



Cook Memorial Public Library District

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Vernon Hills, IL 60061

Cook Park Library  
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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](http://cooklib.org/policies).

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## New Improvements: Enhancing Your Library Experience

Your Library Board of Trustees and staff regularly explore ways to keep our beautiful facilities fresh and relevant to meet your needs and make every visit an enjoyable one. Look for these enhancements coming soon:



#### Conference Space & Additional Study Rooms

One part of the Library's strategic plan is to optimize space at Cook Park Library in Libertyville to provide more private and collaborative workspaces for remote workers and students. In support of this strategy, three new private study rooms as well as a new 10-person conference room should be completed and ready for use by early April.



Visit [cooklib.org/services/room-reservations](http://cooklib.org/services/room-reservations) for more information on how to book a room at either Library location.



#### EV Charging Unit

Electric vehicle owners visiting Aspen Drive Library in Vernon Hills will be pleased to find two new 240-volt charging units from Libertyville-based company EVBox. Each unit provides 7.2 kilowatts of charge per hour and is compatible with nearly all electric vehicles, providing up to 25 miles of driving range for each hour of charging. A fee of 20¢/kWh is currently set to cover the cost of electricity plus the costs associated with the equipment and installation.

Look for these units in Aspen's north parking lot near the Drive-Up Window. More information about using the units can be found at [cooklib.org/EVcharging](http://cooklib.org/EVcharging).



These projects are funded from reserves set aside by the Library Board for infrastructure improvements and maintenance. These reserves help keep our buildings useful, attractive, and well maintained for your enjoyment for years to come.



The Library is a space for everyone, fostering inclusivity and offering endless possibilities. It's a place where you can find your *thing*. Wherever your interests lie, the Library has something for you. Watch for this logo symbol in the newsletter for featured Library offerings that spark joy. We invite you to **Check Out Your Happy.**

## Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale

Saturday, April 20 & Sunday, April 21

Save the dates for this year's spring book sale! Lots of fabulous deals await you on books, movies, music, and more. This season, the Friends have many boxes of books about trains, so spread the word to the locomotive lovers in your life.

- **Saturday, April 20**  
**9:30–11:30 am: Members Only.** Not a member? Join at the sale entrance!  
**11:30 am–4:30 pm: Open to the Public**
- **Sunday, April 21**  
**12:30–4:30 pm: \$5 Bag Sale, Open to the Public.** 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

Support the Friends of the Library by becoming a member. Membership also grants first entry to annual book sales during the Member's Preview hours. If you're interested in joining, please email the Friends at [friendsofcooklibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofcooklibrary@gmail.com), check their Facebook page, or call 847-362-2330.

- Yearly Membership: \$10
- Lifetime Membership: \$50

### Donations

Donate your gently used books, movies, and music for the upcoming sale! Beginning Monday, March 25, drop the material in the donation bins located in the lobby of each Library location.

## National Library Week 2024

Sunday, April 7–Saturday, April 13

National Library Week is the annual celebration of the valuable role libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening our communities. Beyond all the books on the shelves, our library buildings tell thousands of stories through events, interactions, activities, and resources.

Discover how the Library can assist you at any stage of life. Drop by during National Library Week for an up-close look at materials, services, and resources you might not be aware of. It's an opportunity to learn something new, ask questions, and explore the incredible offerings available to you with your CMPLD card!

Pop-up demonstrations will be held at both Library locations throughout the week. Check out the full event schedule on our website in late March for specific times and locations.



## bookmobile schedule

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

### WEDNESDAYS

- A 3–4 pm** – Lambs Farm Stone Apartments, 14245 Rockland Rd, Libertyville
- B 5:15–5:45 pm** – Court of Spruce/Court of Birch, Vernon Hills
- C 5:45–6:15 pm** – Pebbleshire Apartments, Cherry Valley Rd & Lakeside Dr, Vernon Hills
- D 6:30–8 pm** – Park Butterfield Apartments, Near the pool on Churchill Ct, Mundelein

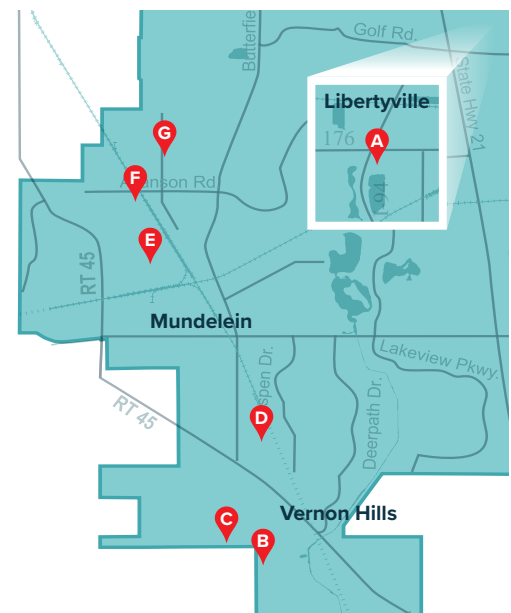
### SATURDAYS

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

## Home Delivery Services

We make regular lobby stops at area senior housing facilities to deliver and pick up library materials. Once signed up for this service, material may be requested for weekly or bi-weekly delivery. To sign up, please contact Homebound Supervisor Linda Weagley at 224-513-7434 or [lweagley@cooklib.org](mailto:lweagley@cooklib.org). We make stops at the following facilities and also provide service to individual homes if you qualify.

- **Brookdale Plaza** . . . . . Wednesdays, 12:30–1:30 pm
- **Brookdale Hawthorn Lakes** . . Thursdays, 1:30–2:15 pm
- **Green Oaks Senior Living** . . . every other Tuesday, 11:15 am–12 pm
- **The Sheridan at Green Oaks** . Tuesdays, 10:15–11 am
- **StoryPoint** . . . . . Thursdays, 10:15–11 am
- **Victory Centre** . . . . . every other Tuesday, 12:15–1 pm





**early childhood** (birth-age 5)**Weekly Story Times****March 11–May 3****Baby Story Time**



(birth-12 mos w/adult)

Baby Story Time is a lap-sit program. Children and their caregivers are guided through bounces, songs, movement rhymes, and stories. *Registration opens Sunday, February 11 at 4 pm.*


**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 **TUESDAYS****Family Story Time**10–10:45 am   
**DROP IN****WEDNESDAYS****Baby Story Time**9:30–10:15 am **FRIDAYS****Family Story Time**10–10:45 am   
**DROP IN****Playful Learning @ the Library****Math is Magic (ages 3-5 w/adult)**


Math is all around us! Join us for a special math-themed story time with hands-on activities that support learning through play! *Registration opens Thursday, February 8 at 4 pm.*

**Monday, March 4, 10–10:45 am** **Story Stretchers: It Looked Like Spilt Milk (ages 4-5 w/adult)**

Come along and stretch your imaginations through stories, hands-on activities, and play with your favorite grown-up!

▶ **Tuesday, April 2, 4–4:45 pm** *Registration opens Saturday, March 2 at 4 pm.*▶ **Thursday, April 11, 4–4:45 pm** *Registration opens Monday, March 11 at 4 pm.***Toddlers @ the Library! (13-35 mos w/adult)**

Celebrate and support your toddler's physical growth and development at this special program for toddlers and their favorite grown-ups at the Library! *Registration opens Sunday, April 14 at 4 pm.*

**Tuesday, May 14, 10–11 am** **Preschoolers @ the Library! (ages 3-5 w/adult)**

Explore hands-on activities with your preschooler through play in a group setting at the Library! *Registration opens Sunday, April 15 at 4 pm.*

**Wednesday, May 15, 1–2 pm** **10-Year Anniversary of****March 1–May 31**

Get ready to celebrate a decade of literacy milestones: the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten reading program turns 10 this year! This cherished initiative plays a crucial role in nurturing language and early literacy skills for your child's future reading endeavors.

