

Winnetka-Northfield
PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

The Source



Discover
Something
New

2025
Summer
June – August

P3 Summer
Reading is
Here

Join Us in The Studio
Stop by, get inspired,
and start creating!



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Winnetka Library

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(847) 446-7220 • eref@wnpld.org

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

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May 25 & 26: Memorial Day
June 19: Juneteenth
July 4: Independence Day
August 24: End of Summer Party

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Discover the Newly Updated Studio at the Winnetka Library!

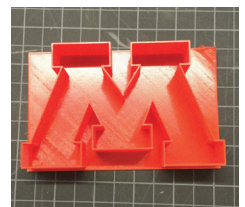
The Studio, our newly refreshed makerspace, is your destination for hands-on creativity and innovation. With updated tools, expanded equipment, and a fresh new look, there's never been a better time to stop by and start creating!

Whether you're personalizing tote bags with our embroidery machine, engraving coasters with the laser cutter, or creating decals with the Cricut, The Studio has something for everyone.

New to making? Our team offers one-on-one appointments, drop-in hours, and workshops to help you learn the ropes.

What will you make? Try 3D printing, sublimation design (printing onto fabric, ceramic, and other materials), sewing, digitizing film, and so much more.

Stop in, get inspired, and explore the possibilities at The Studio!



What Will You Make?

Project Ideas for The Studio

With the tools available in The Studio, the possibilities are endless! Here are some inspiring project ideas based on each tool:

Embroidery Machine: Personalize clothing, tote bags, and patches, or create embroidered gifts like napkins, pillowcases, and wall art.

Laser Cutter: Engrave custom signs, jewelry, coasters, and home decor, or cut wood/acrylic for 3D models like mini furniture or displays.

Cricut Machine: Create custom stickers, decals, storage labels, heat-transfer designs for fabric, and wall art with our vinyl cutter, or cut paper for cards, scrapbooks, stencils, gift boxes, and materials like fabric, leather, and wood for home decor.

3D Printer: Print game pieces, phone stands, cable organizers, replacement parts for household items, custom keychains, cookie cutters, and mini prototypes.

Sublimation Printer: Transfer custom designs onto mugs, t-shirts, hoodies, hats, tote bags, phone cases, pillowcases, mousepads, coasters, keychains, ornaments, and more.

See page 14 for upcoming workshops
in The Studio

The Studio Open House

Step into The Studio:

Your Creative Playground at the Library

Explore our vibrant makerspace, see our cutting-edge equipment in action, and get inspired by what's possible. Whether you're into design, crafting, or tech, our team will be on hand to answer questions, showcase tools, and introduce upcoming workshops. Enjoy light refreshments, pick up a fun giveaway, and discover how you can start making your ideas happen!

The Studio: Saturday, June 21, 1pm–3pm



LEVEL UP AT YOUR LIBRARY

Summer Reading

Play is one of the ways we learn to relate to others, to think in new ways, and to foster friendships, new and old. Level Up at Your Library is an all-ages Summer Reading program all about having fun!

Flip the page for prizes and
your reading log.



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LEVEL UP AT YOUR LIBRARY

Summer Reading
June 1 – July 31

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

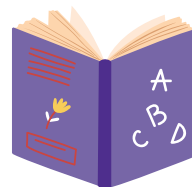
School _____

Home Library ☐ Winnetka ☐ Northfield ☐ Other

Prizes

Bring in your completed log between
July 10 and August 10 to claim your
finishing prize and enter to win one
of our grand prizes!

Finishing Prizes



Kids
Get a Book



\$10

Adults & Teens
Get a Gift Card

Grand Prize Raffles



Play-Doh Pizza Delivery
Scooter Playset



Marble Genius Glow-in-the-
Dark Marble Run



Bill Nye's VR Science
Kit and Space Lab



Graeter's Ice Cream
\$100 Gift Card



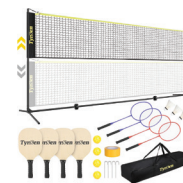
Atari 50 Pocket Player Pro
& \$50 Gift Card to
PlayStation or Steam



Lock Chicago Escape Room
\$100 Gift Card



501 Local
\$100 Gift Card



Badminton/
Pickleball Set



Foursome of Golf at the
Winnetka Golf Club
Thanks to the Winnetka Park District
for donating this prize worth \$350



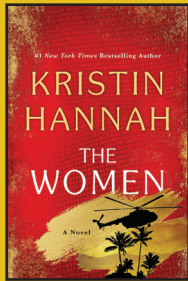
END OF SUMMER PARTY

Sunday, August 24 from 1–3pm • All Ages
Hubbard Woods Park (939 Old Green Bay Rd, Winnetka)

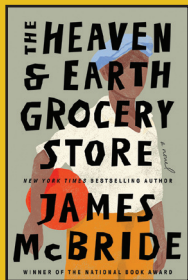
Join us in celebrating the end of summer and the beginning of
Library Card Sign-Up Month with fun activities for everyone!

