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News

Library Hacks

Get the Most Out of Your Library Card

Your library card is more than just a gateway to books—it's your key to free resources and amazing perks! Use these top hacks to get the most out of your library experience:

Borrowing & Holds Hacks

- **Be First in Line for New Books** – Place holds on upcoming releases before they hit the shelves.
- **Pause Your Holds** – Going on vacation? Pause holds so you don't miss them.
- **Borrow More Than Books** – Check out kids' learning kits, board games, backyard movie kits, a Nintendo Switch, gardening seeds, and more.

Digital & Tech Hacks

- **Read Anywhere** – Borrow eBooks, audiobooks, and magazines with Libby and Hoopla.
- **Stream for Free** – Watch movies and TV shows with Kanopy and Hoopla.
- **Library App** – Manage your account, place holds, and access your digital library barcode with ease.
- **Stay Informed for Free** – Skip paywalls and read *The New York Times* and *The Wall Street Journal* online for free with your library card.
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Research & Learning Hacks

- **Ask a Librarian** – Get help with research, tech troubleshooting, and book recommendations.
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- **Research Made Easy** – Access Consumer Reports, Ancestry Library Edition, the *Winnetka Talk* archive, and more.

Reading Hacks

- **Found4You (Personalized Picks)** – Fill out our form, and a librarian will handpick four recommendations just for you.
- **Book Club Support** – Need books for your book club? Request multiple copies with our Book Club Request Form (at least a month in advance).

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Share it with us next time you visit!**



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Install Libby on your device and follow the prompts to find your library and sign in with your library card.

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Search and browse your library's collection. The digital library never closes, and you don't have to worry about fines or late fees!


STEP 3 BORROW

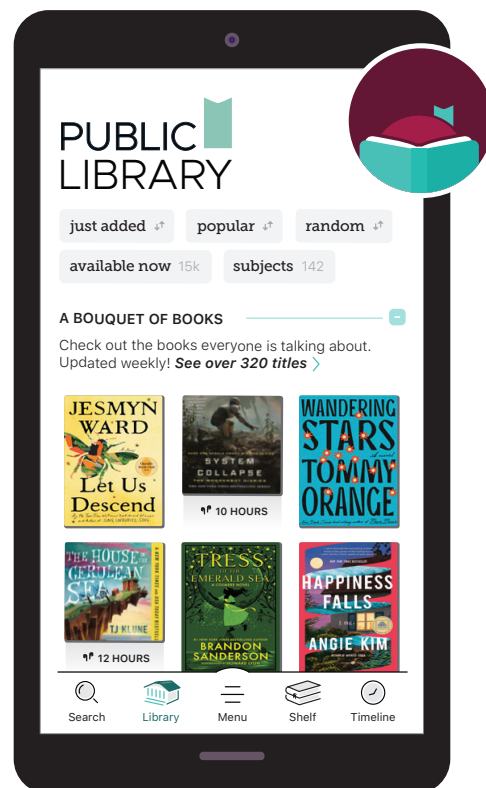


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Kids

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Babies, Toddlers, & Preschoolers

Make Some Noise

Join us for some super noisy fun! Shake some shakers, hit the rhythm sticks, dance to the music with scarves, and more.

Winnetka Library: Mondays, March 3, April 21 & May 12, 10am
Ages 0–5 with Adult (D)

Art Play

Explore art and creativity with hands-on projects for little ones. Smocks will be provided for messy fun, but we recommend wearing clothes that can get a little dirty.

Northfield Library: Wednesdays, March 5 & 19, April 2 & 16 & May 7, 10am • Ages 0–4 with Adult (D)

Rock ‘n’ Roll Storytime



Rock ‘n’ Kids® involves music, movement, and imaginative play to create a one-of-a-kind musical experience.

Winnetka Library: Friday, March 7 & Monday, March 24,
9:30am & 10:15am • Ages 0–5 with Adult (T)

Busy Bodies

Join us for an hour of movement, fun, and play with activities designed to build and practice gross motor skills!

Winnetka Library: Mondays, March 10, April 28 & May 5, 10am
Ages 0–4 with Adult (D)

Little Messy Art

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

Winnetka Library: Tuesdays, March 11, April 22 & May 13, 4pm
Ages 0–4 with Adult (D)

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!

Northfield Library: Wednesdays, March 12, April 9 & May 14,
10am • Ages 0–4 with Adult (D)

Winnetka Library: Fridays, March 21 & 28, April 25, May 2 & 16,
10am • Ages 0–4 with Adult (D)

Winnetka Youth Services Department Renovation

Coming soon in Spring 2025.

We’re giving the children’s area a makeover to create a bright, fun space where kids can explore, read, and discover new adventures!

Visit wnpld.org for the latest updates on department closures and programming changes.



