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Everything Springing Up
RE: Your Library!



The Cook Park Library Children's Project is Underway!

At the time of publication, the first month of work on the Cook Park Library Children's Renewal Project has concluded, and the transformation is in full swing. The temporary Children's Area is now open on the Lower Level, offering a curated selection of books and materials. Remaining items have been packed away until the project is complete. Movers dismantled the shelves and stored them, along with furniture, in two storage crates located in the Library parking lot.

To keep programs running, children's staff have started offering activities in the United Methodist Church of Libertyville's community rooms. Programs held there are marked in this newsletter with this symbol: 📍. When registering online, please double-check the location.

"Are you keeping the fish?" Yes!

A notable January milestone was relocating the beloved fish tank — a favorite feature in the Children's Area. One of the most frequent questions from children when we talk about the project is, "Are you keeping the fish?" The answer is, "Yes!" The fish are temporarily housed in the Courtyard Café, where visitors can stop by to see them until their permanent home is ready.

By the time you read this, additional updates are underway, including installing new electrical outlets. The original Children's wing, built in 2011, preceded the widespread use of smartphones. Today, with more than 90% of Americans owning a smartphone, the new design reflects modern connectivity needs and evolving ways children and families interact.

We are excited to unveil these thoughtful, functional, and colorful updates with you! Look out for details about two Open Houses, tentatively scheduled in early May, to celebrate the completion of the project. We will know more as the project unfolds, so follow our social media, event calendar, and in-Library signage for updates.

Don't forget, the Children's Area at Aspen Drive Library in Vernon Hills is still open as usual! Drop by for a rich selection of materials, a variety of children's programs, and a comfortable play area. If it's your first visit to the Aspen Children's Area, please let our Children's staff know at the Information Desk; they will be happy to give you a tour!



Locations

Aspen Drive Library Cook Park Library
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Email: info@cooklib.org
Renewals: 847-362-0438
Register: cooklib.org/events

Hours:
Monday–Thursday: 9 am–9 pm
Friday: 9 am–6 pm
Saturday: 9 am–5 pm
Sunday: 12–5 pm

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Staff Training: Friday, May 9
Open 1–6 pm
Memorial Day: Monday, May 26

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

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

Social Services Consultations



Meet with an intake specialist to get connected to services that can help with:

- addiction treatment
- mental health services
- finding housing
- and more

These sessions are provided by Art of Recovery, a local nonprofit, and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. No appointment is necessary. **DROP IN**

► **Aspen Drive Library, Vernon Hills:**
1st, 3rd, & 5th Mondays of the month, 3–6 pm

► **Cook Park Library, Libertyville:**
2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, 3–6 pm

News & Events from the Board of Trustees

Welcome New Trustee, Kara Dirst

Kara Dirst was appointed to fill former Trustee Jim Larson's vacant spot until the May 20, 2025 board meeting.



As a resident of the Library District for more than 30 years, Kara is thrilled to be part of the Board of Trustees. As a child, she was an avid reader, which eventually led to her career in teaching literature. She has been a 7th and 8th-grade English teacher at Highland Middle School for 27 years. Kara earned a Bachelor of Arts in English from Augustana College and a Master of Art and Teaching from National-Louis University. Before teaching, she worked for Prudential Relocation on the IBM account and in the private education sector. Kara, her husband, and her daughter reside in Libertyville. When she is not teaching, she enjoys walking her dogs, traveling, and spending time with friends and family.

Talk with a Trustee

Do you have questions, comments or concerns about the Library? One of the Library Board Trustees will be ready to listen, so drop in any time between 1–2 pm. The Library Board of Trustees, elected by the community, serves in your best interests by overseeing Library operations, budget, and policies. Learn more about them at cooklib.org/trustee and mark your calendar. **DROP IN** Sunday, April 6, 1–2 pm **A & C**



Drawn to the Library! National Library Week Pop-Up Demos

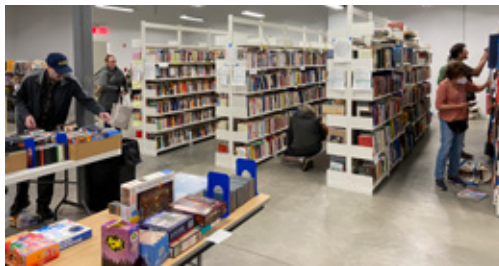


Sunday, April 6–Saturday, April 12

Nearly half a million people walked through our doors last year. What's the draw? Everything.

The Library is where inspiration lives. Whatever sparks your curiosity, we've got something for everyone. Celebrate National Library Week by visiting us any day during the week for pop-up demos that showcase hidden gems in our materials, services, and resources. Learn something new, ask questions, and uncover endless possibilities—all in one place. No registration required. **DROP IN**

View the full schedule of pop-up demos in late March at cooklib.org/NLW25.



Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale

Saturday, April 5 & Sunday, April 6 **A**

Save the dates for this year's Spring Book Sale! Lots of fabulous deals await you on books, movies, music, and more.

Saturday, April 5

- **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 6

- **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. Interested in joining? Email the Friends at friendsofcooklibrary@gmail.com, call 847-362-2330, or check their Facebook page.
Yearly Membership: \$10 | Lifetime Membership: \$50

Donations

Donate your gently used materials for the upcoming sale! Beginning Sunday, February 23, drop donations in the bins located in the lobby of each Library location. Bins will be out until Sunday, March 23, or until the Friends' material capacity is reached. Visit cooklib.org/support for more information on acceptable donations.

Bookmobile Schedule

Hop on board to pick out materials, place holds, and sign up for a library card. Cut this bookmark out and put it on your fridge or visit cooklib.org/bookmobile.

WEDNESDAYS

A 5:15–5:45 pm
Court of Spruce/Court of Birch
Vernon Hills

B 6–6:30 pm
Pebbleshire Apartments
Cherry Valley Rd & Lakeside Dr, Vernon Hills

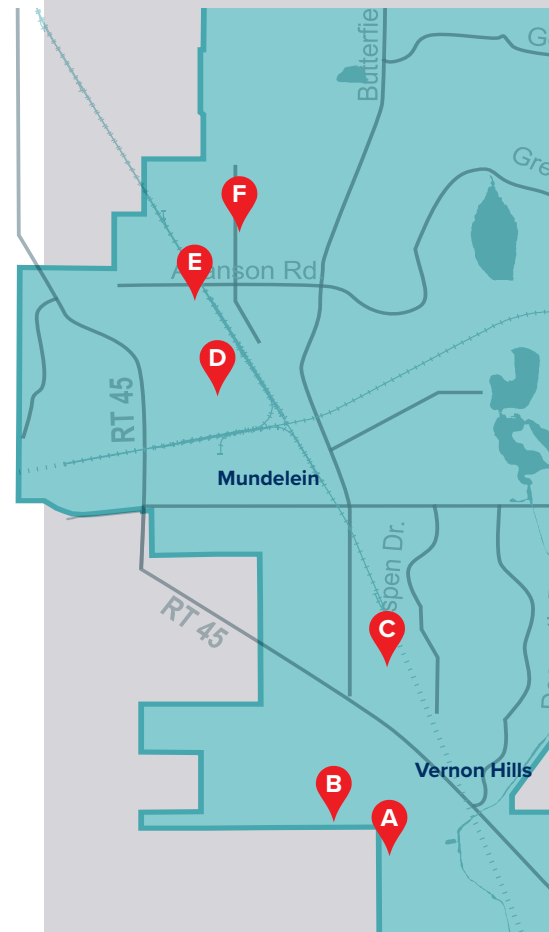
C 6:45–7:45 pm
Park Butterfield Apartments
Near the pool on Churchill Ct, Mundelein

