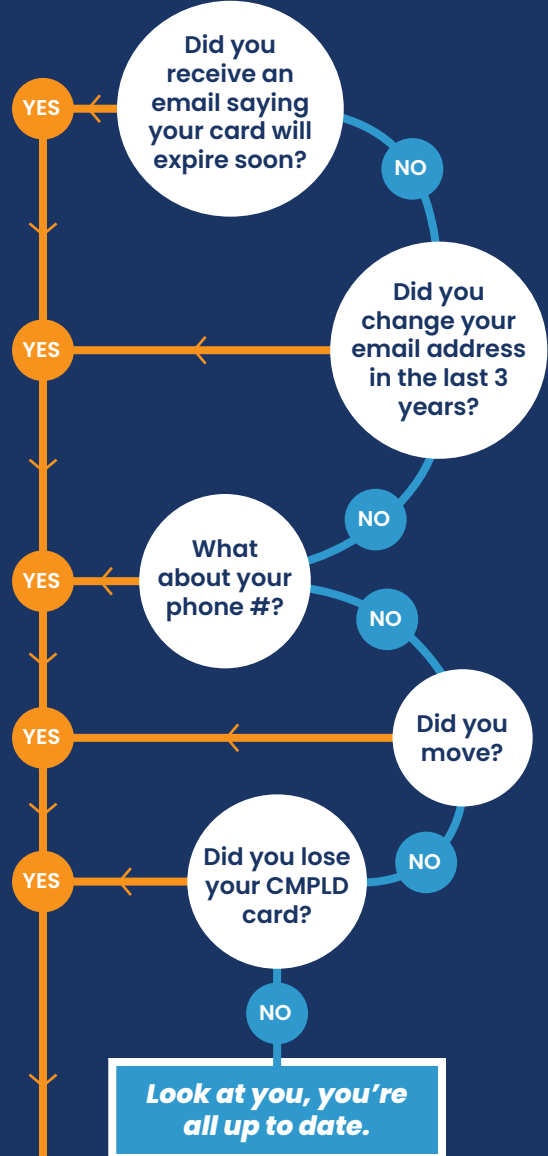
¡Gratis con tu tarjeta de biblioteca de Cook Memorial! Visite la biblioteca o escanee el código para ver la disponibilidad.

ORIGINAL SERIES | MOVIES | LIVE PREMIUM SPORTS

Free with your Cook Memorial Library card! Visit the Library or scan the code for availability.



Is It Time to Renew or Update Your CMPLD Card?



It's time!

Let's get your card renewed and information updated in our system so you can avoid any service interruptions. Visit the Check Out Desk at either location to renew your card or update your account information.

Please bring:

- Your current CMPLD card
- AND -
- Your valid driver's license with current address
- OR -
- Your passport or ID card & proof of current address

Don't have a Library card?

Visit cooklib.org/get-a-library-card to find out how.

Programs open to all. Registration required unless otherwise noted.

Weekly Spring Story Times March 6–April 28

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday
Baby Story Time 9:30–10:15 am ☉ REGISTER	Family Story Time 10–10:45 am ▲ DROP IN	Baby Story Time 9:30–10:15 am ▲ REGISTER	Family Story Time 10–10:45 am ☉ DROP IN
Baby Story Time (birth–12 mos w/adult) This is a lap-sit program. Children and their caregivers are guided through bounces, songs, movement rhymes, and stories. REGISTER		Family Story Time (birth–age 5 w/adult) This is a lively and play-based program for children and their caregivers. DROP IN	

**Toddlers
@ the Library**
(13–26 mos w/adult)
Thursday, May 11, 10–11 am ▲
 Explore and play at this hands-on program! **REGISTER**

THERE'S MORE TO THE STORY ...when you visit the Library!

- ★ Make a craft
- ★ Find a favorite character hiding in the Library
- ★ Say "hello" to our fish friends
- ★ Check out the Writing Center

Recommended Resource:

2023 Early Literacy Activity Calendars

Every month, stop in to pick up a literacy-building calendar full of fun, daily activities to do with your little one to support their pre-reading skills. It even has nursery rhymes, early literacy tips, suggested books, and more! Available in both English and Spanish at either location.



Nanny Nikki's Springtime Sing & Soar!

Saturday, March 11, 11–11:30 am ▲
 Grammy-nominated Nanny Nikki shares stories, songs, and more will have you soaring into spring. **REGISTER**

Stories in Russian (ages 3+ w/adult) Истории на русском языке (от 3 лет со взрослыми)

Friday, April 7, 6:15–7 pm ▲
Пятница, 7 апреля, 18:15–19:00 • Аспен Драйв
 Послушайте сказку на русском языке и сделайте забавную поделку, чтобы забрать ее домой! Программа представлена полностью в Русский. **регистрация**



Firefly Family Theatre: Grow!

Saturday, April 15, 10–10:45 am ▲
 With the help of her forest friends, Spark the Firefly learns all about plants and patience in this interactive show that combines music, poetry, and movement. **REGISTER**



Museums! Adventure! Discounts!

Use your Cmpld card to check out a Museum Adventure Pass to get a special discount at participating Chicago-area cultural destinations. Discounts vary by location. Visit museumadventure.org to view available passes.

Programs open to all. Registration required unless otherwise noted.



