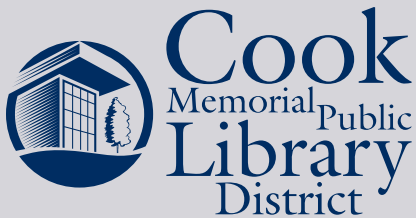




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In the Know



News & Events from the Board of Trustees

Welcome New & Returning Trustees

Three incumbent trustees ran unopposed in the recent consolidated election in April and were re-elected to serve new four-year terms on the Board. Welcome back Trustees Sara Lawton, Phyllis Dobbs, and Kristen Palic.



Rachael Josephsen was elected to the Board in April 2025 to serve a two-year term. She will be sworn in at the May Board of Trustees meeting.

A Libertyville resident since 2014, Rachael has been a dedicated library user and advocate, especially as a mother to a young reader. Rachael has spent her career in the nonprofit and financial services sectors, with a strong focus on event planning, fundraising, and creating inclusive spaces. She previously served as Director of Events and Special Projects at Lake Forest Academy and has presented professionally on diversity, equity, and inclusion in event design. A passionate believer in the power of public spaces to connect communities, Rachael is honored to support the library's mission. She lives in Libertyville with her son, Walt.

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, July 13, 1–2 pm** &

In the Community

The Library @ the Libertyville Farmers Market

Recommendation Booth: Thursdays, May 29–August 28, 9 am–12 pm • In Cook Park
Outdoor Story Time: Thursdays, June 5–August 7, 10–10:15 am • In Cook Park DROP IN (No booth or story time on 6/12)
Stop by for on-the-spot book recommendations, the latest Library news, and an engaging outdoor story time, weather permitting.

Summer Parades

Come cheer us on and show your Library pride!

- **Libertyville Days Parade**
The parade starts at the Libertyville Metra Station and heads south on Milwaukee Avenue to Rockland Road.
Saturday, June 14, 10 am
- **Vernon Hills Fourth of July Parade**
The parade starts at Deerpath and Atrium Drive, heads south to Sullivan Drive, then West to Aspen Drive.
Friday, July 4, 9 am

Vernon Hills National Night Out

Join us for a night of fun with neighbors and community law enforcement. Walk around the vendor tents, grab a bite to eat, and don't forget to visit the Bookmobile!
Tuesday, August 5, 4–8 pm • Location TBD

Seed Library a Blooming Success



Thank you to everyone who donated seeds last fall and "checked out" seeds this spring! Our inaugural Seed Library was a huge hit — with 2,261 seed packets shared in the spring alone. We're excited to announce that the Seed Library donation period will return this fall!

Learn more at cooklib.org/seedlibrary.

Free Puzzle Exchange



Love jigsaw puzzles but don't know what to do with them once you're finished? Keep the fun going with the Free Jigsaw Puzzle Exchange at CMLPD—no library card required!

How does it work?

1. Bring in any puzzles you no longer want, as long as they're in good condition, complete, and in their original box with the finished picture.
2. Take home a different puzzle to enjoy!
You do not need to donate a puzzle to take one.

Where is the Puzzle Exchange located?

- Aspen Drive Library: near the Friends of the Library Book Nook in the Café
- Cook Park Library: against the brick wall near the DVDs

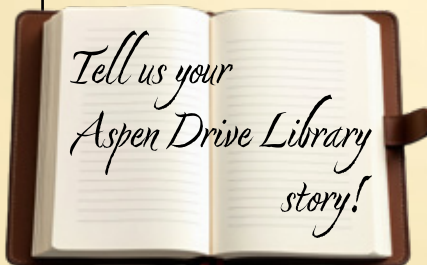
Celebrating 15 Years of Aspen Drive Library



On July 10, 2010, Aspen Drive Library opened its doors and welcomed the Vernon Hills community into a bright, modern space designed for connection, learning, and growth. What began as a long-awaited solution to a growing population's needs has become a beloved destination serving thousands each year.

The journey to Aspen Drive Library's opening was years in the making. In the 1990s and early 2000s, the Cook Memorial Public Library District faced challenges due to a growing population, limited space at its Libertyville location, and increasing demand for library services in the southern part of the district. To address these constraints, the district opened the Evergreen Interim Library in 2003 inside Vernon Hills' Village Hall, providing a temporary solution while plans for a permanent library took shape.

Read more about Aspen's history and impact in our 15th-anniversary retrospective on the blog: cooklib.org/aspendrivelibrary15



From its origins in Village Hall to a 15,000-square-foot expansion, Aspen has continued to evolve — expanding collections, launching new programs, and creating countless memories along the way.

Upload photos, share your own memory, or tell us how you use our Vernon Hills location. Look for the the URL on our website and social media in late May. Photos and memories may be shared on our social media or in the library.

Aspen Drive Library *By the Numbers*

VISITORS 9,935 Last month of Evergreen Interim Library, June 2010



22,749 First month of Aspen Drive Library, July 2010

COLLECTION SIZE



35,370 ITEMS
Evergreen Interim Library, June 2010

53,376 ITEMS

88,972 ITEMS
Aspen Drive Library, June 2010
Aspen Drive Library, March 2025

BUILDING SIZE PRE & POST EXPANSION

20,000 SQ. FEET

35,000 SQ. FEET



Early Childhood (birth-age 5)

Weekly Story Times

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**

Outdoor Story Time at the Libertyville Farmers Market (birth-age 5 w/adult)

Everyone is welcome to join us at the Farmers Market in Cook Park for an engaging story time! **DROP IN**

MONDAYS

Baby Story Time June 2–July 21 9:30–10:15 am

TUESDAYS

Family Story Time June 3–July 22 10–10:45 am **DROP IN**

WEDNESDAYS

Baby Story Time June 4–July 23 9:30–10:15 am

THURSDAYS

Outdoor Story Time June 5–August 7 (No story time on 6/12) 10–10:30 am **DROP IN**

FRIDAYS

Family Story Time June 6–July 25 10–10:45 am **DROP IN**

Seek & Find

Some of your favorite characters are on the loose and hiding in Youth Services. Earn a hand stamp every time you find one, and remember, these characters change spots every week! **DROP IN**

Playful Learning @ the Library

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, June 4, 6:15–6:45 pm

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 4 de junio, 6:15–6:45 pm

Little Lotus & Caregiver Calm Yoga Class (ages 4-5 w/caregiver)

A Zen Yoga instructor will lead you and your preschooler through a fun-filled yoga class and story time!
Monday, June 16, 11 am–12 pm
Registration opens Friday, May 16 at 4 pm.

