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PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

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June – August

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Reading!



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Winnetka Library

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

Northfield Library

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Monday – Thursday: 8am – 8pm
Friday: 8am – 5pm
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June 19: Juneteenth
July 4: Independence Day

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News



Celebrating Stephanie Girardi

**Winnetka-Northfield-Glencoe
Chamber of Commerce
Library Worker of the Year**

Stephanie Girardi's impact on the Winnetka-Northfield Public Library District over the past three decades has been profound. Her dedicated efforts have quietly shaped the experiences of countless patrons who have interacted with the library district during this time.

Her journey with the district began in 1994 when she joined as a part-time library page. Since then, she has held a variety of roles, culminating in her current position as Technical Services Supervisor. In this role, Stephanie serves as the backbone of the library, meticulously organizing and cataloging collections, making it easy for patrons to discover the wealth of materials available.

Stephanie's impact extends far beyond the confines of her official duties. Her love for the library blossoms in myriad ways, from the vibrant container gardens adorning our entrances, her decadelong leadership of the ever-popular Food For Thought: Cookbook Book Club, and her latest initiative—the creation of our inaugural Seed Library, which is designed to enhance community engagement in gardening. During the challenging year of 2020, Stephanie's generosity shone through as she sewed over 700 fabric masks and donated them to community agencies and individuals in need.

Stephanie's story at the library is not just about her professional journey—it's also a tale of romance. For 28 years she's been happily married to Ray Kearney, the now-retired Winnetka Reference Librarian who was once her boss. Their love story unfolded discreetly, with no one suspecting their relationship until their wedding announcement, which many initially thought was a joke.

Congratulations to Stephanie on being honored as Library Worker of the Year. Her passion, creativity, and commitment to service are an inspiration to all of us here at the library.



Our Summer Reading Challenge is the perfect way to unwind, recharge, and make the most of those long, lazy days of summer. So grab a book, find a good spot, and let the adventure begin!

Learn about prizes and our End of Summer Party on the next page or at wnpld.org.



**June 1 -
July 31**

A Summer of Adventure

Summer Reading 2024

Reading Log

Count every day you read for at least 20 minutes by crossing off a square.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
Day 8	Day 9	Day 10	Day 11	Day 12	Day 13	Day 14
Day 15	Day 16	Day 17	Day 18	Day 19	Day 20	Day 21
Day 22	Day 23	Day 24	Day 25	Day 26	Day 27	Day 28
Day 29	Day 30	Day 31	Day 32	Day 33	Day 34	Day 35
Day 36	Day 37	Day 38	Day 39	Day 40	Finished!	

Bring your completed log into the library beginning July 10.

Name _____

Email _____

Phone Number _____

Age Group Adult Teen Kid

School _____

Home Library Winnetka Northfield Other



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Prizes

You did it! Bring in your completed log, between July 10 and August 10, to pick up your finishing prize and enter to win one of our grand prizes!

Finishing Prizes



Kids Get a Book



Adults & Teens Get a Gift Card

Grand Prize Raffles



Melissa & Doug Disney Snacks & Popcorn Playset



Ultimate Bluey Playhouse



Leapfrog Magic Adventures Telescope



Canon Ivy 2 Mini Photo Printer



Graeter's Ice Cream \$100 Gift Card



Chicago Botanic Garden Household Membership



Chicago Architecture Boat Tour Gift Certificate



Spirit Elephant \$100 Gift Card

End of Summer Party

Sunday, August 25 from 1-3pm • All Ages

Join us in celebrating the end of summer and the beginning of Library Card Sign-Up Month with fun activities for everyone, including a balloon artist, face painting, a bubble show, and so much more!

Clarkson Park, 1950 New Willow Road, Northfield

Rain location: Sears School Cafenadium, 542 Abbotsford Rd, Kenilworth



Sunsational Reads

Dive in and enjoy stories that will brighten your summer days.



The Gungle Abroad
Steven Rowley



Here We Go Again
Alison Cochrin



Lies and Weddings
Kevin Kwan



For the Love of Summer
Susan Mallery



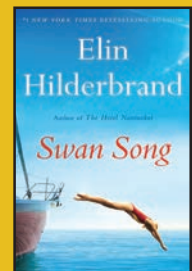
The Hazelbourne Ladies Motorcycle and Flying Club
Helen Simonson



This Summer Will Be Different
Carley Fortune



Summers at the Saint
Mary Kay Andrews



Swan Song
Elin Hilderbrand

Kids

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Babies, Toddlers, & Preschoolers

Art Play

Join us to explore art and creativity with self-directed stations for little ones.

June 5: Ice Cream

July 10: Fireworks

August 7: Beach

Northfield Library: Wednesdays, 10am • Ages 0–4 with Adult

Sensory Shenanigans

Join us for an hour of interactive free play. Activities in this program will foster fine and gross motor skills, and concepts through play. This program is sure to be a little messy (and fun!) so wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty.