STEAM Play

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

Winnetka Library: Thursdays, March 13 & May 8, 4pm • Ages 2+ with Adult (D)

Car Crawl

Little drivers will explore, zoom, and giggle their way through imaginative tracks and a mini neighborhood. Grab a toy car and get ready to roll!

Winnetka Library: Fridays, March 14 & May 9, 10am • Ages 0-5 with Adult (D)

Look, Baby!

Join us with your infant for some baby-safe sensory activities that engage and delight.

Winnetka Library: Mondays, March 17 & May 19, 10am
Ages 0-18 months with Adult (D)

Tummy Time Painting

A no-mess art project for babies! Have fun while building core strength.

Northfield Library: Wednesdays, March 26 & April 23, 8:30am
Ages 0-1 with Adult (D)

Special Performers



Enjoy a visit from Miss Make-Believe or OMi Music Institute during Storytime breaks. Tickets will be available the morning of the event on a first-come, first-served basis.

Northfield Library: Mondays & Fridays, March 31, April 4, 7, 11, 14 & 18, May 30, June 2 & 6, 10am • Ages 0-5 with Adult (T)



Playdough Party

Join us for all things playdough. Sculpt, squish, create, get messy, and work on fine motor skills.

Northfield Library: Tuesday, April 1, 4pm • Ages 2+ with Adult (D)

Sensory Splash

Join us for an hour of interactive water play! Little ones will develop fine and gross motor skills while exploring important concepts through fun, hands-on activities. This program is sure to be messy (and fun), so wear clothes you don't mind getting wet.

Winnetka Library: Friday, May 23, 10am
Ages 0-4 with Adult (D)

Spring 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

Family Storytime

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

Family Storytime

Ages 0-5 with Adult
9:30am

Move & Play

Ages 0-5 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

We are on Storytime Break March 30 – April 19 & May 25 – June 7
Please check online for other events while we're on break!

New Youth Audio Collections

Use the QR Codes to see what we have and to place them on hold.



Yoto Players & Cards

The Yoto Player is a fun, screen-free music and audiobook player made just for kids! You can listen to stories and songs by using special Yoto cards. The cards are about the size of a credit card and have a special chip inside that the Yoto Player reads when you insert them. It's a great way to enjoy stories and music without a screen.



Tonieboxes & Tonies

The Toniebox is an awesome, screen-free music and story player for kids! To use it, you need special Tonie figurines. Each Tonie has a tiny chip inside that connects with the Toniebox, so when you place a Tonie on top, it starts playing a fun story or song!

School-Age

LEGO® Fun

Lots of LEGO® bricks will be available—bring your imagination and get building!
Winnetka Library: Mondays, March 3, April 21 & May 5, 4pm • Ages 4+ with Adult (D)

Real-Life Mario Party

We'll play a number of real-life "mini games" inspired by Mario Party. The winner of each game will earn coins that can be redeemed for prizes!
Winnetka Library: Monday, March 10, 4pm
Ages 7-12 (R)

After School Free Play

Join us after school for an hour of interactive free play. This program is sure to be a little messy (and fun), so wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty!
Winnetka Library: Tuesdays, March 18, April 29 & May 20, 4pm • Ages 5+ with Adult (D)

Sensational STEAM

Join us for an exciting hour of hands-on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) activities.
March 19: Lucky Bamboo Garden
April 16: Wooden Eggs
May 7: Coffee Filter Flowers
Winnetka Library: Wednesdays, 4pm
Ages 7-12 (R)

Adventure of the Lost Treasure



Join Science Heroes on a treasure-hunting STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) adventure deep within the jungle. Along the way, we'll conduct exciting science experiments with chemical reactions, physical explosions, and more!
Winnetka Library: Monday, March 24, 4pm
Ages 5-12 with Adult (R)

Mario Kart Racing

Meet us in the Lloyd Room for an afternoon of thrilling races, banana peels, and blue shells as we compete for victory!
Winnetka Library: Wednesdays, March 26, April 30 & May 21, 4pm • Ages 5-8 with Adult (R)

Crafternoon

No school today? Join us for an afternoon of crafting fun. Stay the whole time or drop in when you'd like!
Winnetka Library: Fridays, March 28 & April 25, 2pm • Ages 5+ with Adult (D)

Stickerpalooza



Join your friends (or meet new ones) for an awesome afternoon of sticker fun. Each participant will get a booklet to decorate and collect stickers. Bring your own stickers to swap with others.
Northfield Library: Tuesday, April 8, 4pm
Ages 3+ with Adult (D)

Lights, Vision, and LEDs

Light up your imagination with Kids Science Labs! We'll be experimenting with a hands-on science program focused on lights, vision, and LEDs.
Winnetka Library: Thursday, April 10, 4pm & 4:45pm • Ages 7-12 (R)

Jellybean Taste Testing

Sample savory and sweet jellybeans and put your taste buds to the test.
Northfield Library: Thursday, April 17, 4pm & 6:30pm • Ages 4-12 with Adult (R)

Sculpt a Sensory Stone

Use quick-drying clay to make a pocket-sized fidget toy.
Northfield Library: Thursday, May 1, 4pm & 6:30pm • Ages 4-12 with Adult (R)

Ice Excavation

Help rescue animals, characters, and more trapped in the ice. A limited number of tickets for this event will be available beginning at 3pm.
Winnetka Library: Tuesday, May 6, 4pm
Ages 3+ with Adult (T)

Family Fun

Pet Rocks

Join us to create a pet rock of your very own. Choose your rock, paint it, and decorate it however you want.