Saturday Morning Stories @ Aspen (birth-age 5 w/adult)

Start your Saturday off with a smile at our lively and play-based family story time! We explore a topic each month through stories, songs, rhymes, and fun. Caregivers attend with their child(ren). This event meets one Saturday a month. **DROP IN**

▶ **Happy Birthday to Me!**
Saturday, June 21, 10–10:30 am

▶ **Folklores Galore**
Saturday, July 26, 10–10:30 am

▶ **Pirate Party!**
Saturday, August 16, 10–10:30 am

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.

▶ **Tuesday, July 29, 10–11 am**
Registration opens Sunday, June 29 at 4 pm.

▶ **Thursday, August 21, 10–11 am**
Registration opens Monday, July 21 at 4 pm.

Story Stretchers: Dear Zoo (ages 4-5 w/adult)

Come along and stretch your imaginations through stories, hands-on activities, and play with your favorite grown-up!
Thursday, July 31, 4:30–5:30 pm
Registration opens Monday, June 30 at 4 pm.



At-Home Activities from I-LABS

From the world-renowned Institute for Learning & Brain Sciences at the University of Washington, try these fun and engaging activities designed for parents and caregivers to support early learning at home – just in time for summer!
<https://modules.ilabs.uw.edu/at-home-activities>





MINI-CON

Fandoms assemble! Stop by to browse artist booths, play video and tabletop games, learn to draw comics, and more! Watch our website for more details on special guests, vendors, and events.

Costumes encouraged! **DROP IN**
Saturday, July 26, 11 am–4 pm **A**

Family



Todd Downing: Tall Tales & Silly Songs

The whole family will be moving, grooving, and laughing with musician Todd Downing! Child(ren) must be accompanied by an adult.

Monday, June 9, 4–5 pm **A**

Registration opens Friday, May 9 at 4 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.

► **Mini LED Canvas**
Saturday, June 21

► **Fidget Spinners**
Saturday, July 19

► **Squishes**
Saturday, August 23

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 Suncatchers

Make a beautiful suncatcher! Registration opens Sunday, May 25 at 4 pm.

► **Session 1**
Sunday, June 22, 1–2 pm **A**

► **Session 2**
Sunday, June 22, 2:30–3:30 pm **A**

DIY LED Plushies

Make a plushie that lights up! Registration opens Sunday, June 22 at 4 pm.

► **Session 1**
Sunday, July 20, 1–2 pm **A**

► **Session 2**
Sunday, July 20, 2:30–3:30 pm **A**

Magic Wands

Make a magic wand that lights up! Registration opens Sunday, July 20 at 4 pm.

► **Session 1**
Sunday, August 17, 1–2 pm **A**

► **Session 2**
Sunday, August 17, 2:30–3:30 pm **A**

Magic by Randy

Don't miss this fun-filled magical show! Child(ren) must be accompanied by an adult.

Tuesday, July 8, 4–5 pm **A**

Registration opens Sunday, June 8 at 4 pm.

After-Hours Family Fort Night

Build forts, enjoy snacks, and read books with the whole family during this special, after-hours event.

Friday, July 18, 6–8 pm **C**

Registration opens Wednesday, June 18 at 4 pm.

T-Rexplorers

Be a paleontologist for a day! Join T-Rexplorers as we discover and examine dinosaur bones and fossils! Child(ren) must be accompanied by an adult.

Saturday, August 9, 2–3 pm **A**

Registration opens Wednesday, July 9 at 4 pm.

Paddington in Peru Adventure Movie (family)

Paddington and the Browns are off to Peru to see Aunt Lucy. Join us for the latest Paddington Bear adventure movie. Recommended for ages 6+.

(PG | 2024 | 1h 46m) **DROP IN**

Saturday, August 23, 2–4 pm **A**

Outdoor CONCERT & FOOD TRUCK Series

The whole family is invited to dance along to the music at our summer concert and food truck series. Feel free to bring your own chair, water, and snacks. Food trucks will be available from 6–8 pm with food for purchase. Rain location: Vernon Hills Park District Sullivan Center. **Please register so we know how many to expect.**



KALEIDOSCOPE EYES

BEATLES TRIBUTE BAND

Relive the magic of The Beatles with a performance by Chicago's premier Beatles tribute band.

Friday, June 13, 6:30–7:30 pm **A**

► **Food truck:** Cousins Maine Lobster

BLUEGRASS, BLUES & AMERICANA WITH BIG SKY ENSEMBLE

Enjoy a blend of bluegrass, blues, and American roots music.

Thursday, July 10, 6:30–7:30 pm **A**

► **Food truck:** Julio's Tacos

ROCK, POP & COUNTRY VIBES WITH CHI-TOWN JUST CAUSE BAND

Good vibes and great music featuring the best pop, rock, and country hits.

Thursday, August 7, 6:30–7:30 pm **A**

► **Food truck:** Cousins Maine Lobster

AFTER-HOURS SUMMER READING KICKOFF PARTY

Bring the whole family after-hours to kick off the 2025 Summer Reading season! Enjoy games and a scavenger hunt, 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. Sign up at the event to enter for a chance to win one of three prize baskets! **DROP IN**
Friday, May 30, 6:30–8:30 pm **A**



Grades K-5

Taco Party (grades K-1)

Join us for taco-themed stories, games, and a craft to take home.

Thursday, June 5, 2-3 pm

Registration opens Thursday, May 8 at 4 pm.

American Girls (grades 2-5)

Bring your doll and meet some incredible American Girls! Listen to their stories and make a craft. The rain locations for the outdoor programs will be in the Cook Park Library Meeting Room.

► Juneteenth: Addy's Journey to Freedom (Outdoors)

Thursday, June 19, 12:30-1:30 pm

Meet in Cook Park

Registration opens Monday, May 19 at 4 pm.

► Meet Summer (Outdoors)

Saturday, June 21, 4-5 pm • Meet in Cook Park

Registration opens Wednesday, May 21 at 4 pm.

► Kit's Railway Journey

Tuesday, July 15, 12:30-1:30 pm

Registration opens Sunday, June 15 at 4 pm.

► Kit Kittredge: An American Girl Adventure Movie (G | 2008 | 1h 41m)

Friday, July 18, 2-4 pm

DROP IN

► Molly's Route 66 Adventure (Outdoors)

Friday, August 15, 4-5 pm • Meet in Cook Park

Registration opens Tuesday, July 15 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, June 24, 6:45-8 pm

Registration opens Tuesday, June 10 at 4 pm.

► Tuesday, July 29, 6:45-8 pm

Registration opens Tuesday, July 15 at 4 pm.