Winnetka Library: Fridays, June 14 & 28, July 12 & 26, August 9 & 23, 10am • Ages 0–4 with Adult

Northfield Library: Wednesdays, June 26, July 24 & August 14, 10am • Ages 0–4 with Adult

Sidewalk Chalk Party

Get creative with sidewalk chalk on our patio.

Winnetka Library: Monday, June 17, 4pm • Ages 3+ with Adult

Bubble Party

If bubbles are your little one's favorite part of storytime, get ready for a bubbly extravaganza! Join us for an event filled with bubbles, bubbles, and more bubbles.

Winnetka Library: Fridays, June 21, July 19 & August 16, 10am
Ages 0–5 with Adult

STEAM Play

Join us for an exciting hour of hands-on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) activities.

June 27: Cars

July 18: Colors

August 22: Farm Life

Winnetka Library: Thursdays, 4pm • Ages 2–6 with Adult

Music at the Blissful

National touring musician Evan Haller joins us for a fun-filled, interactive, movement-packed musical experience for the whole family.

Northfield Library: Friday, June 28, 10am • Ages 0–5 with Adult

Saturday Storytime

Singing, dancing, stories, and more! This 30-minute storytime is for WNPLD cardholders, followed by an optional stay and play until 11am.

Winnetka Library: Saturdays, June 22, July 20 & August 17, 9:30am • Ages 0–5 with Adult (R)

Baby Obstacle Course

If you have a baby that is constantly on the move, join us for a fun way to work on building gross motor skills.

Winnetka Library: Monday, July 1, 10am
Ages 6 months–18 months with Adult

OMI Interactive Kids' Concerts

Sing, dance, and clap along while Our Music® delights you with popular children's songs and fun unknown gems.

Winnetka Library: Tuesday, July 2, Wednesday, July 3 & Thursday, July 11, 10am • Ages 0–5 with Adult

Rock 'n' Roll Storytime

Join us for music, movement, and imaginative play to create a one-of-a-kind musical experience.

Winnetka Library: Tuesday, July 9 & Wednesday, July 10, 10:15am
Ages 0–5 with Adult

Mess-tival

Join us to celebrate all things messy! Participants should expect to get their shoes and clothes messy, and are encouraged to bring towels and a change of clothes.

Winnetka Library: Tuesday, July 9, 4pm • Ages 3–10 with Adult

Playdough Party

Join us for an afternoon of all things playdough! Sculpt, squish, create, and work on fine motor skills.

Winnetka Library: Monday, August 12, 4pm • Ages 2+ with Adult

Can you spot these special
Summer of Adventure
themed events?



Youth Summer Reading
Recommended Books

Use the QR Code to see our librarians' recommendations and to place them on hold.



Summer Storytime Schedule

Singing, dancing, stories, and more! Tickets will be available the morning of the event on a first come, first served basis.

Mondays

Northfield Library

Special Performer

Ages 0–5 with Adult
10am

Tuesdays

Winnetka Library

Family Storytime

Ages 0–5 with Adult
9:30am

Move & Play

Ages 0–5 with Adult
10am

Wednesdays

Winnetka Library

Baby Storytime

Ages 0–18 months
with Adult
9:30am

Baby Play & Wiggles

Ages 0–18 months
with Adult
10am

Thursdays

Winnetka Library

Family Storytime

Ages 0–5 with Adult
9:30am

Move & Groove

Ages 0–5 with Adult
10am

Fridays

Northfield Library

Family Storytime

Ages 0–5 with Adult
10am



Stories in the Park

Singing, dancing, stories, and more! Everyone's invited to this free, all-ages storytime. In case of inclement weather, cancellations will be announced day-of on our website and social media accounts.

June 18: Dwyer Park

July 2: Hubbard Woods Park

July 16: Indian Hill Park

July 30: Dwyer Park

August 13: Hubbard Woods Park

August 27: Indian Hill Park

Tuesdays, 10am • All Ages with Adult



These events are in partnership with the Winnetka Park District.

We are on storytime break:
June 30 – July 13

School-Age

Sensational STEAM

Join us for an exciting hour of hands-on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) activities.

June 5: Animal/Plant Creation

July 3: Scented Slime

August 7: Build a Solar Oven

Winnetka Library: Wednesdays, 4pm • Ages 7–12 with Adult (R)

Travel Buddy Craft

Going on vacation? Make a little buddy to go with you!

Winnetka Library: Friday, June 7, 4pm • Ages 5–8 with Adult (R)

LEGO® Fun

Lots of LEGO® bricks will be available so come ready with your imagination.

Winnetka Library: Mondays, June 10, July 8 & July 29, 4pm • Ages 4+ with Adult

Rock Star Read Aloud Kits

Read, engage, captivate
and entertain!

Discover our latest kits featuring a hand-picked selection of read-aloud books designed to delight young readers.



BUG-STRAVAGANZA!

Bugs, Bugs, & More Bugs!

Join us for a celebration of all things bugs.

Beware! There may be real creepy crawlies at the event.