If You Liked This, You'll Love This...

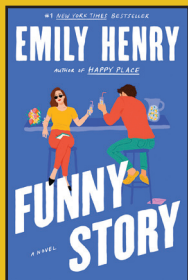
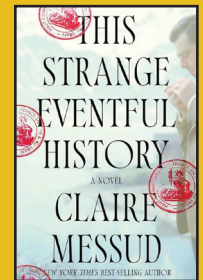
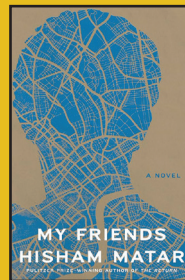
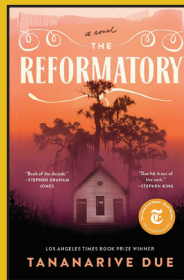
If you liked one book, chances are there's another you'll love just as much. We've paired popular titles with similar reads to help you discover your next favorite!



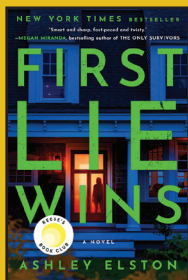
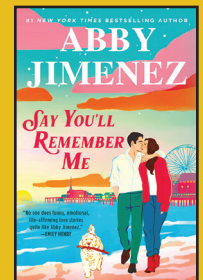
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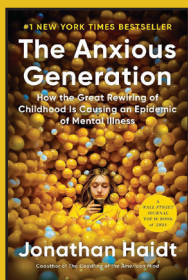
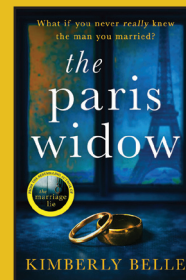
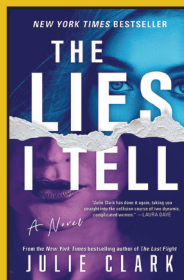
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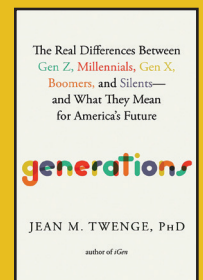
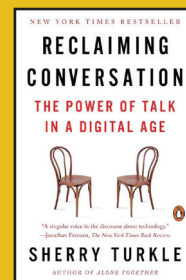
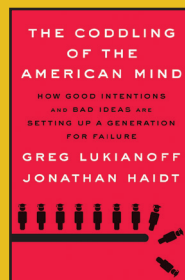
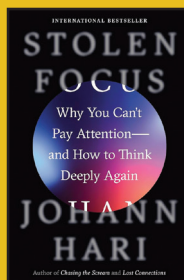
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Kids

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Babies, Toddlers & Preschoolers

Special Performers

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

Northfield Library: Mondays & Fridays, June 2 & 6, July 14, 18, 21, 25 & 28, August 11 & 25, 10am • Ages 0–5 with Adult (T)

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, June 4 & 18, July 2 & 16, August 6 & 20, 10am • Ages 0–4 with Adult (D)

Tummy Time Painting

A no-mess introduction to art for babies building core strength or learning to crawl.

Northfield Library: Wednesdays, June 11, July 9 & August 27, 8:30am • Ages 0–1 with Adult (D)

Busy Bodies

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

Winnetka Library: Mondays, June 16, July 14 & August 11, 10am Ages 0–4 with Adult (D)

Open Playtime

Join us for open-ended play. We will have a variety of toys available for your little one to play with.

Winnetka Library: Wednesdays, June 18, July 2, 9, 16, 30 & August 13, 10am • Ages 0–5 with Adult (D)

Block Party

We provide the building blocks, you provide the imagination.

Winnetka Library: Wednesdays, June 18 & 25, July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 4pm • Ages 0–4 with Adult (D)

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. In Library Park, weather permitting.

Winnetka Library: Fridays, June 20, July 11, August 1, 15 & 29, 10am • Ages 0–5 with Adult (D)

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, June 23, July 21 & August 18, 10am Ages 0–5 with Adult (D)

Ms. Rachel Inspired Storytime

Love Ms. Rachel? Enjoy this tribute to the one-and-only with a staff member playing the part.

Northfield Library: Wednesday, June 25, 10am Ages 0–5 with Adult (T)

Sensory Shenanigans

Join us for an hour of interactive free play. Activities in this program will build fine and gross motor skills, and explore 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 27, July 18 & 25, August 8 & 22, 10am • Ages 0–4 with Adult (D)

Little Messy Art

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

Winnetka Library: Mondays, June 30, July 28 & August 25, 10am Ages 0–4 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 fun, hands-on activities. This program is sure to be a little messy (and fun), so wear clothes you don't mind getting wet.