► Tuesday, August 26, 6:45-8 pm

Registration opens Tuesday, August 12 at 4 pm.

Artist Spotlight (grades K-5)

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

► Paul Klee

Wednesday, July 2, 2-3 pm

Registration opens Monday, June 2 at 4 pm.

► Joan Miró

Thursday, August 28, 4:30-5:30 pm

Registration opens Monday, July 28 at 4 pm.

The Scoop Squad (grades K-1)

It's not summer without a cool, sweet ice cream treat! Join us for ice cream-related books, games, crafts, and treats.

Monday, July 7, 4-5 pm

Registration opens Saturday, June 7 at 4 pm.

Betsy Ross Makes a Flag (grades K-3)

Let's go outside in Cook Park to hear the story of our flag as the stars and stripes wave. This is an outdoor program. Rain location: Cook Park Library Meeting Room.

Friday, July 11, 4-5 pm

Registration opens Wednesday, June 11 at 4 pm.

Pigeon Party (grades K-1)

Let's have lots of fun with The Pigeon! We will read Mo Willems' books, play games, and make a craft to take home.

Thursday, July 24, 2-3 pm

Registration opens Tuesday, June 24 at 4 pm.

Ready, Set...Kindergarten!

(entering grade K)

Get ready for kindergarten with fun activities designed to prepare children for school! Child must be entering kindergarten in the fall of 2025 to attend.

Monday, August 11, 3:30-4:30 pm

Registration opens Friday, July 11 at 4 pm.

Children's Classic Book Club:

Paddington Bear (grades K-3)

Come to Paddington's picnic in Cook Park and hear the story of a bear from Peru who finds a home in London. Bring a sack lunch and meet by the Cook Home. Parents and caregivers are welcome! This is an outdoor program. Rain location: Cook Park Library Meeting Room

Tuesday, August 19, 12-1 pm

Registration opens Saturday, July 19 at 4 pm.

Fishy Fun (grades K-1)

We'll have lots of fish-themed fun through stories, games, and crafting.

Wednesday, August 20, 4:30-5:30 pm

Registration opens Sunday, July 20 at 4 pm.



Grades K-5



Join the Club!

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.

- ▶ **Monday, June 2, 4:15–5 pm**
Registration opens Thursday, May 8 at 4 pm.
- ▶ **Monday, July 21, 4:15–5 pm**
Registration opens Saturday, June 21 at 4 pm.

Nintendo Club (grades 2-5)

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

- ▶ **Super Smash Bros.**
Thursday, June 26, 4:15–5 pm
Registration opens Monday, May 26 at 4 pm.
- ▶ **Super Smash Bros.**
Monday, July 14, 4:15–5 pm
Registration opens Saturday, June 14 at 4 pm.
- ▶ **Mario Kart**
Thursday, August 7, 4:15–5 pm
Registration opens Monday, July 7 at 4 pm.

LEGO Club

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

- ▶ **Monday, June 30, 4:15–5 pm**
Registration opens Friday, May 30 at 4 pm.
- ▶ **Monday, July 28, 4:15–5 pm**
Registration opens Saturday, June 28 at 4 pm.
- ▶ **Monday, August 25, 4:15–5 pm**
Registration opens Friday, July 25 at 4 pm.

Chess Club (grades 2-5)

Learn the basics of chess and play against others. Players of any skill level welcome!

- ▶ **Saturday, July 19, 3:30–4:30 pm**
Registration opens Thursday, June 19 at 4 pm.
- ▶ **Saturday, August 16, 3:30–4:30 pm**
Registration opens Wednesday, July 16 at 4 pm.

Collectors Club (grades K-8)

Pokémon cards, baseball cards, Yu-Gi-Oh cards, oh my! Bring any type of trading card or memorabilia you want to trade or talk about with others.

Monday, August 18, 4:15 pm–5 pm
Registration opens Friday, July 18 at 4 pm.

EXPLORE OUR WORLD

World Explorers (grades 2-5)

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

- ▶ **Mexico**
Thursday, June 12, 4–5 pm
Registration opens Monday, May 12 at 4 pm.
- ▶ **Pakistan**
Thursday, August 14, 4:30–5:30 pm
Registration opens Monday, July 14 at 4 pm.

Science Explorers (grades 2-3)

- ▶ **Ocean Pollution**
Discover how the ocean is affected by pollution through books and hands-on experiments.
Thursday, June 26, 2–3 pm
Registration opens Monday, May 26 at 4 pm.
- ▶ **Bubbles**
Explore the science behind bubbles and test various bubble solutions to see which works best!
Thursday, July 3, 2–3 pm
Registration opens Tuesday, June 3 at 4 pm.

Hello Summer! (grades K-1)

Let's walk in the park, then make a wreath and flower crown. Bring your favorite stuffed animal or doll for afternoon tea. This is an outdoor program. Rain location: Cook Park Library Meeting Room.

Friday, June 27, 3–4 pm • Meet in Cook Park
Registration opens Tuesday, May 27 at 4 pm.

DIY Solar Ovens (grades 4-5)

Let's read and discuss the book *Iqbal and His Ingenious Idea*, and then create our own solar ovens to take home.

Wednesday, July 23, 2–3 pm
Registration opens Monday, June 23 at 4 pm.

Science Heroes:

Adventure of the Missing Color

Join Science Heroes on a mission to turn science into an adventure through hands-on experiments and fun, interactive stories!

Wednesday, July 30, 4–5 pm
Registration opens Monday, June 30 at 4 pm.

Introducing



We are excited to announce another significant change at both Library locations: Children's Services is being renamed to Youth Services. While this update might seem subtle, it better reflects our commitment to serving a wide range of ages, from babies through 8th graders. This change applies to both Cook Park Library in Libertyville and Aspen Drive Library in Vernon Hills.





Middle School Grades 6-8

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.

- ▶ **Monday, June 2, 4:15–5 pm** **C**
Registration opens Thursday, May 8 at 4 pm.
- ▶ **Monday, July 21, 4:15–5 pm** **A**
Registration opens Saturday, June 21 at 4 pm.

After-Hours Middle School Summer

Kickoff: NERF Games

Play games as a team and individually throughout the library after-hours.

Friday, June 6, 6–8 pm **A**
Registration opens Thursday, May 8 at 4 pm.

Intro to Python Coding

Explore and learn fundamental Python concepts by getting hands-on and making your own password generator.

Sunday, June 8, 3:30–4:30 pm **A**
Registration opens Thursday, May 8 at 4 pm.