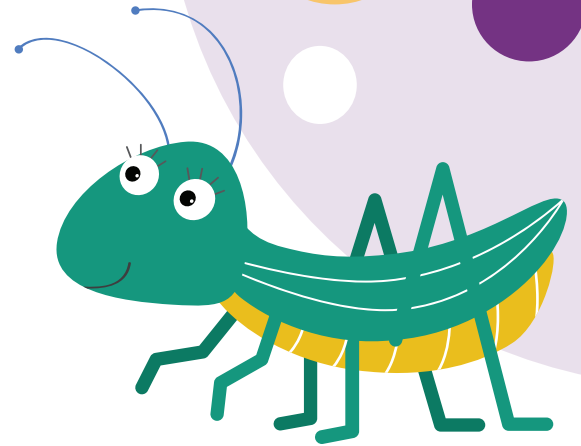
Winnetka Library: Monday, August 19, 3:30pm • Ages 2-7 with Adult

Mini Bug Exhibit

Join us for a thrilling exhibit hosted by The Reptile Den.

Experience various cockroaches, tarantulas, scorpions and more!

Winnetka Library: Monday, August 19, 3pm • All Ages with Adult



Crafternoon

Join us for an afternoon of crafting fun. Stay the whole time or drop in when you'd like.

Winnetka Library: Wednesdays, June 12, July 10 & August 28, 2pm • Ages 5+ with Adult

Stickerpalooza

Join your friends (or meet new ones!) for an awesome afternoon of sticker fun! Each participant will receive a booklet to decorate and collect stickers. Feel free to bring your own stickers to swap with others.

Winnetka Library: Monday, July 22, 4pm • Ages 3+ with Adult

Art Explorers

Design something fun and functional! We'll have a variety of supplies to help your creative side shine.

July 24: Decorate a Bucket Hat

August 28: Cactus Pet Rocks

Northfield Library: Wednesdays, 4pm • Ages 5-11 with Adult (R)

Sand Art Necklace

Decorate a summery necklace with colorful sand!

Northfield Library: Thursday, August 8, 4:30pm
Ages 5-12 with Adult (R)

Taylor Swift Dance Party

Missing the Eras Tour? Get ready to shake it off and sing it out! Join us for a Taylor Swift dance party with music and bracelet making. Dressing up is encouraged.

Winnetka Library: Monday, August 26, 4pm • Ages 3+ with Adult

Treasure Chest Decoration

Have you collected lots of scavenger hunt trinkets at the library? Come decorate a treasure chest to keep them in.

Winnetka Library: Thursday, August 29, 4pm
Ages 5-10 with Adult (R)

Family Fun

Messy Mondays

Drop in for a messier craft and leave the cleanup to us!

June 3: Rock Painting

July 1: Bubble Painting

August 5: Paper Plate Jellyfish

Winnetka Library: Mondays, 4pm • All Ages with Adult

Rainbow Party

Come celebrate with an afternoon of rainbow-themed crafts and sensory fun.

Northfield Library: Thursday, June 13, 4:30pm • Ages 3+ with Adult

Winnetka Weeders and Readers

Celebrate Summer Reading with the Winnetka Weeders Garden Club as they present a nature-based storytime and craft. The program will be held in the Winnetka Weeders Memorial Garden.

Winnetka Library: Saturday, June 15, 10am
Ages 3+ with Adult (R)

Kindness Rocks

Paint a joyful image or phrase onto a rock. Then leave your rock at your favorite spot in Winnetka-Northfield.

Northfield Library: Thursday, July 11, 4:30pm • Ages 3+ with Adult

Dan Gogh's Magic and Art Show

Artist-magician Dan Gogh will be your guide to wacky colors, magical drawings, and art tools that have a mind of their own. Prepare to be amazed, inspired, and laugh all the way as you join us on this one-of-a-kind journey!

Winnetka Library: Tuesday, July 23, 4pm
All Ages with Adult (R)

Animal Quest Petting Zoo

Let the library bring the zoo to you! Tickets will be available on the day of the event, on a first come, first served basis in 20-minute increments between 3-5pm.

Winnetka Library: Thursday, August 15, 3pm
All Ages with Adult

Tweens & Teens

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Sewing Travel Buddy

Learn a few basic sewing stitches and make a cute little friend to go on vacation with you.

Winnetka Library: Thursday, June 6, 4pm • Ages 9–18 (R)

Dungeons & Dragons

Calling all adventurers! Join us for a summer of epic one-shot quests!

Winnetka Library: Tuesdays, June 18, July 16 & August 13, 4pm
Ages 13–18 (R)

Perils & Princesses

Gather your princess friends and heed the call of your fairy godmother to combat a formidable evil! Don your crowns, sharpen your wits, and embark upon an epic tabletop adventure to vanquish a powerful foe.

Winnetka Library: Tuesday, July 2, 4pm • Ages 8–18 (R)



Cat Adventures

The humans are in danger! Join your cat friends to solve puzzles and save them in this table-top adventure game.

Winnetka Library: Tuesday, August 27, 4pm • Ages 8–18 (R)

Garden Party

Join us after hours at the library for a scavenger hunt and crafts!