Winnetka Library: Mondays, July 7 & August 4, 10am Ages 0–4 with Adult (D)

Baby Olympics

Crawl through pop-up tents and go for the gold! For babies training for the Olympics or simply working on gross motor skills and coordination.

Northfield Library: Monday, July 28 & Friday, August 1, 11am Ages 0–3 with Adult (T)

Baby Prom

Dress to impress and get ready to groove! Enjoy the tunes, cheesy decorations, and photo opportunities.

Northfield Library: Monday, August 11 & Friday, August 15, 11am Ages 0–3 with Adult (T)

Soft Play

Enjoy a multi-sensory playground brought to us from The Soft Play Life, filled with adventure for your little ones. Please wear socks during play.

Winnetka Library: Wednesday, August 6, 9am Ages 0–5 with Adult (D)

Summer Storytime Schedule

Mondays

Northfield Library

Family Storytime

10am (T)

Singing, dancing, stories,
and more.

Tuesdays

Hubbard Woods Park

Stories in the Park*

10am (D)

Everyone's invited to this
free, all-ages storytime.

Wednesdays

Hubbard Woods Park

Wednesdays in the Woods Children's Concerts

11am (R)

Enjoy free music with a variety of special performers!

*For a complete schedule and to register, visit the
Winnetka Park District's website: www.winpark.org*



* In case of inclement weather, cancellations will be
announced day-of on the library's events calendar and
the Park District's website: winpark.org/status-alerts.

We are on Storytime Break August 24 – September 13

**Please check online for other events
while we're on break.**

Thursdays

Dwyer Park

Stories in the Park*

10am (D)

Everyone's invited to this free,
all-ages storytime.

Fridays

Northfield Library

Family Storytime

Ages 0–5 with Adult

10am (T)

Singing, dancing, stories,
and more.

School-Age

Sand Art Necklace

Decorate a summery necklace with
colorful sand.

**Northfield Library: Thursdays, June 5
& August 14, 4:30pm • Ages 5–12 with
Adult (R)**

LEGO® Fun

Lots of LEGO® bricks will be available –
bring your imagination and get building.

**Winnetka Library: Mondays, June 16 –
August 25, 4pm • Ages 4+ with Adult (D)**

Art-ventures

Time to explore art like never before! Try
out all sorts of wacky ways to paint, draw,
cut, and paste in Art-ventures.

**Winnetka Library: Tuesdays, June 17 –
August 26, 4pm • Ages 2+ with Adult (D)**

Minecraft Sandcastle Contest

Join the Sandcastle Parkour Challenge
with Arrayscape Gaming and compete
for diamond horse armor! Rescue horses,
navigate mazes, and build your own
majestic sandcastle. Please bring your
own device.

**Winnetka Library: Monday, June 23,
4:30pm • Ages 7–12 (R)**

Nintendo Switch Gaming Fun!

Meet us for an afternoon of thrilling
races, fun puzzles, and lots of laughs as
we compete for victory!

July 3: Mario Kart

July 31: Tetris

August 21: Mario Party

**Winnetka Library: Thursdays, 4pm
Ages 5–8 with Adult (R)**

LEGO® Portraits

What kind of LEGO® character would you
create? Our Vibrant Community will lead
young artists in creating a brick-tastic
masterpiece.

**Winnetka Library: Tuesday, July 22, 6pm
Ages 7+ (R)**

Cooks + Books: If You Give a Pig a Pancake

Join Sticky Fingers Cooking as they
provide a fun, healthy cooking class for
kids. We will be making Zany Upside-
Down Pineapple Pancakes, Sweet Coconut
Cream, and Pineapple Smoothies. Recipes
are vegan, nut-free, and gluten-free.

**Winnetka Library: Thursday, August 7,
3:45pm • Ages 7–12 (R)**

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.

**Winnetka Library: Wednesday, August 20,
4pm • Ages 3+ with Adult (D)**

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: Wednesday, August 27,
2pm • Ages 5+ with Adult (D)**

MERMAID MAGIC!

Mermaid Party

Join us for a celebration of all things mermaid!

Meet a Mermaid

Have a splash-tacular time with the
Windy City Mermaids by enjoying a special
photo op to capture your mermaid moment!

**Winnetka Library: Wednesday, August 13, 3:30pm
Ages 2+ with Adult (D)**



Tweens & Teens

Pressed Flower Bookmark

Make bookmarks using pressed flowers to use year-round.

**Northfield Library: Tuesday, June 24, 11am
Ages 14+ (R)**

**Northfield Library: Tuesday, June 24, 4pm
Ages 9–13 (R)**

Crafts & Coffee

Get ready to espresso yourself by crafting something cool with your friends. The library will provide a free small beverage, so sip and let your imagination flow!