SATURDAYS

D 1:15–2 pm
Deepwoods
Deepwoods Dr, Mundelein

E 2:25–3 pm
Lakeside Village
313 S Hickory St, Mundelein

F 3:15–4 pm
Orchard Apartments
E Orchard St, between Shaddle Ave & Washington Blvd, Mundelein



Summer Reading Kickoff Party

Friday, May 30, 6:30–8:30 pm
Aspen Drive Library

Help us kick off the season with a fun, after-hours party for all ages. Enjoy games, make crafts, and sign up for the 2025 Summer Reading program a few days early! Adults can also get personalized reading recommendations from our resident readers' advisors, the Bookies. Only those who sign up at the event will be eligible to enter for a chance to win one of three prize baskets.
DROP IN



Early Childhood (birth-age 5)

Weekly Story Times

March 10–May 2

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.

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

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

DROP IN

TUESDAYS

Family Story Time

10–10:45 am **A**

DROP IN

WEDNESDAYS

Baby Story Time

9:30–10:15 am **A**



According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, "Early relational health (ERH) is a framework that explores the role of early relationships and experiences in healthy development across a child's lifetime." Learn more about the ERH framework and find links to recommended resources on our blog at cooklib.org/early-relational-health



Early Relational Health

Story Times in Libertyville

Story Times in Libertyville will resume in June after the completion of the Renewal Project. See page 2 for project updates.

Playful Learning @ the Library

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.

- ▶ **Friday, March 7, 10–11 am **A****
Registration opens Friday, February 7 at 4 pm.
- ▶ **Thursday, May 15, 10–11 am **A****
Registration opens Tuesday, April 15 at 4 pm.

Saturday Morning Stories

Start your Saturday off with a smile at our lively and play-based family story time event! Caregivers attend with their child(ren). This event meets one Saturday a month. **DROP IN**

- ▶ Seuss-tastic Stories
Saturday, March 15, 10–10:45 am **A**
- ▶ Dinosaurs
Saturday, April 26, 10–10:45 am **A**
- ▶ Ladybugs
Saturday, May 17, 10–10:45 am **C**

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!

Thursday, April 3, 4–4:45 pm **A**
Registration opens Monday, March 3 at 4 pm.

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

Spanish Story Time is an immersive experience for families that speak Spanish or want their children exposed to a new language. **DROP IN**
Wednesday, April 30, 6:15–7:15 pm **A**

Hora del cuento en español (para edades 0-5 con un adulto)

La hora del cuento en español es una experiencia inmersiva para familias que hablan español o que quieren que sus niños estén expuestos a una nueva lengua. **No es necesario registrarse.**
miércoles, 30 de abril, 6:15–7:15 pm **A**

Hop into a Good Book

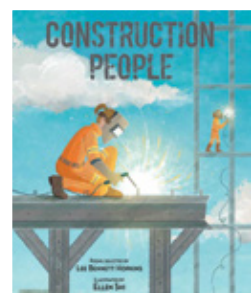
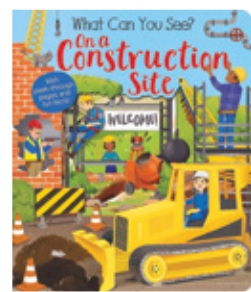
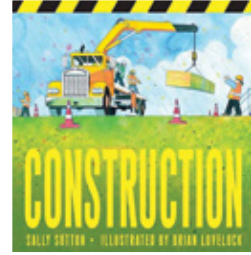
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Grades K-8

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Family 

Building a Good Story





Family Maker @ the Library! (family w/children ages 7+)

We'll provide all the supplies, you bring the family and provide the fun! Please register for only one session.




DIY Electric Race Car

Make your own electric toy race car! *Registration opens Sunday, February 16 at 4 pm.*

- ▶ Session 1
Sunday, March 16, 1–2 pm 
- ▶ Session 2
Sunday, March 16, 3–4 pm 

Dancing Droids

Celebrate May the 4th by making your own dancing droid, sure to make BB-8 jealous! *Registration opens Friday, April 4 at 4 pm.*

- ▶ Session 1
Sunday, May 4, 12:30–1:30 pm 
- ▶ Session 2
Sunday, May 4, 2–3 pm 
- ▶ Session 3
Sunday, May 4, 3:30–4:30 pm 


Family Maker @ Home!

We'll provide all the supplies to have some family fun to go! No registration required; kits available while supplies last. **DROP IN**

- ▶ Windmills
Saturday, March 22  & 
- ▶ DIY Kites
Saturday, April 19  & 
- ▶ Chromatography Butterflies
Saturday, May 24  & 


Storytime 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.

Tuesday, April 29, 6–6:45 pm 
Registration opens Saturday, March 29 at 4 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.

Вторник, 29 апреля, 18:00–18:45 в библиотеке Аспен 
Регистрация откроется в субботу, 29 марта, в 16:00.

Children's Renewal Project Updates

Exciting changes are happening at Cook Park Library! The Children's Renewal Project is well underway, and while the transformation takes place, our temporary Children's area is open and ready to serve you.

Wondering what's happening with your favorite library features—like the beloved fish tank? We've got updates! Plus, find out how we're keeping programs going and what's in store for the future. Turn to page 2 for all the details and a sneak peek behind the scenes!





Grades K-5

Children's Classics Book Club:

Meet Betsy & Tacy (grades K-3)

Join us to have fun and explore this classic series. We'll read the story together, chat about it, and enjoy a craft.

Monday, March 17, 4:30–5:30 pm

Registration opens Monday, February 17 at 4 pm.

Page Turners Book Club (grades 4-5)

Join other fun kids to talk about fabulous books!

▶ **Tuesday, March 18, 4:30–5:30 pm**

Registration opens Tuesday, February 18 at 4 pm.

▶ **Tuesday, April 15, 4:30–5:30 pm**

Registration opens Saturday, March 15 at 4 pm.

▶ **Thursday, May 15, 4:30–5:30 pm**

Registration opens Tuesday, April 15 at 4 pm.

American Girl (grades 2-5)

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

▶ Happy Birthday, Josefina

Wednesday, March 12, 4:30-5:30 pm

Registration opens Wednesday, February 12 at 4 pm.

▶ *Felicity: An American Girl Adventure Movie*

Tuesday, March 25, 3–5 pm

Registration opens Tuesday, February 25 at 4 pm.

▶ Samantha's Ocean Liner Adventure

Wednesday, April 16, 4:30–5:30 pm

Registration opens Sunday, March 16 at 4 pm.

▶ Claudie's Southern Adventure

Wednesday, May 14, 4:30–5:30 pm

Registration opens Monday, April 14 at 4 pm.

Paws for Reading! (grades K-8)

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

▶ **Tuesday, March 25, 6:45–8 pm**

Registration opens Tuesday, March 11 at 4 pm.