Join the festivities and make a splash during our celebration from March 1 to May 31. Whether you're a past, future, or current participant, drop into the library for activities, adorable photo ops, and the chance to win fantastic prizes in special drawings. Keep an eye on our website in late February for more details.

Want to join 1000 Books Before Kindergarten? Visit the Children's Desk at either Library location to pick up your folder and start reading!

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Resources for  
Parents & Caregivers from  
University of Washington's Institute  
for Learning & Brain Sciences (I-LABS)

Discover the science behind the simple, everyday interactions that make parents and caregivers children's first and most vital teachers. Explore a range of free resources from I-LABS, such as at-home activities, the ABC's of Play, short videos on your child's development, coloring sheets, and much more!

[modules.ilabs.uw.edu/resources-for-parents-caregivers](http://modules.ilabs.uw.edu/resources-for-parents-caregivers)



**Recommended Resource**

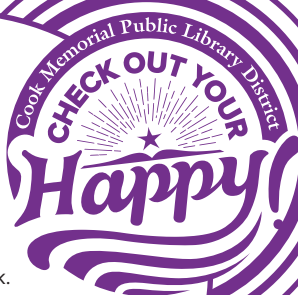
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**CHECK OUT YOUR  
Happy!**

Pick up an activity sheet or mail a postcard to a favorite character from the Writing Center at Cook Park and Aspen Drive libraries. Be sure to stop by the desk to ask for a packet of crayons and use our new mailboxes.





When the weather isn't cooperating, come in to play a board game, such as Chess or Apples to Apples! Also available are toys for younger children (toddlers-PreK). Stop by the Children's Desk and ask.



### Books & Bluey @ the Library!

We'll start by reading a book together and then have some Bluey-themed fun! Materials provided. Registration opens Friday, February 9 at 4 pm.

- ▶ **Saturday, March 9, 10 am–12 pm**
- ▶ **Saturday, March 9, 2–4 pm**

### Family Maker @ Home

All supplies and written instructions are provided for you and your kids to complete this activity on your own schedule!

- ▶ **Tangram Fun**  
**Saturday, March 16**  
Registration opens Friday, February 16 at 4 pm.
- ▶ **Spring Flower Mobile**  
**Saturday, May 11**  
Registration opens Thursday, April 11 at 4 pm.

### Solar Eclipse Viewing Take-Home Kit

Enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime solar eclipse with your family at home! We'll provide a list of fun activities, helpful resources, and a viewfinder. Registration opens Friday, March 1 at 4 pm. Limit one per family. **Saturday, March 30**

### 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. Registration opens Friday, March 15 at 4 pm.

**Monday, April 15, 6–6:45 pm**

### Истории на русском языке (от 3 лет со взрослыми)

Послушайте сказки на русском языке и сделайте забавную поделку! Родители остаются с детьми в течение программы. Программа ведется только на русском языке. Запись на программу начинается в пятницу 15-го марта в 16:00.

**Понедельник 15 апреля 18:00-18:45 в библиотеке Аспен**

### Children's Author Randi Moxi on Bullying

Hear children's author Randi Moxi talk about how she navigated bullying while growing up in West Virginia and how these important lessons are shared with children through her writing and love of animals. In partnership with the Green Oaks, Libertyville, Mundelein, Vernon Hills (GLMV) Chamber of Commerce.

**Wednesday, May 22, 12–1:30 pm**

### Family Maker @ the Library

We provide all the supplies to have some family fun at the library!

- ▶ **Bird Feeder**  
**Sunday, March 3, 2–3 pm**   
Registration opens Thursday, February 8 at 4 pm.
- ▶ **LED Spring-Inspired Art**  
**Sunday, April 21, 2–3 pm**   
Registration opens Thursday, March 21 at 4 pm.



### Celebrate Youth Art!

Amazing artwork created by District 70 and District 73 students will be on display at Cook Park Library and Aspen Drive Library this spring. **DROP IN**

- ▶ **District 70 Opening Reception**  
**March 7, 5:30–7 pm**
- ▶ **District 73 Opening Reception**  
**April 25, 5:30–7 pm**



### We've Got Mail

Sending mail is an engaging activity for young children!

Our Seek & Find characters love to get mail! New mailboxes are available in the children's services department with postcards so your little one can mail their drawings, scribbles, and notes to the characters that like to hide at the library!

**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**



**grades K-5****Page Turners Book Club (grades 4-5)**

Join other fun kids to talk about fabulous books!  
Registration open.

- ▶ **Friday, March 1, 4:30–5:30 pm** **A**
- ▶ **Friday, April 12, 4:30–5:30 pm** **A**
- ▶ **Friday, May 17, 4:30–5:30 pm** **A**

**The Wind in the Willows (grades 2-5)**

Join us each month to listen to a chapter of *The Wind in the Willows* by Kenneth Grahame. We'll explore, discuss, craft, and delve into this timeless tale. No need to read ahead or bring the book; we'll all listen together.

- ▶ **The River Bank**  
**Tuesday, March 12, 4:30–5:30 pm** **C**  
Registration opens Monday, February 12 at 4 pm.
- ▶ **The Open Road**  
**Tuesday, April 30, 4:30–5:30 pm** **A**  
Registration opens Saturday, March 30 at 4 pm.
- ▶ **The Wild Wood**  
**Tuesday, May 14, 4:30–5:30 pm** **C**  
Registration opens Sunday, April 14 at 4 pm.

**Spring Stories (grades K-1)**

Listen to spring-themed stories and make a fun craft!  
Registration opens Sunday, February 18 at 4 pm.

**Monday, March 18, 4–4:45 pm** **A**

**Paws for Reading! (grades K-8)**

Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy dogs are ready for story time! Please register only one child for one 15-minute session.

- ▶ **Tuesday, March 26, 6:45–8 pm** **A**  
Registration opens Tuesday, March 12 at 4 pm.
- ▶ **Tuesday, April 30, 6:45–8 pm** **A**  
Registration opens Tuesday, April 16 at 4 pm.
- ▶ **Tuesday, May 21, 6:45–8 pm** **A**  
Registration opens Tuesday, May 7 at 4 pm.

**American Girls (grades 2-5)**

Bring your favorite doll and meet some incredible American Girls! Listen to their stories and make a craft.

- ▶ **Meet Isabel & Nicki**  
**Wednesday, March 27, 3–4 pm** **A**  
Registration opens Tuesday, February 27 at 4 pm.
- ▶ **Love the Earth**  
**Friday, April 19, 4:30–5:30 pm** **C**  
Registration opens Tuesday, March 19 at 4 pm.
- ▶ **Meet Nanea**  
**Tuesday, May 7, 4:30–5:30 pm** **A**  
Registration opens Sunday, April 7 at 4 pm.

**STEM Challenge (grades 4-5)**

Put your skills and know-how to the test!

- ▶ **Paper Roller Coasters**  
**Thursday, March 28, 3–4 pm** **A**  
Registration opens Wednesday, February 28 at 4 pm.
- ▶ **Toothpick Structures**  
**Thursday, May 23, 4:30–5:30 pm** **C**  
Registration opens Tuesday, April 23 at 4 pm.