**Peet's Coffee (817 Elm St, Winnetka):
Thursdays, June 26, July 10 & 24,
August 14, 4pm • Ages 12+ (R)**

Eco-Readers Book Club

Passionate about climate activism, sustainability, and reading? Join our new environmentally focused book club. We will meet at the Clarkson Park Pavilion, rain or shine. *In partnership with Go Green Northfield.*

July 15: *At the Edge of the Ice* by Carolyn Armstrong – with author visit!

August 19: *Wildfire* by Breena Bard

**Clarkson Park (1950 New Willow Rd,
Northfield): Tuesdays, 4:30pm
Ages 9–12 (R)**

Graphic Novel Crew

Let's meet at Graeter's and discuss a graphic novel. The library will provide a free scoop of ice cream, how sweet!

July 17: *The Stonekeeper (Amulet Book One)* by Kaza Kibuishi

August 28: *Guts* by Raina Telgemeier

**Graeter's Ice Cream (940 Green Bay Rd,
Winnetka): Thursdays, 4pm • Ages 9–12
(R)**

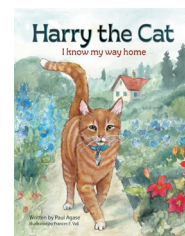


Family Fun

Harry the Cat: I Know My Way Home

Join author Paul Agase as he reads from his picture book, *Harry the Cat: I Know My Way Home*, in a heartfelt memorial for Harry the Cat.

**Winnetka Library: Saturday, June 14, 1pm
All Ages with Adult (D)**



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, weather permitting.

Winnetka Library: Saturday, June 21, 10am • All Ages with Adult (D)

Bubbles in the Park

Get ready for a bubbly extravaganza! This free, all-ages event features music, sunshine, and all kinds of fun bubble-making tools for everyone to enjoy. *In partnership with the Kenilworth Park District.*

**Kenilworth Assembly Hall West Lawn (410 Kenilworth Ave, Kenilworth):
Wednesdays, June 25, July 23 & August 20, 10am • All Ages with Adult (D)**

Edible Beach Scene

Make your own sunny ocean view with candy and take your creation home to enjoy.

Northfield Library: Wednesday, July 23, 11am & 4pm • All Ages with Adult (R)

No Escape!

Actually, there is an escape, but you must work together and solve the clues as a family. We'll be using Breakout EDU which turns any room into an escape room. Sessions run for 30 min. One family per session.

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

Candy Sushi

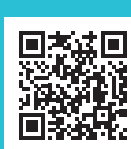
Make delicious candy sushi using crispy rice treats and gummy candies.

**Northfield Library: Wednesday, August 13, 11am & 4pm
All Ages with Adult (R)**



Youth Summer Reading Recommended Books

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



Adults

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Author Event

A Conversation with Audiobook Narrator Kimberly Farr

Ever wonder what it takes to bring a story to life with just your voice? Join us for a special conversation with the award-winning audiobook narrator Kimberly Farr. She's known for narrating the Olive Kitteridge books by Elizabeth Strout, *My Life in France* by Julia Child, books by Nora Roberts, and many more. Learn how she creates unforgettable listening experiences and what goes on behind the scenes in audiobook narration.

Virtual: Thursday, July 24, 7pm (R)

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, June 7, 12pm (R)

Summer Tapas: Cooking Tutorial

Celebrate the flavors of late summer with a tapas-style small bites class featuring fresh, seasonal ingredients. You'll learn how to make Spanish-inspired appetizers perfect for casual gatherings or a light summer meal.

Virtual: Wednesday, August 13, 6:30pm (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, July 11 & 25, August 1 & 15, 10am (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 does not, and your potential out of pocket expense. We will 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.

Northfield Library: Monday, July 21, 6pm (R)



Major Decisions of the 2024-2025 Supreme Court Term

Join Julie Strauss, Ph.D., for an in-depth review of the major decisions handed down by the Supreme Court. We will examine cases pertaining to ghost guns, liability protection for gun manufacturers, and TikTok. We'll also cover cases addressing a ban on sex-transition treatments for minors, environmental issues concerning nuclear waste and wastewater disposal, along with other major decisions. Don't miss this recap of the Court's term.

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

Summer Action 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 27

The Taking of Pelham One Two Three

Walter Matthau battles Robert Shaw to save a subway car of passengers.



July 25

Point Break

Keanu Reeves + Patrick Swayze = 100% Pure Adrenaline.



August 22

The Train

Burt Lancaster is the French Resistance fighter derailing the Nazis.

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

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Films that matter

*Films may vary by country and library

History

Comedy in Chicago: The Marx Brothers and Bob Newhart

Take a virtual tour through Chicago's comedy history. Explore the former homes of the Marx Brothers and Bob Newhart, and visit some of their favorite local spots. Along the way you'll learn about their unique comedic styles and revisit Chicago as seen through TV and film.