Butterflies have been hidden away in the stacks, and you and your teammates must find them. Drop-off is at 6pm and pickup is at 7pm.

Winnetka Library:
Friday, July 5, 6pm
Ages 9–18 (R)



Adults

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Arts & Crafts

Loose Florals with Audrey Ra

Let loose with watercolor as you learn how to paint flowers with Audrey Ra. Kindly register for one session only.

Northfield Library: Thursdays, July 18 & August 22, 5pm **(R)**

Sit & Knit

Come hang out with fellow knitters. All levels of experience are welcome. Basic supplies and help will be available for beginners.

Northfield Library: Thursdays, June 6 – August 29, 2:30pm **(R)**

Author Events



The Hidden Gifts of Visual Thinkers with Temple Grandin

Join us for a special event with Dr. Grandin, one of the world’s most accomplished and well-known adults with autism. Dr. Grandin has been at the forefront of research and activism for autism and neurodiversity for decades.

Virtual: Tuesday, June 4, 7pm **(R)**



Libby Fischer Hellmann: Max’s War

Local author Libby Fischer Hellman will discuss her new book *Max’s War*. This epic story about a Ritchie Boy was written as a tribute to her late father-in-law, who was active with the Office of Strategic Services and interrogated dozens of German prisoners of war.

Northfield Library: Sunday, June 23, 2pm **(R)**



A Picture Book’s Journey: From Inspiration to Publication

Explore the picture book creation process with award-winning author Srividhya Venkat. Enjoy a read-aloud from her latest book, *Seeker of Truth: Kailash Satyarthi’s Fight to End Child Labor*, followed by insights into the intricate journey of crafting picture books. Wrap up with a Q&A session.

Winnetka Library: Tuesday, August 6, 7pm **(R)**

Craft Your Story: Mini Memoir Workshop

Join us for a transformative experience with our “Craft Your Story” workshop. Over the course of three 75-minute sessions, staff from the Counseling Center of the North Shore will take you on a journey of personal discovery as you write a 500-word memoir. We will give you the tools to capture and share your unique life story, finding meaning and contentment in the process. No writing experience necessary — just bring your memories.

June 10: The importance of meaning-making: psychoeducation and group activity

June 17: Mini memoir workshop and small group work

June 24: Sharing and reflection

Winnetka Library: Mondays, June 10, 17 & 24, 1pm **(R)**



Book Discussions

Savor & Share: Cookbook Book Club

New!

Join us for a delightful daytime escape into the world of cuisine. This club welcomes all who share a love for cooking and exploring new flavors. Check out one of the spotlighted cookbooks, try some recipes and bring a dish to share.

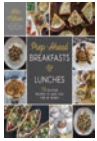
Northfield Library: Thursdays (R)



**June 27
at 10:30am**
**Brunch
Bunch**

The Fresh Eggs Daily Cookbook
by Lisa Steele

100 Morning Treats by Sarah Kieffer



**July 25
at 12pm**
**Lunch
Bunch**

Prep-Ahead Breakfasts and Lunches
by Alea Milham

A Hearty Book of Veggie Sandwiches
by Jackie Freeman

Books at the Beach

Are you looking for your next great read? Join us as we preview the best new titles while enjoying the beach. This program will meet at Tower Road Beach. Rain or shine, we'll meet at the upper pavilion if the weather doesn't cooperate.

Tower Road Beach, 899 Sheridan Road: Mondays, June 24, July 22 & August 26, 10:30am (R)

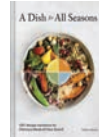


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Food for Thought: Cookbook Book Club

Do you love browsing through cookbooks and trying new recipes? Check out one of the spotlighted cookbooks, try some recipes and bring a dish to share. The books are available for checkout at the library and through Hoopla, when available.

Winnetka Library: Mondays, 7pm (R)



June 10
Seasonal Cooking

Six Seasons: A New Way with Vegetables by Joshua McFadden
A Dish for All Seasons by Kathryn Pauline



July 8
A Historical Perspective

Baking Yesteryear: The Best Recipes from the 1900s to the 1980s by B. Dylan Hollis
Tasting History: Explore the Past through 4,000 Years of Recipes by Max Miller



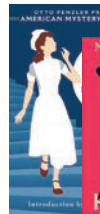
August 12
Keep on Truckin'

The Red Truck Bakery Farmhouse Cookbook: Sweet and Savory Comfort Food from America's Favorite Rural Bakery by Brian Noyes
The Peach Truck Cookbook: 100 Delicious Recipes for All Things Peach by Jessica N. Rose and Stephen K. Rose

Clue: A Mystery Book Club

Join a lively discussion about all kinds of mystery books, ranging from true crime, dark thrillers, police procedurals, and historical mysteries.

Hybrid (Northfield Library & Virtual): Tuesdays, 7:30pm (R)



June 11
Daughter of Ashes by Ilaria Tuti

July 9
Karolina and the Torn Curtain by Maryla Szymiczka

August 13
Miss Pinkerton by Mary Roberts Rinehart

Next Chapter Book Club

Come join us as we explore all that popular fiction has to offer. We'll bring books to life through colorful conversation.