Paint & Snack: Pour Painting

Relax, eat some snacks, and try out a new paint technique!

Tuesday, June 10, 4:30–5:30 pm **A**
Registration opens Saturday, May 10 at 4 pm.

In the Middle Book Club

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

- ▶ **Wednesday, June 11, 4:30–6 pm** **A**
- ▶ **Thursday, July 10, 6:30–7:30 pm** **C**
- ▶ **Friday, August 15, 6–8 pm** **A**
After-Hours Book & Movie Night

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, June 24, 6:45–8 pm** **A**
Registration opens Tuesday, June 10 at 4 pm.
- ▶ **Tuesday, July 29, 6:45–8 pm** **A**
Registration opens Tuesday, July 15 at 4 pm.
- ▶ **Tuesday, August 26, 6:45–8 pm** **A**
Registration opens Tuesday, August 12 at 4 pm.

Service Craft: DIY Pillowcases

Get involved in the community and create your own DIY pillowcases that can be used by others.

Wednesday, June 25, 4:30 pm–5:30 pm **C**
Registration opens Sunday, May 25 at 4 pm.

Tie-Dye Extravaganza

Bring your own materials to tie-dye and learn new techniques! We'll provide all dye, instructions, and bags to take home.

Tuesday, July 22, 4:30–5:30 pm **A**
Registration opens Sunday, June 22 at 4 pm.

Weird & Wacky Taste Testing: Snacks Edition!

Taste new types of deliberately odd and unique snacks. Some you'll love, some you won't, but they'll all be fun!

Tuesday, July 29, 4:30–5:30 pm **C**
Registration opens Sunday, June 29 at 4 pm.

Game On! Player's Choice

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

Friday, August 1, 4:30–5:30 pm **C**
Registration opens Tuesday, July 1 at 4 pm.

Messy Science Stations

Let's do some unique, messy, and chaotic experiments! Build, test, and create with slime, lava lamps, gooey food, and more!

Wednesday, August 6, 4:30–5:30 pm **C**
Registration opens Sunday, July 6 at 4 pm.

Collectors Club (grades K-8)

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Monday, August 18, 4:15–5 pm **C**
Registration opens Friday, July 18 at 4 pm.



High School Grades 9-12

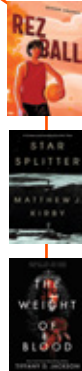
MINI-CON

Fandoms assemble! Stop by to browse artist booths, play video and tabletop games, learn to draw comics, and more! Watch our website for more details on special guests, vendors, and events. Costumes encouraged! **DROP IN** Saturday, July 26, 11 am–4 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.

- ▶ **Rez Ball by Byron Graves**
Wednesday, June 4, 6:30–7:30 pm **A**
- ▶ **Star Splitter by Matthew J. Kirby**
Wednesday, July 2, 6:30–7:30 pm **C**
- ▶ **The Weight of Blood by Tiffany D. Jackson**
Wednesday, August 6, 6:30–7:30 pm **A**



High School Hang Outs

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

- ▶ **Pride Swag**
Make your own rainbow bracelets, flags, and more!
Thursday, June 5, 3:30–4:30 pm **C**
Thursday, June 12, 3:30–4:30 pm **A**
- ▶ **Bad Art Day**
Take the pressure off by making bad and messy art on purpose with random craft supplies.
Thursday, July 10, 3:30–4:30 pm **C**
Thursday, July 24, 3:30–4:30 pm **A**
- ▶ **Mario Kart**
Win races to take home a small prize!
Thursday, August 7, 3:30–4:30 pm **C**
Thursday, August 21, 3:30–4:30 pm **A**

College Admission & Test Prep Trends

The team at Excellerate Learning Studio will be available at the Library to provide guidance, tips, and tricks to prepare for the ACT and SAT exams. **DROP IN** Thursday, June 19, 5–6 pm **C**

Teen Summer Movie Night

Enjoy the summer night with a movie and snacks.

- ▶ **The Hunger Games:**
The Ballad of Songbirds & Snakes
Friday, June 20, 4–6 pm **C**

Faux Butterfly Display

Celebrate summer by creating a vibrant decoration with colorful paper butterflies — perfect for brightening up your space! Materials provided.

Monday, June 23, 6:30–8:30 pm **A**
Registration opens Thursday, May 8.

High School Writing Workshop

Working on a college essay, personal statement, or summer AP assignment? Need a quiet place to write? Staff members will be on hand to supply personalized feedback and proofreading help. Individual sessions are limited to 15 minutes.

Wednesday, July 9, 5–6 pm **C**

Gardening Apps & Seed Bombs

Discover the best gardening apps to plan and track your plants, then get your hands dirty making seed bombs to grow wildflowers anywhere! Materials provided.

Monday, July 14, 3:30–4:30 pm **A**
Registration opens Friday, June 13.

Paper Circuit Art

Get creative with circuits and design your own light-up artwork using LED lights and copper tape! Materials provided.

Monday, August 25, 6:30–8:30 pm **A**
Registration opens Tuesday, July 25.

Service Project: Pet Toys

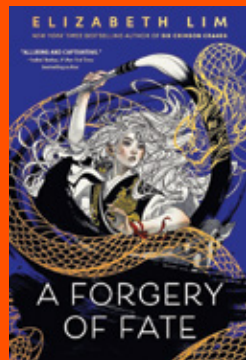
Earn a service hour by creating dog and cat toys for local shelters! All materials provided.

Wednesday, August 27, 5–6 pm **C**

High School Recommended Reading



June



July



August

AFTER-HOURS SUMMER READING
KICKOFF
PARTY


Bring the whole family after-hours to kick off the 2025 Summer Reading season! Enjoy games and a scavenger hunt, 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. Sign up at the event to enter for a chance to win one of three prize baskets! **DROP IN** Friday, May 30, 6:30–8:30 pm **A**

DATABASE POP-UPS

One of the Library's best-kept secrets is our large collection of databases. They're not just for research — they can provide info on so much more! Stop by to learn how to use these free tools. **DROP IN**


EBSCO Databases


Get a basic overview of how to quickly find scholarly articles, business reports, medical research, news, and more using our powerful EBSCO research tools.

Wednesday, June 18, 3–5 pm 

Weiss Financial Ratings


Struggling to choose the right bank, insurance company, or investment? Weiss Financial Ratings can help!

Wednesday, July 9, 3–5 pm 

Wednesday, July 23, 10 am–12 pm 

HelpNow & JobNow from Brainfuse

Learn how to get live tutoring, practice tests, and study tools with HelpNow. Need career support? JobNow offers resume reviews, job searches, and interview coaching!