**Artist Spotlight: Upcyclers (grades K-5)**

Learn about various artists and activists who turn trash into art. Create and take home your own upcycled artwork! Registration opens Tuesday, March 5 at 4 pm.  
**Friday, April 5, 4:30–5:30 pm** **A**

**Fractured Fairy Tales (grades K-3)**

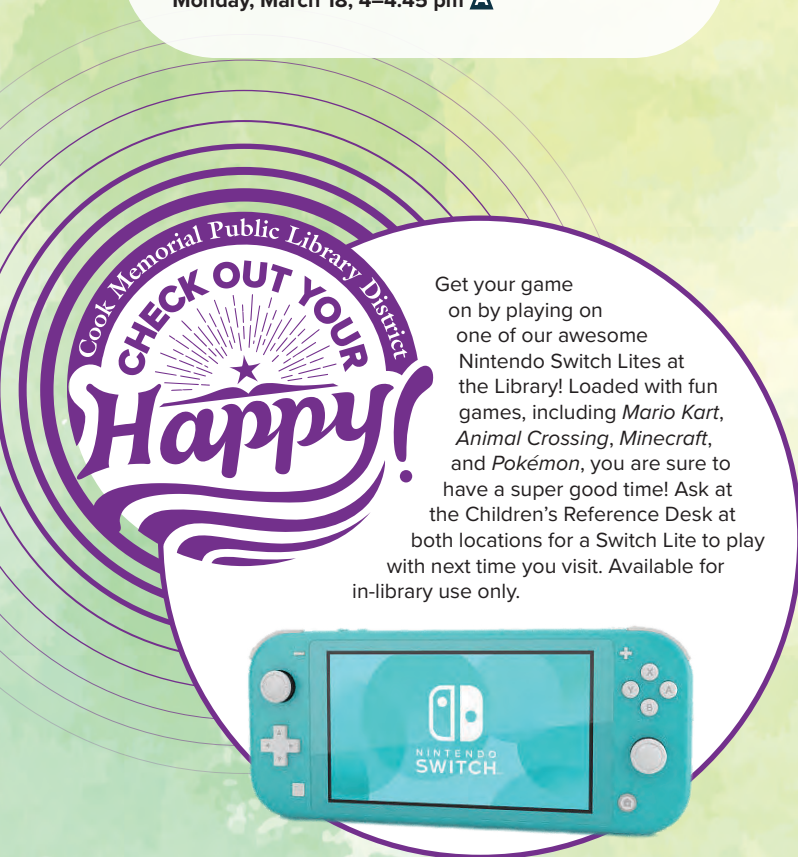
Join us to read and compare two versions of a common fairy tale told from different perspectives and make a craft to take home!

- ▶ **Goldilocks**  
**Thursday, April 25, 4:30–5:30 pm** **C**  
Registration opens Monday, March 25 at 4 pm.
- ▶ **The Three Pigs**  
**Thursday, May 16, 4:30–5:30 pm** **C**  
Registration opens Tuesday, April 16 at 4 pm.

**Forest Stories (grades K-1)**

Listen to forest-themed stories and make a fun craft!  
Registration opens Sunday, April 20 at 4 pm.

**Monday, May 20, 4–4:45 pm** **A**



Get your game on by playing on one of our awesome Nintendo Switch Lites at the Library! Loaded with fun games, including *Mario Kart*, *Animal Crossing*, *Minecraft*, and *Pokémon*, you are sure to have a super good time! Ask at the Children's Reference Desk at both locations for a Switch Lite to play with next time you visit. Available for in-library use only.



## EXPLORE OUR WORLD

### World Explorers (grades 2-5)

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

#### ► Ireland

**Wednesday, March 6, 4:30–5:30 pm**

Registration opens Thursday, February 8 at 4 pm.

#### ► Bulgaria

**Wednesday, April 10, 4:30–5:30 pm**

Registration opens Sunday, March 10 at 4 pm.

#### ► Greece

**Wednesday, May 8, 4:30–5:30 pm**

Registration opens Monday, April 8 at 4 pm.

### Linnea's Almanac (grades 2-5)

Join Linnea on her adventures learning about the world around her and make fun crafts.

#### ► Signs of Spring

**Friday, March 15, 4:30–5:30 pm**

Registration opens Thursday, February 15 at 4 pm.

#### ► My Little Garden

**Tuesday, April 23, 4:30–5:30 pm**

Registration opens Saturday, March 23 at 4 pm.

#### ► May Flowers

**Tuesday, May 21, 4:30–5:30 pm**

Registration opens Sunday, April 21 at 4 pm.

### Goodbye Winter, Hello Spring! (grades 2-5)

Spring is here! Let's celebrate by going on a nature walk in Cook Park, reading a story, and doing a craft. Dress for the weather. Registration opens Monday, February 19 at 4 pm.

**Tuesday, March 19, 4:30–5:30 pm**

### Volcanoes! (grades 2-3)

Volcanoes are fascinating and terrifying! Let's learn about them and make a fun craft! Registration opens Tuesday, March 26 at 4 pm.

**Friday, April 26, 4–5 pm**

### Insects! (grades 2-3)

Did you know that butterflies taste food with their feet? Learn cool facts about insects and make a fun craft! Registration opens Wednesday, April 24 at 4 pm.

**Friday, May 24, 4–5 pm**

## GET YOUR GAME ON

### Chess Club (grades 2-5)

Learn the basics of chess and play against others. Players of any skill level welcome! Please register for only one session per month.

#### March

► **Saturday, March 2, 3:30–4:30 pm**

Registration opens Saturday, February 17 at 4 pm.

► **Saturday, March 9, 3:30–4:30 pm**

Registration opens Saturday, February 24 at 4 pm.

#### April

► **Saturday, April 13, 3:30–4:30 pm**

Registration opens Saturday, March 30 at 4 pm.

► **Saturday, April 20, 3:30–4:30 pm**

Registration opens Saturday, April 6 at 4 pm.

#### May

► **Saturday, May 4, 3:30–4:30 pm**

Registration opens Saturday, April 20 at 4 pm.

► **Saturday, May 11, 3:30–4:30 pm**

Registration opens Saturday, April 27 at 4 pm.

### LEGO Adventure (grades K-5)

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

► **Monday, March 11, 4:15–5 pm**

Registration opens Sunday, February 11 at 4 pm.

► **Monday, April 1, 4:15–5 pm**

Registration opens Friday, March 1 at 4 pm.

► **Thursday, May 30, 4:15–5 pm**

Registration opens Tuesday, April 30 at 4 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!

#### ► Player's Choice

**Friday, March 29, 4:15–5 pm**

Registration opens Thursday, February 29 at 4 pm.

#### ► Mario Kart

**Thursday, April 4, 4:15–5 pm**

Registration opens Monday, March 4 at 4 pm.

#### ► Player's Choice

**Monday, April 29, 4:15–5 pm**

Registration opens Friday, March 29 at 4 pm.

#### ► Super Smash Bros.

**Monday, May 6, 4:15–5 pm**

Registration opens Saturday, April 6 at 4 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.

► **Monday, March 4, 4:15–5 pm**

Registration opens Thursday, February 8 at 4 pm.

► **Monday, April 8, 4:15–5 pm** (grades K-8)

Registration opens Friday, March 8 at 4 pm.

► **Thursday, May 2, 4:15–5 pm**

Registration opens Tuesday, April 2 at 4 pm.



**middle school** grades 6-8**In the Middle Book Club**

A book club just for middle schoolers! Join us for a fun and lively book discussion with awesome books. May's meeting is a special, after-hours event where we chat about the book, watch the movie, and munch on pizza and snacks! *Registration open.*

- ▶ **Wednesday, March 13, 6:30–7:30 pm** C
- ▶ **Wednesday, April 17, 6:30–7:30 pm** A
- ▶ **Friday, May 10, 6–8:30 pm** A

**Service Crafts**

Get involved with your community, earn volunteer hours, and create projects to keep or give to others.