Winnetka Library: Thursdays, 11:30am (R)



June 20
The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon

July 18
The Curse of Pietro Houdini by Derek B. Miller

August 15
The Women by Kristin Hannah

Food & Drink

Cookie Decorating

Pastry chef and culinary instructor Kelly Dull will demonstrate tips and techniques for decorating a set of cookies. Each attendee will be given four cookies and all the supplies and instructions to decorate them.

Northfield Library: Saturday, June 8, 12pm (R)

Bake Along: Éclairs and Cream Puffs

Learn how to make éclairs and cream puffs with Executive Pastry Chef Jessica Ellington in this bake-along. The ingredients list and tools list needed to participate will be sent to registrants beforehand.

Virtual: Thursday, July 11, 7pm (R)



The History of Coffee

Indulge in a flavorful and enlightening session on the history and science of coffee, led by coffee roaster Brian Moskalik. Delve into regional nuances and intriguing insights, culminating in an immersive tasting experience!

Winnetka Library: Saturday, August 3, 11am (R)

Health & Wellness

Chair Yoga

Join instructor Isabel Raci, C-IAYT, for a session of gentle chair yoga and guided meditation. Tune in to stretch, breathe, gain flexibility, and strengthen the body in an accessible way with seated poses. Perfect for beginners, students will leave class feeling relaxed and grounded.

Virtual: Fridays, June 7 & 21, July 5 & 19, August 2 & 16, 10am (R)

Understanding Mindfulness and Meditation

Curious about mindfulness and meditation? Wondering if they could benefit you? Join us for an informative session followed by a brief kindness meditation guided by instructor Jeffrey Bunn. This class welcomes beginners and experienced practitioners alike, and no special props or clothing are needed.

Winnetka Library: Sunday, July 14, 2pm (R)

Medicare 101

Medicare can be confusing. Medicare Solutions Network will present a free educational seminar to get you up to speed on what Medicare covers, what it doesn't, and your potential out of pocket exposure. We'll discuss Supplements, Advantage Plans, Part D Prescription coverage and cost saving strategies for the years ahead. Whether you are currently enrolled in Medicare, will be enrolling in the future, or are helping a loved one, this seminar is for you.

Winnetka Library: Monday, August 26, 7pm (R)

Westerns Film Series

Register to receive a pre-recorded introduction and critique by our resident film expert Scott Siegel, along with a link to watch the film at home through our Kanopy streaming service. Virtual: Fridays (R)



June 28

No Country for Old Men

The Oscar-winning modern-day Western by the Coen Brothers.



July 26

Heartworn Highways

Great documentary on the 1970s origins of "outlaw" country music.



August 23

The Missouri Breaks

Brando and Nicholson in their only movie together!

Find Scott's previous movie reviews at: wnpld.org/film-series

Chat with an Improviser: How Improv Can Help in Everyday Life

Learn how Improv can help in everyday life with seasoned improviser Cat Savage. Cat is a member of The Second City National Touring Company. She performs regularly at The Second City, iO Chicago, Annoyance, and all over Chicago.

Virtual: Wednesday, June 26, 7pm (R)

History

Georgia O’Keeffe: An American Master with Jeff Mishur

Art historian Jeff Mishur will discuss a full range of Georgia O’Keeffe’s art, from her daring and innovative abstractions of the 1910s and 1920s to her elegant investigations of various subject matter, such as architecture, landscapes, and flowers. This lecture relates to an exhibit at the Art Institute of Chicago.

Virtual: Tuesday, June 4, 7pm (R)

White House Brides

There have been 19 weddings at the White House over the last 200 years. In this illustrated lecture, historian Valerie Gugala will look at their history, from the 1812 wedding of Dolley Madison’s sister Lucy to the 2022 wedding of Naomi Biden, granddaughter of Joe Biden. We will see where the ceremonies were held, how they were celebrated, and learn a little about each couple.

Virtual: Wednesday, June 12, 7pm (R)

The Airborne on D-Day

Historian and author Robert Mueller will discuss the brave soldiers of the U.S. 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions who, in the early hours of June 6, 1944, executed one of the most daring military maneuvers in history — the clandestine dropping of paratroopers into enemy territory at night.

Winnetka Library: Thursday, June 13, 7pm (R)

Juneteenth: Commemorating the End of Slavery in America

The Juneteenth holiday commemorates June 19, 1865, when federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas to take control of the State and ensure that all enslaved people were free. This presentation will discuss the events that led up to the day, the people who have ensured that it is remembered, and why it is acknowledged by more Americans every year.

Virtual: Tuesday, June 18, 7pm (R)



Architectural Diversity on the North Shore

For a small village, Winnetka has an impressive variety of architectural styles. Join the curator from the Winnetka Historical Society to learn about local homes built in varying styles that showcase the architectural diversity of the village and the North Shore at large. This presentation will focus on houses that exemplify specific styles and will cover fascinating stories about the notable people and historical events associated with them.