Virtual: Tuesday, June 3, 6:30pm (R)

The 1906–1910 Cubs Dynasty: Rowdy Times and Rugged Men in Cutthroat Chicago

Discover the wild early years of the Chicago Cubs, who dominated the National League with four pennants in five years. This presentation dives into the gritty, brawling culture of the team—an identity that mirrored early 20th century Chicago, where street toughs carried billy clubs, and vice ran so rampant the city was dubbed the "sin city" of its time.

Winnetka Library: Thursday, June 12, 7pm (R)

Juneteenth: A Historic Day of Emancipation

Charles Bethea from the Chicago History Museum will discuss Juneteenth, our country's second independence day. On June 19, 1865, over two years after President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, Union troops arrived in Galveston Bay, Texas with news of freedom for the 250,000 people still enslaved there. Although it has long been celebrated in the African American community, this monumental event remains unknown to many Americans.

Winnetka Library: Monday, June 16, 7pm (R)

Roadside Attractions with Leslie Goddard

Ever slept in a wigwam or taken a selfie with Paul Bunyan? Since Americans took to the highways for long-distance travel in the 1920s, entrepreneurs have been dreaming up unusual structures to attract passing motorists. Thousands of quirky roadside attractions remain. Join pop culture historian Leslie Goddard, Ph.D. to explore these unique structures and what they tell us about the history of road travel.

Virtual: Tuesday, June 17, 7pm (R)

Ode to Beethoven: the Man Behind the Music with Anette Isaacs

Join German historian Anette Isaacs for an intimate look at the life and legacy of this complex genius—famous not only for his fiery personality, but also for transforming personal struggles into timeless, powerful music.

Virtual: Tuesday, June 24, 7pm (R)

Significant Sites: National Register Listings on the North Shore

Join the Winnetka Historical Society for a look at notable North Shore sites on the National Register of Historic Places—including homes, buildings, and parks. Learn about the nomination process and the unique stories, people, and architecture behind each site.

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

Gustave Caillebotte and the Story of Impressionism with Jeff Mishur

French artist Gustave Caillebotte (1848–1894) was a founding figure of Impressionism and a key supporter of his fellow modernists. Art historian Jeff Mishur will explore Caillebotte's most significant works. This lecture complements the major Caillebotte exhibition at the Art Institute of Chicago.

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

Morbid History

From grand corpse larceny in medieval Venice to the iron coffins popping up in Lincoln Park, this light-hearted presentation will take you around the world with spine-tingling true tales you never learned in history class.

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

Cinematic Canines and Circus Stars in Chicagoland Cemeteries

Take a virtual journey through film history, animal performers, and unique cemeteries. Discover the role of dogs in early filmmaking and explore Illinois' oldest pet cemetery. Then dive into Chicago's rich circus and sideshow history—and visit a cemetery with plots dedicated to these unforgettable performers.

Virtual: Thursday, July 10, 6:30pm (R)

The Best Movies of All Time

Given that the film industry has been around for over 100 years, selecting the best movies of all time is a nearly impossible task. As times have changed, so have ideas of quality and the influence of diverse voices. These factors will be explored in this presentation by film professor Zbigniew Banas.

Virtual: Sunday, July 13, 11am (R)

The Great Migration & The Great War: Engines of Change

At the start of the 20th century, two major forces reshaped America: World War I and The Great Northern Drive, the mass migration of African Americans from the rural south to the urban north. Join Clarence Goodman to learn more about how these seemingly separate events became deeply connected in shaping U.S. history.

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

Frank Lloyd Wright & Nature

This presentation will examine the ways Frank Lloyd Wright synthesized ideas and images regarding nature in his architecture. Wright was motivated by the desire to bring his contemporaries, who were living in a time of industrialization and increasing isolation from the natural world, back in touch with the inspirational and essential truths he saw in nature.

Winnetka Library: Tuesday, July 29, 7pm (R)

Chicago in the Classics with Annette Bochenek

The Windy City has long been the backdrop to classic films, either as a setting depicted in a film or portrayed through on-location productions. Join film historian Dr. Annette Bochenek for a discussion about classic films set in Chicago, the locations portrayed, and the influence of these depictions today.

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



Camp Douglas: The Civil War in Chicago

Learn about Chicago's role in the Civil War through the story of Camp Douglas, a major prisoner-of-war camp for Confederate soldiers. Explore tales of suffering, escape attempts, and moments of humanity from those imprisoned there.

Winnetka Library: Saturday, August 2, 3pm (R)

The Art in Ferris Bueller

Get up close with art featured in *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* through a virtual tour of the Art Institute of Chicago. Learn why certain pieces of art were selected and how they relate to the characters, storyline, and director of this iconic film.