▶ **Tuesday, April 8, 6:45–8 pm**

Registration opens Tuesday, March 25 at 4 pm.

▶ **Tuesday, May 27, 6:45–8 pm**

Registration opens Tuesday, May 13 at 4 pm.

Fractured Fairy Tales:

Jack & the Beanstalk (grades K-3)

We will read and compare two versions of a fairy tale to explore how perspective affects the story, then create a craft to take home.

Thursday, April 10, 4:30–5:30 pm

Registration opens Monday, March 10 at 4 pm.

Wellie Wishers (grades K-1)

Enjoy listening to a Wellie Wishers story, followed by fun activities and an amazing craft!

▶ The Riddle of the Robin

Wednesday, April 23, 4:30–5:30 pm

Registration opens Sunday, March 23 at 4 pm.

▶ Clippity Cloppity Carnival

Tuesday, May 27, 4:30–5:30 pm

Registration opens Sunday, April 27 at 4 pm.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover (grades K-3)

Enjoy a story and make a craft to take home while your stuffed animal spends the night at the library. Stuffed animals will be ready for pickup on Saturday, and you'll get to see what adventures they had during their sleepover!

Friday, May 16, 5–5:45 pm

Registration opens Wednesday, April 16 at 4 pm.

Bright Star Theatre: Meet Dr. King (grades K-4)

Bright Star Theatre presents a wonderful introduction to the life of one of America's most influential men. Follow along as the play takes us through Dr. King's life!

Monday, March 10, 4:30–5:30 pm

Registration opens Monday, February 10 at 4 pm.

New Program Location

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EXPLORE & CREATE

At the Bottom of the Ocean! (grades 2-3)

Learn all about deep sea life and make a craft.

Tuesday, March 4, 4–5 pm **A**

Registration opens Thursday, February 6 at 4 pm.

World Explorers (grades 2-5)

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

▶ Jamaica

Wednesday, March 5, 4:30–5:30 pm **A**

Registration opens Thursday, February 6 at 4 pm.

▶ South Africa

Wednesday, April 2, 4:30–5:30 pm **A**

Registration opens Sunday, March 2 at 4 pm.

Get Your Game On

Collectors Club (grades K-8)

Pokémon cards, basketball cards, any memorabilia — oh my! Bring items you want to talk about and possibly trade.

Monday, March 3, 4:15–5 pm **U**

Registration opens Thursday, February 6 at 4 pm.

Locked in the Library: Science Lab (grades 4-5)

Put your puzzling skills to the test and work with others to put clues together, solve riddles, and escape!

Monday, March 24, 3:30–4:30 pm **U**

Registration opens Monday, February 24 at 4 pm.

LEGO Club (grades K-5)

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

▶ **Thursday, March 27, 4:15–5 pm** **A**

Registration opens Thursday, February 27 at 4 pm.

▶ **Thursday, April 17, 4:15–5 pm** **A**

Registration opens Monday, March 17 at 4 pm.

Nintendo Club: Mario Kart

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

▶ Grades K-1

Monday, March 31, 4:15–5 pm **A**

Registration opens Friday, February 28 at 4 pm.

▶ Grades 2-5

Monday, April 21, 4:15–5 pm **A**

Registration opens Friday, March 21 at 4 pm.

▶ Grades 2-5

Thursday, May 22, 4:15–5 pm **C**

Registration opens Tuesday, April 22 at 4 pm.

Artist Spotlight (grades K-5)

Learn about different artists and their style of work, then create and take home your own artwork!

▶ Keith Haring

Thursday, March 13, 4:30–5:30 pm **A**

Registration opens Thursday, February 13 at 4 pm.

▶ Frida Kahlo

Wednesday, May 7, 4:30–5:30 pm **A**

Registration opens Monday, April 7 at 4 pm.

Life in Ancient Egypt (grades 2-3)

Learn about what it was like to live in Ancient Egypt and make a craft.

Tuesday, April 8, 4–5 pm **A**

Registration opens Saturday, March 8 at 4 pm.

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

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.

Friday, April 18, 4:30–5:30 pm **A**

Registration opens Tuesday, March 18 at 4 pm.

Caves!

Learn interesting facts about caves and make a craft!

▶ Grades 2-3

Thursday, May 8, 4–5 pm **A**

Registration opens Tuesday, April 8 at 4 pm.

▶ Grades K-1

Thursday, May 29, 4–4:45 pm **A**

Registration opens Tuesday, April 29 at 4 pm.

DIY Water Filters (grades 4-5)

Learn about change-maker Georgie Badiel and make your own DIY water filter to take home.

Wednesday, May 21, 4:30–5:30 pm **A**

Registration opens Monday, April 21 at 4 pm.

Grades K-5



18th Annual Writing Contest

Calling all young writers! Get your pen and paper ready 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, any CMLPD location, or at participating schools beginning **Monday, February 24**. Entries must be received by **Friday, April 4 at 6 pm**.

Contest Guidelines:


- For students in grades 4-8 who live or attend school within the Cook Memorial Library District.
- One entry per student.
- One author per entry.
- Entries may not be longer than 3,000 words. No illustrations, please.

Questions? Please contact Amy vanGoethem at avangoethem@cooklib.org or 224-513-7421.



Middle School Grades 6-8

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Monday, March 3, 4:15–5 pm 

Registration opens Thursday, February 6 at 4 pm.

International Snack Exploration

Rate, describe, and enjoy different snacks from around the world.

Tuesday, March 11, 4:30–5:30 pm 

Registration opens Tuesday, February 11 at 4 pm.


In the Middle Book Club at Home!

Love to read and want something that fits your schedule? Join a book club just for middle schoolers that you can do at home! Registration is open.

- ▶ **Wednesday, March 12**
- ▶ **Wednesday, April 9**
- ▶ **Wednesday, May 14**

After-Hours Games: Brawl Stars IRL


Play different games in the Library after hours based on the video game modes in Brawl Stars.

Friday, March 14, 6–8 pm 

Registration opens Friday, February 14 at 4 pm.

LEGO Building Competition




Compete in different LEGO challenges or create your own. Materials provided.

Tuesday, March 18, 4–5 pm 

Registration opens Tuesday, February 18 at 4 pm.



In the Middle Book Club

A book club just for middle schoolers. Join us every month for a fun and lively book discussion with awesome books. Our May 21 meeting will be a special end-of-the-year celebration! Registration is open.

- ▶ **Wednesday, March 19, 6:30–7:30 pm** 
- ▶ **Wednesday, April 16, 6:30–7:30 pm** 
- ▶ **Wednesday, May 21, 6:30–7:30 pm** 


Paws for Reading! (grades K-8)

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- ▶ **Tuesday, March 25, 6:45–8 pm** 
- ▶ **Tuesday, April 8, 6:45–8 pm** 
- ▶ **Tuesday, May 27, 6:45–8 pm** 

After-Hours Building Party


Build and create different structures and play games throughout the Library after hours.

Friday, April 4, 6–8 pm 

Registration opens Tuesday, March 4 at 4 pm.

Tie-Dye Tote Bags



Decorate your own DIY tie-dye bags. Materials provided.

Wednesday, April 9, 4:30–5:30 pm 

Registration opens Saturday, March 22 at 4 pm.

T(w)een Advisory Board Meeting

Join us to get involved with the Library! Bring your ideas about programs or new services for middle schoolers.