Family Maker

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

- ▶ **@ the Library: LED Art**
Sunday, March 19, 2–3 pm **A**
- ▶ **@ Home: Hovercrafts**
Saturday, April 22
- ▶ **@ Home: Pom Pom Cactuses**
Saturday, May 20



Indian Dance Performance

Saturday, April 29, 11–11:30 am

Sullivan Center, 635 N Aspen Drive, Vernon Hills

Immerse yourself in the magic and beauty of Indian dance. The Indian Dance School performs a Kathak dance and demonstrates the steps so you can dance along! **REGISTER**

Dinos at the Dunn!

**Friday, May 5, 3–5 pm • Dunn Museum,
1899 W Winchester Rd, Libertyville**

Meet us at the Dunn Museum for Dinosaur Tales — it'll be dino-mite! Includes museum admission **REGISTER**



The Stars are Out at Aspen Drive

Monday, March 27, 7:30–8:30 pm **A**

See the moon, stars, and even Mars! The Lake County Astronomical Society shares their knowledge and equipment to view the sky over Aspen Drive Library. **REGISTER**

Family Movies

It's movie night at the Library! **REGISTER**

- ▶ **Ratatouille (Rated G)**
Thursday, March 30, 3–5 pm **A**
- ▶ **Coco (Rated PG)**
Saturday, May 6, 10 am–12 pm **A**

THERE'S MORE TO THE STORY ...when you need fun times at home:

- ★ Preschool Packs
- ★ Science Kits
- ★ Telescope & Astrobinooculars
- ★ Hoopla Kids & Kanopy Kids

Sick Day Fun Bundle

Do you have a child at home feeling under the weather or just plain icky? Let our staff put books and movies on hold for your family! Call the Children's Reference Desk at 224-513-7432 with your Library card number handy and we'll gather the goods.





Hop into a Good Book

Wednesday, March 15–Monday, May 15

Kids birth to grade 8 are invited to join our Spring Reading Club! Read books to earn points, and when you reach the goal, you'll receive a book of your choice to keep! Starting Wednesday, March 15, register online at cooklib.readsquared.com or in person at any CMPLD location.

THERE'S MORE TO THE STORY

...when you
need help:

- ★ Book recommendations from the Bookies
- ★ Online homework help databases
- ★ Books for research projects

Spring Stories (grades K-1)

Monday, March 6, 4–5 pm **A**

Friday, May 26, 5–5:45 pm **A**

Listen to stories then make a fun craft! **REGISTER**

Amazing Mazes (grades K-3)

Thursday, March 9, 4:30–5:30 pm **C**

Solve mazes and create your own! **REGISTER**

Before There Were Houses (grades 2-3)

Friday, March 10, 4–5 pm **C**

Discover where people lived before there were houses. **REGISTER**

Page Turners Book Club (grades 4-5)

Mondays, March 13, April 10 & May 8, 4–5 pm **A**

Join other fun kids to talk about fabulous books! **REGISTER**

Goodbye Winter, Hello Spring! (grades 2-3)

Monday, March 20, 4–5 pm **C**

It's the first day of spring! Help us greet and celebrate the new season by exploring Cook Park for signs of spring. **REGISTER**

March Madness STEM Challenge (grades 4-5)

Wednesday, March 22, 4:30–5:30 pm **C**

Use our materials to build your own basketball hoop and a way to launch a ball through it! **REGISTER**

Chess Challenges (grades 2–5)

Thursday, March 23, 6–7 pm **V** Zoom

Thursday, April 27, 6:30–7:30 pm **A**

Thursday, May 18, 6:30–7:30 pm **C**

Join us for chess challenges with Mr. Joel! All skill levels welcome. **REGISTER**

Paws for Reading! (grades K-8)

Tuesdays, March 28, April 25 & May 30, 6:45–8:05 pm **A**

Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy dogs are ready for story time! **REGISTER** for one, 15-minute session.

Chomp into a Good Book! (grades K-1 w/ adult)

Thursday, April 13, 4:15–5 pm **C**

Let's read and chat about a story then do a fun craft with other bookworms. **REGISTER**

American Girl: Julie Saves the Eagles (grades 2-5)

Wednesday, April 19, 4:30–5:30 pm **C**

Celebrate Earth Day with American Girl Julie! Learn how she helped make a difference to the wildlife near her home in San Francisco, and have fun discovering how you can help wildlife too. **REGISTER**

One Plastic Bag (grades 4-5)

Wednesday, April 26, 4:30–5:30 pm **C**

Listen to the story *One Plastic Bag* and learn about a real life problem-solver! Make a bracelet or keychain to take home. **REGISTER**

Taco Party (grades K-1)

Thursday, May 11, 4:30–5:30 pm **A**

Listen to some taco-themed stories, play some games, and create a craft to take home. **REGISTER**

The Lighthouse Family: The Eagle (grades 2-3)

Wednesday, May 17, 4–5 pm **C**

Explore the wonders of the forest with the Lighthouse Family, a lovable animal family of five! Let's share in their adventures and create some adventures of our own, too! **REGISTER**

Wangari's Trees of Peace (grades 2-5)

Wednesday, May 24, 4:30–5:30 pm **C**

Listen to the story *Wangari's Trees of Peace* to learn how one person solved a real-life problem. Make your own peace tree to take home. **REGISTER**

“My kids always look forward to getting the library newsletter in the mail so they can select the children's programs they're interested in. I love the variety — even with three different age daughters with different interests, there always is something for everyone!”

- Courtney

Celebrate Youth Art Month



March is Youth Art Month! Stop by Cook Park Library and Aspen Drive Library to see amazing artwork created by District 70 and District 73 students.

Libertyville Schools D70 Reception
Thursday, March 2, 6–8 pm

Hawthorn Schools D73 Reception
Thursday, March 16, 5–7 pm

EXPLORE OUR WORLD (AND BEYOND!)