Virtual: Tuesday, August 5, 6:30pm (R)

Photography in Mexico: Crafting a National Identity

Photography has played a vital role in shaping Mexico's national identity, capturing its history, culture, and social change. This presentation explores key moments and the photographers who helped define its cultural narrative.

Virtual: Thursday, August 7, 7pm (R)

A History Lover's Guide to Chicago

Join Greg Borzo for a lively look at Chicago's unique history—from the stockyards and railroads to department stores and skyscrapers. Discover hidden gems like a missile site turned bird sanctuary and a library housed in a former water tank.

Northfield Library: Saturday, August 9, 2pm (R)

The True Story of Lizzie Borden

What really happened on that fateful day in 1892? Historian Troy Taylor examines the infamous Borden murders, exploring suspects, conspiracies, and strange twists that still puzzle true crime fans today.

Virtual: Tuesday, August 19, 7pm (R)

Paul McCartney: The Solo Years

Named the most successful composer and recording artist by Guinness, Paul McCartney launched a remarkable solo career after the Beatles. Music historian Gary Wenstrup explores his first post-Beatles decade through interviews, performances, and hits like "Live and Let Die" and "Band on the Run."

Virtual: Wednesday, August 27, 7pm (R)

Gaming

Mah Jongg Lessons

Mah Jongg is a fun, tile-based strategy game. Instructor Sylvia Taflove will teach the basics—cards, suits, tiles, and rules—followed by supervised play each session.

Northfield Library: Mondays, June 2, 9, 16 & 23, 11:30am (R)

Canasta Lessons

Discover the fun of Canasta, a rummy-style card game. Instructor Sylvia Taflove will teach the basics, with time for supervised play each session.

Northfield Library: Fridays, June 6, 13, 20 & 27, 1pm (R)

Home & Gardening

How to Compost

Go Green Winnetka will show you how to turn food scraps and yard waste into rich fertilizer for your garden. Composting improves soil, boosts plant growth, and reduces your environmental footprint.

Winnetka Library: Thursday, June 26, 7pm (R)



Let's Talk Downsizing! Right-Sizing for Your Life

Sorting through a lifetime of possessions doesn't have to be overwhelming. Certified Professional Organizer M. Colleen Klimczak will share a step-by-step approach to help you decide what to keep, what to let go of, and where to start.

Virtual: Wednesday, July 16, 6:30pm (R)

Travel

Mayhem in the National Parks

Enjoy the scenery, adventure, and general chaos of a 600-mile mountain bike ride and camping trip from Jackson Hole, Wyoming to West Glacier, Montana through Grand Teton, Yellowstone, and Glacier National Parks. Presenter John Lynn shares wild stories and tips for planning your trip to some of our most gorgeous national parks.

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

Traveling on the Amtrak Empire Builder

Join award-winning travel writer Theresa L. Goodrich for an unforgettable journey aboard the Amtrak Empire Builder. Discover the magic of one of America's most scenic train routes, stretching from Chicago to the Pacific Northwest. Whether you're a seasoned traveler or a dreamer seeking inspiration, this event will spark your wanderlust and provide an insider's view of life aboard one of Amtrak's most iconic trains.

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

Science

The Cassini Mission to Saturn

Join an exploration of the sixth planet from the Sun, Saturn, made possible by the Cassini/Huygens spacecraft, which collected data over its 13-year mission. We will discuss the history of Saturn observations and the resulting discoveries, as well as future plans for exploring Saturn's intriguing planet-sized moon, Titan.

Virtual: Wednesday, June 11, 7pm (R)

Monarch Craze

Learn about monarchs and how to protect these fascinating and beautiful insects from Kim White, DuPage Monarch Project Educator.

Northfield Library: Wednesday, August 6, 6pm (R)

Live Performance

An Afternoon of Improv with The Scrub Daddies

Enjoy quick-witted comedy with The Scrub Daddies, the high school house team from The Laughing Academy in Glenview.

Northfield Library: Saturday, June 14, 2pm (R)

George Washington & The Battle for Independence: Portrayed by Terry Lynch

This year marks the 250th anniversary of the beginning of the American War for Independence. Join actor Terry Lynch for his portrayal of General George Washington the skilled soldier who learned perseverance from losses in the French and Indian War and created the survival strategy that became a cornerstone for his successful battle tactics during the Revolutionary War.

Winnetka Library: Saturday, June 28, 3pm (R)



An Evening of Improv with The Gulf of Glenview

Enjoy improv comedy featuring The Gulf of Glenview performers, the house team at The Laughing Academy in Glenview.

Northfield Library: Saturday, July 26, 3pm (R)

Another Afternoon of Improv with The Scrub Daddies

Enjoy fast-paced comedy with The Scrub Daddies, the high school house team of The Laughing Academy in Glenview. And, unlike this blurb, this show will be completely different from before.