- ▶ **Seed Balls**  
**Tuesday, March 5, 4:30–5:30 pm** C  
*Registration opens Thursday, February 8 at 4 pm.*
- ▶ **DIY Upcycled Hats**  
**Tuesday, April 2, 4:30–5:30 pm** A  
*Registration opens Saturday, March 2 at 4 pm.*

**Game On!**

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

- ▶ **Mario Kart**  
**Friday, March 8, 4:30–5:15 pm** A  
*Registration opens Thursday, February 8 at 4 pm.*
- ▶ **Super Smash Bros.**  
**Friday, May 3, 4:30–5:15 pm** C  
*Registration opens Wednesday, April 3 at 4 pm.*

**T(w)een Advisory Board Meeting**

Get involved with the Library! Bring your ideas about programs or new services for middle schoolers.

- ▶ **Wednesday, March 20, 4:30–5:30 pm** A  
*Registration opens Tuesday, February 20 at 4 pm.*
- ▶ **Wednesday, April 24, 4:30–5:30 pm** C  
*Registration opens Sunday, March 24 at 4 pm.*

**International Snack Exploration**

Taste and explore different snacks from a wide variety of countries around the world. *Registration opens Thursday, February 22 at 4 pm.*

**Friday, March 22, 4:30–5:30 pm** A

**Pokémon Club (grades K-8)**

Battle it out with your cards and go head-to-head in epic battles. Bring your best deck and cards to trade. *Registration opens Friday, March 8 at 4 pm.*

**Monday, April 8, 4:15–5 pm** C

**Peeps STEM Challenge**

Can you complete multiple building and engineering challenges using Peeps and other food? *Registration opens Saturday, March 9 at 4 pm.*

**Tuesday, April 9, 4:30–5:30 pm** C

**Minecraft IRL: After-Hours**

Play Minecraft games throughout the Library after hours and compete in video game tournaments. *Registration opens Tuesday, March 19 at 4 pm.*

**Friday, April 19, 6–8 pm** A

**Superhero Celebration**

Discuss and celebrate your favorite superhero comics, play video games, watch videos, and more. *Registration opens Sunday, April 28 at 4 pm.*

**Tuesday, May 28, 6:30–8 pm** C

**Are you running out of manga in print?**

Take a look at ComicPlus for eBooks such as *Yotsuba&!* and *Delicious in Dungeon*.



**COMICS PLUS**







### Spring Self-Care

Drop in, sip a refreshing bubble tea, and pamper yourself with a hydrating avocado face mask as you feel stress melt away. **DROP IN**

**Monday, May 6, 6:30–9 pm**

## create

### DIY Polymer Clay Mirrors

Create miniature polymer clay mirrors for your bag, locker, or to use on the go! **DROP IN**

**Wednesday, March 6, 5:30–7:30 pm**

### Crystal Yetis

Explore Creativebug and learn how to make a creature that's part chemistry, part crystal, and ALL yeti! Materials provided. *Registration opens February 8.*

**Monday, March 11, 6:30–9 pm**

### Canva 101

Learn how to navigate the popular graphic design website [Canva.com](https://www.canva.com), including how to create dynamic flyers, edit documents, and even start building a webpage.

**Wednesday, March 13, 6:30–8 pm** Zoom

### Wood Photo Transfer

Discover the secret to transferring photos onto wood, giving them a distinct vintage allure. Materials provided. *Registration opens March 8.*

**Monday, April 8, 6:30–9 pm**

### Canva: Graphic Design

Learn how to create graphic objects and other items from scratch on Canva.

**Wednesday, April 24, 6:30–8 pm** Zoom

## high school grades 9-12

## study

### Finals Open Study

Escape outside distractions and study for finals at the Library. **DROP IN**

#### Cook Park Library

- ▶ **Friday, May 17, 3–6 pm**
- ▶ **Saturday, May 18, 9 am–5 pm**
- ▶ **Sunday, May 19, 12–5 pm**

#### Aspen Drive Library

- ▶ **Saturday, May 18, 9 am–5 pm**
- ▶ **Sunday, May 19, 12–5 pm**

### Study Night at the Library

Get help from LHS & VHHS teachers!

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

**Monday, May 20, 3–9 pm** &

## join the club

### High School Book Club

Register for a free copy of the book (limited to the first 10) or contact Leah at [lhatchkiss@cooklib.org](mailto:lhatchkiss@cooklib.org).

- ▶ *Check & Mate* by Ali Hazelwood  
**Wednesday, March 6, 6:30–7:30 pm**
- ▶ *Delicious Monsters* by Liselle Sambury  
**Wednesday, April 3, 6:30–7:30 pm**
- ▶ *The Ivory Key* by Akshaya Raman  
**Wednesday, May 1, 6:30–7:30 pm**

### High School Manga Club

Join the club to discuss the monthly book pick and watch the adaptation. Register for a free copy of the book (limited to the first 10) or contact Leah at [lhatchkiss@cooklib.org](mailto:lhatchkiss@cooklib.org).

- ▶ *Spy x Family* by Tatsuya Endo  
**Thursday, March 28, 6:30–8 pm**
- ▶ *Shadows House* by Soumatou  
**Thursday, April 25, 6:30–8 pm**
- ▶ *Sleepy Princess in the Demon Castle* by Kagiji Kumanomata  
**Thursday, May 30, 6:30–8 pm**

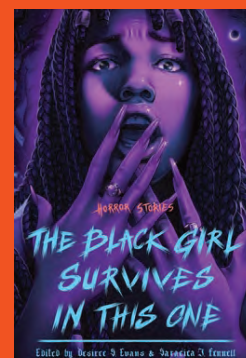
## new young adult



March



March



April



May

## Blackout Poetry at the Library

**April 1–30** &

### During Library Hours

Drop in to either location and create blackout poetry in honor of National Poetry Month! Scribble, circle, or darken around the words on the pages supplied and see your poem come to life. You may either take it home with you or place in the submission box to be hung around the library. **DROP IN**

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## genealogy

## history

**DAR Genealogy Workshop**

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

**DROP IN**

- ▶ Wednesday, March 6, 10 am–1 pm **C**
- ▶ Saturday, April 6, 10 am–1 pm **C**
- ▶ Wednesday, May 1, 10 am–1 pm **C**

**Genealogy Networking Group**

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

- ▶ Thursday, March 7, 7–8:30 pm **H A**
- ▶ Thursday, April 4, 7–8:30 pm **H C**
- ▶ Thursday, May 2, 7–8:30 pm **H C**

**Mia Famiglia: Italian Genealogy in America**

Researching your Italian ancestors is not as difficult as you might think! Dan Niemiec, genealogy correspondent for Fra Noi, explains the easiest ways to find their town(s) of origin in Italy, using Italian civil and online records.

Thursday, March 21, 7–8:30 pm **H C**

**AI & Genealogy: Trouble Ahead?**

While AI might be the current buzz word, many genealogy vendors and genealogists have been using this technology for years. Come learn how from Thomas MacEntee, a professional genealogist specializing in the use of technology and social media.

Thursday, April 18, 7–8:30 pm **V 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 will be provided.

Friday, April 26, 6–10 pm **C**

**Why Do We Care Where Grandma Went to Church?**

Exploring the US church records of many denominations can reveal your ancestors' vital events, family relationships, overseas birthplaces, and other residences and religious lives! Sunny Jane Morton, popular genealogy educator and award-winning writer of *How to Find Your Family History in U.S. Church Records*, shows us how.