Virtual: Thursday, June 20, 7pm (R)

The Glorious Arts: Chicago as a Fine Arts Mecca

While Chicago proudly shines as a beacon of architecture, literature, and performance arts, it also boasts a rich tapestry of fine art. From esteemed schools to world-class museums and towering artistic figures, our town has left an indelible mark on the art world. Join historian Clarence Goodman as he delves into this fascinating phenomenon.

Virtual: Monday, July 1, 7pm (R)

Chicago’s Extraordinary Places and Spaces

Embark on an unforgettable journey of Chicago’s extraordinary places and spaces, led by historian Beth Sair. Marvel at exquisite stained glass, witness the grandeur of Chicago’s first public library, and immerse yourself in the artistry of Chicago Park District sculptures. A one-of-a-kind synagogue, a historic church, moving memorials, and captivating murals await.

Virtual: Tuesday, July 16, 7pm (R)

Chicago Inventions, Innovations, and Firsts That Helped Change the World

Dating back to the 1893 World’s Fair, Chicago has been an inventive force that paved the way for new developments in technology, food, industry, and new ways of life. We’ll take a journey through time to look at famous inventions such as the elevator, the vacuum cleaner, mail order retail, softball, reverse flowing the river, and many more.

Virtual: Wednesday, July 17, 7pm (R)

The German Virtuosa: Inside the Life and Times of Clara Schumann

She was not only a divine pianist, talented composer, and successful teacher, but also a mother of eight and the main breadwinner in her family. In the very male dominated 19th century, German superwoman Clara Schumann did it all while juggling a 61-year concert career that made her internationally famous. Join German historian Anette Isaacs for an intimate look at the life of the very exceptional Clara Virtuosa!

Virtual: Monday, August 5, 7pm (R)

The Seven Basic Movie Plots

It has been said that movies, like literature, keep rehashing seven basic plots. In other words, we have seen these stories many times before and continue to encounter their endless variations. Is this true? What are these fundamental storytelling templates? Zbigniew Banas will examine each one of them and provide sample movie references. We will also look at creative exceptions to well-established storylines.

Virtual: Sunday, August 11, 11am (R)

The History of Willie Nelson

Willie Nelson is the face, heart, and soul of country music. He released his 74th album in 2023 and turns 91 in 2024! Using interview and performance clips, we’ll trace the arc of Willie’s career from his humble beginnings in small town Texas, to his struggles in Nashville, to his now legendary status. We’ll cover all the big hits including “Crazy,” “Blue Eyes Crying In The Rain,” “On The Road Again,” and “Always On My Mind.”

Virtual: Wednesday, August 14, 7pm (R)

Dynamic Duos: Classic Comedy Partnerships with Annette Bochenek

Whether over the airwaves or on the silver screen, the classic comedy genre benefited from many beloved comedic partnerships. Join film historian Dr. Annette Bochenek as she presents early comedy's top partnerships, including Abbott and Costello, Burns and Allen, Laurel and Hardy, Martin and Lewis, and more. The discussion will include a multimedia presentation consisting of photos, video clips, and captivating stories.

Virtual: Tuesday, August 20, 7pm (R)

Deadly Discourse with Dr. Neil Bradbury

Dr. Neil Bradbury is back for another afternoon of science, true crime, and of course, poison!

Northfield Library: Saturday, August 24, 2pm (R)

Steeped in Secrecy: The Boston Tea Party, 250 Years Later

The story of tea has always been infused with intrigue, particularly when it became a flash point for tensions between England and Colonial America. Learn about the history of tea's political issues with Anglophile and former UK resident Claire Evans. Author, genealogist, librarian, and former UK resident Debra Dudek will then examine the history of the Boston Tea Party's most famous partiers (and phonies), as well as how to trace bona fide participants through lineage societies and historical groups.

Virtual: Wednesday, August 28, 6:30pm (R)



Technology

Protecting Yourself Against Ransomware

Ransomware is a type of malware that infects computers and encrypts computer files until a ransom is paid — you may have heard of cities, hospitals, businesses, and individuals that have been attacked. Learn how to minimize your exposure to ransomware and other types of malicious malware.

Virtual: Wednesday, June 5, 1:30pm (R)

Cut the Cord – Alternatives to Premium Cable Services

Are you paying hundreds of dollars a month for a thousand channels that you never watch? We will review the many alternative ways to get broadcast and premium TV, movies, etc. without having to pay a fortune.

Virtual: Wednesday, June 12, 1:30pm (R)

Choosing a Cell Phone Plan

There are dozens of cellular providers, each with a variety of plans. Learn how to evaluate which plan will work best for you at the right price.

Virtual: Wednesday, June 26, 1:30pm (R)

Online Tools for Writing Family Stories

There are many online tools that can facilitate the process of constructing and writing your family story. This class will look at the pros and cons of various options, both free and paid.