- ▶ **Wednesday, March 19, 5:30-6 pm** 
- ▶ **Wednesday, April 16, 5:30–6 pm** 

Registration opens Wednesday, February 19 at 4 pm.

Registration opens Sunday, March 16 at 4 pm.

Service Crafts

Get involved in the community and earn volunteer hours by crafting projects for others.


- ▶ Custom Card Making
Friday, April 18, 4:30–5:30 pm 
- ▶ Candle Making
Tuesday, May 13, 4:30–5:30 pm 

Registration opens Tuesday, March 18 at 4 pm.

Registration opens Sunday, April 13 at 4 pm.

PEEPS STEM Challenge

Build PEEPS-themed sculptures in various food-related competitions.

Tuesday, April 22, 4:30–5:30 pm 

Registration opens Saturday, March 22 at 4 pm.

Game On! Player's Choice

Join us for an epic video game battle featuring games and battles you choose.


Friday, May 2, 4:30–5:30 pm 

Registration opens Wednesday, April 2 at 4 pm.

Paint & Snack:

Experimental Painting Styles

Try a variety of painting styles while enjoying snacks. We provide the materials, you provide the creativity!

Tuesday, May 6, 4:30–5:30 pm 

Registration opens Sunday, April 6 at 4 pm.

High School Grades 9-12



Teen Tech Week: Intro to Digital Art

Learn the basics of digital art using Clip Studio Paint, including tips for getting started, how to find new artistic tools, and streamlining your digital art journey.

Monday, March 3, 4–6 pm **C**
Friday, March 7, 4–6 pm **A**

High School Book Club

Register for a free copy of the book (limited to the first 10), or contact Leah at lhotchkiss@cooklib.org.

- ▶ *She is a Haunting* by Trang Thanh Tran
Wednesday, March 5, 6:30–7:30 pm **C**
- ▶ *A Tempest of Tea* by Hafsaah Faizal
Wednesday, April 2, 6:30–7:30 pm **A**
- ▶ *Icarus* by K. Ancrum
Wednesday, May 7, 6:30–7:30 pm **C**

High School Hang Outs

Take a break with us at the Library! Stop by the high school area once a month for activities, games, challenges, book recommendations, and more.

DROP IN

Cook Park Library **C**

- ▶ DIY Bag & Jacket Patches
Thursday, March 6, 3:30–4:30 pm
- ▶ Cut-Up Collage Poems
Thursday, April 3, 3:30–4:30 pm
- ▶ Board & Card Games
Thursday, May 1, 3:30–4:30 pm

Aspen Drive Library **A**

- ▶ DIY Bag & Jacket Patches
Thursday, March 20, 3:30–4:30 pm
- ▶ Cut-Up Collage Poems
Thursday, April 24, 3:30–4:30 pm
- ▶ Board & Card Games
Thursday, May 15, 3:30–4:30 pm

Pressed Flower Lantern

Create a unique piece that captures the charm of spring and adds a soft, enchanting glow to any room. Materials provided.

Tuesday, March 18, 6:30–8:30 pm **A**
 Registration opens Thursday, February 6 at 9 am.

AP Afternoon

Get ready for upcoming AP tests at the Library! Stop in to study, review practice tests, and have a quick snack. **DROP IN**

Thursday, April 17, 3–7 pm **A & C**



Refresh your wardrobe for the summer and remove some of your unused clothes from your closet! Drop off clean, gently worn clothing items between Monday, May 19–Friday, May 23 at Aspen Drive Library, then come back the next Wednesday to pick out some new-to-you 'fits. Clothing pickup is on a first-come, first-served basis. **DROP IN**

- ▶ **DROP-OFF: Monday, May 19–Friday, May 23, During Normal Hours** **A**
- ▶ **SWAP: Wednesday, May 28, 6–8 pm** **A**

Intro to Leather Crafting

Discover the art of leather crafting and make your own earrings, bracelets, and more! Perfect for adding a personal touch to your style. Materials provided.

Monday, April 21, 6:30–8:30 pm **A**
 Registration opens Saturday, March 22 at 9 am.

Heat Transfer Tote Bags

Learn how to personalize a tote bag using printable heat transfer paper. No cutting machine or vinyl needed! Materials provided.

Tuesday, May 13, 6:30–8:30 pm **A**
 Registration opens Saturday, April 12 at 9 am.

Finals Open Study

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

- ▶ **Friday, May 16, 3–6 pm** **C**
- ▶ **Saturday, May 17, 9 am–5 pm** **A & C**
- ▶ **Sunday, May 18, 12–5 pm** **A & C**

Study Night at the Library

Get help from LHS & VHHS teachers!

Plus, S-N-A-C-K-S. **DROP IN**
Monday, May 19, 3–9 pm **A & C**

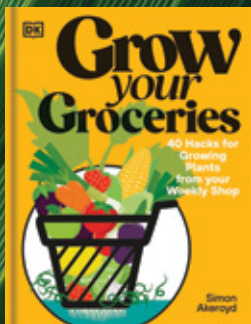


A Bouquet of Books

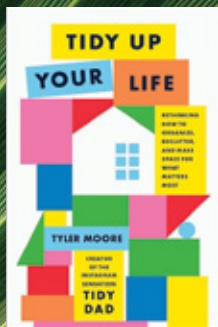
REveal (your garden)



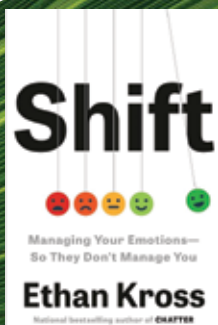
REfresh (your pantry)



REthink (your space)



REnew (your mind & spirit)



Art & Culture

The Real Story Behind Chicago the Musical

Explore the true story behind Beulah Annan's 1924 murder trial which inspired the iconic musical *Chicago*. Charlie Cosgrove, author of *They Both Reached for the Gun*, will give the full account.

Tuesday, March 4, 6:30–7:30 pm H A

An Afternoon of Music & Dance with Jane Allyson

Dance and sing along to upbeat hits from the '40-'90s, plus a few Irish favorites. In partnership with the Libertyville Senior Center.

Monday, March 10, 1–2 pm • Libertyville Civic Center

The History of Elvis Presley

Step into the life of Elvis Presley, from his explosive rise in 1956 to his reign as the King of Rock & Roll. Explore his iconic performances, musical legacy, and lasting cultural impact. Attendees will have the chance to enter a drawing to win two complimentary tickets to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, courtesy of the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

Tuesday, March 11, 6:30–8 pm A

Irish Cheer: St. Patrick's Day Concert

Join Sean Cleland, master Irish fiddler and executive director of the Irish Music School of Chicago, and his trio for a lively, interactive performance of traditional music and history.

Wednesday, March 12, 6:30–7:30 pm A

Cinema Club

Monthly film screening and discussion. **DROP IN**

- ▶ *The Florida Project* (R | 2017 | 1 h 51m)
Monday, March 17, 6:30–9 pm A
- ▶ *The Manchurian Candidate* (PG-13 | 1962 | 2h 6m)
Monday, April 21, 6:30–9 pm A
- ▶ *Flee* (PG-13 | 2021 | 1h 29m)
Monday, May 12, 6:30–9 pm A

Rock 'n' Roll Revival: Classic Hits of the '60s

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon of '60s rock and pop classics from The Beatles, Roy Orbison, Ricky Nelson, Jay & the Americans, and more! In partnership with the Libertyville Senior Center.