Thursday, May 16, 6:30–8 pm **V Zoom**

**The Amazing Eleanor Roosevelt**

Drawn from Eleanor's own letters, diaries, newspaper columns, and other writings, this engaging performance captures the warmth, honesty, and passion of this American first lady and stateswoman. Presented by award-winning actress and scholar Leslie Goddard.

Tuesday, March 5, 6:30–8 pm **V YouTube**

**The Irish in America**

Through the use of music, photographs, newspaper articles and cartoons, this informative and entertaining talk helps us understand how the Irish went from despised refugees to an acclaimed ethnic group. Presented by Dr. John F. Lyons, Professor of History at Joliet Junior College.

Thursday, March 14, 6:30–8 pm **C**

**Beautiful Castles Around the World**

Explore some of the world's most extraordinary castles while learning about their fascinating histories and must-see treasures. Presented by Barbara Barrett, History Edutainment (Educational Entertainment).

Thursday, April 18, 6:30–8 pm **A**



**HISTORY MATTERS**  
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HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**Ansel's Brother – Charles W. Cook**

Join Cook family researchers, Iowa natives, and father/son duo Donald and Daniel Etler as they share the life of Charles W. Cook, the younger brother of Libertyville's Ansel B. Cook. This fascinating story will take you from early Chicago to the western Iowa prairie via Martha's Vineyard, Coronado Island, and even Hereford, England. Learn how C.W. Cook and his family influenced history and helped change the face of American agriculture.

Monday, March 18, 7–8 pm **V Zoom**

**Frances Adler Elkins**

Author Scott Powell delves into the career of interior designer Frances Adler Elkins, sister of David Adler. He places a special emphasis on her commissions in the North Shore and Chicago, highlighting her connection to Libertyville.

Monday, April 15, 7–8 pm **V Zoom**

**The Rondout Train Robbery**

June 12, 2024 marks the 100th anniversary of one of the largest train robberies in US History. Libertyville Historical Society board members Pamela Krueger and Jenny Barry review the events and outcome of the heist of more than two million dollars in securities and cash.

Monday, May 20, 7–8 pm **V Zoom**



**Meet your new Genealogy Librarian Daniel Smith**

**How did you get started in the genealogy world?**

Growing up, my parents were very active in genealogy. I remember being fascinated by the stories that I heard and my parents' enthusiasm for this hobby. In that way, I guess it is something in my genes, something I inherited.

**What are you currently reading?**

I am reading family histories from other cultures and perspectives to get a larger sense of genealogical practices and values. Ask me for recommendations!

**What is your go-to genealogy resource?**

I am a big fan of FamilySearch. As a genealogist and librarian, I love that it is a free resource that allows you to find so many ancestral records!

**How can a patron get in touch with you?**

Email: [dsmith@cooklib.org](mailto:dsmith@cooklib.org) | Phone: 224-513-7418

I look forward to hearing about your family and helping you discover more about them!



## technology classes

### Canva

Learn how to navigate the popular graphic design website [Canva.com](https://www.canva.com), including how to create dynamic flyers, edit documents, and even start building a webpage.

Wednesday, March 13, 6:30–8 pm **V** Zoom

### Online Security

Learn how to navigate around the web safely.

Wednesday, March 20, 6:30–8 pm **V** Zoom

### iPhone Basics

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

Tuesday, March 26, 7–8 pm **A**

### Is This Photo Real or Fake?

Discern if an online photo is real or fake in a four-layered approach. Learn more about media literacy and fact-checking with lateral-reading. Then, play along in a game of real or fake.

Tuesday, April 9, 7–8 pm **C**

### Photos Backup

Learn how to easily and automatically backup your phone photos to OneDrive, Google Drive, and Flickr.

Wednesday, April 10, 6:30–8 pm **V** Zoom

### Graphic Design

Using Canva, we review easy steps in creating graphic objects and other items from scratch.

Wednesday, April 24, 6:30–8 pm **V** Zoom

### Android Phone Basics

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

Tuesday, May 7, 7–8 pm **A**

### Stress Free Vacation Planning

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

Wednesday, May 15, 6:30–8 pm **V** Zoom

### Photo Editing

This class looks at simple and complex features when editing photos. We use a simple graphic design website and look at Photoshop to edit photos to look their best!

Wednesday, May 29, 6:30–8 pm **V** Zoom

## Digital Studios Workshops

Set aside  
30 minutes  
and learn how to:

- Set up recording sessions for music or podcasts.
- Digitize VHS tapes, cassettes, and vinyl records.
- Scan photos, slides, and negatives.
- Get familiar with the Cricut machine.

Visit [cooklib.org/digital-studios](https://cooklib.org/digital-studios) to view the schedule and register.



## bus tour



Join us for an enchanting boat cruise on Lake Michigan and the Chicago River. Enjoy stunning skyline views and up-close encounters with iconic buildings like the Willis Tower, Aon Center, John Hancock Building, and more. Cruise boat staff will narrate Chicago's history and landmarks, and art historian Jeff Mishur will accompany the group, providing unique insights into Chicago's visual treasures. Sponsored by Brookdale Vernon Hills and Libertyville Bank & Trust Company.

**TICKETS REQUIRED**

### ► Ticket Sale: Saturday, April 6, 9 am–12 pm **A**

Tickets are \$84 per person and include Jeff Mishur's commentary, cruise narration, and a 90-minute sightseeing cruise, plus transportation. Bring your own food or purchase a boxed meal from The Picnic Basket for an extra \$12.

### ► Day of Trip: Wednesday, May 22, 8 am–4 pm

Meet at the main entrance of Cook Park Library or Aspen Drive Library.

## business, career & finance

### One-on-One Business Mentoring with SCORE

Meet with Art Noparstak, certified business mentor from SCORE, for an individual, one-hour appointment to get advice on starting a business, writing a business plan, and implementing a marketing strategy.

#### Cook Park Library

- Wednesday, March 13, 10 am–1 pm **C**
- Wednesday, April 10, 10 am–1 pm **C**
- Wednesday, May 8, 10 am–1 pm **C**

#### Aspen Drive Library

- Wednesday, March 27, 10 am–1 pm **A**
- Wednesday, April 24, 10 am–1 pm **A**
- Wednesday, May 22, 10 am–1 pm **A**

### Lawyer in the Library: Wills & Trusts

Meet with one of two local licensed attorneys for an individual, 15-minute session for general guidance and advice only. Attorney Michael A. Goldberg specializes in wills and trusts; Attorney Stella Day specializes in wills, trusts, estates, and guardianship.

Wednesday, April 3, 10 am–4 pm **C**

### Is Owning a Business a Good Fit for You?

Clarify some of the myths and realities of small business ownership and determine your readiness to become a small business owner.

Thursday, April 4, 1–2 pm **C**

### Jumpstart Your Job Search

Learn about job search strategies that will propel you into your next career, help you tap into the hidden job market, and discover how to maintain a positive mindset throughout the process. Presented by Michael J. Barbini, Vice President of Business Banking at Libertyville Bank and Trust Company.

Tuesday, April 16, 1–2 pm **A**

### Banking Services Available for a Small Business

Learn about banking services commonly available to a small business and how they work. Presented by Michael J. Barbini, Vice President of Business Banking at Libertyville Bank and Trust Company.

Thursday, April 18, 1–2 pm **C**

### Crafting Your Career Story:

#### Resume Rapid Review

Representatives from Job Center of Lake County share how to write a winning resume, cover letter, and professional summary in this hands-on session. Bonus, bring a copy of your resume and obtain an onsite review.