Wednesday, August 6, 3–5 pm 

Tech Topics Discussion Group: AI-Generated Art

Grab a cup of coffee and join in a thoughtful discussion on artificial intelligence in the art world. Articles to be discussed will be emailed to registrants ahead of time.


Monday, June 30, 9:30–10:30 am 



Technology Classes

Popular Travel Apps

Ready for the summer travel season? Review popular apps to make traveling a breeze, from road trips to finding unique accommodations.

Wednesday, June 4, 6:30–8:30 pm 

Computer Basics Lab


Visit our weekly lab to learn computer basics, from using a computer mouse to basic computer safety.

DROP IN

Fridays, June 6–August 29, 10 am–12 pm 


Basic Microsoft Word

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

Tuesday, June 17, 10–11 am 


Advanced Excel Formulas

Take your Excel skills to the next level. Review simple to complex formulas including VLOOKUP, arrays, and much more!

Wednesday, June 18, 6:30–8:30 pm 


Photoshop Creative Cloud

Learn simple to complex photo editing techniques, including layering and AI edits to help you get started with your photo projects.

Tuesday, June 24, 6:30–8:30 pm 


Android Phone Basics

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

Wednesday, June 25, 7–8 pm 

Video Editing

Using the free version of Clipchamp, learn how to easily and quickly edit your digital videos.

Thursday, June 26, 6:30–8:30 pm 


Windows 11

Learn how to navigate Microsoft's Windows 11 operating system. Review security settings, personalization, file directories, built-in apps, and much more!

Tuesday, July 1, 6:30–8 pm 


Online Garage Sale

Learn how to sell your unwanted items quickly online! We'll go over how to post items for sale, shipping, local pickup, payments, and general tips and tricks.

Wednesday, July 2, 6:30–8:30 pm 


ChatGPT

Learn how to create prompts in ChatGPT to quickly get the information you need, from resume building and language learning to using the image generator.

Wednesday, July 9, 6:30–8:30 pm 


Advanced Microsoft Word

Enhance your word processing skills by learning advanced features, including language settings, formats, columns, sharing documents, and using Word in OneDrive.

Wednesday, July 23, 6:30–8:30 pm 


Advanced Microsoft Powerpoint

Learn advanced PowerPoint features, including transitions, sharing, and slideshow settings.

Tuesday, July 29, 6:30–8:30 pm 


Social Media Basics

Review popular social media apps and websites.

Wednesday, August 6, 6:30–8:30 pm 


Digital Marketing Strategies

Beyond selling on eBay, we'll review simple digital marketing strategies from leveraging social media to developing an online plan.

Tuesday, August 12, 6:30–8:30 pm 


iPhone Basics

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

Wednesday, August 13, 7–8 pm 


iPad Basics

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

Wednesday, August 27, 7–8 pm 

Online Safety

Stay safe online by identifying online scams, fake websites, and learning simple security settings.

Thursday, August 28, 6:30–8:30 pm 

STUDIOWORKSHOPS



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.



**Need help
with technology
or a smart device?**

Visit us on Saturdays for individual instruction and basic troubleshooting from local high school volunteers. Since Teen Tech Tutors may not be available every Saturday, please call ahead to confirm availability at your preferred Library location. **DROP IN**
Saturdays, 9:30–11:30 am & 1:30–3:30 pm  

1-on-1 Tech Help from Teen Tech Tutors





Art & Culture

Movies & Music

Afternoon Concert:

Buffalo Grove Singers Encore

Sing along to timeless tunes from the '60s-'90s and Broadway favorites with the Buffalo Grove Singers Encore! In partnership with the Libertyville Senior Center.

Monday, June 2, 1–2 pm • Libertyville Civic Center

Cinema Club

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

- ▶ **The Wiz** (G | 1978 | 2h 14m)
Monday, June 16, 6:30–9 pm A
- ▶ **Police Story** (PG-13 | 1985 | 1h 40m)
Monday, July 21, 6:30–9 pm A
- ▶ **Only Yesterday** (PG | 1991 | 1h 59m)
Monday, August 18, 6:30–9 pm A

Afternoon Concert:

The Hits of Doo Wop, Motown & More

David Mehner relives the magic of the '50s, '60s, and '70s with iconic doo wop, Motown, Frankie Valli, and oldies hits that'll have you singing along! In partnership with the Libertyville Senior Center.

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

Afternoon Concert: Always Young

Join us for an afternoon of hits from the '50s and '60s, Broadway favorites, Latin music, patriotic tunes, and classic country songs. Something for everyone to enjoy! In partnership with the Libertyville Senior Center.

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

Pączki & Pictures Movie Screening:

Last Resort (2000 | 1h 17m)

Join us for a special movie screening of Academy Award-winning director Pawel Pawlikowski's feature film, *Last Resort*. Pączki and refreshments will be provided beginning at 6 pm. The movie will start at 6:30 pm.

Monday, August 11, 6–8:30 pm A

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

Entertainment History

Neil Diamond: His Life & Music

Explore Neil Diamond's rise from Brooklyn to superstardom, hits like "Sweet Caroline" and "America," and his lasting impact on music in this presentation by historian Barry Bradford.

Thursday, July 24, 6:30–8 pm C

Gene Kelly: Singin' & Dancin' Through Hollywood

Historian Barry Bradford explores Gene Kelly, the American actor, dancer, and director who revolutionized film dance with iconic roles in *Singin' in the Rain* and *An American in Paris*.

Thursday, July 31, 6:30–8 pm C



Outdoor CONCERT & FOOD TRUCK Series

The whole family is invited to dance along to the music at our summer outdoor concert and food truck series. Feel free to bring your own chair, water, and snacks. Food trucks will be available from 6–8 pm with food for purchase. Rain location: Vernon Hills Park District Sullivan Center. **Please register so we know how many to expect.**

KALEIDOSCOPE EYES

BEATLES TRIBUTE BAND

Relive the magic of The Beatles with a performance by Chicago's premier Beatles tribute band.

Friday, June 13, 6:30–7:30 pm A

▶ **Food truck:** Cousins Maine Lobster

BLUEGRASS, BLUES & AMERICANA WITH BIG SKY ENSEMBLE

Enjoy a blend of bluegrass, blues, and American roots music.

Thursday, July 10, 6:30–7:30 pm A

▶ **Food truck:** Julio's Tacos

ROCK, POP & COUNTRY VIBES WITH CHI-TOWN JUST CAUSE BAND

Good vibes and great music featuring the best pop, rock, and country hits.

