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Winnetka Library

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Monday – Thursday: 9am – 9pm
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August 31 & September 1: Labor Day
November 26: District closes at 5pm
November 27 & 28: Thanksgiving

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News



Why Stories Matter Banned Books Week | October 5–11

Every year, Banned Books Week shines a spotlight on the freedom to read—a core value of libraries everywhere. It's a time to reflect on the books that have been challenged or banned in schools and libraries across the country, and to recognize the importance of keeping diverse voices and ideas on our shelves.

At its heart, Banned Books Week is about choice. When books are removed or restricted, it limits access and silences stories that can spark empathy, expand understanding, and help readers see themselves, or others, on the page. Libraries stand firmly for the right of every individual to read freely, explore openly, and decide for themselves what to read.

During the month of October, we invite you to browse our display of frequently challenged titles and join us in celebrating the power of books to inform, inspire, and connect.

Join us

For Every Reader, a Book: Material Challenges in Modern Libraries

Banning books in public and school libraries has been in the news. How serious is this matter? The executive directors of the Glenview, Northbrook, and Winnetka-Northfield public libraries will examine and discuss the current status of this highly sensitive issue and how it affects communities.

North Shore Senior Center (161 Northfield Rd, Northfield):
Tuesday, September 16, 10:30am

Check Out Our Haunted Bookshelf... If You Dare

We've gathered a chilling collection of scary reads, complete with a "Scare Meter" rating for each book so you'll know just how brave you'll need to be before you pick one up. Stop by the library to discover even more spine-tingling reads.



Joyland by Stephen King
A creepy murder mystery in a nostalgic amusement park.

Scare Meter:



House of Bone and Rain by Gabino Iglesias
Stand By Me meets drug lords and demons.

Scare Meter:



Starling House by Alix E. Harrow
A small town haunted by secrets that can't stay buried, and the sinister house that sits at the crossroads of it all.

Scare Meter:



The Reformatory by Tananarive Due
A young boy haunted by the living and the dead.

Scare Meter:



The Elementals by Michael McDowell
Who knew sand could be so terrifying.

Scare Meter:



The Spirit Collection of Thorne Hall by J. Ann Thomas
A young woman forced to live with ghosts in a mansion frozen in time.

Scare Meter:



We Used to Live Here by Marcus Kliever
If a family shows up on your doorstep on a snowy evening and says they used to live in your house, don't let them in.

Scare Meter:



Strange, Dark & Mysterious by MrBallen
An anthology of true scary stories made even scarier by the graphic novel artwork.

Scare Meter:



Kids

(R) = Registration required | (D) = Drop In | (T) = Ticketed

How to register for an event: Log onto wnpld.org and under “events” you will find the events calendar. Locate the program of interest and register. You may call (847) 446-7220 or email youth@wnpld.org.

Babies, Toddlers & Preschoolers

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, September 3 & 17, October 1 & 15, November 5 & 19, 10am • Ages 0–4 with Adult (D)

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, September 5, 8 & 12, October 3, 13 & 27, November 3 & 7, 10am
Ages 0–5 with Adult (T)

Winnetka Weeders and Readers

Celebrate monarchs with the Winnetka Weeders Garden Club as they present a nature-based storytime and activity.

Winnetka Library: Monday, September 8, 10am • Ages 0–5 with Adult (T)

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, September 10, 10am • 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.

Winnetka Library: Fridays, September 12 & 19, October 3 & 17, and November 7 & 14, 10am • Ages 0–4 with Adult (D)

Look, Baby!

Join us with your infant and discover the world around us with baby-safe sensory and exploration activities.

Winnetka Library: Mondays, September 15, October 13 & November 10, 10am • Ages 0–14 Months with Adult (D)

Little Messy Art

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

Winnetka Library: Mondays, September 15, October 20 & November 17, 4pm • Ages 0–4 with Adult (D)

Playdough Party

Join us for an afternoon of squishing, sculpting, and creating with playdough.

Winnetka Library: Tuesday, September 16, 4pm • Ages 2+ with Adult (D)

STEAM Play

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

Winnetka Library: Thursdays, September 18, October 16 & November 13, 4pm • Ages 2+ with Adult (D)

Fall Storytime Schedule (T)

Singing, dancing, stories, and more!

Mondays Northfield Library	Tuesdays Winnetka Library	Wednesdays Winnetka Library	Thursdays Winnetka Library	Fridays Northfield Library
Family Storytime Ages 0–5 with Adult 10am	Family Storytime Ages 0–5 with Adult 9:30am	Family Storytime Ages 0–5 with Adult 9:30am	Family Storytime Ages 0–5 with Adult 9:30am	Family Storytime Ages 0–5 with Adult 10am
	Move & Play Ages 0–5 with Adult 10am	Move & Play Ages 0–5 with Adult 10am	Move & Groove Ages 0–5 with Adult 10am	

We are on Storytime Break August 24 – September 13 & October 26 – November 8.
Please check online for other events while we're on break!