Tuesday, April 23, 1–2 pm **A**

### Estate Planning

Curtis Evans, Libertyville attorney at Evans Legacy Law Group, highlights the steps to create an estate plan — a profound way to leave a lasting legacy. In partnership with the Green Oaks, Libertyville, Mundelein, Vernon Hills (GLMV) Chamber of Commerce.

Wednesday, April 24, 12–1:30 pm **C**

### Credit Reports & Scores

Learn how to decipher, access, and improve your credit reports and scores. Presented by Michael J. Barbini, Vice President of Business Banking at Libertyville Bank and Trust Company.

Thursday, May 2, 1–2 pm **C**

## movies & music

### Movie Matinees

Free screenings of popular and acclaimed movies. For movie titles and ratings, call the Library, pick up a flyer at either location, or sign up to receive the monthly email. Please note: due to changes in licensing restrictions, we are no longer able to show movies at the Libertyville Civic Center on Thursdays. Movies will only be shown at Aspen Drive Library on Fridays. **DROP IN**

Every Friday, 1:30 pm **A**

### Cinema Club

Monthly film screening and discussion. Please note, there is no May meeting. **DROP IN**

► *Shadow of a Doubt* (Unrated | 1943 | 1h 48m)  
Monday, March 18, 6:30–9 pm **A**

► *Past Lives* (PG-13 | 2023 | 1h 45m)  
Monday, April 15, 6:30–9 pm **A**

### Dante Salamante

Get ready for an afternoon filled with fun and lively tunes, led by the incredibly popular musician and entertainer, Dante Salamante. Grab your dancing shoes and join in the fun – it's time to groove! In partnership with the Libertyville Senior Center

Monday, March 11, 1–2 pm • Libertyville Civic Center

### The Diva Tunes Solo Show

"Lady" Nicole Puelo performs your favorite songs by the epic divas from the past 11 decades, including Connie Francis, Etta James, Patsy Cline, Aretha Franklin, Celine Dion, Adele, and more.

Monday, April 8, 1–2 pm • Libertyville Civic Center

### Heartstrings Duo

Experience the dynamic and rich sounds of jazz vocalist Christy Bennett and guitarist Casey Nielsen. They present an energetic reimagining of songs from the Great American Songbook and beyond, with a focus on the works of often-overlooked female composers.

Monday, May 13, 1–2 pm • Libertyville Civic Center

### Heatwave! Vintage Songs of Summer

Talented performers and husband and wife duo Matt and Cynthia Gruel delight audiences with their harmonies and theatrical performances in this musical show that captures the essence of summer. Concert will be held outside. Please bring your own chair. Sponsored by Senior Real Estate Experts.

Tuesday, May 28, 6:30–7:30 pm **A**

## crafting & maker

### Paper Quilling

Discover the art of paper quilling and learn how to craft creative, one-of-a-kind pieces of art in a fun and relaxed environment! Materials provided. *Registration opens February 12 at 9 am.*

Monday, March 4, 6:30–9 pm **A**

### Sewing 101

Learn the basic parts of the sewing machine, how to select materials, and sewing techniques by creating fun and useful projects! Projects include a tote bag, zipper bag, and envelope pillow cover. Materials provided. *Registration opens February 12 at 9 am.*

Fridays, March 8, April 12 & May 10, 10 am–12 pm **A**

### Luminaria: Candle Shades

Add a touch of elegance to your evenings and learn how to make luminaria candle shades. Materials provided. *Registration opens March 4 at 9 am.*

Tuesday, April 2, 6:30–9 pm **A**

### Natural Soap Making

Learn about eco-friendly soap and make your own melt-and-pour soap bars! All equipment and materials provided. Material fee is \$10 and will be collected at the class. *Registration opens March 8 at 9 am.*

Thursday, April 4, 6:30–8:30 pm **A**

### Watercolor 101: Bumblebees

Join mixed media artist Jennifer Evans from Periwinkle Art Studio and paint these ancient pollinators, just in time for garden season to begin. No experience needed. Material fee is \$4 and will be collected at the class. Please register for only one session. *Registration opens March 13 at 9 am.*

Saturday, April 13, 10 am–12 pm  
OR 1:30–3:30 pm **C**

### Spring Bling Jewelry Class

Brookdale Vernon Hills experts help you create your own fashionable spring bling beaded bracelet. Let's have fun and bring a sparkle to your day! All materials provided. *Registration opens April 8 at 9 am.*

Wednesday, May 8, 1–2:30 pm **C**

### Spring Craft Supply Swap

Swap supplies with other crafty community members and take home a variety of new-to-you material for free, while supplies last. Please bring your own bag.

**DROP IN**

Saturday, May 18, 11 am–3 pm **A**

- You do not have to donate to attend.
- All items are free.
- No donations will be taken on swap day, please save them for the next time.
- Items not taken by swappers will be donated or recycled.

### Supply Drop-Off

Drop off your gently used craft supplies during normal operating hours the week of the swap, then, come back on Saturday, May 18 to choose some free supplies to take home!

Monday, May 13–Thursday, May 16, During Normal Library Hours **A**

### Painted Tote Bags

Unleash your artistic flair and transform a plain tote bag into a personalized masterpiece with stencil painting! Materials provided. *Registration opens April 29 at 9 am.*

Tuesday, May 28, 6:30–9 pm **A**



Ready, Set, Cricut!

Elevate your crafting game with the Library's Cricut machine! This powerful device can cut intricate designs and personalized creations on a variety of materials, including vinyl, paper, and fabric. It is available for in-library use in Digital Studio 2 at either Library location. Machine and accessories provided. Cutting materials not provided. More information: [cooklib.org/digital-studios](http://cooklib.org/digital-studios)

### How to Book the Studio:

1. Visit [cooklib.org/digital-studios](http://cooklib.org/digital-studios) and scroll down to Reservations.
2. Select Digital Studio 2 at your preferred location.
3. Choose your time and date.





### Versiti Blood Drive

Make an appointment to help your community. For minimum requirements and to sign up, visit [cooklib.org/events](http://cooklib.org/events) or call the Library.

**Saturday, March 2, 9 am–1 pm** **A**

### March Madness Cuisine

NCAA Basketball tournament is here! Chef Maddox demonstrates great recipes to enjoy while watching the games as well as suggestions for easy serving so you don't miss a single second of the tournament. Sponsored by Senior Real Estate Experts.

**Wednesday, March 6, 6:30–8 pm** **A**

### How to Write a Personalized Front-Page Story: Spotlight Tribute

A notable birthday, anniversary, or other milestone coming up? Journalist Matt Baron shares interviewing, storytelling, and organizational insights to create an unforgettable personalized story.

**Wednesday, March 13, 1–2 pm** **C**

### Downsizing & Rightsizing Made Easy

Learn practical solutions and strategies to help simplify your life and ensure a smooth transition to a new streamlined living arrangement.

**Monday, March 18, 1–2 pm** **A**

### Create Your Own Floral Arrangement

Learn how to create a beautiful spring arrangement with tulips, irises, daisies, and carnations with help from Peggy Garvin from Garvin Gardens. Materials are provided, but please bring your own floral pruners. Material fee is \$20 and is due at registration. Registration is in person only at Aspen Drive Library Reference Desk or Cook Park Welcome Desk. Please make checks payable to Peggy Garvin.

**Thursday, March 21, 6:30–8:30 pm** **A**

### Walking for a Cause:

#### The Alzheimer's Association

Learn more about Alzheimer's disease, dementia, risk factors, warning signs, association services, and how others can join the fight against the disease. Presented by Hadi Finerty, Alzheimer's Association North Shore. In partnership with the Green Oaks, Libertyville, Mundelein, Vernon Hills (GLMV) Chamber of Commerce.