Winnetka Library: Tuesday, March 25, 3pm & 4pm • Ages 2+ with Adult (R)

Egg Decorating

Decorate fake eggs with markers, stickers, gems and more.

Northfield Library: Friday, April 18, 2pm • All Ages with Adult (D)

Free Comic Book Day

Grab a bag of comics appropriate for kids of all ages, while supplies last.

Winnetka & Northfield Libraries: Saturday, May 3, All Day • All Ages (D)

Art and Adventures with Author/Illustrator Dan Santat



Dan Santat is the author and illustrator of over a hundred books for young people. Many of his books are New York Times-bestsellers, including *The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend*, *Are We There Yet?*, and *After the Fall (How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again)*. His latest works include the best-selling graphic novels, *The Aquanaut* and *A First Time for Everything*.

Virtual: Saturday, May 3, 2pm • All Ages (R)

No Escape!

There's an escape, but you'll need to work together to solve the clues as a family. We'll be using Breakout EDU, which transforms any room into an exciting escape room experience. Sessions run for 30 min. One family per session.

Winnetka Library: Saturday, May 17, 9:30am, 10:30am, 11:30am, 1:30pm, 2:30pm & 3:30pm • Ages 7+ with Adult (R)

Fruit Rocket Ship

Get creative with fruit and make an edible rocket ship.

Northfield Library: Thursday, May 22, 4pm & 6:30pm
All Ages with Adult (R)



Pop-Up Popsicle Art

March 1 – 31

Decorate a popsicle stick at the Northfield Library and contribute to a community-wide art project. We'll combine each individual contribution to create a unique masterpiece.

Tweens & Teens

Brush It Off!

Enjoy beverages as you unwind and make art in a relaxed, fun environment with your friends!

Winnetka Library: Thursdays, March 6, April 3 & May 1, 4pm • Ages 9+ (R)

Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament

Pick your champion and battle your way to the top!

Northfield Library: Tuesday, March 25, 4pm
Ages 9–12 (R)

Mario Kart Racing

Meet us in the Community Room for an afternoon of thrilling races, banana peels, and blue shells as we compete for victory!

Winnetka Library: Wednesdays, March 26, April 30 & May 21 • Ages 9+ (R)

Where's Your Funny Bone?

Improv is all about having fun, and that's exactly what we'll do! Join us for theater games and mini-plays.

Winnetka Library: Thursdays, March 27, April 24 & May 22, 4pm • Ages 9–12 (R)

Beaded Bookmark

Design your own unique bookmark using colorful beads! Tweens and teens can either join us in-person or sign up for a take-home craft.

Winnetka Library: Tuesday, April 15, 4pm
Ages 9+ (R)

Koi Pond

Turn a mint tin into a miniature koi pond! Please note, this program will include the use of hot glue guns. Tweens and teens can either join us in person or sign up for a take-home craft.

Winnetka Library: Thursday, May 15, 4pm
Ages 9+ (R)

Adults

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Food & Drink

Cookie Decorating

Pastry chef Kelly Dull will share expert tips and techniques for decorating cookies. Each attendee will receive four cookies along with all the supplies and instructions needed to decorate them beautifully.

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

Crafting Herbal Mocktails

Learn to make simple syrups and herb extractions to craft a myriad of herb flavored and scented alcohol-free mocktails.

Northfield Library: Sunday, May 18, 2pm (R)

Gaming

Virtual Friends & Family Trivia Night

Join us for a fun evening of virtual all-ages trivia! Grab your friends or family or participate individually and test your knowledge of topics including movies, pop culture, science, history, literature, and more. Three lucky winners will receive a prize.

Virtual: Thursday, May 29, 7pm (R)

Thought Leaders & Storytellers

Exploring Space with Coralie Adam



Get an inside look at the space industry with Illinois' own Coralie Adam. Adam is the Deputy Navigation Chief on NASA's Lucy mission to the Jupiter Trojan asteroids. She'll be joined in conversation by Renae Kerrigan, Curator of Science and Director of the Dome Planetarium at Peoria Riverfront Museum.