Northfield Library: Sunday, August 10, 3pm (R)

Irene Adler: The Only Woman to Outsmart Sherlock Holmes

Opera singer, actress, adventuress—Irene Adler was the only woman to outwit Sherlock Holmes. Hear her story in this captivating portrayal and learn why she left such a lasting impression on the great detective.

Virtual: Tuesday, August 26, 7pm (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, June 10, July 8 & August 12, 10am & 11am (R)

Women's Retirement Roadmap

Learn key retirement strategies tailored to women. This workshop will equip you with tools and insights for planning a secure and independent future. Presented by the Association of Financial Educators.

Winnetka Library: Saturday, July 19, 11am (R)

Retire Wiser

Whether you're just starting to plan or refining your retirement strategy, this session offers practical guidance for a secure financial future. Presented by the Association of Financial Educators.

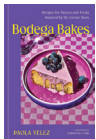
Winnetka Library: Thursday, August 14, 7pm (R)

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)



June 9: Northfield Library

The Dominican Dish

Bodega Bakes: Recipes for Sweets and Treats Inspired by My Corner Store by Paola Velez

The Dominican Kitchen: Homestyle Recipes That Celebrate the Flavors, Traditions, and Culture of the Dominican Republic by Vanessa Mota



July 14: Winnetka Library

Get Comfy

Big Heart Little Stove: Bringing Home Meals & Moments from The Lost Kitchen by Erin French

The Comfortable Kitchen: 105 Laid-Back, Healthy, and Wholesome Recipes by Alex Snodgrass



August 11: Winnetka Library

Recipe Refresh

Start Here: Instructions for Becoming a Better Cook by Sohla El-Waylly and Samin Nosrat

What Goes with What: 100 Recipes, 20 Charts, Endless Possibilities by Julia Turshen

Clue: A Mystery Book Club

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

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



June 10

Scorched Grace by Margot Douaihy

July 8

The Goldenacre by Philip Miller

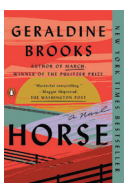
August 12

Fortune Favors the Dead by Stephen Spotswood

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)



July 17

Tell Me Everything by Elizabeth Strout

August 21

Horse by Geraldine Brooks

Savor & Share: Cookbook Book Club

Join us for a lunchtime book club. Bring a recipe to share and a dish to savor with the group.

Northfield Library: Thursdays, 12pm (R)



June 26

Outdoor Cooking

Feast by Firelight by Emma Frisch

Cast Iron Skillet: One Pan Meals by Jackie Freeman



July 24

Eat Fresh!

Veg-table by Nik Sharma

Plantyou: Scrappy Cooking by Carleigh Bodrug



August 28

Mexican Medley

Fiestas: Tiddits, Margaritas & More by Marcela Valladolid

More Mexican Everyday: Simple, Seasonal, Celebratory by Rick Bayless

Great Conversations with Robert Waterbury: A Short Classics Book Club

Join us for invigorating discussions on concise and thought-provoking works.

Winnetka Library: Mondays, 10am (R)

June 2

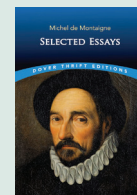
A Room of One's Own by Virginia Woolf

July 7

"Overture" by Marcel Proust (Opening to *Swann's Way*, volume I of *In Search of Lost Time*)

August 4

Of Friendship and Of Solitude by Michel de Montaigne



Technology

Computer Basics

New to computers? This beginner-friendly class will teach you the essential skills to get started. You'll learn how to open files, navigate your computer's interface, and perform basic tasks with confidence.

The Studio: Tuesday, June 10, 6pm
Adults (R)

Discover What Your Library Card Can Do

Your library card is more than just a way to check out books—it's your key to a world of free resources. In this quick session, get an overview of online tools like Creativebug, NoveList, and more.

The Studio: Monday, June 16, 6pm
Adults (R)

Cut the Cord: Alternatives to Premium Cable Services

Tired of paying for channels you never watch? Discover affordable alternatives to cable and learn how to bundle streaming services to get the shows and movies you love—without the high price tag.

Virtual: Monday, July 28, 6pm • Adults (R)

Browse Smarter, Not Harder: Password Protection & Internet Security

Getting suspicious texts or emails saying you owe money or your information's been compromised? You're not alone. In this class, learn practical tips to protect your personal data while browsing on your phone or computer. Stay smart, stay safe.

Virtual: Saturday, August 23, 1:30pm
Adults (R)



The Studio

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

Intro Classes

Join us for a fun, beginner-friendly class where you'll learn the basics of design software and how to bring your ideas to life. Each session includes a simple demo or hands-on project to help you explore the tools and start creating with confidence—using the equipment available in The Studio.