Busy Bodies

Join us for an hour of movement and fun-filled activities that help kids get their wiggles out and build confidence through active play.

Winnetka Library: Mondays, September 22, October 20 & November 17, 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, September 24, October 22 & November 12, 8:30am
Ages 0-1 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, September 26, October 24 & November 21, 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, September 29, October 27 & November 24, 10am
Ages 0-5 with Adult (D)

MINI PUMPKIN DECORATING

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Use stickers, gems, and other craft materials to decorate mini pumpkins.

Winnetka Library: Saturday, October 18,
9am, 10am, 11am & 1pm
Ages 0-4 with Adult (R)



Pretend Play

Step into some new shoes with pretend play! Dress up and play as a fireman, zookeeper, chef, doctor, and more.

Winnetka Library: Mondays, October 6 & November 3, 10am • Ages 2+ with Adult (D)

Destruction Derby

Does your little one love to destroy things? Lean into it! Join us for an hour of safe destructive play. This program is sure to be a little messy (and fun) so wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty.

Winnetka Library: Tuesday, October 28, 4pm • Ages 2+ with Adult (D)

Rock 'n' Roll Storytime

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

Winnetka Library: Fridays, October 10 & 31, 9:30am & 10:15am • Ages 0-5 with Adult (T)

Halloween Parade

Trick or treat! Come to the library in costume for a Halloween celebration.

Northfield Library: Friday, October 31, 10am • Ages 0-5 with Adult (T)

1000 BOOKS TRACKER: CHART YOUR READING ADVENTURE

Join our early literacy program to help children read 1,000 books before kindergarten.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Join our early literacy program designed to encourage children to read at least 1,000 books before they enter kindergarten, now with prizes at each level.



More info
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CARTOON ESCAPE ROOM! WITH ANDERTOONS

Get ready for a one-of-a-kind drawing adventure.

Solve puzzles, sketch your way through challenges, and see if you're clever enough to escape before time runs out.

Winnetka Library: Wednesday, October 29, 4pm
Ages 5–12 with Adult (R)



School-Age

LEGO® Fun

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

Winnetka Library: Mondays, September 8, October 6 & November 3, 4pm • Ages 4+ with Adult (D)

DIY Bookmarks

Make bookmarks using paper cuttings and old books. All supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring any small images that are special to you.

Northfield Library: Tuesday, September 9, 4pm • Ages 5+ (R)

Sensational STEAM

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

September 10: Minute-to-Win-It

October 8: Creepy Crafts

November 5: Dino Egg Challenge

Winnetka Library: Wednesdays, 4pm • Ages 7–12 (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: September 22 & 23, October 2 & 31, November 25, 2pm • Ages 5+ with Adult (D)

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: Wednesdays, September 24, October 15 & November 12, 4pm • Ages 5+ with Adult (D)

Beautiful Bats



Join the Flying Fox Conservation Fund and learn where bats live, what they eat, and why they're so important to our world. At the end, you'll get a chance to meet a real bat.

Winnetka Library: Tuesday, September 30, 4pm & 5:15pm
Ages 5–12 with Adult (R)

Wicked Watch Party

Fellow Ozians, join us for a screening of *Wicked* Part 1 to refresh your memory before Part 2 hits theaters. You can sing along, work on a simple craft, or just enjoy the show. Costumes are welcome.

Winnetka: Wednesday, November 26, 1pm
Ages 5+ with Adult (D)

Youth Gaming

Mario Kart Racing

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

Winnetka Library: Thursdays, September 11, October 9 & November 6, 4pm • Ages 5–8 (R)

Tetris Night

Grab a few friends to see who the ultimate player in this classic puzzle game can be.

Winnetka Library: Monday, October 20, 6pm
Ages 9+ (R)

Super Smash Bros. Night

Join us for a fun night of Super Smash Bros! Test your skills against other players in this popular video game.

Winnetka Library: Tuesday, November 25, 4pm
Ages 9+ (R)

Family Fun

Family Science

Have fun while experimenting. Participate in fun STEAM activities that will leave a lasting impression.

Northfield Library: Wednesdays, September 10, October 8 & November 5, 4pm • All Ages with Adult (D)

Walk n' Stop Storytime

Meet us on the library patio for a story-filled stroll. We'll take a walk together, stopping along the way for stories, and finish at Dwyer Park with bubbles to celebrate. The walk will last about 30 minutes. One family per session.