Thursday, August 7, 6:30–7:30 pm A

▶ **Food truck:** Cousins Maine Lobster

New Fiction

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Bring It, Fix It, Save It!

Bring your broken items and let our volunteers work their magic! Limit two items per participant. Check our website for an updated list of repair services and expert volunteers available to help.

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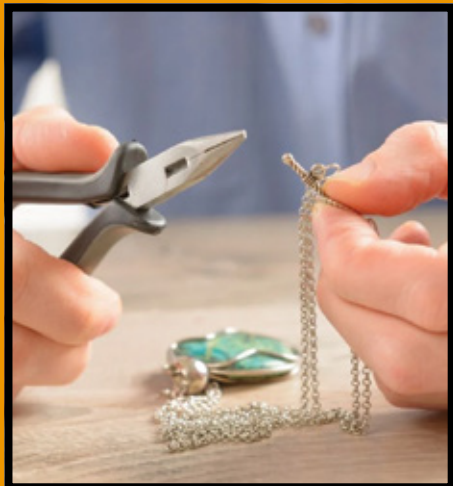
Saturday, August 9, 10 am–1 pm

Categories include:

- Knife sharpening
- Minor jewelry repairs
- Book and paper conservation
- Basic clothing repairs
- and more!

In partnership with:

Exact Blade
Bay Area Diamond
Gameday Men's Health Libertyville
Grand Appliance and TV



Crafting & Maker

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

Cricut-Cut Paper Flowers

Join us for a relaxing craft session to create a summery paper flower display using Cricut-designed cutouts!

- ▶ Monday, June 2, 6:30–8:30 pm
- ▶ Monday, June 9, 6:30–8:30 pm

Registration for both sessions opens Thursday, May 8 at 9 am.

Sewing Basics: Master the Essentials

Discover the key parts of a sewing machine, tips on choosing fabrics, and essential techniques. This summer, learn to create your own custom drawstring bag! Perfect for beginners.

- ▶ Thursday, June 12, 10 am–12 pm
- Registration opens on Monday, May 12 at 9 am.

- ▶ Thursday, July 10, 10 am–12 pm
- Registration opens on Tuesday, June 10 at 9 am.

- ▶ Thursday, August 14, 10 am–12 pm
- Registration opens on Monday, July 14 at 9 am.

Needlework Meetup

Bring your own knitting, crochet, or needlepoint projects to work on at the Library. Enjoy crafting with new friends in a relaxed, welcoming environment. All levels welcome! Participants may attend all sessions. CMLPD card not required.

- ▶ Wednesday, June 18, 6:30–8:30 pm
- ▶ Wednesday, July 16, 6:30–8:30 pm
- ▶ Wednesday, August 20, 6:30–8:30 pm

Essential Oil Scent Spray

Create your own all-natural signature spritz by blending essential oils and making a custom label. A nonrefundable materials fee of \$10 is due at the beginning of class. Cash only. Please bring exact change.

Thursday, June 19, 6:30–8 pm

Registration opens Monday, May 19 at 9 am.

Crochet Your Perfect Summer Bag: A Two-Part Project

Create your own granny square summer bag! Bring three to four colors of medium-weight yarn (size 4) and a 5mm hook. Please note, this event is suited for advanced beginners in crochet. Attending both sessions is required to complete the project. Registering for one class will automatically register you for both sessions.

- ▶ Session 1: Saturday, June 21, 1–3 pm
- ▶ Session 2: Saturday, June 28, 1–3 pm

Registration for both sessions opens Wednesday, May 21 at 9 am.

Decorative Soap Bars

Choose a scent and let's make pretty soap!

- ▶ Monday, July 7, 6:30–8:30 pm
- ▶ Tuesday, July 8, 6:30–8:30 pm

Registration for both sessions opens Friday, June 6 at 9 am.

Baby Hat Knitting with USOA Mrs. Illinois 2025

USOA Mrs. Illinois, Ashley Sebaaly, teaches us how to knit a baby hat. Perfect for baby showers or donations to a NICU, these cozy hats are a meaningful gift for little ones! Materials provided.

Saturday, July 26, 1–2 pm

Registration opens Thursday, June 26 at 9 am.

DIY Summer Coasters

Beat the heat and learn how to make stylish summer coasters, perfect for holding your cold drink after a long day!

- ▶ Monday, August 4, 6:30–8:30 pm
- ▶ Tuesday, August 5, 6:30–8:30 pm

Registration for both sessions opens Monday, July 7 at 9 am.

Acrylic Painting with Teaching Artist Susie Speck

Follow Susie step-by-step in creating a beautiful acrylic painting. A \$7 materials fee is due at the beginning of class. Cash only.

Tuesday, August 12, 6:30–8:30 pm

Registration opens Saturday, July 12 at 9 am.





Health, Home & Lifestyle

Screen Smart: Cancer Prevention & Early Detection

Join University of Chicago Medicine physicians for a presentation on cancer prevention and screenings. Get the latest recommendations and have your questions answered by experts.

Tuesday, June 3, 7–8 pm **C**

Coffee & Community

Enjoy a cup of coffee, meet your neighbors, and talk. Board games will also be available. **DROP IN**

- ▶ **Tuesday, June 10, 10–11 am** **C**
- ▶ **Tuesday, July 8, 10–11 am** **C**
- ▶ **Tuesday, August 5, 10–11 am** **C**

Designing Flower Beds with Seasonal Interest

Learn how to design a garden with year-round visual interest, from spring to fall, with a few winter accents during this step-by-step virtual presentation.

Wednesday, June 11, 1–2 pm **V** **Zoom**

Sound Bath Meditation: Rejuvenate & Refresh

Relax and rejuvenate with the healing vibrations of crystal sound bowls. Let the soothing tones calm your mind and body. No experience required, just come ready to unwind and embrace pure tranquility. Chairs are available for those who prefer to sit. Please wear comfortable, layered clothing and bring a yoga mat, blanket, and pillow.

- ▶ **Thursday, June 12, 12–1 pm** **A**
- ▶ **Thursday, July 10, 12–1 pm** **A**
- ▶ **Thursday, August 7, 12–1 pm** **A**

A New Era in Men's Health

Every man should have control over his health. Learn more about men's health issues from Arabinda Subudhi of Gameday Men's Health. In partnership with the GLMV Chamber of Commerce.

Wednesday, June 25, 12–1 pm **A**

Edible Landscapes

Fruits, trees, vegetables, herbs, and edible flowers can be just as attractive as ornamental ones. Learn how to eat your yard by creating a tasteful home landscape using edible plants.