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

9to5: The Story of a Movement



Dolly Parton's "9 to 5" highlighted the 9to5 movement, founded by Boston secretaries in the 1970s, advocating for better pay, career advancement, and an end to sexual harassment. 9to5: The Story of a Movement features interviews with the movement's founders and Jane Fonda, telling the untold story that reshaped the American workplace. Registrants will receive a link via email to view between Friday, March 21 and Sunday, March 23.

Virtual: Friday, March 21 – Sunday, March 23 (R)

The Art of Foraging with Alexis Nikole Nelson



Alexis Nikole Nelson is a forager and an outdoor educator using social media platforms to celebrate all the edible plants hiding in plain sight. She peels back historical layers from African American and Indigenous food traditions that have traditionally been repressed, and empowers those living in food deserts with greater self-sufficiency.

Virtual: Thursday, April 10, 7pm (R)

A Discussion with Matthew Desmond



Matthew Desmond is a professor of sociology at Princeton University and author of the award-winning book, *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*. Desmond's research focuses on poverty in the United States, city life, housing insecurity, public policy, racial inequality, and ethnography.

Virtual: Thursday, May 15, 7pm (R)

Love, Mother Goose: A US Army Captain's Stories of Surviving the Sunni Triangle

Local author and former Army Captain Carrie Hoza will discuss her new book about her experiences when deployed to the Sunni Triangle in Iraq from 2004-05 and the story of her platoon's survival, courage, and resilience. Captain Hoza received the Bronze Star Medal for leadership and service.

Winnetka Library: Tuesday, May 20, 7pm (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, March 7 & 21, April 4 & 18, May 2 & 16, 10am (R)

Book Discussions

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.

Mondays, 7pm (R)



March 10: Winnetka Library

Indigenous Kitchens

New Native Kitchen: Celebrating Modern Recipes of the American Indian by Freddie Bitsoie and James O. Fraioli

The Sioux Chef's Indigenous Kitchen by Sean Sherman and Beth Dooley



April 14: Northfield Library

Get Real

Cook As You Are: Recipes for Real Life, Hungry Cooks, and Messy Kitchens by Ruby Tandoh

Good Enough: Embracing the Joys of Imperfection and Practicing Self-Care in the Kitchen by Leanne Brown



May 12: Winnetka Library

As Seen On TV

Indulge: Delicious and Decadent Dishes to Enjoy and Share by Valerie Bertinelli

Does This Taste Funny? Recipes Our Family Loves by Stephen Colbert and Evie McGee Colbert

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)



March 11

A Borrowing of Bones by Paula Munier

April 8

Talking to Strangers by Fiona Barton

May 13

Stop the Presses: A Nero Wolfe Mystery by Robert Goldsborough

Next Chapter Book Club

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)



March 20

This Is Happiness by Niall Williams

April 17

The God of the Woods by Liz Moore

May 15

Black Cake by Charmaine Wilkerson

Savor & Share: Cookbook Book Club

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.

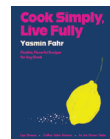
Northfield Library: Thursdays, 12pm (R)



March 27

Bayou: Feasting through the Seasons of a Cajun Life by Melissa Martin

Life Is What You Bake It by Vallery Lomas



April 24

Cook Simply, Live Fully by Yasmin Fahr

Delicious Tonight by Nagi Maehashi



May 29:

Stuzzichini: The Art of the Italian Snack by Stef Ferrari

Breaking Bao: 88 Bakes and Snacks from Asia and Beyond by Clarice Lam

Great Decisions

Join us for a lively discussion on current global events. Participants read an article from the Foreign Policy Association briefing book, available for purchase or to borrow from the library. We meet for eight consecutive Wednesday afternoons, watch a related video, and discuss key questions.

The Great Decisions series is sponsored by the League of Women Voters of WinnetkaNorthfield-Kenilworth in cooperation with the Winnetka-Northfield Public Library District

Winnetka Library: Wednesdays, March 5 & 12, 1:15pm (R)

History

The Irish in America

Irish immigrants who arrived in the United States in the 19th century often faced hostility and discrimination in their new homeland. This informative and engaging talk explores how the Irish overcame these challenges, transforming from marginalized refugees to a celebrated ethnic group that has made significant contributions to all areas of American life.

Winnetka Library: Tuesday, March 4, 7pm (R)

Bursting the Corset: 19th-Century Illinois Women Who Defied the Stereotypes

The corset symbolizes the lives of many Victorian-era women: constrained and forced into an unnatural shape. But not all women lived this way. To celebrate Women's History Month, historian Joyce Haworth will introduce you to three remarkable women with an Illinois connection: Civil War nurse Mary Ann Bickerdyke, reformer Ida Wells, and unionist and hell-raiser "Mother" Jones.

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

St. Patrick's Day in *The Fugitive*

Step into Chicago's St. Patrick's Day celebrations through the lens of *The Fugitive*. Learn the history of dyeing the Chicago River green and hear behind-the-scenes stories from this Chicago-based movie.