Digital Embroidery Basics

Learn the basics of our embroidery software and explore project ideas to start creating your own stitched designs.

Winnetka Library: Monday, June 2, 6pm • Ages 14+ (R)

Image Transfer Basics

Learn how to create vibrant, lasting prints using our sublimation software and get inspired with colorful project ideas.

Winnetka Library: Friday, June 13, 10am • Ages 14+ (R)

Laser Cutting Basics

Learn to use our graphics software to design for the laser cutter and more.

Winnetka Library: Tuesday, July 1, 6pm • Ages 14+ (R)

Decal Design Basics With Cricut

Learn to use our Cricut software to create custom designs with vinyl, paper, and more.

Winnetka Library: Friday, July 25, 10am • Ages 14+ (R)

Decal Design Basics With Silhouette

Explore Silhouette Studio software and design eye-catching projects for our cutting machine.

Winnetka Library: Saturday, August 16, 10am • Ages 14+ (R)

Workshops in The Studio

Summer Sun Goddess Wreath

Welcome summer with a beautifully crafted wreath made from paper and touches of acrylic accents.

The Studio: Saturday, June 7, 12pm • Adults (R)

Book Folding Art

Ready for a page-turning craft? Join us to fold discarded books into beautiful letters and shapes. It's a fun and unique way to create something special!

The Studio: Wednesdays, June 4 & July 9, 6pm • Adults (R)

Rainbow Bookmarks

Learn basic sewing to create a colorful bookmark. Take home your kit and craft a little sunshine for your pages, while supplies last.

The Studio: June 1–30, All Day • Ages 9+

Fireworks-Free Wreath

Show off your patriotic spirit by making a paper wreath featuring red, white and blue.

The Studio: Thursday, July 3, 6pm • Adults (R)

A Bookshelf for Your Bookshelf

Master basic CorelDRAW skills and use our laser cutter to craft a unique mini bookshelf.

The Studio: Wednesday, July 23, 6pm • Ages 14+ (R)

Mushroom Decor

Paint a 3D printed mushroom shelf. Learn the basics of painting 3D objects to mimic the real thing.

The Studio: Wednesday, August 5, 6pm • Adults (R)

Farmers Market Wreath

Create a whimsical paper wreath featuring summer's favorite weekend pastime.

The Studio: Saturday, August 9, 12pm • Adults (R)

Going Off to Collage

Get creative and make a personalized wooden letter collage—perfect for decorating your dorm room or celebrating your next chapter. It's a fun, hands-on way to express yourself before your college adventure begins!

The Studio: Wednesdays, August 13 & 27, 6pm • Ages 12+ (R)



Workshops at Northfield

Art Journaling

Start the day using the right side of your brain! Drop in for coffee and camaraderie as we create free form, mixed media journal entries.

Northfield Library: Tuesdays, June 10, 17 & 24, July 1, 8 & 15, 9am Adults

Sit & Knit

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

Northfield Library: Thursdays, June 12 & 26, July 10 & 24, August 7 & 21, 3pm • Adults (R)

Macrame Planters: Knot Your Average Craft

Learn how to create a beautiful macrame planter in this hands-on workshop. We'll guide you through the knots and techniques to elevate your plant game—literally!

Northfield Library: Wednesday, June 25, 4pm • Ages 14+ (R)

Flower Crown Frenzy

Get crafty and make your own summer flower crown—perfect for festivals, photos, or just for fun.

Northfield Library: Wednesday, July 16, 4pm • Ages 14+ (R)

Light Up Your Creativity

Learn the art of candle making and craft beautiful, hand-poured candles with your favorite scents and colors.

Northfield Library: Wednesday, August 20, 4pm • Ages 14+ (R)

Youth Gaming in The Studio

Win exclusive Studio-made prizes at game nights—like mugs, plaques, pens, 3D-printed figures, lunch bags, and more!

Mario Kart 8 Night

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

The Studio: Wednesday, July 3, 4pm • Ages 9+ (R)

Tetris Night in The Studio

Bring some friends and battle it out in this ultimate test of puzzle skills. Who will be the Tetris champ?

The Studio: Thursday, July 31, 4pm • Ages 9+ (R)

Capcom Retro Fighters Night in The Studio

Spider-Man vs. Mega Man? Wolverine vs. Ken? Mix and match Capcom and Marvel legends and show who is best!

The Studio: Thursday, August 14, 4pm • Ages 10+ (R)



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Thanks to our generous partnership with the Winnetka Park District, 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 Rd, Winnetka): Mondays, June 30, July 28 & August 25, 10:30am (R)

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We'll be making periodic space and safety upgrades at the Winnetka Library from late spring through fall. Stay informed by visiting our website and signing up for our e-newsletter.

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