Winnetka Library: Sunday, September 21, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm & 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, October 4, 9:30am, 10:30am, 11:30am, 1:30pm, 2:30pm & 3:30pm • Ages 7+ with Adult (R)

Not So Spooky Halloween

Happy Halloween! Please join us for a fun (and not too frightening) time.

Winnetka Library: Saturday, October 25 & Sunday, October 26, All Day
All Ages with Adult (D)

Ghost in the Graveyard Dirt Cups

Get into the Halloween spirit with a frightfully fun family event where you'll make spooky treats together.

Northfield Library: Wednesday, October 29, 4pm • All Ages with Adult (R)

Anything But Brushes

Time to get creative with anything but a brush! Get to work painting with toys, sponges, stamps and more.

Winnetka Public Library: Thursday, October 30 & Monday, November 24, 2pm
Ages 2+ with Adult (D)

Taylor Swift Dance Party

Get ready to shake it off and sing your heart out. Join us for a Taylor Swift dance party with music from all your favorite eras. Plus, make your own friendship bracelets to take home. Dressing up encouraged.

Winnetka Library: Tuesday, November 4, 4pm • Ages 3+ with Adult (D)



Kanopy Kids is a fun, safe space for ages 2–8, filled with handpicked shows and movies—and you can watch as much as you want!



Tweens & Teens

Eco-Readers Book Club

Passionate about climate activism, sustainability, and reading? Join our environmentally focused book club. *In partnership with Go Green Northfield.*

September 16: *Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen

October 21: *Willowdeen* by Katherine Applegate

November 18: *The Eyes and the Impossible* by Dave Eggers

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

Yeet Art

Pour paint on a canvas and throw it frisbee style. Ta-da, instant art! We'll meet in Library Park, weather permitting.

Winnetka Library: Wednesday, September 17, 4pm & 4:30pm • Ages 9–18 (R)

Teen To-Go Crafts

Each month we'll have a new take-home craft that's perfect for boosting your creative energy.

Tuesday, September 23: Whimsical Windchimes

Thursday, October 2: Pressed Flower Bookmarks

Monday, November 24: Air Clay Animals

Winnetka Library: Pickup begins at 12pm
Ages 9–18 (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!

September 25: *Wings of Fire: The Dragonet Prophecy* by Tui T. Sutherland

October 23: *I Survived the Great Chicago Fire of 1871* by Lauren Tarshis

November 20: *Allergic* by Megan Wagner Lloyd

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

Adults

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Author Events

Finding the Clues: Then and Now with Steve Burns



Join Illinois Libraries Present for a nostalgic and intimate hour-long conversation with Emmy-nominated actor Steve Burns, best known as ‘Steve’ from the beloved Nickelodeon show *Blue’s Clues*.

Virtual: Tuesday, September 16, 7pm **(R)**

Beyond the Screen: A Wicked Conversation with Marissa Bode



Prepare for a magical evening as Illinois Libraries Present welcomes actress Marissa Bode. Bode made her feature film debut as Nessarose in the Academy Award-winning blockbuster *Wicked*.

Virtual: Tuesday, October 21, 7pm **(R)**

Evolution of the Modern Zombie

Join best-selling author and Evanston local Scott Kenemore for a rollicking tour of the zombie world’s mystic origins through its evolution in pop culture today. Fun and appropriate for all ages.

Northfield Library: Saturday, October 25, 2pm **(R)**

Food & Drink

Bake Along: Apple Roses

It’s apple-picking season! Turn your honeycrisp or granny smith apples into beautiful, edible apple roses in this bake-along class with Bill the Baker. A list of ingredients will be sent out beforehand.

Virtual: Thursday, September 18, 7pm **(R)**

The History of Coffee

Start your Saturday morning with a tasty and immersive program presented by biologist and coffee roaster Dr. Brian Moskalik. As the co-owner, head roaster, and lead baker at Crema Coffee House, Brian will delight your tastebuds and take us on a historical journey with one of the world’s most popular beverages.

Northfield Library: Saturday, September 20, 10am **(R)**



Gaming

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.

Please register for one of the following series:

Northfield Library: September Series – Fridays, September 5, 12, 19 & 26, 1pm **(R)**

Northfield Library: October Series – Fridays, October 3, 10, 17 & 24, 1pm **(R)**

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.

Please register for one of the following series:

Northfield Library: September Series – Mondays, September 8, 15, 22 & 29, 11:30am **(R)**

Northfield Library: November Series – November 3, 10, 17 & 24, 11:30am **(R)**

Whodunit 101: Winning at Clue

Unravel the mysteries of everyone’s favorite murder-solving board game. Join Brian Warner as he reveals how to use logic and deduction to crack almost any whodunit. After the presentation, put your new skills to the test with fellow sleuths.