Virtual: Thursday, March 13, 7pm (R)

Mary Anning: History's Greatest Fossilist

Claire Evans will discuss Mary Anning's life as "the greatest fossil hunter the world has ever known." Anning was born in 1799, made geological discoveries along England's Jurassic Coast that changed the world, and yet was uncredited by the scientific community in her own time.

Virtual: Thursday, March 20, 6:30pm (R)



HOLMES' "CASTLE"

(63rd St., Chicago, Ill.)

An Evening with H.H. Holmes

Discover the horrific life and crimes of Holmes, dubbed the "Monster of 63rd Street," and explore the legends that followed, from alleged ties to Jack the Ripper, to the "Holmes Curse." This will be a night of history, horror, and hauntings that you don't want to miss!

Virtual: Thursday, April 17, 7pm (R)

Lost & Found: The Search for USS Lagarto

Join us for a screening of *Lost & Found: The Legacy of the USS Lagarto*, a documentary about the discovery and final battle of a missing Wisconsin-built submarine "overdue from patrol, presumed lost." The screening will be followed by a live Q&A with the films multi-E Emmy Award-winning producer and editor Harvey Moshman.

Winnetka Library: Sunday, March 23, 3pm (R)

Poe's Life and Legacy

Why are we still reading Poe's works? Who was the man behind such classic works as "The Raven" and "The Tell-Tale Heart"? This presentation will tell the tragic and compelling story of Poe's life while providing insight into his legacy in literature.

Virtual: Wednesday, April 2, 1pm (R)

By the Time I Get to Memphis: King's Last Year

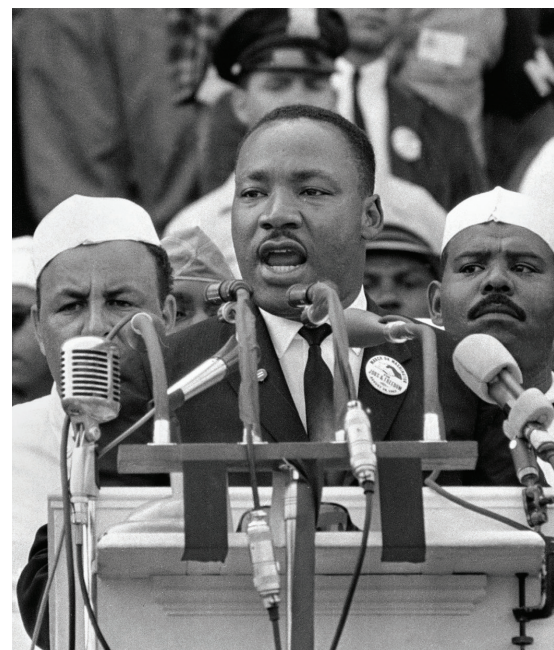
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his "Beyond Vietnam" and "I've Been to the Mountaintop" speeches and organized the Poor People's Campaign all in the year leading up to his assassination on April 4, 1968. Learn about his activism and relationships with other civil rights leaders in his last year.

Virtual: Wednesday, April 9, 7pm (R)

The History of The Beach Boys

If summer had a sound, it would be The Beach Boys...surf, sun, and California dreaming. This presentation will focus on The Beach Boys' "sunniest" years from 1962-1967. With the use of performance and interview clips, we'll trace the arc of the Beach Boys' early career from "Surfin' U.S.A.," "Fun, Fun, Fun" and "California Girls" to the more mature *Pet Sounds*, "Good Vibrations" and the abandoned Smile project. Surf's up!

Virtual: Tuesday, April 15, 7pm (R)



A Biography of Frida Kahlo

Magdalena Carmen Frida Kahlo y Calderón was a Mexican painter known for her many portraits, self-portraits, and works inspired by the nature and artifacts of Mexico. Learn about her life and art from the National Museum of Mexican Art.

Virtual: Tuesday, April 22, 7pm (R)

Chicago's Fabulous Fountains

Greg Borzo showcases outdoor public fountains of Chicago with noteworthy, amusing, or surprising stories about these gems.

Northfield Library: Saturday, April 26, 2pm (R)

Kentucky Derby: History and Traditions with Leslie Goddard

First run in 1875, the Kentucky Derby is the oldest continuously running sports event in the nation. In this lecture, historian Leslie Goddard will trace the history of the Kentucky Derby, looking especially at the traditions that make it so beloved. Put on your fancy hat, grab a mint julep and get ready to learn what makes the first Saturday in May so special.

Virtual: Tuesday, April 29, 7pm (R)

Greece: Old and New

American education often focuses on the Golden Age of Greece, a period of cultural, political and scientific advancement, while neglecting both earlier periods and modern Greece. This presentation will take a historical look at the Greek islands, the Peloponnese, and 20th century Greece.