Monday, April 14, 1–2 pm • Libertyville Civic Center

Chris White:

A Jazzy Afternoon to Remember

Chris White delights us with timeless jazz standards and beloved popular songs. A perfect afternoon of music to relax and unwind.

Monday, May 12, 1–2 pm • Libertyville Civic Center

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 monthly Movie Matinee emails at cooklib.org/newsletters.

Fridays, 1:30 pm A



Business, Career, & Finance

Lawyer in the Library

Meet with a licensed local attorney for an individual, 15-minute session for general guidance and advice only.

- ▶ Wills & Trusts: Attorney Michael A. Goldberg
- ▶ Wills, Trusts, Estates & Guardianship: Attorney Stella Day

Tuesday, April 8, 10 am–4 pm C

Job Search 2.0:

Master Modern Job-Hunting Strategies

Learn how to streamline your job search with the latest strategies, organization tips, and other tools to help you land your next opportunity more efficiently. In partnership with the Lake County Workforce Department.

Tuesday, April 8, 2–3 pm V

Nail the Interview:

Master Negotiation Techniques

Unlock the secrets to acing interviews and negotiating offers to gain the confidence and skills to secure the job and the compensation you deserve. In partnership with the Lake County Workforce Department.

Tuesday, April 15, 2–3 pm V

Choosing the Right Business Structure for Success

Learn about different business structures and their pros and cons. This session will help you choose the right foundation for your small business, setting you up for success from the start! Presented by Michael Barbini, VP of Business Banking at Libertyville Bank and Trust.

Thursday, May 22, 12–1 pm C

Building a Strong Foundation: Business Planning for Success

Learn aspects of the business planning process to help you build a strong foundation. Presented by Michael Barbini, VP of Business Banking at Libertyville Bank and Trust.

Thursday, May 29, 12–1 pm C



HISTORY MATTERS LIBERTYVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Ballots, Babes, and Beer:

Illinois Women Win the Vote

Raupp Museum Curator Debbie Fandrei tells the story of the 50-year fight for women to win the right to vote in Illinois. What does beer have to do with voting? By the end of the presentation, you'll know!

Monday, March 17, 7–8 pm V

A Tale of Two Towns

Discover connections between Libertyville and Lake Forest. Presented by Laurie Stein, Deputy Director and Head of Curation at the History Center of Lake Forest-Lake Bluff, and Jenny Barry, President of the Libertyville Historical Society.

Monday, April 21, 7–8 pm V

Waukegan Artist, Reima Ratti

Hear the Great Depression era story of a young, untried Waukegan artist, Reima Victor Ratti. A Dunn Museum educator will share details of the artist's days in the Civilian Conservation Corps, his artistic inspirations, and his artwork in the museum's collection.

Monday, May 19, 7–8 pm V



Technology Classes

Database Pop-Ups

One of the Library's best-kept secrets is our large collection of online databases. They're not just for research – they can provide information on so much more! **DROP IN** for a demo.

- ▶ Chicago Consumers' Checkbook
Wednesday, March 5, 3–5 pm C
- ▶ Chilton Auto Repair Library
Wednesday, May 7, 10 am–12 pm A

Intermediate Excel

Take your Excel skills to the next level with complex formulas and data management techniques, including macros.

Wednesday, March 5, 6:30–8:30 pm V

Android Phone Basics

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

Wednesday, March 5, 7–8 pm A

iPhone Photography Tips & Tricks

Learn advanced iPhone photography skills such as composition, exposure, and editing techniques

Saturday, March 8, 1–2 pm A

Advanced Excel

Learn advanced topics in Excel, including PivotTables and PivotCharts.

Wednesday, March 19, 6:30–8:30 pm V

Adobe Express

Review Adobe's content creation tool and learn how to quickly and easily create flyers and greeting cards, edit photos, and create and edit PDFs.

Tuesday, March 25, 6:30–8:30 pm V

iPhone Basics

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

Wednesday, March 26, 7–8 pm A

Online Safety

Learn simple tips and tricks to keep you safe online.

Wednesday, April 2, 6:30–8:30 pm V

Intermediate PowerPoint

Take your PowerPoint skills to the next level and learn how to make exciting presentations with animations, transitions, slide masters, and template designs.

Wednesday, April 9, 6:30–8:30 pm V

iPad Basics

Get started with your iPad! Learn about the tablet's functions, using apps, and personalizing your device.

Wednesday, April 16, 7–8 pm A

Computer Basics

Learn the fundamentals of operating systems, getting started with the Internet, troubleshooting, and security.

Thursday, April 17, 10–11:30 am A

STUDIO WORKSHOPS

Register for a short, 30-minute workshop on a variety of Digital Studio topics.

- 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/events to view the schedule and register.



Information Literacy for the News

Learn how to spot bias when reading the news using tools from AllSides Media in this non-partisan program. Laptops will be provided.

Tuesday, April 17, 6:30–8 pm

Google Workspace Basics

Get an introduction to essential tools like Google Drive, Google Docs, Google Forms, and Google Sheets. Learn how to organize files, create and collaborate on documents, and create surveys.

Tuesday, April 22, 7:30–8:30 pm A

Advanced PowerPoint

Learn advanced features in PowerPoint, including live broadcasting, sharing, and slideshows.

Wednesday, April 23, 6:30–8:30 pm V

Microsoft Word Basics

Learn how to format text, lay out pages, save, share, and more with Microsoft Word documents.

Tuesday, May 6, 7–8 pm A

Online Journaling

Journaling can be a therapeutic outlet after a stressful day. Review websites that allow journaling right from your mobile device.

Wednesday, May 7, 6:30–8:30 pm V

iPhone Photography Walk at Independence Grove

Join award-winning photographer Hans Klemmer at Independence Grove to learn composition tips and capture stunning nature shots amidst beautiful scenery.

Thursday, May 8, 6–7:30 pm

Independence Grove Forest Preserve

Open to Cmpld cardholders only. Registration opens Tuesday, April 8 at 9 am.

YouTube

Learn how to navigate the Internet's most popular video sharing website and upload recordings.

Wednesday, May 21, 6:30–8:30 pm V

Borrow More with hoopla BingePass

Want to borrow more content without using all your monthly borrows? Explore hoopla BingePass, a 7-day pass that gives you unlimited access to one of multiple streaming collections with just one borrow! Browse these collections and more at hoopladigital.com/browse/binge.

medici.tv

Immerse yourself in classical concerts, opera shows, ballets, music documentaries, jazz performances, and more.

Hallmark+

Browse and stream feel-good films and series with heart.

Pokémon

Embark on thrilling adventures with Ash and Pikachu in seasons 6-13 of Pokémon the Series.

PUZZLE PALACE

Play Sudoku, crosswords, word games, and more.

Curiosity STREAM

Deep dive into the world of science and history.



Health & Lifestyle

Chair Yoga for Everyone

Ideal for beginners and all abilities, this class connects breath with movement, building strength and relaxation.

Tuesdays, March 4–May 27, 9–10 am ▼

Tai Chi 101

Suitable for all ages and abilities, these gentle movements will promote wellness for body, mind, and spirit.