Northfield Library: Saturday, October 11, 2pm **(R)**

Halloween Horror Trivia Night

Join us for a fun evening of virtual Halloween horror trivia. Whether you team up with friends and family or play solo, put your horror knowledge to the test with questions spanning spooky movies, eerie books, and creepy pop culture. Three lucky winners will take home a prize!

Virtual: Thursday, October 30, 7pm **(R)**

Book Discussions

Clue: A Mystery Book Club

Join us for a spirited discussion exploring a variety of mystery genres, from true crime and dark thrillers to police procedurals and historical mysteries.

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



September 9

Towards Zero by Agatha Christie

October 14

The Wolf Tree by Laura McCluskey

November 11

Death at the White Hart by Chris Chibnall

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)



September 18

Real Americans by Rachel Khong

October 16

I See You've Called In Dead by John Kenney

November 20

Atomic Anna by Rachel Barenbaum

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.

Winnetka Library: Mondays, 7pm (R)



October 13: Food So Good It's Scary!

Food to Die For: Recipes and Stories from America's Most Legendary Haunted Places by Amy Bruni and Julie Tremaine

Ghoulish Goodies, a Frightful Cookbook by Sharon Bowers

November 10: That Tastes Familiar

Shake Shack: Recipes & Stories by Randy Garutti, Mark Rosati, and Dorothy Kalins

Taste of Home Copycat Favorites by Taste of Home

Great Conversations with Robert Waterbury: A Short Classics Book Club

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

Winnetka Library: Mondays, 1pm (R)

September 8: *Spoon River Anthology* by Edgar Lee Masters

October 6: *The Fall of the House of Usher* by Edgar Allan Poe

November 3: *Robinson Crusoe* by Daniel Defoe



Savor & Share: Cookbook Book Club

Tantalize your tastebuds during this daytime cookbook club. Create a dish from one of the featured cookbooks and savor it with your fellow chefs.

Northfield Library: Thursdays, 12:30pm (R)



September 25: Let's Brunch

Brunch @ Bobby's by Bobby Flay

Sunny Side Up by Waylenn Lucas



October 23: Culinary Adventures

Appetites: A Cookbook by Anthony Bourdain

Foodheim: A Culinary Adventure by Eric Wareheim



November 20: Fall Feasts

The Complete Autumn and Winter Cookbook by America's Test Kitchen

Company: The Radically Casual Art of Cooking for Others by Amy Thielen

Go Green Reads

Join us for this lively book discussion — we aim to raise environmental awareness one fascinating book at a time!

Offered through a collaboration between Go Green Northfield, Go Green Wilmette, and Go Green Winnetka with support from The Book Stall and WNPLD.

Mondays (R)

September 15, 6:30pm:
The Book Stall (811 Elm Street, Winnetka)

Shelter and Storm: At Home in the Driftless by Tamara Dean

November 17, 7pm: **Virtual**

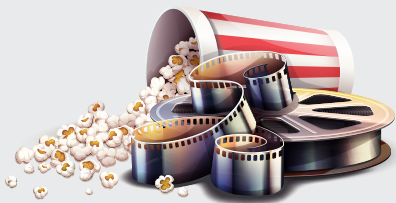
What If We Get It Right? by Ayana Elizabeth Johnson

Author
Event

Fall Horror 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)



September 26

Demons

Patrons at a movie theater get an all-night marathon... of mayhem!



October 31

The Babadook

Freak out this Halloween with the Australian cult favorite.



November 21

Invasion of the Body Snatchers

The original alien invasion classic — “You’re next!”

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

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Films that matter

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History

The History of the Rolling Stones

The Rolling Stones are one of the most influential rock bands of all time. They pioneered a raw, blues-based sound with hits like “(I Can’t Get No) Satisfaction,” “Honky Tonk Women,” and “Gimme Shelter.” Their longevity, rebellious image, and musical evolution have cemented their status as rock legends. Using performance and interview video clips, we’ll dig deep into the band that is the very definition of sex, drugs, and rock ‘n’ roll!

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

Women Spies in WWII

In 1942, as the free world crumbled beneath Hitler’s jackboot, Winston Churchill’s Secret Army began recruiting women spies to infiltrate Occupied France and become part of the French Resistance. Learn about the adventures of these unimaginably brave women in this multimedia presentation with Q&A by Kit Sergeant, author of *The Spark of Resistance*.

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

The Breakfast Club and Chicago

Discover how this Chicago-based movie defined a generation of moviegoers. Explore the former suburban Chicago high school where it was filmed, hear behind-the-scenes stories, and learn the iconic ending song’s connection to MTV.