**Wednesday, March 27, 12–1:30 pm** **A**

### Medicare & Your Options

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.

**Wednesday, April 10, 1–2 pm** **V** Zoom

### Beautiful & Bountiful: Companion Planting

Discover plant partnerships that offer strategies to break-up heavy soils, combat weeds and disease, lure pests away, attract specific beneficial insects, and improve pollination. Presented by Nicole Flowers-Kimmerle, horticulturist from the University of Illinois Extension.

**Tuesday, April 16, 6:30–7:30 pm** **V** Zoom

### Weed Management in Home Landscaping

Weeds are a common nuisance for every homeowner and gardener. Join us as we learn about a variety of ways to manage some of the most common garden weeds in Illinois. Presented by Nicole Flowers-Kimmerle, horticulturist from the University of Illinois Extension.

**Tuesday, April 23, 6:30–7:30 pm** **V** Zoom

### BeSmart: Best Practices for Firearm Storage & Child Safety

BeSMART is a framework that parents, caretakers, and community leaders can follow to help keep their communities safe by promoting responsible gun ownership. Whether you're a gun owner, or you know someone who is, there is a role for everyone in the conversation.

**Saturday, April 27, 1–2 pm** **A**

### Traditional Mexican Street Tacos with Chef Violeta

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with Chef Violeta Trujeque, originally from Veracruz, Mexico. She demonstrates how to prepare traditional street tacos from scratch. Samples provided!

**Sunday, May 5, 2–3:30 pm** **C**

### Secretary of State Mobile Unit: Driver & Vehicle Services

Get assistance in renewing state identification, driver's license, license plate stickers, and REAL IDs from the Secretary of State Mobile Unit. For documentation requirements, accepted payment methods, and to register, visit [cooklib.org/events](http://cooklib.org/events).

**Thursday, May 9, 10 am–2 pm** **A**

### Decluttering Your Home

Clutter can create anxiety, and even illness. Join us to explore the emotional and physical aspects of decluttering. Gain practical strategies for organizing and maintaining order in your home.

**Tuesday, May 14, 1–2 pm** **A**

### AARP Two-Part Driver Safety Course

Drivers age 50+, refresh your skills and learn safety tips. Complete this two-session course and you may be eligible to receive insurance discounts. Registration fee: AARP members \$20; non-members \$25. Bring your AARP card and payment on the first day of class. Must attend both days.

**Thursday, May 23 & Friday, May 24, 10 am–2 pm** **C**

## WEEKLY WELLNESS CLASSES

### Morning Meditation

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

**Fridays, March 1–May 31, 9–10 am** **A**

### Tai Chi 101

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

**Tuesdays, March 5–May 28, 9–10 am**  
**V** Zoom

### Yoga Basics

This class focuses on introducing yoga poses and promoting healthy alignment. It also incorporates yogic breathing and relaxation techniques — great for stress relief. Offered by Ana Santos Gitzinger, founder of Orinoco Fitness.

**Wednesdays, March 6, 13 & 20, 1–2 pm** **A**

## new nonfiction



February



March



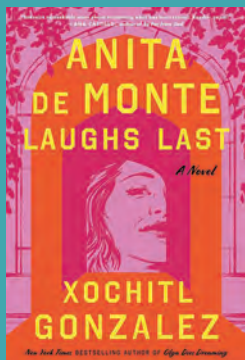
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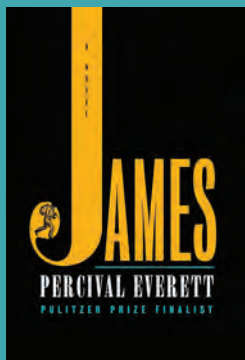
May

## authors & writing

### new fiction



March



March



April



May



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#### Ruth E. Carter

Academy Award-winning costume designer Ruth E. Carter delves into her inspiring career, from iconic Spike Lee creations to the fantastical world of Wakanda. With two Oscars to her name, Carter has left a lasting mark on film and TV fashion, shaping generations through her more than 35-year career.

**Wednesday, March 20, 7–8 pm**

Zoom



#### Dr. Temple Grandin

Renowned speaker and professor Dr. Temple Grandin, an American author, animal behavior expert, and autism activist, shares insights on the gifts of neurodiversity. Diagnosed with autism as a child, Grandin has emerged as a leading advocate for autistic communities and a vocal supporter of the humane treatment of livestock.

**Wednesday, April 3, 7–8 pm** Zoom



#### The Many Lives of Kal Penn

Kal Penn discusses his many roles: writer, producer, former White House staff member, starring actor of "Harold and Kumar," and much more.

**Tuesday, May 7, 7–8 pm** Zoom



#### Local Author Fair

Meet Lake County authors and learn more about their work. Copies of their books will be available for purchase. **DROP IN**  
**Saturday, April 20, 10 am–12 pm**

#### Take Your Reading on the Road

Get ready for summer reading season with a hands-on introduction to three of our eLibrary platforms: Libby, Hoopla, and CloudLibrary. Staff will be available to help you set up your device.

**Tuesday, May 21, 1–2:30 pm**

#### Children's Author Randi Moxi on Bullying

Hear children's author Randi Moxi talk about how she navigated bullying while growing up in West Virginia and how these important lessons are shared with children through her writing and love of animals. In partnership with the Green Oaks, Libertyville, Mundelein, Vernon Hills (GLMV) Chamber of Commerce.

**Wednesday, May 22, 12–1:30 pm**

#### 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](mailto:eorourke@cooklib.org).

**Second Thursday of Every Month, 7 pm**

Zoom





## book **clubs**

### Agatha Mystery Book Club

For a copy of the book and the Zoom link, contact Erica O'Rourke at [eorourke@cooklib.org](mailto:eorourke@cooklib.org). **DROP IN**

- ▶ *The Accident* by Chris Pavone  
**Monday, March 25, 11 am–12 pm** **H C**
- ▶ *The Maidens* by Alex Michaelides  
**Monday, April 22, 11 am–12 pm** **H C**
- ▶ *The Last Thing He Told Me* by Laura Dave  
**Monday, May 20, 11 am–12 pm** **H C**

### Aspen Drive Book Club

For a copy of the book, contact Becky King at [bking@cooklib.org](mailto:bking@cooklib.org). **DROP IN**

- ▶ *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver  
**Tuesday, March 5, 7–8 pm** **A**
- ▶ *The Swimmers* by Julie Otsuka  
**Tuesday, April 2, 7–8 pm** **A**
- ▶ *Solito* by Javier Zamora  
**Tuesday, May 7, 7–8 pm** **A**

### Classics Book Club

For a copy of the book, contact Mary Tompson at [mtompson@cooklib.org](mailto:mtompson@cooklib.org). **DROP IN**

- ▶ *If Beale Street Could Talk* by James Baldwin  
**Monday, March 4, 7–8 pm** **A**
- ▶ *Catch-22* by Joseph Heller  
**Monday, May 6, 7–8 pm** **C**

### 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](mailto:alarson@cooklib.org). **DROP IN**

- ▶ *Solito* by Javier Zamora  
**Wednesday, March 13, 10–11 am** **H C**
- ▶ *Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow* by Gabrielle Zevin  
**Wednesday, April 10, 10–11 am** **H C**
- ▶ *Kingdoms of Savannah* by George Dawes Green  
**Wednesday, May 8, 10–11 am** **H C**

### Fourth Wednesday Book Club

For a copy of the book and the Zoom link, contact Marianne Charles at [mcharles@cooklib.org](mailto:mcharles@cooklib.org). **DROP IN**