Wednesday, July 9, 1–2 pm **V** **Zoom**

Knife Skills II: Poultry & Seafood Techniques

Chef Susan Maddox returns for an advanced knife skills session focusing on poultry and seafood. Learn essential deboning and various cuts to enhance your culinary expertise.

Tuesday, July 15, 6:30–8 pm **A**

Laughter Yoga: Unlock Joy, Health & Happiness

Experience the joy of laughing yoga through playful exercises, breathing, and affirmations. Chairs are available for those who prefer not to sit on the floor. Bring your own mat or towel.

Saturday, July 19, 2–3 pm **A**

Effective Stress Coping Strategies

Licensed mental health therapist Maria Rocha Barrera shares powerful coping strategies to manage stress, regain control, and feel better about yourself during busy times.

Tuesday, July 22, 6:30–7:30 pm **A**

Late Summer & Fall Colors in the Garden

Late summer and fall gardens often look worn out and tired. Learn how to boost your August-September garden with perennials, ornamental grasses, and colorful fall trees and shrubs.

Wednesday, August 6, 1–2 pm **V** **Zoom**



Social Services Consultations

Meet with an intake specialist from Art of Recovery, a local nonprofit organization, to get connected to services that can help with:

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

Sessions are available on a first-come, first-served basis from 3–6 pm. No appointment is necessary. **DROP IN**

- ▶ **Aspen Drive Library, Vernon Hills:**
1st, 3rd, and 5th Mondays of the month, 3–6 pm
- ▶ **Cook Park Library, Libertyville:**
2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, 3–6 pm

Bookmobile Schedule

Hop on board to pick out materials, place holds, and sign up for a library card. For updates, visit cooklib.org/bookmobile.

WEDNESDAYS

5:15–5:45 pm

A **Court of Spruce/Court of Birch**
Vernon Hills

6–6:30 pm

B **Pebbleshire Apartments**
Cherry Valley Rd & Lakeside Dr, Vernon Hills

6:45–7:45 pm

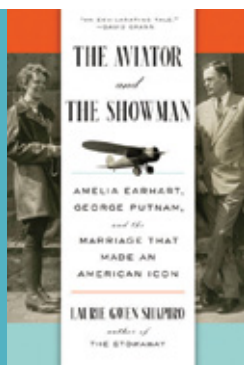
C **Park Butterfield Apartments**
Near the pool on Churchill Ct, Mundelein

New Nonfiction

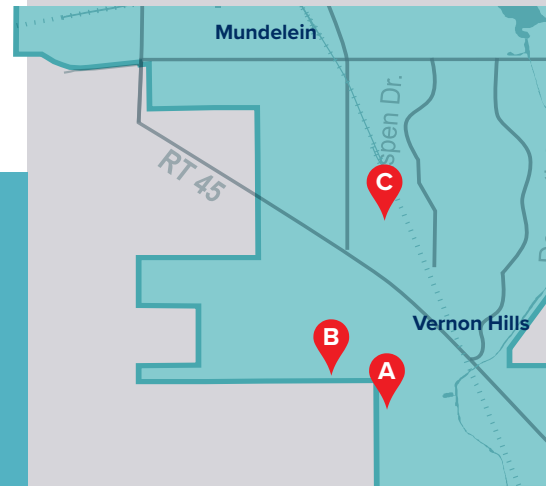
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New!

MAKE SMARTER FINANCIAL DECISIONS WITH WEISS FINANCIAL RATINGS

Struggling to choose the right bank, insurance company, or investment? Weiss Financial Ratings can help!

Free with your CMPLD card, this independent, unbiased resource gives you the power to compare ratings for banks, credit unions, insurance providers, stocks, mutual funds, and ETFs. Plus, find the best Medicare supplement insurance plan for your needs.

Find it at cooklib.org/databases. To learn more, call the Library, stop by the Information Desk, or drop in to the Database Pop-Up session on page 10.



Schedule a free 15-minute appraisal appointment with top coin expert Dave Ekstrom. Bring your coins, currency, and gold/silver jewelry for a quick evaluation.

Thursday, June 19, 2-7 pm



Business, Career, & Finance

Financial Education Tools & Resources

Learn about valuable financial education tools and resources from Matthew Rizzie of Great Lakes Credit Union (GLCU). In partnership with the GLMV Chamber of Commerce.

Wednesday, July 23, 12-1 pm

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, August 5, 10 am-4 pm

One-on-One Business Mentoring with SCORE

Make an appointment to meet with Art Noparstak, a certified business mentor from SCORE, to get advice on starting a business, writing a business plan, and implementing a marketing strategy.

Wednesday, June 11, 10 am-1 pm

Wednesday, July 25, 10 am-1 pm

Wednesday, August 13, 10 am-1 pm

Wednesday, August 27, 10 am-1 pm

Successful Retirement

Explore considerations for a successful retirement to help plan for your future with Todd Renihan from Allstate Financial. In partnership with the GLMV Chamber of Commerce.

Wednesday, August 27, 12-1 pm

Financial Strategies for Uncertain Times

Gain insights on managing your finances, including budgeting tips, bill-payment advice, assistance programs (like SNAP & Medicaid), avoiding retirement withdrawals, and investment strategies. Presented by Karen Chan Financial Education & Consulting, LLC.

Saturday, August 30, 2-3:30 pm Zoom



Genealogy

DAR Genealogy Workshop

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

- ▶ Wednesday, June 4, 10 am-1 pm
- ▶ Wednesday, July 2, 10 am-1 pm
- ▶ Saturday, August 2, 10 am-1 pm

Genealogy Networking Group

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

- ▶ Thursday, June 5, 7-8:30 pm
- ▶ Thursday, July 3, 7-8:30 pm
- ▶ Thursday, August 7, 7-8:30 pm

Mayhem on a Manifest: Intrigue and Deception

Ship manifests are often a key component to identifying an ancestor's immigration to the United States. What happens when the manifest becomes a Pandora's Box of intrigue and deception? Come find out! In partnership with the Lake County (IL) Genealogical Society.

Thursday, June 12, 7-8:30 pm

The US Federal Government: Underutilized Research Resources

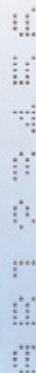
Did you know that the federal government has more than census and pension records? Find out what other valuable genealogical records they hold from Paula Stuart-Warren, Certified Genealogist®. In partnership with the Lake County (IL) Genealogical Society.

Thursday, July 17, 7-8:30 pm

A Genealogist's Primer on Fraternal Organizations

Was your ancestor buried in an odd cemetery, or do they have a masonic symbol on their tombstone? Were you given random buttons and pins from a relative? Join us as we explore fraternal organizations! In partnership with the Lake County (IL) Genealogical Society.