Wednesdays, March 5–May 28, 9–10 am ▼

Finding a Family Pet

Thinking about getting a pet? Sandy Wisniewski of Animal Education and Rescue explores the many considerations that go into selecting the right pet for your family and lifestyle. In partnership with the GLMV Chamber of Commerce.

Tuesday, April 22, 12–1 pm ▲

The 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's

Jennifer Kenney from the Alzheimer's Association, Lake County will discuss the warning signs and symptoms, how to talk to your doctor, and services offered by the Alzheimer's Association. In partnership with the GLMV Chamber of Commerce.

Wednesday, May 14, 12–1 pm Ⓢ

Cooking with Seasonal Produce

Chef Susan Maddox demonstrates recipes using vibrant spring fruits and vegetables.

Tuesday, May 20, 6:30–8 pm ▲

Mastering Makeup Essentials

Level up your makeup game with this dynamic, hands-on class. Learn the art of facial structure, tones, shapes, and skin types from a seasoned pro. Perfect for all skill levels. Please bring your own lipstick, mascara, foundation, and blush, and we'll cover the rest. A \$3 materials fee is due at the class.

Saturday, May 24, 2–4 pm ▲

Medicare & Your Options

Benefit Advisor Mike Altman unravels the mysteries of Medicare, including the various plans, enrollment, options available to those turning 65, and much more.

Wednesday, May 28, 12–1 pm Ⓢ



Genealogy

DAR Genealogy Workshop

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

Wednesday, March 5, 10 am–1 pm Ⓢ

Saturday, April 5, 10 am–1 pm Ⓢ

Wednesday, May 7, 10 am–1 pm Ⓢ

Genealogy Networking Group

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

Thursday, March 6, 7–8:30 pm H ▲

Thursday, April 3, 7–8:30 pm H ▲

Thursday, May 1, 7–8:30 pm H Ⓢ

Heirloom Seeds & Family Stories

Sara Straate will share some of the family stories that often accompany heirloom and heritage seeds, and ways that the Seed Savers Network is working to save those stories and seeds.

Thursday, March 20, 7–8:30 pm ▼

Why is My Ethnicity Estimate All Wrong?

Have you taken a DNA test and been confused by the outcome? Dana Kelly, Executive Director of the Norwegian American Genealogical Center, will explain the details and help you decipher your results.

Thursday, April 10, 7–8:30 pm ▼

Genealogy After Hours

Bring your research and settle in for three hours of individual research and networking at the Library after hours. Librarians will be on hand for advice and encouragement. Light refreshments will be provided.

Friday, May 16, 6–9 pm Ⓢ

Scottish Immigration to America

Do you have Scottish ancestors? Over 8.4 million Americans report having Scottish heritage, and the actual number is likely much larger! Scott Norrick will explore the history and records.

Thursday, May 22, 7–8:30 pm H Ⓢ

Dressed in History

Art & Fashion in Lincoln Park Bus Tour

Join art historian Jeff Mishur on a day trip to Lincoln Park to explore the *Dressed in History* exhibit at the Chicago History Museum and the *Evolution of American Impressionism* exhibit at the Madron Gallery. **TICKETS REQUIRED**

Thursday, April 17, 8 am–5 pm ▲

TICKET SALE

Tickets available only at Aspen Drive Library. The \$55 per person ticket includes transportation, commentary by Jeff Mishur, museum and gallery admission, and guided tours.

Saturday, March 8, 9 am–12 pm ▲

CMPLD Seed Library

Sprouts Up March 1–31

cooklib.org/seedlibrary

Starting March 1, visit the Cook Park or Aspen Drive Library to explore the new Seed Library! Choose three to five free packets of flower, herb, fruit, or vegetable seeds from our special cart at the Information Desk, while supplies last. You'll also find helpful books and brochures to get you started.

No green thumb? No problem! There's no pressure to bring seeds back or guarantee a harvest—just give it a try and discover the joys of gardening.

Create a Jug Garden

Some types of seeds require cold stratification, or time in the cold, to grow. Learn more and plant seeds from our new Seed Library in a jug to take home.

Monday, March 3, 7–8 pm ▲

Seed: The Untold Story Documentary Discussion

Join us to watch and discuss the documentary, *Seed: The Untold Story*. This film "follows passionate seed-keepers as they rekindle and revive a culture connected to seeds." — Kanopy

Thursday, March 13, 6:30–8:30 pm ▲



Crafting & Maker

All Crafting & Maker programs are open to CMLPD cardholders only, unless noted. For programs with multiple dates, participants may only register for one session. Materials are provided.

Spring String Art

Create a unique piece of art to brighten your space.

- ▶ **Monday, March 10, 6:30–8:30 pm** **A**
Registration opens Monday, February 10 at 9 am.
- ▶ **Monday, March 17, 6:30–8:30 pm** **A**
Registration opens Monday, February 17 at 9 am.

Needlework Meetup

If you knit, crochet, needlepoint, or enjoy any other handicraft, here is a great opportunity to work on it at the Library with new friends. All levels are welcome. *CMLPD card not required.*

- Tuesday, March 11, 7–8:30 pm** **C**
- Tuesday, April 8, 7–8:30 pm** **C**
- Tuesday, May 13, 7–8:30 pm** **C**

Sewing 101

This beginner-friendly class teaches the basics of appliqué to create a beautiful, personalized pillowcase.

- ▶ **Thursday, March 13, 10 am–12 pm** **A**
Registration opens Thursday, February 13 at 9 am.
- ▶ **Thursday, April 10, 10 am–12 pm** **A**
Registration opens Monday, March 10 at 9 am.
- ▶ **Thursday, May 8, 10 am–12 pm** **A**
Registration opens Thursday, April 8 at 9 am.

Paint Your Own Earrings

Get creative and paint your own designs onto three pairs of wooden earrings.

- Wednesday, March 19, 6:30–8:30 pm** **A**
Registration opens Wednesday, February 19 at 9 am.

Intermediate Crochet:

Water Bottle Holder

Elevate your crochet skills by making a stylish and functional water bottle holder. Bring your own 5mm crochet hook. *Prior crochet experience required.*

- Saturday, March 22, 2–4 pm** **A**
Registration opens Saturday, February 22 at 9 am.

Spring Wreath

Welcome the new season by creating a beautiful piece of décor.

- ▶ **Monday, April 7, 6:30–8:30 pm** **A**
Registration opens Friday, March 7 at 9 am.
- ▶ **Tuesday, April 22, 6:30–8:30 pm** **C**
Registration opens Saturday, March 22 at 9 am.

Cherry Blossoms in Bloom:

A Watercolor Workshop

Mixed media artist Jennifer Evans from Periwinkle Art Studio teaches how to paint vibrant cherry blossoms using layered watercolors and delicate details. Materials fee: \$4. Exact change cash payment is due at the class.

- Saturday, April 12, 10 am–12 pm** **A**
- Saturday, April 12, 1:30–3:30 pm** **A**
Registration opens Wednesday, March 12 at 9 am.

Dried Flower Embroidery

Celebrate spring by embroidering with dried botanicals.

- Wednesday, April 23, 6:30–8:30 pm** **A**
Registration opens Monday, March 24 at 9 am.