World Explorers (grades 2-5)

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

- ▶ **Italy**
Thursday, March 2, 4–5 pm
- ▶ **Poland**
Thursday, April 6, 4–5 pm
- ▶ **Mexico**
Thursday, May 4, 4–5 pm

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Iridescent Animals (grades 2-3)

Monday, April 3, 4–5 pm
Learn about a variety of creatures that sparkle and shine with iridescent colors, and make a fun craft, too! **REGISTER**

Science Explorers: Ocean Pollution (grades K-3)

Wednesday, April 12, 4:30–5:30 pm
How can we help and protect animals in the ocean habitat? **REGISTER**

Machu Picchu & Other Lost Cities (grades 2-3)

Friday, May 19, 4–5 pm
Explore the history and myths surrounding the world's most mysterious lost cities, and make an amazing craft! **REGISTER**

16th Annual Writing Contest Grades 4-8

Monday, February 20–Friday, April 7

Calling all young writers! Sharpen those pencils because it's time for our annual Writing Contest. Submit your story, essay, or poem for a chance to win publication in Cook Memorial Library's own literary magazine.

Submit entries at cooklib.org or at participating schools beginning Monday, February 20. Entries must be received by Friday, April 7.

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Questions? Please contact Amy vanGoethem at avangoethem@cooklib.org or 224-513-7423.

READY, SET, PLAY

Let's Game! (grades K-5)

We provide the game and system; you provide the fun! **REGISTER**

- ▶ **Super Smash Bros.**
Monday, March 6, 4–5 pm
- ▶ **Mario Kart**
Monday, April 24, 4–5 pm
- ▶ **Players Choice**
Thursday, May 18, 4–5 pm

Pokémon Club (grades K-5)

Monday, March 13, 4–5 pm
Thursday, April 20, 4–5 pm
Monday, May 1, 4–5 pm
Battle it out with your cards and go head-to-head in epic battles. Bring your best deck and cards to trade. **REGISTER**

LEGO Adventure (grades K-5)

Monday, March 27, 4–5 pm
Thursday, April 27, 4–5 pm
Thursday, May 25, 4–5 pm
Join the LEGO fun! **REGISTER**

BANG! POW! DRAW!

Get creative with super cartoonist Mark Anderson of Andertoons! **REGISTER**

- ▶ **Robots! (grades K-5)**
Wednesday, March 29, 4:30–5:30 pm
- ▶ **Martial Arts Mania (grades 2-5)**
Tuesday, April 11, 4:30–5:30 pm
- ▶ **Secret of the Mysterious Whodunit (grades 2-5)**
Wednesday, May 10, 4:30–5:30 pm

#READALLTHECOMICS COMICSPLUS

ComicsPlus is the latest addition to our eLibrary with thousands of comics, manga, and graphic novels for all ages that are always available. Browse our full collection or help your kids browse the Children's Collection. Visit our Kids' eLibrary page to get started: cooklib.org/kids-elibrary



middle school grades 6-8

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Candy Sushi

Tuesday, March 14, 4–5 pm Ⓒ

Make tasty sushi from candy ingredients. **REGISTER**

Game On!

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► Mario Kart Deluxe

Thursday, March 23, 3:30–4:30 pm Ⓐ

► Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Battle

Monday, April 10, 4–5 pm Ⓒ

► Players Choice

Thursday, May 4, 3:30–4:30 pm Ⓐ

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Pizza & Paint!

Friday, April 14, 5:45–8 pm Ⓐ

Have a fun night out painting and enjoying delicious pizza, too! **REGISTER**

Improv Playhouse:

Shakespeare Shakedown

Friday, April 28, 6:30–7:30 pm Ⓐ

From Hamlet's "To be or not to be", to the famous star-crossed lovers Romeo and Juliet, we're all familiar with Shakespeare's work, but what about at break-neck speed?! Improv Playhouse performs this loosely scripted and hilariously improvised show. **REGISTER**

Tissue Paper Flowers

Tuesday, May 16, 3:30–4:30 pm Ⓐ

Learn how to make a blooming bouquet of spring flowers using tissue paper. **REGISTER**

Snap It! Phone Photography

Wednesday, May 17, 5–6 pm Ⓒ

Learn the secrets to taking amazing photos with your phone and play photo BINGO! **REGISTER**

book clubs

In the Middle Book Club

Friday, March 10, 5–8:30 pm Ⓐ

Wednesday, April 12, 6:30–7:30 pm Ⓒ

Wednesday, May 10, 6:30–7:30 pm Ⓐ

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

Graphic Novel Book Club

Thursday, March 16, 4:30–5:30 pm Ⓒ

Thursday, April 20, 4:30–5:30 pm Ⓐ

Friday, May 26, 4:30–5:30 pm Ⓒ

Love graphic novels? Then this is the book club for you! **REGISTER**

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**...when
you
share
your
passions
with us:**

- ★ Art Show
- ★ Bookmark Contest
- ★ Writing Contest



Is your high school club or group looking for somewhere to meet over the summer? Email Mark at mmorton@cooklib.org with your club details to see if the Library can host your group.

high school grades 9-12

Check cooklib.org/events for updates and more programs.