Virtual: Wednesday, July 3, 1:30pm (R)

Digitizing and Archiving Family Photos

Do you have tubs of old family pictures sitting in your basement, or slides that mom and dad took to document your childhood? Learn how to easily digitize photos and slides and share them with your family.

Virtual: Wednesday, July 10, 1:30pm (R)

Connecting Devices to Your TV

There are a wide array of devices that can gain additional functionality when connected to your TV — computers, phones, tablets, speakers, streaming devices, and other emerging technology. This class will look at various methods and reasons for doing so.

Virtual: Wednesday, July 17, 1:30pm (R)

Browser Extensions

Learn how to enhance your security, productivity, and comfort on the internet with add-on extensions for web browsers.

Virtual: Wednesday, July 24, 1:30pm (R)

Google Docs

Learn how to create and edit online text documents and manage your online files with Google Docs and Google Drive.

Virtual: Wednesday, July 31, 1:30pm (R)

Electrifying Your Home

Bruce Mainzer, vice chair of the Chicago Chapter of the Climate Reality Project, discusses how to minimize your carbon footprint to save the planet and your pocketbook. By switching your heating, cooling, water heating, laundry, and cooking appliances to all-electric power sources, you can save in utility costs and reduce demand for fossil fuel energy. Learn about benefits of electric cars, too!

Winnetka Library: Wednesday, July 10, 7pm (R)

Science

The Cicadas Are Coming!

This year we're set to experience something quite rare: the simultaneous emergence of two broods of periodical cicadas. It's not just their summer serenades or their impressive 13- or 17-year underground sabbaticals that catch our attention; these creatures are also vital players in our ecosystem and natural timekeepers. Join us to uncover the intriguing story of these cicadas and why this year's event is a can't-miss for observation and study.

Virtual: Monday, June 3, 7pm (R)

The Explosive Science of Volcanoes

Dr. Richard Schultz from the Illinois Geological Survey will teach about the science of volcanic eruptions while covering several historic eruptions around the world.

Virtual: Monday, July 22, 7pm (R)

Travel

What?! That's in Illinois? Visiting Our State Park System

Travel expert Celeste Brown's quest to visit each of the Illinois State Parks has opened her eyes to the natural diversity of our state. She will recount adventures and highlight our wonderful Illinois landscapes.

Winnetka Library: Wednesday, June 5, 7pm (R)

Traveling in Wonder

Seasoned travel photographer Autumn Carolynn shares travel tips and how to let ordinary days abroad teach you more about yourself.

Virtual: Wednesday, July 3, 7pm (R)

Exploring Croatia

Croatia offers an amazing array of geographic, cultural, and historic sites. World traveler Eugene Flynn will explore both the coastal region and Zagreb, the capital. Learn about how Croatia's welcoming people and culture make visits there very special.

Virtual: Thursday, August 8, 1pm (R)

Live Performance

An Evening of Improv with The Scrub Daddies

Join us for a night of comedy with The Laughing Academy's high school house team, The Scrub Daddies. These talented teenage performers opened for The Reome Ring in February and are slated to perform in Chicago this summer.

Northfield Library: Thursday, June 20, 7pm (R)

Lady Bird Johnson: A Living History Portrayal by Leslie Goddard

It is 1969 and Lady Bird Johnson has just returned to Texas at the end of her husband's presidency. She reminisces about her years in Washington and how she forged her own path as first lady as an advocate for the environment, civil rights, and her beloved husband. In this humorous, poignant, and insightful historical portrayal, actress and historian Leslie Goddard will bring the gracious Lady Bird to life.

Virtual: Tuesday, June 25, 7pm (R)

Modern Summer Olympics: A Historical Portrayal by Terry Lynch

The modern-day Summer Olympics are a continuation of a centuries-old tradition that dates to ancient Greece. Founder of the International Olympics Committee, Pierre de Coubertin, kickstarted the first International Olympic Games in Athens in 1896. De Coubertin, portrayed by actor Terry Lynch, will explore how modern history has shaped international games.

Winnetka Library: Saturday, July 20, 3pm (R)

Edith Wilson, Madam President: A Portrayal by Lynn Rymarz

Lynn Rymarz will share the remarkable story of First Lady Edith Wilson. Learn about the love story between President Woodrow Wilson and Edith while he was in office. Discover the strength she developed when he suffered a paralyzing stroke, and how she secretly stepped in to fulfill his responsibilities, acting on his behalf as Madam President.

Winnetka Library: Saturday, July 27, 3pm (R)

Hot Summer Swing - Live Concert with Petra the Jazz Singer

Experience live music with jazz vocal/guitar duo Petra van Nuis and guitarist Andy Brown. Come and enjoy the beautiful auditory landscape they create with seasonal songs of summer and sunshine.

Winnetka Library: Saturday, August 10, 2pm (R)



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Phyllis Diller ON!

Phyllis Diller was on nearly nonstop from 1955 until 2002 as a stand-up comedienne, actress, voice-over actress, talk show guest, and game show panelist. Phyllis was always on. In this dramatic performance by Ellie Presents, Ellie will give audiences a glimpse of the backstage Phyllis while delighting with her onstage antics as well.