Hats Off to the Derby:

Create Your Own Kentucky Derby Hat

Get creative, enjoy refreshments, and make a fabulous Kentucky Derby hat. Most materials are provided, but you may bring extra decorations. Refreshments provided.

- Saturday, May 3, 2–4 pm** **A**
Registration opens Thursday, April 3 at 9 am.

Resin Suncatcher

Create a unique resin suncatcher that shines with vibrant colors.

- Monday, May 5, 6:30–8:30 pm** **A**
- Tuesday, May 6, 6:30–8:30 pm** **C**
Registration opens Saturday, April 5 at 9 am.

Create Stunning Flower Containers

Peggy Garvin returns to show us how to create a vibrant hummingbird and butterfly container garden. A \$20 materials fee is due at registration (checks payable to Peggy Garvin).

- Tuesday, May 13, 6:30–8:30 pm** **A**
In-person registration only.



Swap supplies with other crafty community members and take home a variety of new-to-you materials for free, while supplies last. Limited to one bag of supplies per person; bags provided. **DROP IN Saturday, May 17** **A**

- ▶ **Donor Early Access: 11 am–12 pm**
Those who donate items will be given a ticket to enter the swap an hour before General Admission.
- ▶ **General Admission: 12–2 pm**

DONATION DROP-OFF

Monday, May 12–Thursday, May 15, During Normal Hours **A**

Drop off your like-new crafting materials and supplies at Aspen Drive Library during normal operating hours. No donations will be taken on swap day; please save them for next time.



Plant Swap: Grow Your Green Collection!

Come together with other green thumbs in the community to share plants and gardening knowledge. You may discover a new favorite! Master Gardeners will be available to answer questions. Visit cooklib.org/events for swap guidelines. In partnership with the University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners and sponsored by The Sheridan at Green Oaks.

- Saturday, April 26, 10 am–2 pm** **A**

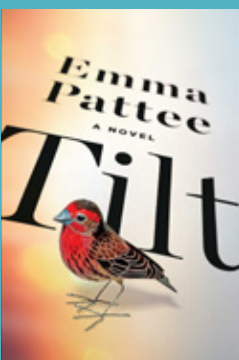
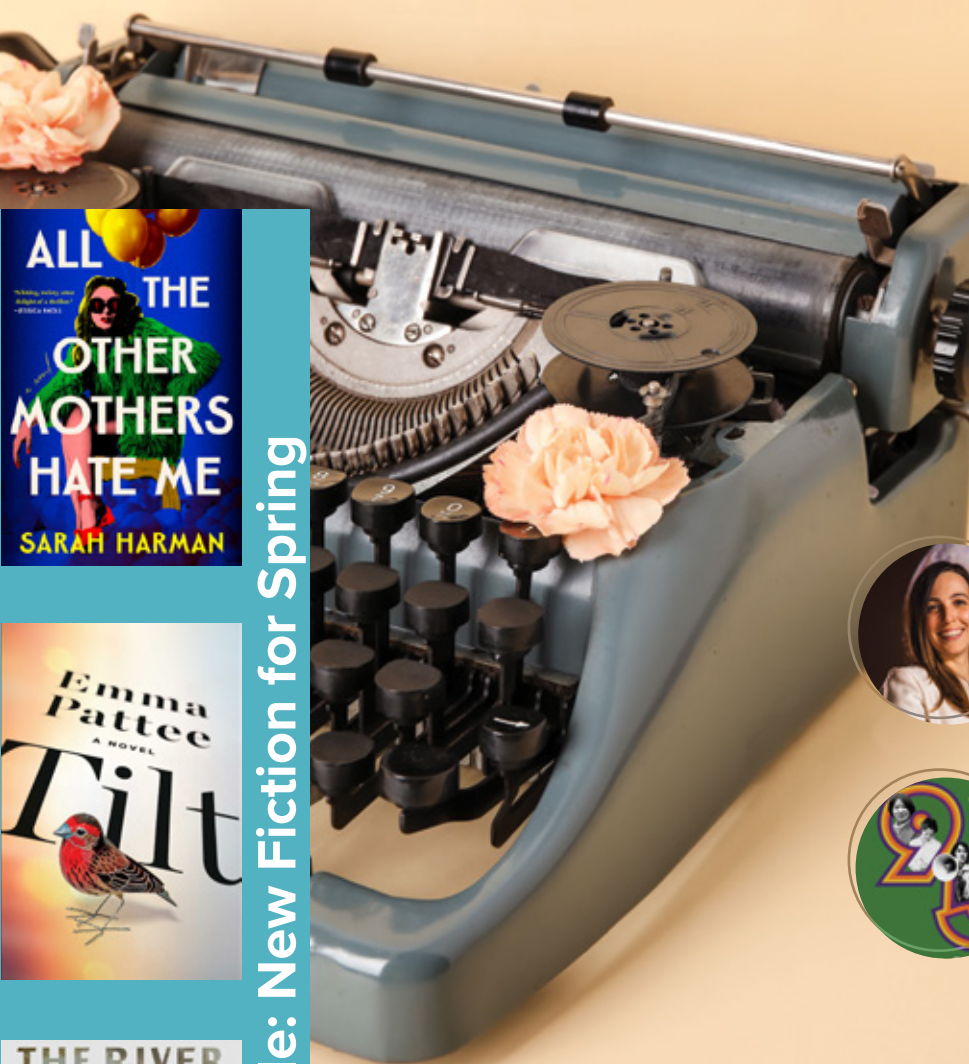
Elevate Your Garden to Attract Bees, Butterflies & More

Horticulturist Sharon Yiesla will share essential tips, debunk myths, and explore the benefits of native plants to help you attract bees and butterflies to your garden.

- Thursday, May 1, 6:30–8 pm** **A**



Authors & Writing



Refresh Your TBR Pile: New Fiction for Spring

SPRING BOOK buzz with the Bookies

From the biggest trends to hidden gems, our readers' advisors, the Bookies, are REvealing their most-anticipated titles of the season! Find out which books everyone will be buzzing about and reserve your copies early! Light refreshments will be provided.

Thursday, March 20, 7-8 pm



Exploring Space with Coralie Adam

Get a front row seat to outer space with Illinois native, Coralie Adam! An aerospace engineer, Coralie leads the multi-mission Optical Navigation team at KinetX Aerospace, the first privately held company to provide deep space navigation and flight dynamics expertise to NASA.

Tuesday, March 4, 7-8 pm



9 to 5: The Story of a Movement

Watch this award-winning documentary from the comfort of your home! *9to5: The Story of a Movement* captures the real-life fight for wage equality that inspired the feature film starring Jane Fonda, Dolly Parton, and Lily Tomlin, and changed the American workplace. After registration, you'll receive a link to view the film between March 21-23.

- ▶ Friday, March 21
- ▶ Saturday, March 22
- ▶ Sunday, March 23



The Art of Foraging with Alexis Nikole Nelson

Forager and outdoor educator Alexis Nikole Nelson has raised awareness of the bounty all around us on her popular TikTok and Instagram platforms. She will be joined in conversation by Natalie Evans, a wild edible foods instructor.

Thursday, April 10, 7-8 pm



Art & Adventures with Author/Illustrator Dan Santat

Caldecott-winning author and illustrator Dan Santat takes you on a virtual ride through the art of children's literature.