Practice Tests

Take a practice test under realistic conditions and get a measurement on your performance from C2 Education. Space is limited. **REGISTER**

▶ SAT

Saturday, May 13, 12–4 pm ③

▶ ACT

Saturday, May 27, 12–4 pm ③

Finals Open Study

Escape outside distractions and join us to study for finals. **DROP IN**

▶ Cook Park Library ③

Friday, May 19, 2:30–5 pm

Saturday, May 20, 9 am–5 pm

Sunday, May 21, 1–5 pm

▶ Aspen Drive Library ▲

Saturday, May 20, 9 am–5 pm

Sunday, May 21, 1–5 pm

Study Night at the Library

Monday, May 22, 2–9 pm ▲ & ③

Get help from LHS & VHHS teachers!

Plus, S-N-A-C-K-S. **DROP IN**

THE HIGH SCHOOL WORKSHOP

Needle Felted Robin

Monday, March 13, 6:30–9 pm ▲

Spring is almost here! Let's learn how to needle felt these springtime birds. **REGISTER**

Navigating the Thingiverse

Monday, April 3, 6:30–9 pm ▲

Learn how to navigate this site that has user-created 3D designs. It has everything from decorative figurines to replacement parts for around the house. Submit one 3D print to be picked up after the program. **REGISTER**

DIY Decorative Soap Bars

Monday, May 15, 6:30–9 pm ▲

Learn how to make your very own exfoliating soap with scents like lavender, orange, and coconut for your next self-care moment! Materials provided. **REGISTER**

High School Book Club

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

▶ *The Hazel Wood* by Melissa Albert

Wednesday, March 1, 6:30–7:30 pm ③

▶ *Somewhere Between Bitter and Sweet*

by Laekan Zea Kemp

Wednesday, April 5, 6:30–7:30 pm ▲

▶ *The Electric Kingdom* by David Arnold

Wednesday, May 3, 6:30–7:30 pm ③

Mason Jar Luminaries

Monday, March 27, 6:30–7:30 pm ▲

Create a beautiful candleholder using a mason jar and the art of decoupage. **REGISTER**

Make Your Own Emoji Beads

Monday, April 17, 6:30–7:30 pm ▲

Form salt dough into beads and paint on fun emoji faces. **REGISTER**



Annual Photo Contest

Deadline: **Monday, March 20**

Contest is open to high school students.

SUBMIT one (1) entry in any or all three categories:

People | Nature | Shadows/Silhouettes

POST on Instagram with the hashtag #CookLibraryContest

- OR - email your submission to mmorton@cooklib.org.

WINNING entries and runners-up will be posted via social media. Plus, prizes for the top place in each category.

**new
young
adult**



March



April



May

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= Aspen Drive Library, Vernon Hills



= Cook Park Library, Libertyville



= Hybrid, choose in-person or virtual



= Virtual only

technology classes

Open to adults and grades 9-12. Check cooklib.org/events for updates and more programs.

Backing Up Photos from a Mobile Device

Monday, March 6, 6:30–8:30 pm ▼ Zoom

Get an overview of free storage tools, such as Google Drive, OneDrive, and Flickr. **REGISTER**

Banking & Financial Apps

Monday, March 13, 6:30–8:30 pm ▼ Zoom

Review popular banking, investing, and savings apps such as Robinhood, Zelle, CashApp, UPromise, and others. **REGISTER**

Phone Photography

Tuesday, March 21, 6:30–8:30 pm ▲

Learn the basics of taking great photos with your phone and various techniques used by photographers to take stunning photos. **REGISTER**

Excel: Tables & Charts

Monday, April 10, 6:30–8:30 pm ▲

Learn how to manage and visualize data by creating dynamic tables and charts. **REGISTER**

Excel: Formulas & Functions

Tuesday, April 11, 6:30–8:30 pm ▲

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

Using Google Maps on Your Smartphone

Wednesday, April 12, 6:30–8:30 pm ▲

Learn how to navigate Google Maps on your iPhone or Android smartphone. Bring your smartphone and login info. **REGISTER**

Using Safari on Your iPhone/iPad

Wednesday, April 19, 6:30–8:30 pm ▲

Learn how to search and navigate websites, manage tabs and bookmarks, and more using Safari. **REGISTER**

Windows 11

Monday, April 24, 6:30–8:30 pm ▼ Zoom

Review the new features in Windows 11, including chat, productivity, security, and personalization features. **REGISTER**

Online Safety

Monday, May 8, 6:30–8:30 pm ▼ Zoom

Learn how to navigate around the web safely. **REGISTER**

Intermediate Microsoft Word

Wednesday, May 10, 6:30–8:30 pm ©

Learn to set tabs, create headers and footers, adjust margins, and insert bullets. Previous Word experience required. **REGISTER**

Travel Apps

Wednesday, May 17, 6:30–8:30 pm ▼ Zoom

Getting ready to travel? Review some popular apps that make traveling a breeze, from finding low-cost fares to unique accommodations. **REGISTER**

THE WORKSHOP

DIY Polymer Clay Jewelry

Monday, March 20, 6:30–9 pm ▲

Learn how to make colorful, one-of-a-kind clay earrings that are perfect addition to your party outfit! Materials provided. **REGISTER**

Decorate a Laser-Cut Birdhouse

Monday, April 10, 6:30–9 pm ▲

Spring is here and the birds are chirping — let's build and then decorate birdhouses made on the Library's laser cutter. Materials provided. **REGISTER**

DIY Decorative Spring Wreath

Monday, May 8, 6:30–9 pm ▲

Learn how to make cute, one-of-a-kind spring wreaths! Materials provided. **REGISTER**

See page 9 for High School Workshop programs.