Virtual: Wednesday, April 30, 7pm (R)

The Art of Alphonse Mucha with Jim Parks

Jim Parks, Monet reenactor and #1 Mucha fan, reveals Alphonse Mucha's gorgeous Art Nouveau designs through the artist's eye, breaking down his forms in terms of anatomy, line, hue, and values.

Northfield Library: Sunday, May 4, 2pm (R)

The Movie Palaces/Theatre Meccas of Historic Chicago

There have been many movie theatres in Chicagoland that were built with unique design characteristics that set them apart from anything else developed in the world. This lecture will discuss some of these movie palaces and their legacy, as well as review some of the existing structures remaining in Chicago and its suburbs.

Virtual: Wednesday, May 7, 7pm (R)

Home & Gardening

Branching Out: Trees as Spiritual Beings

Join us for a walk and time to enjoy our native trees. Lynn Zaransky, TreeKeeper with Openlands, and Gerald Savage, Chief White Winnebago, Ho-Chunk Nation Elder, will lead a tree identification walk from the patio at the Winnetka Library and walk to The Village Green. *Co-Sponsored by Go Green Winnetka.*

Winnetka Library: Saturday, March 8, 2pm (R)

Seed Saving in Your Garden

Whether you want to save money, keep seeds from your favorite plants, or preserve a special plant, join us to learn how to grow, harvest, and store them for next season.

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

Dos and Don'ts of Interior Design

Interior designer Lori Burkhart will share design secrets that make or break the overall effect of your home, regardless of the budget. Improve your space and style by following simple design rules for lighting, window coverings, furniture, and more.

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

Spring Into Noir 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 services

Virtual: Fridays (R)



March 28

Angel Heart

Robert De Niro takes Mickey Rourke on a trip into the heart of darkness.



April 25

The Late Show

Art Carney and Lily Tomlin team up as private eyes in Hollywood.



May 23

Cutter's Way

Jeff Bridges hunts a killer in deceptively sunny Santa Barbara.

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



Our popular Seed Library will return mid-February with fresh seeds of all your favorite varieties. New this year are expanded flower and herb choices as well as native and prairie plant seeds.

New in 2025 is One Seed, Two Villages, a community project that brings people together through the simple act of planting and saving seeds. Learn more at wnpld.org/seed-library.

Science

Hive Talkin': The Buzz on Bees

Learn about a day in the life of a bee, basic bee biology, and bee history from Three Bees Honey. We will also discuss bees' impact on us and our impact on bees, how climate change affects bees, and what we can do to preserve their habitats. You will leave this talk inspired and armed with ways to help combat the global bee crisis.

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



Spring Migration Birding Walk

Join Red Hill Birding's founder Josh Engel at the Skokie Lagoons to learn about bird migration and see spring migrants at one of our best local birding hotspots. The beginning of April is a transitional period when a wide variety of species are passing through on their way north. Our walk will be easy, slow-paced, and educational. Bring binoculars if you have them. Please meet us at the north end of the parking lot off of Willow Road.

Skokie Lagoons, north end of Willow Rd parking lot: Saturday, April 5, 10am (R)

Digging In to the La Brea Tar Pits

The La Brea Tar Pits are the only actively excavated Ice Age fossil sites found in an urban location in the world! Scientists and researchers continue to make discoveries of Ice Age animals, plants, and insects from the past 50,000 years trapped in sticky asphalt. Learn about the history and science of this paleontological research site in Los Angeles.

Virtual: Monday, April 28, 7pm (R)

Live Performance

America at 250: Paul Revere, a Dramatic Portrayal by Terry Lynch

April 18th marks the 250th anniversary of Paul Revere's midnight ride. Join actor Terry Lynch for his portrayal of this greatly admired Founding Father, silversmith, military officer and industrialist whose true strength lay in public relations.

Winnetka Library: Saturday, April 19, 3pm (R)

Passionate Mothers, Powerful Sons: A Dramatic Book Review by Barbara Rinella

Barbara Rinella entertains with a dramatization of the historical novel *Passionate Mothers, Powerful Sons* by Charlotte Gray. She will delight audiences while discussing the lives of Jennie Jerome Churchill and Sara Delano Roosevelt.

Winnetka Library: Saturday, May 3, 3pm (R)

Vivian Maier: Out of the Shadows with Jenny Riddle

In this dramatic book review, Jenny Riddle will portray Chicago street photographer Vivian Maier, the North Shore nanny whose remarkable gift for photography posthumously took the world by storm. Based on the extraordinary book, *Vivian Maier: Out of the Shadows* by Richard Cahan and Michael Williams, Jenny, in character, will reveal the fascinating details of this story of "buried treasure" and one woman's private passion and genius for photography.

Winnetka Library: Saturday, May 10, 3pm (R)



Petra Sings, Andy Swings

Experience live music with jazz vocalist Petra van Nuis and guitarist Andy Brown.