Northfield Library: Saturday, August 17, 2pm (R)

Personal Finance

Financial Planning Appointment

Do you have questions about how to invest, budget, or safeguard your finances? Schedule a free, one-hour consultation with a Certified Financial Planner®. There is a limit of one session per person.

Winnetka Library: Tuesdays, June 11, July 9 & August 13, 10am & 11am (R)

The Studio

Grow with Adventure

As you explore the wonders of your own backyard this summer, add a touch of personalization to your new gardening gloves. Using heat transfer vinyl add your name, a favorite quote, or a garden-themed image.

The Studio: Monday, June 3, 6:30pm
Adults & Teens (R)

Craft a Father's Day Treasure

Celebrate the special dad in your life by creating a personalized leather luggage tag, coaster, or money clip using our laser engraver.

The Studio: Saturday, June 8, 10am
Adults & Teens (R)

Pressed Flower Luminaries

Celebrate summer by crafting a set of flowery candle holders.

The Studio: Tuesday, June 11 & Saturday, June 22, 10am • All Ages (R)

Indiana Jones Embroidered Tea Towels

Embark on an embroidery adventure and learn to operate our embroidery machine to create your very own Indiana Jones-themed tea towels.

The Studio: Tuesday, June 18, 6pm & Thursday, June 20, 10am • Adults & Teens (R)

Festive Fourth Wreath

Make a wreath featuring red, white, and blue. This fun paper craft will make for a great pop of summertime fun for your door!

The Studio: Thursday, June 27, 6:30pm
Adults (R)

Pack Your Creativity

Get ready for some beachside reading with a personalized tote bag. Use our vinyl cutter and create a design that reflects your summer adventures.

The Studio: Saturday, July 6, 10am
All Ages (R)

Do You Need Tech Help?

Get free help with phones, emails, documents, and more at our Device Advice drop-in sessions.

Thursdays from 3–5pm



Fruity Embroidered Tea Towels

Learn the art of embroidery while adding a touch of nature to your kitchen. Use natural fruit stamps to create designs on tea towels, and then personalize them with a dash of embroidered flair.

The Studio: Thursday, July 11, 6:30pm & Tuesday, July 16, 10am • Adults & Teens (R)

Capture Your Journey

Create a one-of-a-kind felt photo album. Use heat transfer vinyl to add images or inspirational quotes to personalize your project.

The Studio: Friday, July 19, 10am
Adults & Teens (R)

Etch Your Summer Fun

Use our laser engraver to etch summer images onto wooden coasters. Perfect for your next summer BBQ.

The Studio: Tuesday, July 23, 6pm & Thursday, July 25, 10am • Adults & Teens (R)

Embroider Your Explorer Hat

Get ready for your next outdoor adventure with a custom-designed bucket hat. Stitch on your name, initials, or an explorer symbol. Perfect for sunny days!

The Studio: Saturday, August 3, 10am
Adults & Teens (R)

Go for the Gold! Olympic Themed Glass

Get into the Olympic spirit and use our laser engraver to etch iconic Olympic symbols onto a glass.

The Studio: Tuesday, August 6, 6pm & Thursday, August 8, 10am
Adults & Teens (R)

Jewelry Fit for an Explorer

Learn to design and create laser-cut wooden earrings using Corel Draw and our laser engraver. Develop your skills in jewelry handling and design to craft unique statement pieces.

The Studio: Friday, August 9, 10am & Tuesday, August 13, 10am
Adults & Teens (R)

Light Up Your Next Adventure

Etch your name or a brave adventurer's motto onto a glowing nightlight. This way even the darkest corners won't hold you back from reading all night long!

The Studio: Monday, August 12, 6:30pm
Adults & Teens (R)

Northfield Studio Events

Craft a Dad-Worthy Card

Celebrate the special dad in your life with a personalized Father's Day card.
Northfield Library: Wednesday, June 12, 3pm • All Ages (R)

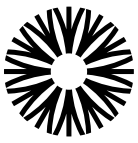
Create Your Own Artifact

Unearth hidden treasures and unleash your creativity with UV resin charms.
Northfield Library: Wednesday, July 10, 3pm • Adults & Teens (R)

Decorate a Summer Tote Bag

Craft your own personalized tote bag for all your summer adventures. Learn how to use heat transfer paper and a printer to add a custom image or inspirational quote.

Northfield Library: Wednesday, August 21, 3pm • All Ages (R)

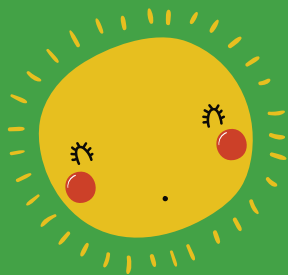


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Clarkson Park, 1950 New Willow Road, Northfield

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Friday, July 19, 10am–5pm & Saturday, July 20, 10am–5pm

Swing by either of our library locations to escape the heat and explore our Used Book Sale. Presented in partnership with the Winnetka-Northfield Chamber of Commerce Sidewalk Sale.

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