Pay It Forward: Library Resource Helps in Job Search

“I had no idea what it was, but quickly learned that it's a wealth of information for both job seekers and business owners looking to build a network of local business customers.” — Dave

Recently, CMPLD patron Dave was looking for a new job. A recruiter suggested he look at the *Book of Lists* to get an idea of local businesses in the area. After unsuccessfully trying to locate the book, he came to the Reference Desk for help and our knowledgeable reference staff directed him to one of our free online resources, AtoZdatabases. Dave was able to leverage this resource in his job search and, in turn, “enlightened many others to the value of the tool.”

AtoZdatabases is the premier job search, reference, and mailing list database, including 30 million business and executive profiles and 240 million residents. Ideal for sales leads, mailing lists, market research, employment opportunities, finding friends and relatives, and much more! Start your search at cooklib.org/research or scan the code.



AtoZ
databases

DAR Genealogy Workshop

Wednesday, March 1, 10 am–1 pm

Saturday, April 1, 10 am–1 pm

Wednesday, May 3, 10–1 pm

Interested in joining the DAR? Stop by for some one-on-one research help from representatives of the DAR. **DROP IN**

Genealogy Networking Group

Thursday, March 2, 7–8:30 pm

Thursday, April 6, 7–8:30 pm

Thursday, May 4, 7–8:30 pm

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

Researching Your Irish Ancestors Online

Thursday, March 16, 7–8:30 pm

Learn online tools and resources to un-puzzle your Irish heritage. All levels welcome. **REGISTER**

Genealogy After Hours

Friday, April 21, 6–10 pm

The night belongs to the genealogists! Bring your research and settle in for four hours of individual research and networking after the Library closes. Light refreshments provided. **REGISTER**

Researching Colonial American Ancestors

Thursday, May 11, 7–8:30 pm

Find out what records are available for researching your Colonial ancestors. **REGISTER**

“ I moved to the US in 2015, and in 2018, I launched my own small business! For the past five years, I've been enjoying the REMEFRTA book club and I believe that my involvement in that has had a huge impact on my level of confidence in speaking and interacting with the community. ”

- Claudia

learn English

REMEFRITA: English Language Learners' Book Club

Mondays, March 13–May 11, 10:30–12 pm

REMEFRITA stands for REading, MEeting, FRiends, and TALKing. It's our book club for English language learners who enjoy reading in English and also want to practice English in conversation. **REGISTER** by contacting Trish Compton at tcompton@cooklib.org or 847-362-2330 x1139 with your name, email, and phone number.

English Conversation Café

Tuesdays, March 7–May 30, 10–11:15 am

An informal weekly café for patrons who have completed an English Language FUNDAMENTALS course or INTERMEDIATE-ADVANCED ESL classes and want to improve their English conversation skills. **REGISTER** by contacting Trish Compton at tcompton@cooklib.org or 847-362-2330 x1139 with your name, email, and phone number.

Free English Classes &

Free English as a Second Language classes held in conjunction with Mundelein High School Adult Education program. Dates and time vary by location. For more information, pick up a flyer at the Library, visit facebook.com/adulteducationMHS or call Yuli at 847-949-2200 x1399.

The Reign of Queen Elizabeth II

Tuesday, March 21, 6:30–8 pm

Historian Jim Gibbons discusses the life of the longest-reigning and longest-living Queen. Sponsored by Servya Global Services. **REGISTER**

Unbuilt Projects Around Chicago

Thursday, April 6, 6:30–7:30 pm

Historian Max Grinnell talks about Frank Lloyd Wright's plans for a mile-high skyscraper; the plans for a unified Civic Center; and other projects that would have dramatically changed Chicago. **REGISTER**

From Uptown Girls to Downton Abbey

Thursday, May 18, 6:30–8 pm Zoom

Fans of *Downton Abbey* and *The Gilded Age* delight as former UK resident Claire Evans recounts the tales of famously cash-flush young Americans who infused bank accounts of many stately homes. **REGISTER**



HISTORY MATTERS LIBERTYVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

History Matters: LHS Women's Athletics Before & After Title IX

Monday, March 20, 7–8 pm

In honor of Women's History Month, Libertyville High School athletics historian Dale Eggert discusses Libertyville High School women's athletics both before and after Title IX of the 1972 Education Amendments Act. A Libertyville Historical Society program. **REGISTER**

History Matters: The North Shore Line

Monday, April 17, 7–8 pm

The North Shore Line has been gone for 60 years, but it will always remain the Road of Service. Join David Sadowski, author of the new book *Images of Rail: The North Shore Line*, for a review of the electric railroad's history. Books available for sale. A Libertyville Historical Society program. **REGISTER**

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Music

Rockin' Variety Shows

In partnership with the Libertyville Senior Center.

▶ Ron "Flying Fingers" Steta

Monday, March 6, 1–2 pm • Libertyville Civic Center
World traveler Ron Steta spent years performing on cruises. Join him for this classical guitar performance of songs from the '60s, '70s, and '80s! **REGISTER**

▶ Ray "The Sax Guy" Forlenza

Monday, April 10, 1–2 pm • Libertyville Civic Center
An exciting afternoon awaits with saxophonist and musical entertainer Ray Forlenza and his wide repertoire of music. **REGISTER**

▶ Mike Valentine

Monday, May 8, 1–2 pm • Libertyville Civic Center
This interactive performance showcases a wide variety of music spanning from the '40s through the '90s! **REGISTER**

Professor Moptop Presents: *Revolver*

Thursday, March 9, 6:30–7:30 pm

Professor Moptop discusses each track from the Beatles' *Revolver* album using rare audio and photographs from the landmark sessions including the songs "Eleanor Rigby," "Taxman," "Here, There and Everywhere." **REGISTER**

A Little Bit O' Irish!