Virtual: Tuesday, September 23, 6:30pm (R)

Great Graves of Illinois: Illinois’ Most Storied Cemeteries

Join Illinois traveler John Kokoris for a fascinating look at the graves of notable Illinoisans and the monuments that honor lives well lived. Explore the art and literature inspired by these storied cemeteries. A perfect fall event for cemetery enthusiasts, history buffs, and curious road trippers alike.

Winnetka Library: Thursday, October 2, 7pm (R)

Hitchcock: The Master of Suspense with Annette Bochenek

Indulge in the thrilling side of classic Hollywood by learning about the “Master of Suspense” himself – Alfred Hitchcock! Join Film Historian Dr. Annette Bochenek for a discussion about Hitchcock’s career, his memorable films, and his legacy today.

Virtual: Monday, October 6, 7pm (R)

Horror Movies in Chicago

Dive into the eerie world of horror movies in Chicago, focusing on *The Fury* (1978) and *Child’s Play* (1988), as well as *Flatliners* (1990), *Candyman* (1992 and 2021), and *Contagion* (2011).

Virtual: Tuesday, October 7, 6:30pm (R)

The History and Significance of Picture Postcards

Did you know the American picture postcard was born in Illinois? First printed for the 1893 World’s Columbian Exposition in Chicago, postcards have since captured every corner of life, from bustling streets to social trends to nostalgic moments. Katherine Hamilton-Smith, founding curator of the Curt Teich Postcard Archives, will present an engaging look at the cultural significance of picture postcards.

Virtual: Thursday, October 9, 7pm (R)



Gangsters and Ghosts: The Haunting of Al Capone

Al Capone ruled Chicago through a haze of cigar smoke with an iron fist in the roaring '20s. Join Troy Taylor as he unravels the truth behind the haunting of Al Capone and other gangster ghosts that still linger in the shadows of the Windy City.

**Virtual: Wednesday, October 22,
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, September 5 & 19,
October 3 & 17, November 7 & 21,
10am (R)**

Understanding Medicare: The Ins and Outs of Medicare Coverage in 2025

Whether you're new to Medicare or already enrolled, this workshop will help you navigate the complexities of Medicare coverage. Learn about the full range of costs, potential challenges, and recent updates—including changes brought about by the Big Beautiful Bill Act. As Medicare continues to evolve, staying informed is the key to avoiding unexpected costs and making confident healthcare decisions.

Winnetka Library: Saturday, September 20, 11am (R)

Creating Holiday Plans with Less Stress: A Practical Discussion

Expectations for a fabulous holiday season are often high, and memories of previous holidays can create anxiety and stress. Join artist and author Dick Ryan for a practical discussion about what we can and cannot control so that we may craft holiday expectations that are healthy, practical, and manageable.

Winnetka Library: Wednesday, November 19, 7pm (R)



Movie Stars Then and Now

Often referred to as "Hollywood royalty," movie stars have always stood at the center of the American film industry, yet their power in the entertainment business is very different these days from what it was during the studio era. Film professor Zbigniew Banas will explore the evolution of the position occupied by top actors in Hollywood, illustrated by the careers of some of the most notable stars of yesteryear and today.

Virtual: Sunday, October 12, 11am (R)

Fred Astaire: Style and Grace on Screen

"Can't sing. Can't act. Balding. Dances a little." So read the now-infamous notes from a studio executive after Fred Astaire's first screen test. Despite that rocky start, Astaire went on to become one of Hollywood's most iconic performers—and forever changed the way dance was captured on film. Join author Susan Gibberman as she explores Astaire's extraordinary career, his groundbreaking contributions to film, and a selection of his most unforgettable dance numbers.

Winnetka Library: Monday, October 27, 7pm (R)

Chicago and the North Shore's Unsolved Mysteries

Chicago is a city steeped in history—and unanswered questions. Explore some of the most famous mysteries that remain unsolved. Examples include the Great Chicago Fire of 1871 and the Smiley Face Murders.

Virtual: Wednesday, October 29, 7pm (R)

Jane Austen's Sanditon: From Unfinished Swan Song to British Costume Drama

Commemorating Jane Austen's 250th birthday on December 16, join author, former UK resident, and Anglophile Claire Evans for a look at Austen's final unfinished manuscript, and its path from family heirloom to a fully imagined costume drama airing on PBS. Learn about the real-life people and locations that informed Austen's last work, as well as how the seeds of her ideas came to life on the small screen.

Virtual: Monday, November 3, 6:30pm (R)

The History of Brick Architecture in Chicago

When Chicago burned down in 1871, it was rebuilt as a city of brick. Journey through Chicago architecture history to learn how the style and uses of brick have changed over time, from monolithic temples covered in solid red bricks to sleek towers clad in rich, iron-flecked bricks and more. Illustrated by more than 100 gorgeous photographs, this historical lecture will leave you looking at the brick with wonder.