Thursday, August 14, 7-8:30 pm



Passport Service: Renew or Apply

The Lake County Circuit Clerk's passport acceptance team will process passport applications, including taking photos! First come, first served — no appointments. To receive the most efficient service possible, please visit lakecountycircuitclerk.org in advance to complete your application, familiarize yourself with the acceptable forms of payment, and verify you have all the required documentation. **DROP IN**

Saturday, June 28, 9 am-1 pm

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Book Clubs

Interested in joining a book club? Contact our book club moderator, Amy Becker-Perez, at aperez@cooklib.org or fill out the form at cooklib.org/bookclubregistration. All book clubs are **DROP IN**.

Agatha Mystery Book Club

- ▶ *First Lie Wins* by Ashley Elston
Monday, June 23, 11 am–12 pm **H C**
- ▶ *The Mystery Writer* by Sulari Gentill
Monday, July 28, 11 am–12 pm **H C**
- ▶ *Listen for the Lie* by Amy Tintera
Monday, August 25, 11 am–12 pm **H C**

Aspen Drive Book Club

This club is currently full. Please fill out the Book Club Registration form to be added to the waiting list.

- ▶ *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride
Tuesday, June 3, 7–8 pm **A**
- ▶ *Absolution* by Alice McDermott
Tuesday, July 1, 7–8 pm **A**
- ▶ *The Caretaker* by Ron Rash
Tuesday, August 5, 7–8 pm **A**

Classics Book Club

This club is currently full. Please fill out the Book Club Registration form to be added to the waiting list.

- ▶ *Walden and Civil Disobedience* by Henry David Thoreau
Monday, July 7, 7 pm–8 pm **H C**

Friday Morning Book Club

- ▶ *The Diamond Eye* by Kate Quinn
Friday, June 13, 10–11 am **C**
- ▶ *Arsenic and Adobo* by Mia P. Manansala
Friday, July 11, 10–11 am **C**
- ▶ *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters
Friday, August 8, 10–11 am **C**

Nonfiction Book Club

This club is currently full. Please fill out the Book Club Registration form to be added to the waiting list.

- ▶ *How to Be Perfect* by Michael Schur
Friday, June 6, 2–3:30 pm **H C**
- ▶ *Sparks* by Ian Johnson
Friday, August 1, 2–3:30 pm **H C**

Science Fiction & Fantasy Book Club

This club is currently full. Please fill out the Book Club Registration form to be added to the waiting list.

- ▶ *The Fifth Season* by N. K. Jemisin
Tuesday, June 17, 7–8:30 pm **H A**
- ▶ *Never Let Me Go* by Kazuo Ishiguro
Tuesday, August 19, 7–8:30 pm **H A**

Wednesday Evening Book Club

- ▶ *Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano
Wednesday, June 25, 7–8 pm **H C**
- ▶ *Yellowface* by R.F. Kuang
Wednesday, July 23, 7–8 pm **H C**
- ▶ *North Woods* by Daniel Mason
Wednesday, August 27, 7–8 pm **H C**

Wednesday Morning Book Club

- ▶ *North Woods* by Daniel Mason
Wednesday, June 11, 10–11 am **H C**
- ▶ *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters
Wednesday, July 9, 10–11 am **H C**
- ▶ *The Wager* by David Grann
Wednesday, August 13, 10–11 am **H C**



English Language Learners ELL Spring Party

Come together with other English language learners for our spring party! Food and drinks will be provided. **DROP IN**
Tuesday, June 3, 10 am–12 pm **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, June 24, 7–8:30 pm** **H C**
- ▶ **Tuesday, July 22, 7–8:30 pm** **H C**
- ▶ **Tuesday, August 26, 7–8:30 pm** **H C**



Silent Read-In Book Club

Join us after hours for a peaceful reading session at the Library during our quarterly, drop-in club! Bring your own book or pick one up here, and enjoy some quiet reading time. At the end, you'll have the chance to share what you're reading with others, or you can simply slip out.

DROP IN
Friday, July 18, 7–8:30 pm **A**

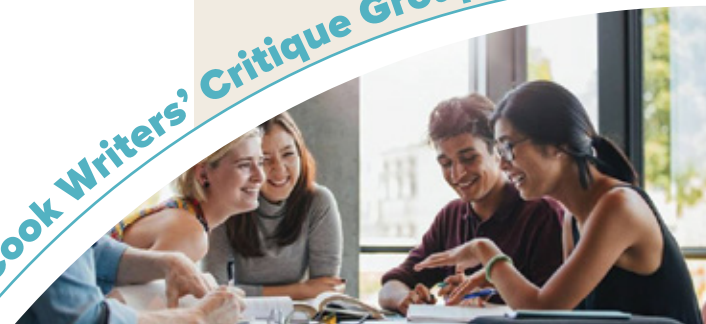
Citizenship Classes

Are you or someone you know starting the journey to naturalization? Mano a Mano Family Resource Center provides expert support to guide you through the process, helping you prepare for the test, interview, and every step along the way. In partnership with Mano a Mano Family Resource Center.

Saturdays, June 14–September 20, 9:30–11 am **A**



Cook Writers' Critique Group



Join other area writers to give feedback on each other's work! We are currently seeking a co-host. For more information, contact Hannah Dove at hdove@cooklib.org.

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



**JUNE 1 -
ALL AGES JULY 31**

Join the party and make the Library part of your summer! We invite your whole family to **EXPLORE** the Library's offerings, **DO** fun activities, and **READ** books. The more you explore, do, and read, the more points you earn toward a finishing prize!

- 1** Sign up starting Saturday, June 1 online at cooklib.readsquared.com or in person at any CMLPD location. You're also invited to sign up early at the After-Hours Summer Kickoff Party for a chance to win an extra prize!



- 2** Read books and/or complete activities to earn points. Tally 100 points to earn your prize!

- 3** Once you reach the goal, pick up your finishing prize starting on June 15 at your indicated location.

• **Kids (birth–grade 8)**

A book of your choice to keep, plus entry into the grand prize drawing to win one of six \$50 gift cards to a local business.

• **High School (grades 9–12)**

A book of your choice to keep, plus entry into the grand prize drawing to win one of three Amazon gift cards. Plus, earn limited edition collectible buttons for reaching reading milestones!

• **Adults**

Everyone who completes the program will receive a finishing prize, plus entry into the grand prize raffle for win one of six gift card sets to a local bookstore and Trader Joe's, totaling \$100.

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