Tuesday, March 14, 6:30–7:30 pm

Sit back and immerse yourself in the traditional music and images of the Emerald Isle. New York pianist Dan Fogel performs Irish favorites, including "Danny Boy", "The Galway Piper", and others in this pre-recorded concert. **REGISTER**

Indian Dance Performance

Saturday, April 29, 11–11:30 am • Sullivan Center, 635 N Aspen Drive, Vernon Hills

Immerse yourself in the magic and beauty of Indian dance. The Indian Dance School performs a Kathak dance and demonstrates the steps so you can dance along! **REGISTER**

Mother's Day Concert

Saturday, May 13, 2–3 pm

Jazz vocalist Petra van Nuis and guitarist Andy Brown return for a musical salute to mothers! **REGISTER**

Oy! A Musical Tribute to Jewish Heritage

Friday, May 19, 6:30–7:30 pm

New York pianist Dan Fogel performs favorites from Jewish composers and lyricists Rodgers & Hart and Leonard Bernstein; holidays, such as Passover, Hanukkah, and weekly Sabbath; and more in this pre-recorded concert. **REGISTER**

Live From New York It's...

The History of TV Comedy

Thursday, March 30, 6:30–7:30 pm

We examine how comedy changed from the vaudeville shtick of Milton Berle to the social satire of *Saturday Night Live*. **REGISTER**

Movies

Special Film Event: *Invisible Warriors*

This documentary is an unforgettable conversation among a diverse group of African American "Rosie the Riveters" who recount what life was really like during World War II. Stream the film at your convenience on YouTube after registering for either the live introduction or the closing Q&A, both with the film's producer, Gregory S. Cooke. In partnership with 50+ Illinois public libraries and College of DuPage. **REGISTER** to receive the YouTube link.

▶ Introduction with Gregory S. Cooke

Sunday, March 5, 2–3 pm

▶ Virtual Movie Screening

View anytime March 5–15

▶ Q & A with Gregory S. Cooke

Wednesday, March 15, 7–8 pm

Movie Matinees

Thursdays, 1:30 pm • Libertyville Civic Center

Fridays, 1:30 pm

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. **REGISTER**

Dann & Raymond's Movie Club Presents:

An Afternoon at the Oscars

Saturday, March 11, 2–3 pm

Join Chicago Daily Herald film critic Dann Gire and author and film historian Raymond Benson for a fun-filled afternoon viewing clips and discussing the nominees for this year's Academy Awards. Sponsored by LIV Home Health LLC. **REGISTER**

Cinema Club

Monthly film screening and discussion. Can't get enough? Sign up to receive our Cinema Club emails full of reviews and neat tidbits about the screenings at cooklib.org/newsletters. **DROP IN**

▶ *The Verdict* (R | 1982 | 2h 9m)

Monday, March 20, 6:30 pm

▶ *Waiting for Guffman* (R | 1996 | 1h 24m)

Monday, April 17, 6:30 pm

▶ *Eve's Bayou* (R | 1997 | 1h 48m)

Monday, May 15, 6:30 pm

Classic Movie Matinees

Free screenings of classic movies. **REGISTER**

▶ *The Godfather* (R | 1972 | 2h 55m)

Sunday, March 26, 1:30 pm

▶ *Easter Parade* (G | 1948 | 1h 43m)

Sunday, April 23, 1:30 pm

▶ *Places in the Heart* (PG | 1984 | 1h 51m)

Sunday, May 28, 1:30 pm

Celebrate the Life & Work of the Great Bob Fosse!

Tuesday, April 18, 6:30–7:45 pm

Join us and look at how Bob Fosse went from vaudeville to film performer to the director/choreographer who revolutionized how we see Broadway and movie musicals. **REGISTER**

Morning Meditation

Fridays, March 3–May 26, 10:30–11:30 am

Zoom

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

Versiti Blood Drive

Saturday, March 4, 9–1 pm

Versiti Blood Center of Illinois needs your help more than ever! Make an appointment to help our community at this blood drive held at Aspen Drive Library. For minimum requirements and to sign up for an appointment, please call the library or visit cooklib.org/events. **REGISTER**

Tai Chi 101

Tuesdays, March 7–May 30, 9–10 am

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

Spring Cuisine

Chef Susan Maddox returns to share expert techniques and tasty recipes using seasonal ingredients. **REGISTER**

Greens & Grains

Tuesday, March 14, 12–1 pm

Cooking Fish

Tuesday, April 11, 12–1 pm

Apricot & Cherries

Tuesday, May 16, 12–1 pm

Medicare & Your Options

Thursday, March 16, 1–2 pm

Zoom
Benefit Advisor Mike Altman unravels the mysteries of how Medicare works, including the various options, enrollment, options available to those turning 65, and much more. **REGISTER**

Springtime in Tuscany

Tuesday, May 2, 6:30–8 pm

Chef Susan Maddox explores cooking techniques and exciting Tuscan flavors sure to make your next gathering a hit. **REGISTER**

Container Gardening

Tuesday, May 9, 6:30–8:30 pm

Create your own flower container of fresh annuals with guidance from gardening expert Peggy Garvin. Bring gardening gloves and shears; other materials provided. **REGISTER** in person at either location. A nonrefundable \$20 materials fee is due at registration.