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

Home & Garden

Organizing 101: Strategies for an Efficient Move

Are you moving or downsizing? Or do you just want to declutter your current space? Learn how to declutter, pack, and move quickly and effectively.

Virtual: Wednesday, September 24, 7pm (R)

Caring for Keepsakes

Learn to care for furniture, photographs, and other sentimental items in this workshop led by a museum curator with over 20 years' experience. Samples of archival supplies will be available to all participants in this hands-on presentation.

Northfield Library: Saturday, November 1, 2pm (R)

Migration Birding Walk

Join Red Hill Birding for a vibrant fall outing. October's migration brings a diverse mix of southbound species and spectacular birding. This easy, educational walk is great for all levels. Binoculars encouraged but not required. Meet at the north end of the parking lot off Willow Road.

Skokie Lagoons (Willow Rd, east of I-94/Edens Expy): Saturday, October 11, 9:30am (R)

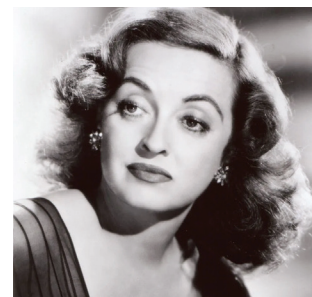
Live Performance

Bette Davis: A Living History Portrayal by Leslie Goddard



Few actresses in Hollywood rivaled Bette Davis for longevity and appeal. In such classic films as *Jezebel*, *Dark Victory*, *Now, Voyager*, *The Letter*, and *All About Eve*, Davis created a new kind of film heroine: strong, outspoken, and even wicked. And her personal life was as tempestuous as her life on screen.

Virtual: Tuesday, September 9, 7pm (R)



Petra Sings, Andy Swings

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

Northfield Library: Saturday, September 27, 2pm (R)

Edgar Allan Poe: To Tell a Tale with Terry Lynch

Literary chills abound in this performance by actor Terry Lynch, taking on the role of legendary spine-tingler Edgar Allan Poe. As Poe, Lynch will give a biographical sketch of the author and recite some of his most beloved poems and tales, including "The Raven" and "The Tell-Tale Heart."

Winnetka Library: Saturday, October 18, 3pm (R)

The Women: A Story of Two Army Nurses in Vietnam

Join storyteller and author Lynn Rymarz as she weaves the fictional story of Army Nurse Frances McGrath from *The Women* by Kristin Hannah and the true story of Army Nurse Lynda Van Devanter from her memoir *Home Before Morning*.

Winnetka Library: Saturday, November 8, 3pm (R)

Mrs. Charles Dickens with Jessica Michna

Charles Dickens, author, playwright, and actor was a master of characters and many of his characters were drawn from life. Meet Catherine Dickens, his long-suffering wife, and mother of ten children. Mrs. Dickens will relate her life with "Charlie" as he becomes perhaps England's greatest author and introduce the audience to such women as Nancy from *Oliver Twist*, Miss Havisham from *Great Expectations*, Betsey Trotwood from *David Copperfield* and others.

Winnetka Library: Saturday, November 15, 3pm (R)



Travel

A Spin Around the Globe

Join seasoned traveler Brian Michalski as he recounts adventures from over 30 countries across six continents. He'll share both highlights and hardships, ending with an open Q&A session.

Part 1

Discover Portugal's Azores Islands and explore Egyptian temples on the Nile. Paraglide on Turkey's south coast and motorbike the Ha Giang Loop in Vietnam. Learn about elephant conservation in Thailand and yearn for yummy Georgian cuisine.

Winnetka Library: Wednesday, October 15, 7pm (R)

Part 2

Tour Egypt's ancient pyramids and escape to Croatia's Hvar Island. Soar in hot air balloons over Turkey and brave Mauritania's infamous Iron Ore train. Learn about the dizzying climb to Mount Everest Base Camp and salivate over Thailand's bold flavors.

Winnetka Library: Wednesday, November 12, 7pm (R)

Personal Finance

Financial Planning Appointment

Do you have questions about how to invest, budget, or safeguard your finances? Schedule a free, one-hour in-person consultation with Certified Financial Planner®, Ed Gjertsen II, past national president of the Financial Planning Association and founder of Engage Wealth Group.

There is a limit of one session per person.

Winnetka Library: Tuesdays, September 9, October 14 & November 11, 10am & 11am (R)

Science

Branching Out: A Tree Identification Walk Through Crow Island Woods

Join Openlands TreeKeeper Lynn Zaransky for a fall tree walk at Crow Island Woods.