Northfield Library: Saturday, May 31, 2pm (R)

Travel

Mississippi River Adventures

Midwest travel expert John Kokoris will share insider tips to help you explore the Upper Mississippi from Galena to St. Louis. Learn where to go, what to do, and all about the mighty river's storied past. We'll discuss architecture, food, events, and more. Your great river road trip starts here!

Winnetka Library: Tuesday, May 6, 7pm (R)



97th Academy Awards Preview

Kickstart Academy Awards weekend with Loyola University film and language professor Zbigniew Banas, who will discuss the most significant movies and filmmakers nominated for this year's 97th Academy Awards. He will also examine the changing landscape of today's cinema and make last-minute predictions of the winners in major categories.

Virtual: Saturday, March 1, 2pm (R)

So, You Want to Write a Book: A Workshop for Curious Writers

Local award-winning author John Wendell Adams – who has published three thrillers over the last decade – will touch on tips for writing, with a focus on fiction. He'll use his own experience and decisions to walk participants through the process of creating a book and getting it out into the world. Whether you already have a finished novel or project, or are simply curious about the process, this session will touch on some of the considerations throughout the journey from idea to reader.

Winnetka Library: Thursday, April 24, 6:30pm (R)



Personal Finance

Financial Planning Appointments

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

Winnetka Library: Tuesdays, March 11, April 8 & May 13, 10am & 11am (R)

Planning for Retirement

Join John Daly, CFP®, for an informative session on preparing for retirement. Learn what to consider about when to retire, how much money you'll need, when to take Social Security, and how to invest during retirement.

This is one of a collaborative series of virtual events presented by BIG (Business Interest Group) and co-sponsored by 23 public libraries in the Chicago area for Financial Fitness 2025.

Virtual: Thursday, April 3, 7pm (R)

Navigating Student Loans: Understanding Your Options

Join Barbara Ginty, CFP® CEPA®, as she guides you through the complex landscape of student loans, emphasizing how these debts can impact long-term financial goals, including retirement savings. This program will explore strategies for managing student loan repayments while also building a secure financial future, helping borrowers balance their immediate obligations with the need to save for retirement.

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Virtual: Monday, April 7, 7pm (R)

Terry Savage Talks Money

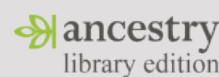
Terry Savage is a nationally recognized expert on personal finance, the economy and the markets, with a presence in television, radio, newspapers, and yes, your local library shelves with several books. She'll provide a reality check on the volatile economy, financial markets, and personal finance topics, and then answer your questions for 45 minutes. As a registered investment advisor, Savage has no individual clients, nor does she represent any financial products or services. She is a truly independent voice for the financial consumer.

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Virtual: Wednesday, April 23, 7pm (R)

Discover Your Family History

Uncover your roots with our powerful online genealogy resources. Give us a call or come into the library for help getting started on your research.



Search through a wide variety of genealogical sources, including census, birth, and marriage records. This resource can only be used inside the Winnetka Library or the Northfield Branch.



Genealogical service that includes over a billion individual ancestral entries worldwide. Additional content—including millions of records and images—is available in-library only.



Research genealogy and local history information.



Technology

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, March 5, 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, March 19, 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, March 26, 1:30pm (R)

Finding The Best Online Events

There are now thousands of online classes, workshops, and performances that you can view online, provided by the finest universities, museums, schools, not-for-profit organizations, and businesses. And you don't even have to leave your house! This class will review several of the best programs.

Virtual: Wednesday, April 2, 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? This class will review the many alternative ways to get broadcast and premium TV, movies, etc. without having to pay a fortune.

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

What is a VPN and Do You Need One?

If you use a VPN (Virtual Private Network) service, you can substantially improve your privacy and internet security. This class will explore how VPNs work and which services to consider.

Virtual: Wednesday, April 9, 1:30pm (R)

How to Manage Your Online Privacy

Learn how to check and update the privacy settings for your operating system, social media sites, computers, browsers, devices, and related products. This class will explain the options and what settings you should care about.

Virtual: Wednesday, April 16, 1:30pm (R)

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 successfully attacked. Learn how to minimize your exposure to ransomware and other types of malicious malware.

Virtual: Wednesday, April 23, 1:30pm (R)

Traveling with Digital Devices

This class will review the benefits and potential pitfalls of traveling with your mobile device and other expensive technology.

Virtual: Wednesday, April 30, 1:30pm (R)

Mobile Payment Apps

Do you owe someone for dinner, or a shared purchase? Payment apps make paying back friends and family members as easy as sending a tweet. This class will discuss the features, benefits, and security considerations of the best smartphone payment systems.

Virtual: Wednesday, May 7, 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, May 14, 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, May 21, 1:30pm (R)

When to Upgrade Your Computer, Phone, or Tablet

How do you know when it's time to buy a new device, and when it's worth trying to fix your existing device? This class will review the options and the questions you should ask.

Virtual: Wednesday, May 28, 1:30pm (R)

The Studio

Want to make something amazing? The Studio is your one-stop shop for creative exploration.