Free Mental Health First Aid Training

Saturday, May 20 & Sunday, May 21, 1–5 pm

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Learn how to identify and understand the signs of a mental health crisis, and build the skills and confidence you need to provide initial support to those who are struggling. Must attend both sessions. **REGISTER**

AARP Two-Part Driver Safety Course

Wednesday, May 24 & Thursday, May 25, 10 am–2 pm

C
Drivers age 50+, refresh your skills and learn safety tips. Complete this two-session course and you may be eligible to receive an auto insurance discount. Check with your insurance carrier for more info. Registration fee: AARP members \$20; non-members \$25. Bring your AARP card and payment on the first day of class. Must attend both days. **REGISTER**

financial literacy month



Lawyer in the Library

Wednesday, April 12, 10 am–4 pm

C
Meet with licensed local attorney Michael A. Goldberg for an individual, 20-minute session for general guidance and advice only. **REGISTER**

Financial Checkup for Retirees

Thursday, April 13, 6:30–8 pm

C
You probably see your dentist and doctor regularly, but how long has it been since you had a financial checkup? Financial Educator Karen Chan shows how to do your own review using a checklist you can personalize. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. **REGISTER**

Estate Planning Explained

Wednesday, April 19, 1–2 pm

C
Learn the difference between a will and a trust, and get an understanding of probate, power of attorney for healthcare and financial matters. Sponsored by the Benton Financial Group. **REGISTER**

Understanding Fintech: Digital Wallets

Thursday, April 20, 6:30–8 pm

C
Financial educator Karen Chan explains how financial technology (fintech) tools work and what to look for before you transfer money with Cash App, Venmo or Zelle; or make deposits with neobanks such as Chime, Sofi, and T-Mobile Money. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. **REGISTER**

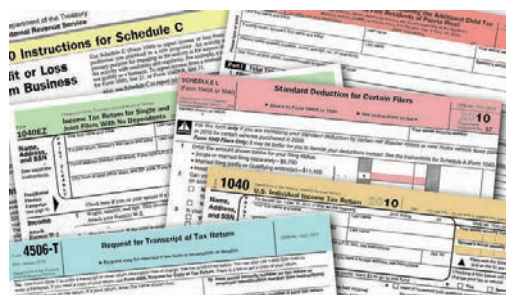
Investing Made Simple

Thursday, April 27, 6:30–8 pm

C
Financial educator Karen Chan explains stocks, bonds, and mutual funds, and how index funds can simplify your investing decisions. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. **REGISTER**

Looking for Tax Forms?

Visit cooklib.org/taxes for downloadable forms.



Art in Bloom: Milwaukee Art Museum Bus Tour

Thursday, April 20, 8 am–5 pm

Meet in the Cook Park Library Lobby

Hop on board the luxury coach bus for a trip to the Milwaukee Art Museum. Enjoy a private tour from art historian Jeff Mishur of the *Art in Bloom* exhibition, as well as the *Native America: In Translation* and *Scandinavian Design and the United States 1890–1980* exhibitions.

TICKETS go on sale **Saturday, March 11, 9 am–12 pm** exclusively at Cook Park Library in Libertyville. A \$64 per person ticket covers museum admission, guided tours, and a boxed lunch. Cash or check only. Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library and La Luz Bakery.

authors & writing

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► The Weird & Wonderful World with Mary Roach

Wednesday, March 1, 7–8 pm ▼ Zoom

Dubbed “America’s funniest science writer” by the *Washington Post*, *New York Times* bestselling science author Mary Roach discusses her frank approach to science, the importance of humor, and the weird, wonderful world in which we live. **REGISTER**

► Danny Trejo Talks Tacos, Hollywood & Redemption

Tuesday, April 4, 7–8 pm ▼ Zoom

From years of imprisonment to helping troubled youth battle addiction, to acting, producing, and now restaurant ventures, Trejo’s name, face, and achievements are well recognized in Hollywood and beyond. **REGISTER**

► Secrets of the Puzzle Master: A Conversation with Will Shortz

Tuesday, April 25, 7–8 pm ▼ Zoom

What is an enigmatologist? It’s Will Shortz! The puzzle editor of the *New York Times* and the Sunday Puzzle Master for NPR’s Weekend Edition joins us in conversation — you won’t want to miss this! **REGISTER**

Lina Chern is nobody’s fool. Through hard work and utilizing free resources available at Cook Memorial Library, she landed a publishing deal for her debut novel, *Play the Fool*. The mystery, which one reviewer called “fresh and twisty,” is set for release on March 28. Chern is the former co-moderator of the monthly Cook Writers’ Critique Group where she worked on her book and gathered valuable feedback from the supportive group of area writers.

“I am thrilled to present *Play the Fool* at Cook Memorial Library, the heart of the community that inspired this book and helped to bring it into the world. Whether I was typing at a window seat in the library’s welcoming buildings, editing the book with help from the Writers’ Critique Group, or simply finding inspiration in its stacks, the Library has been a home for me and for my work. I am grateful for the chance to give back a fraction of what the Library has given me.”

- Lina Chern

Congratulations!



Authors Out Loud: Lina Chern

Thursday, April 13, 7–8:30 pm ▲

Local author Lina Chern discusses her new mystery, *Play the Fool*, about a cynical tarot reader turned reluctant sleuth. *Library Journal* calls it “a delicious blend of suspense and madcap humor.” **REGISTER**



Local Author Fair

Saturday, April 22, 10 am–12 pm ▲

Visit with authors from the Lake County area to learn more about their books. Copies will be available for sale. **DROP IN**

Cook Writers’ Critique Group

First Thursday of Every Month, 7 pm ▼ Zoom

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, contact Erica O’Rourke at eorourke@cooklib.org.