We will identify trees, talk about urban tree care, and enjoy the fall colors. We will meet at the firepit at Crow Island Woods.

Crow Island Woods (1140 Willow Rd, Winnetka): Saturday, October 4, 9am (R)

Mysteries of the Cosmos: Searching for Life Beyond Earth



Are we alone in the universe, or is life more common than we think?

This thought-provoking presentation explores one of humanity's oldest and most fundamental questions: how pervasive is life in the cosmos? We'll examine extreme micro-environments on Earth and consider the implications of life on other planets.

Virtual: Thursday, October 23, 7pm (R)

Hidden Earth: Exploring the Science and Beauty of Caves

Dave Mundt is the tour manager at Lake Shasta Caverns in Northern California and a professional caver who loves to go wild caving. Join us for a virtual tour of some of his adventures as he shares insight about these natural wonders.

Virtual: Thursday, November 6, 7pm (R)

Technology

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 session, get an overview of online tools like Creativebug, Novelist, and more.

Virtual: Wednesday, September 3, 1:30pm • Adults (R)

Google Docs: Resumes and Cover Letters

Learn how to get started with Google Docs, utilizing templates to create your next resume or cover letter.

Virtual: Wednesday, September 17, 1:30pm • Adults (R)

Cut the Cord: Alternatives to Premium Cable Services

Looking to reduce your cable bill? Explore alternatives to watch your favorite shows and the latest movies or how to bundle streaming services together.

Virtual: Wednesday, October 8, 1:30pm • Adults (R)

Alternatives to Adobe

Looking to get started with photo or video editing without paying a premium? This class covers free software like Canva, DaVinci Resolve, and Audacity to help you unleash your creativity.

Virtual: Wednesday, October 22, 1:30pm • Adults (R)

Artificial Intelligence: Promise and Peril

Worried about the impact of A.I. in our ever-changing world? Author Lance Erlick will discuss the promise of A.I. and the myths and potential threats posed by systems that mimic human intelligence.

Virtual: Tuesday, November 4, 6:30pm (R)

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: Wednesday, November 5, 6pm • Adults (R)

Browse Smarter, Not Harder: Password Protection and Internet Security

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

Virtual: Wednesday, November 19, 1:30pm • Adults (R)



Do You Need Tech Help?

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

The Studio: Thursdays 3–5pm

Poetry Contest: Short Poem Challenge

Don't be bashful! Enter a short poem in the Winnetka-Northfield Library District's Short Poem Challenge. You may be a winner!

Judged by local author and poet Charlotte Digregorio, whose latest book *Wondrous Instruction and Advice from Global Poets* is available through the Library.

Submission Period: September 1–10

Eligibility: Open to Ages 16+

Submission Guidelines:

- One poem per entrant
- Poem must be 12 lines or fewer
- It must be your own original work, unpublished (in print or online) and not a previous contest winner.

How to Submit by Email:

Send to poetry@wnpld.org

Include in the body of your email:

- Your name, email, and phone number
- The poem's title (If untitled, write "No Title" and it will be identified by the first line)

Attach your poem as a Word doc or similar file. The attachment should contain only:

- The poem's title (or "No Title")
- The poem itself

Do not include your name or contact info in the attachment!

How to Submit by Mail:

Send to:
Winnetka Public Library
Attn: Nick Mall
768 Oak St.
Winnetka, IL 60093

Include two typed pages:

- Page 1: Your name, poem title (or "No Title"), and phone number
- Page 2: Only the poem title (or "No Title") and the poem itself

Winning Entries: Winners will be notified by Sept 25. Prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third Place, plus one honorable mention.

The Studio

Book Your Holiday Appointments

The holiday season is a busy time for makers! To help accommodate everyone, especially those working on holiday gifts and projects, appointments are recommended to use The Studio's equipment and workspace. Keep in mind when you make your appointments:

- Each appointment is limited to 1.5 hours
- Same-day appointments may be available if space allows

Ready to book? It's easy!

☎ Call us at 847-446-7220 ext. 3

📱 Reserve online at wnpld.org/studio

👋 Or stop by The Studio desk—we're happy to help!

Thanks for helping us make room for everyone this season!

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 embroidery software and explore project ideas to start creating your own stitched designs.

The Studio: Friday, September 12, 3pm • Ages 14+ (R)

Image Transfer Basics

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

The Studio: Friday, September 19, 3pm • Ages 14+ (R)

Laser Cutting Basics

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

The Studio: Friday, October 10, 3pm • Ages 14+ (R)

Decal Design Basics with Cricut

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

The Studio: Friday, October 17, 3pm • Ages 14+ (R)

Decal Design Basics with Silhouette

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

The Studio: Friday, November 14, 3pm • Ages 14+ (R)

Workshops in The Studio

Take-Home Craft: Bookshelf Fridge Magnet

Make a mini bookshelf to hang on your fridge.