- ▶ *The Diamond Eye* by Kate Quinn  
**Wednesday, March 27, 7–8 pm** **H C**
- ▶ *Black Cake* by Charmaine Wilkerson  
**Wednesday, April 24, 7–8 pm** **C**
- ▶ *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict  
**Wednesday, May 22, 7–8 pm** **C**

### Friday Morning Book Club **NEW!**

For a copy of the book and the Zoom link, contact Amy Becker-Perez at [aperez@cooklib.org](mailto:aperez@cooklib.org). **DROP IN**

- ▶ *Pineapple Street* by Jenny Jackson  
**Friday, March 8, 10–11 am** **H C**
- ▶ *Hang the Moon* by Jeanette Walls  
**Friday, April 12, 10–11 am** **H C**
- ▶ *True Biz* by Sara Novic  
**Friday, May 10, 10–11 am** **H C**

### Nonfiction Book Club

For a copy of the book and the Zoom link, contact Natalie Torres at [ntorres@cooklib.org](mailto:ntorres@cooklib.org). **DROP IN**

- ▶ *How the Word is Passed* by Clint Smith  
**Friday, March 1, 2–3:30 pm** **H C**
- ▶ *Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson  
**Friday, April 5, 2–3:30 pm** **H C**
- ▶ *This is Your Mind on Plants* by Michael Pollan  
**Friday, May 3, 2–3:30 pm** **H C**

### Science Fiction & Fantasy Book Club

This club is temporarily full. To see if any spaces are available, please contact Mary Tompson at [mtompson@cooklib.org](mailto:mtompson@cooklib.org). **DROP IN**

- ▶ *Foundation* by Isaac Asimov  
**Tuesday, April 16, 7–8 pm** **A**

### Shelftalkers Roundtable

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](mailto:eorourke@cooklib.org). **DROP IN**  
**Tuesdays, March 26, April 23 & May 28, 7–8:30 pm** **H C**

### Teen Lit for Grownups Book Club

For a copy of the book, contact Hannah Dove at [hdove@cooklib.org](mailto:hdove@cooklib.org). **DROP IN**

- ▶ *We Deserve Monuments* by Jas Hammonds  
**Tuesday, March 19, 7–8 pm** **A**
- ▶ *Wake the Bones* by Elizabeth Kilcoyne  
**Tuesday, May 21, 7–8 pm** **A**



### Spring Book Buzz with the Bookies

Does your TBR list need a breath of fresh air? The Bookies are here to help, talking about the most-anticipated titles of the season. For early access AND an exclusive list of the featured titles, make sure to register by the program date — then watch whenever you like!  
**Wednesday, March 13, 7–8 pm** **V** **YouTube**

## English Language Learners

### English Language Learners' Book Club

Read and then discuss books with other interesting people while practicing your English in conversation. Join us! For more information and to register, contact Darek Makowski at [dmakowski@cooklib.org](mailto:dmakowski@cooklib.org) or 847-362-2330 x1139.

**Every Other Monday, March 18–May 13,**  
**10:30 am–12 pm** **C**

### English Language Learners' Spring Party

Join in the excitement at our spring party for English language learners. Discover all the English language learning programs and resources at the Library and connect with other patrons on a language learning journey. Food and drinks provided. **DROP IN**  
**Tuesday, May 28, 10 am–12 pm** **A**

### English Conversation Café

Improve your English conversation skills at this informal weekly café. To register, email Darek Makowski at [dmakowski@cooklib.org](mailto:dmakowski@cooklib.org) with your name, email address, and telephone number.  
**Tuesdays, March 19–May 21, 10–11:15 am** **A**

### Free English Classes **A & C**

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](https://facebook.com/adulteducationMHS) or call Yuli at 847-949-2200 x1399.

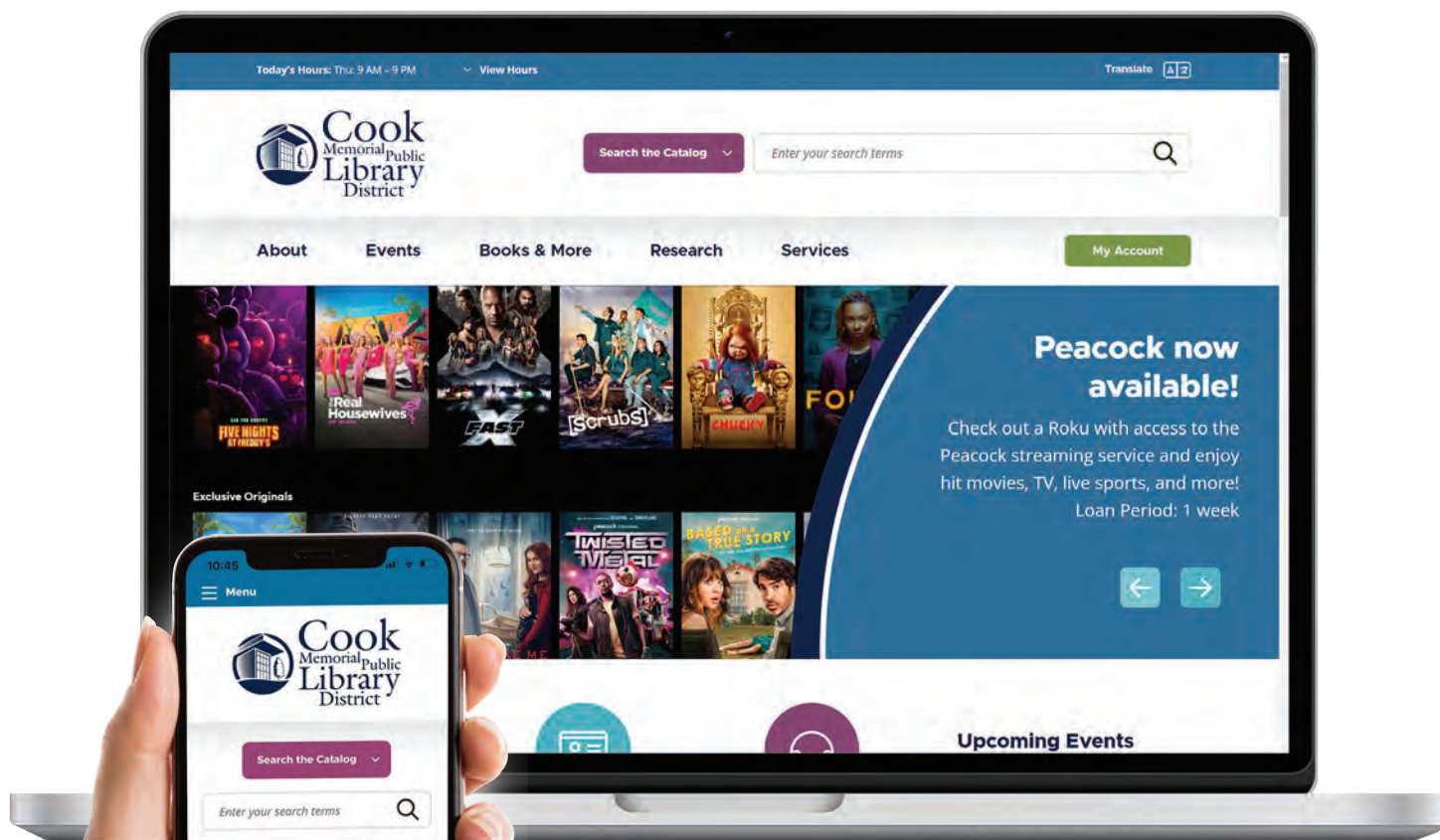


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- *Increased accessibility*
- *Improved loading speeds*
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- *Refreshed visual design*
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