Agatha Mystery Book Club

For a copy of the book or the Zoom link, contact Erica O'Rourke at eorourke@cooklib.org. **DROP IN**

- ▶ *The Daughter of Time* by Josephine Tey
Monday, March 27, 11 am–12 pm **H** **C**
- ▶ *We Begin at the End* by Chris Whitaker
Monday, April 24, 11 am–12 pm **H** **C**
- ▶ *Clark and Division* by Naomi Hirahara
Monday, May 22, 11 am–12 pm **H** **C**

Aspen Drive Book Club

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

- ▶ *West with Giraffes* by Linda Rutledge
Tuesday, March 7, 7–8 pm **A**
- ▶ *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict
Tuesday, April 4, 7–8 pm **A**
- ▶ *Crying in H Mart* by Michelle Zauner
Tuesday, May 2, 7–8 pm **A**

Classics Book Club

For a copy of the book, contact Karen Varga at kvarga@cooklib.org. **DROP IN**

- ▶ *The Maltese Falcon* by Dashiell Hammett
Monday, February 27, 7–8 pm **C**
- ▶ *Night* by Elie Wiesel
Monday, May 1, 7–8 pm **C**

Cook Morning Book Club

For a copy of the book, contact Jo Hansen at jhansen@cooklib.org. **DROP IN**

- ▶ *These Precious Days* by Ann Patchett
Wednesday, March 8, 10–11 am **C**
- ▶ *The Great Circle* by Maggie Shipstead
Wednesday, April 12, 10–11 am **C**
- ▶ *The Hour of the Witch* by Chris Bohjalian
Wednesday, May 10, 10–11 am **C**

Fourth Wednesday Book Club

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

- ▶ *Clark and Division* by Naomi Hirahara
Wednesday, March 22, 7–8 pm **V** **Zoom**
- ▶ *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge
Wednesday, April 26, 7–8 pm **C**
- ▶ *Between Two Kingdoms* by Suleika Jaouad
Wednesday, May 24, 7–8 pm **C**

Nonfiction Book Club

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

- ▶ *The Hidden Life of Trees* by Peter Wohlleben
Friday, March 3, 2–3:30 pm **V** **Zoom**
- ▶ *Madhouse at the End of the Earth* by Julian Sancton
Friday, April 7, 2–3:30 pm **V** **Zoom**
- ▶ *The Other Doctor Gilmer* by Benjamin Gilmer
Friday, May 5, 2–3:30 pm **V** **Zoom**

Science Fiction and Fantasy Book Club

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

- ▶ *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury
Tuesday, April 18, 7–8 pm **A**

Shelftalkers Roundtable

Tuesdays, March 28, April 25 & May 23, 7–8:30 pm **H** **C**

Share what you've been reading — the good, the bad, and the binge-worthy — and get book recommendations from other members! To participate via Zoom, please contact Erica O'Rourke at eorourke@cooklib.org for the meeting link. **DROP IN**

Teen Lit for Grownups Book Club

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

- ▶ *The Lesbiana's Guide to Catholic School* by Sonora Reyes
Tuesday, March 21, 7–8 pm **A**
- ▶ *The Life and Crimes of Hoodie Rosen* by Isaac Blum
Tuesday, May 16, 7–8 pm **A**

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Spring Book Buzz

Wednesday, March 15, 7–8 pm **V** **YouTube**

Join the Bookies for a sneak peek at the "buzziest" books of the season. Only those who register will receive the unlisted YouTube link AND an exclusive list of the featured titles. Be sure to watch (and place your holds!) before the video is made public on Saturday, March 18. **REGISTER**

Bookies University

▶ Historical Fiction

Monday, March 20, 7–8:30 pm **V** **Zoom**

Learn about the characteristics, time periods, and tricks authors use to create a compelling blend of fact and fiction. **REGISTER**

▶ Contemporary Fiction

Monday, April 10, 7–8:30 pm **V** **Zoom**

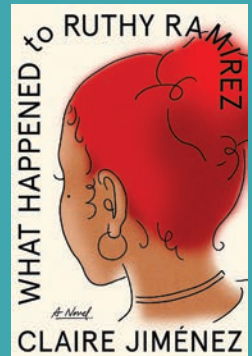
Explore the subgenres, trends, and tropes that make up this eclectic and exciting field. **REGISTER**

▶ Romance

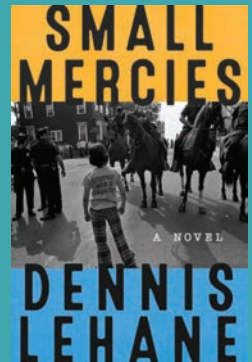
Monday, May 8, 7–8:30 pm **V** **Zoom**

Discover the enduring popularity and unexpectedly rebellious nature of this billion-dollar industry — and the most misunderstood genre around. **REGISTER**

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May 29: Memorial Day

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May 12 open at 1 pm: Staff Training

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National Library Week 2023

Sunday, April 23–Saturday, April 29

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Sherlock Holmes, Bar Bets & the Staying Power of Libraries

5 Questions with Reference Librarians Glenn & Mary

Before MapQuest, Google Images, and TikTok, libraries had a lock on information. If you had a question or needed to do some research, you called or visited your local branch. Reference Librarians Glenn Gotrik and Mary Andrew remember that time well. They have 42 and 41 years of library experience, respectively, and have seen it all! They sat down with our communications coordinator to chat about how libraries have changed — and how they haven't.

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