Intro Classes

CorelDRAW Basics

Learn how to use CorelDRAW to create designs that are compatible with our laser cutters. Understand the software's features and techniques to ensure your designs are ready for production.

The Studio: Tuesday, March 18, 6pm
Age 14+ (R)

Sublimation Basics: Creating Vibrant Prints

Unlock your creativity with sublimation printing! Learn how to create vibrant, long-lasting prints on a variety of surfaces, including fabrics and ceramics.

The Studio: Monday, April 7, 6pm
Age 14+ (R)

Computer Basics

Learn how to open files, navigate your computer's interface and perform basic tasks. Whether you're a complete beginner or looking to refresh your computer knowledge, this class will give you a solid foundation for exploring the digital world.

The Studio: Tuesday, April 15, 6pm
Adults (R)

Mastering the Silhouette: A Beginner's Guide

Learn the fundamentals of Silhouette Studio and discover how to create stunning designs for a variety of projects.

The Studio: Wednesday, April 16, 6pm
Age 14+ (R)

A Beginner's Guide to Hatch Embroidery

Discover the art of embroidery with Hatch Embroidery software. From simple designs to intricate patterns, learn how to bring your creations to life.

The Studio: Tuesday, April 29, 6pm
Age 14+ (R)

Unlock Your Creativity with Cricut Access

Explore the possibilities of the Cricut Access platform. Learn how to use this versatile tool to design and cut a variety of materials, from vinyl to paper.

The Studio: Saturday, May 10, 6pm
Age 14+ (R)

Events in The Studio

Lucky Charms Wreath

Create a good luck charm. Assemble a beautiful paper wreath full of color and cheer.

The Studio: Saturday, March 1, 12pm
Adults (R)

Laser-Etched Mirrors

Learn to etch and customize mirror glass using CorelDraw design software and our laser engraver.

The Studio: Wednesday, March 5, 6pm &
Saturday, March 29, 1pm • Ages 14+ (R)

Easter Basket Blooms

Create a unique basket wreath adorned with handcrafted paper flowers.

The Studio: Saturday, April 12, 12pm
Adults (R)

Spring Candle Making with Glass Etching Basics

Create a spring-themed candle while also learning the basics of glass etching.

The Studio: Tuesday, April 22, 6pm
Ages 12+ (R)

Sew Cute Scrunchies

Create cute scrunchies while exploring hand sewing and machine sewing basics.

The Studio: Saturday, April 26, 1pm
Ages 12-18 (R)

Galactic Wreath

Use "the Force" to make a one-of-a-kind galaxy-themed paper wreath.

The Studio: Sunday, May 4, 1:30pm
Adults (R)

Flower Power Earrings

Use CorelDRAW and our laser cutter to create wooden or acrylic, floral-themed earrings.

The Studio: Wednesday, May 14, 6pm &
Saturday May 24, 1pm • Ages 12+ (R)

Stamp Making

Design your own stamps with CorelDRAW and watch them come to life with our laser cutter.

The Studio: Tuesday, May 27, 6pm
Age 14+ (R)

Northfield Programs

Scent-sational Creations: Let's Make Candles

Illuminate your imagination and create your own unique scents in this hands-on candle making class.

Northfield Library: Wednesday, March 5, 4pm • Age 14+ (R)

Sit & Knit

Join fellow knitters of all skill levels! Basic supplies and beginner assistance will be provided.

Northfield Library: Thursdays, March 6 & 20, April 3 & 24, May 15 & 29, 3pm
Adults (R)

Hop to It! Spring Basket Decorating

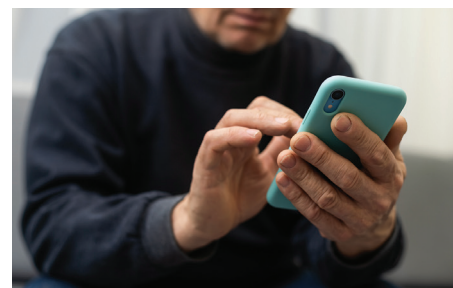
Celebrate the arrival of spring by decorating your own special basket with colorful materials and festive flair.

Northfield Library: Thursday, April 10, 4pm
Ages 9+ (R)

Rain or Shine: Umbrella Art

Decorate a paper umbrella with vibrant watercolors, then waterproof it to create your own beautiful paper parasol!

Northfield Library: Wednesday, May 7, 4pm
Age 14+ (R)



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**Join our Library Crawl
in April to celebrate
National Library Week.**

April 1–30

Celebrate our reading communities with a month of discovery and a year of discounts at The Book Stall!

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- 2) **Collect** a unique stamp from each location and experience the charm and collections of our village libraries.
- 3) **Show** your fully stamped bookmark to The Book Stall in Winnetka and receive a one-year membership to their 10% Discount Club!



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