The Studio: September 1–30 • Ages 12+

Notebook Makeover: Back to School Style!

Personalize your new favorite notebook in time for school using puff paint, stickers, and vinyl decal stickers.

The Studio: Tuesdays, September 2 & 9, 6pm • Tweens & Teens (R)

“Fiestive” Décor

Bienvenue Hispanic Heritage Month with a “fiestive” wall hanging! This colorful creation will be made mostly of paper with acrylic cut accents.

The Studio: Sunday, September 7, 1pm Adults (R)

Intro to Hand Embroidery

Discover the essentials of traditional hand embroidery in this beginner-friendly workshop. By the end, you’ll grasp fundamental stitches and techniques, empowering you to embark on your own creative projects with confidence.

The Studio: Saturday, September 13, 10am–4pm • Adults (R)

Custom Flowerpots

Get ready to spruce up your space for the season. Use our Silhouette machine to create personalized decals for custom flowerpots, perfect for fall plants.

The Studio: Wednesday, September 24, 6pm • Adults (R)



Pumpkin Pie Garland

Create a charming felt pumpkin pie garland using our laser cutter.

The Studio: Tuesday, November 4, 6pm & Saturday, November 8, 1pm • Ages 12+ (R)

Enchanted Wood Boxes

Learn how to use our laser cutter to make a beautiful wooden inlaid box, perfect for holding your tiny treasures or as a special gift.

The Studio: Tuesday, November 11, 6pm Adults (R)

“I’m Thankful For” Décor

Join us in making paper gourds in different sizes and colors for a dreamy tablescape or mantle showpiece.

The Studio: Saturday, November 15, 1pm Adults (R)

Workshops at Northfield:

Sit & Knit

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

Northfield Library: Thursdays, September 4 & 18, October 2, 16 & 30, November 13, 3pm • Adults (R)

Mixed Media Journaling

Drop in for camaraderie and creativity as we make free form, mixed media journal entries. Supplies provided.

Northfield Library: Tuesdays, September 9 & 23, October 7 & 21, November 4 & 18, 6pm • Adults (D)

Craft Your Fall Bookmark

Fall is for reading! Join us to create your own personalized laminated bookmark.

Northfield Library: Tuesday, September 30, 6pm • Adults (R)

Glow & Etch: Fall Candle Creations

Light up your autumn nights! In this hands-on workshop, you’ll pair the cozy art of candle making with elegant glass etching to craft your own glowing, personalized fall décor.

Northfield Library: Tuesday, October 28, 6pm • Adults (R)

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Take-Home Craft: Tassle Ghosts

All you need is yarn and paper to make these adorable, flowy cotton ghosts—perfect as ornaments or spooky keychains.

The Studio: October 1–31 • All Ages

Interpret and Create

Join us for a unique art series where a different work of art will be displayed on screen each session. In a relaxed, welcoming setting, you’ll be encouraged to share your thoughts, interpret the piece, and create your own artwork inspired by what you see. It’s a wonderful opportunity to explore your creativity, connect with others, and enjoy artistic expression.

The Studio: Wednesdays, October 1 & 8, 6pm • Adults (R)

The Studio: Saturday, October 25, 2pm All Ages (R)

Botanical Silver Clay Pendant

Fine silver metal clay is like something out of an alchemist’s laboratory — a small gray lump that transforms into a beautiful silver pendant. In this hands-on workshop, artist Sulie Girardi will guide you through creating your own pendant featuring botanical designs, accented with a sparkling, heat-resistant cubic zirconia stone.

The Studio: Tuesday, October 7, 5:30pm–8:30pm • Adults (R)

Northfield Library: Wednesday, October 8, 11am–2pm • Adults (R)

Wooden Jack-O-Lantern

Create a charming stack of rustic wooden pumpkins using design software and our laser cutter.

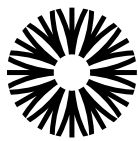
The Studio: Saturday, October 11, 1pm & Tuesday, October 14, 6pm • Ages 13+ (R)

Haunted Wreath

Trick out your door with a Halloween wreath! Will it be spooky or spectacular? Make your reservation, if you dare, and find out.

The Studio: Sunday, October 12, 1:30pm Adults (R)





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Writing Workshop

A Three-Part Workshop for Curious Writers

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

Starting to Write - Winnetka Library: Thursday, October 16, 6:30pm (R)

Getting Feedback - Winnetka Library: Thursday, November 13, 6:30pm (R)

How to Publish - Winnetka Library: Thursday, December 11, 6:30pm (R)

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