Saturday, May 3, 2-3 pm



Poverty: A Discussion with Matthew Desmond

Tune in to a virtual journey through life for today's American underclass with sociologist and Pulitzer-Prize winner Matthew Desmond, author of *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*.

Tuesday, May 13, 7-8 pm

Cook Writers' Critique Group

Join other area writers to give feedback on each other's work! For more information, contact Hannah Dove at hdove@cooklib.org.

Second Thursday of Every Month, 7 pm

Local Author Fair

Meet Lake County authors and learn more about their work. Copies of their books will be available for purchase. For more information, contact Hannah Dove at hdove@cooklib.org. **DROP IN**

Saturday, April 26, 10 am-12 pm



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Book Clubs

Agatha Mystery Book Club

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

- ▶ *Happiness Falls* by Angie Kim
Monday, March 24, 11 am–12 pm **H C**
- ▶ *How to Solve Your Own Murder* by Kristen Perrin
Monday, April 28, 11 am–12 pm **H C**
- ▶ *The Spy Coast* by Tess Gerritsen
Monday, May 19, 11 am–12 pm **H C**

Aspen Drive Book Club

For a copy of the book, contact Lindsay Barber-Peddycoat at lbarber@cooklib.org. **DROP IN**

- ▶ *The Other Dr. Gilmer* by Benjamin Gilmer
Tuesday, March 4, 7–8 pm **A**
- ▶ *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon
Tuesday, April 1, 7–8 pm **A**
- ▶ *Yellowface* by R. F. Kuang
Tuesday, May 6, 7–8 pm **A**

Classics Book Club

For a copy of the book and the Zoom link, contact Mary Tompson at mtompson@cooklib.org. **DROP IN**

- ▶ *True Grit* by Charles Portis
Monday, March 3, 7–8 pm **H C**
- ▶ *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Brontë
Monday, May 5, 7–8 pm **H C**

Friday Morning Book Club

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

- ▶ *Lady Tan's Circle of Women* by Lisa See
Friday, March 14, 10–11 am **C**
- ▶ *Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano
Friday, April 11, 10–11 am **C**
- ▶ *Weyward* by Emilia Hart
Friday, May 16, 10–11 am **C**

Nonfiction Book Club

For a copy of the book and the Zoom link, contact Allie Mendelson at amendelson@cooklib.org. **DROP IN**

- ▶ *Oscar Wars: A History of Hollywood in Gold, Sweat, and Tears* by Michael Schulman
Friday, March 7, 2–3:30 pm **H C**
- ▶ *Beloved Beasts: Fighting for Life in an Age of Extinction* by Michelle Nijhuis
Friday, April 4, 2–3:30 pm **H C**
- ▶ *While You Were Out: An Intimate Portrait of Mental Illness in an Era of Silence* by Meg Kissinger
Friday, May 2, 2–3:30 pm **H C**

Science Fiction & Fantasy Book Club

For a copy of the book and the Zoom link, contact Mary Tompson at mtompson@cooklib.org. **DROP IN**

- ▶ *Chain-Gang All-Stars* by Nana Kwame Adjei-Brenyah
Tuesday, April 15, 7–8:30 pm **H A**

Shelftalkers Roundtable

Want the fun of a book club with the freedom to read what you like? Join our no-homework group and share your shelf! For the Zoom link, contact Erica O'Rourke at eorourke@cooklib.org. **DROP IN**

- ▶ **Tuesday, March 25, 7–8:30 pm** **H C**
- ▶ **Tuesday, April 22, 7–8:30 pm** **H C**
- ▶ **Tuesday, May 27, 7–8:30 pm** **H C**

Silent Read-In

Join with others to quietly read at the Library. At the end, there will be an opportunity to share with others what you are reading. **DROP IN**
Friday, April 25, 7 pm–8:30 pm **A**

Speculative Fiction Book Club

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

- ▶ *The Book of Koli* by M.R. Carey
Wednesday, April 9, 7–8 pm **C**

Wednesday Evening Book Club

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

- ▶ *None of This is True* by Lisa Jewell
Wednesday, March 26, 7–8 pm **H A**
- ▶ *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride
Wednesday, April 23, 7–8 pm **H C**
- ▶ *The Art Thief* by Michael Finkel
Wednesday, May 28, 7–8 pm **H C**

Wednesday Morning Book Club

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

- ▶ *The Women* by Kristin Hannah
Wednesday, March 12, 10–11 am **H C**
- ▶ *Small Mercies* by Dennis Lehane
Wednesday, April 9, 10–11 am **H C**
- ▶ *Good Night, Irene* by Luis Alberto Urrea
Wednesday, May 14, 10–11 am **H C**

2025 Adult and Teen Winter Reading Club: Reading in Community!

January 1–March 31

There's still time to take your friends' bestseller recommendations to heart, join a new book club, or explore what others in your library community are enjoying! Complete four reading challenges to receive a free book and a chance to win one of two \$50 gift cards to local bookstores.

Participate online at cooklib.readsquared.com, or in person by picking up a bingo card from the Adult Information Desk at either Library location.



Free ESL Classes

Free English as a Second Language classes held in conjunction with Mundelein High School's 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 Hilda at 847-949-2200 x1399.
Monday, March 3, 9 am–12:30 pm **A**

English Conversation Café

Improve your English conversation skills at this informal weekly café. To register, email Darek Makowski at dmakowski@cooklib.org with your name, email, and phone number.
Tuesdays, April 1–May 20, 10–11:15 am **A**

English Language Learners' (ELL) 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, email Darek Makowski at dmakowski@cooklib.org.
Every Other Monday, March 10–May 19, 10:30 am–12 pm **C**

ELL Spring Party

Come together with other ELL learners for our spring party! Food and drinks will be provided.
Tuesday, June 3, 10 am–12 pm **A**



2025 Digital pREservation Week

April 27–May 3

Preserve Your Family Memories & Local History

Celebrate Digital Preservation Week with a special Library service: the opportunity to have your cherished family photos scanned and preserved digitally!

Drop-Off:

- Drop your photos off between April 27–May 3 at the Aspen Drive or Cook Park Library Information Desk.
- Limited to the first 20 patrons, up to five photos each, no larger than 11"x17".
- Patrons with local family connections can choose to donate a copy of the digital images to the Libertyville Historical Society.

Pick-Up:

- Library staff will contact you when your photos are ready for pick-up.
- Original photos may be picked up at the Library building where they were dropped off.
- You will also receive a flash drive with 300dpi digital copies of the photos and a handout with tools and tips for digitizing more material at the Library.

Questions?

Stop by the Information Desk or give us a call.



NEW TECH @ THE LIBRARY

SEWING MACHINES

Brush up on your sewing skills or start learning a new craft without having to buy your own machine.

- 7-day check-out
- May be reserved at cooklib.org/catalog
- May be renewed up to 2 times



CRITERION COLLECTION ROKU

Explore the art of film with the newest addition to our fleet of Roku streaming sticks.

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COPIER CREDIT CARD MACHINES

A great option for those who don't carry change anymore, recently installed credit card readers on the public copiers make for an easy and touchless experience.



PORTABLE VIDEO MAGNIFIER

This convenient device magnifies text and reads it aloud, enabling and empowering users to access information independently. Machines may be used in the Library or checked out.

Use in the Library:
Visit the Information Desk.

Use at Home:

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