

# PROGRAMS CLASSES EVENTS

December 2022 – February 2023

*Inspiring Connection, Curiosity, and Joy*



Palatine  
**LIBRARY**  
District



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# Friends of Palatine Library February Sale

**Join the Friends** – a single or family membership is only \$10 a year! Membership gets you free entry on Friday night for each Used Book Sale during your membership. Forms are located in the lobby of the Main Library.

The Friends made over \$13,000 at their October sale! Thanks to our community for shopping the sale and supporting the Library.

Donations of books, CDs, DVDs, and LPs are gratefully accepted. **We do not accept VHS, cassette tapes, encyclopedias, or magazines.**

For more information call 847-907-3600, x149 or email [friendsofthepalatinelibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofthepalatinelibrary@gmail.com).

The Friends of Palatine Library is a 501(c)(3) organization.

## February Used Book Sale We now accept credit cards!

### Sale Hours:

**Friday, February 10**  
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

**Friends members – No charge**  
**Non-members – \$5**

**Saturday, February 11**  
9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
**Free admission.**

**Sunday, February 12**  
12:30 – 3:00 p.m.  
**Free admission.**  
**Bargain day. All items are half price!**



**Featuring rare and gift-quality items!**

## Palatine Library Foundation

### Volunteer and Support the Library!

Palatine Library District Foundation needs you! We are recruiting members to help with a variety of tasks, including website maintenance, membership recruitment, corporate sponsorships, and donor relations.

If you are interested, please contact Board President Ed Kerr at [president@ppldf.org](mailto:president@ppldf.org) or watch the Library events calendar for upcoming Foundation meetings.

The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that raises funds for Palatine Library to enhance services, materials, and activities.

### Just ask us... we are ready to assist you!

**Main Library: 847-907-3600**

#### Department Extensions:

- Library Information: x100
- Renew Materials/Member Services: x125
- Children/Teens: x132
- Computers/Study Rooms: x167
- Movies/Music: x104
- The Workshop: x190
- Reference/Research/  
Fiction/Nonfiction: x167

#### Chat:

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[palatine@palatinelibrary.org](mailto:palatine@palatinelibrary.org)

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847-979-4555

#### North Hoffman Branch:

847-934-0220

#### Rand Road Branch:

847-202-1194



# Winter Reading Challenge

Monday, December 12 -  
Tuesday, January 31



## Reading Requirements

Birth – Grade 2	15 Books
Grades 3 – 6	5 Books
Grades 7 – 12	2 Books
Adults	2 Books

### Sign up on Beanstack!

- Download the Beanstack Tracker app on your smartphone or mobile device. **You may already have an account from past reading programs.**
- Go to [www.palatinelibrary.org](http://www.palatinelibrary.org) to sign up on Beanstack, or [palatinelibrary.beanstack.org/reader365](http://palatinelibrary.beanstack.org/reader365)

If you can't sign up online, call or visit any Library location for help from our friendly staff.  
**For valid District cardholders only.**



### Complete the program and get a prize!

Adults and teens receive a mug, and children (**birth through grade 6**) receive a star shaped stress ball toy. **Completion prizes are funded by the Friends of Palatine Library.**

### Give Back to the Community

When you participate in the Winter Reading Challenge, you help the community! **When we all read a total of 8,000 books, these generous partners will donate to support transportation, athletics, inclusion, scholarships, and general programming through the Northwest Special Recreation Association (NWSRA).**

- \$500 – Warehouse Direct
- \$500 – Palatine Bank & Trust
- \$500 – Cornerstone National Bank & Trust

### What is the NWSRA?

For over 40 years, the Northwest Special Recreation Association (NWSRA) has served residents with disabilities in 17 park districts including Palatine, Hoffman Estates, and Salt Creek. Along with providing programs to the park districts, the NWSRA also assists them in making their programs inclusive and accessible to residents with disabilities.



### Grand Prize Drawing

After completing the reading requirements, participants are entered in a drawing for a chance to win an amazing prize basket filled with gift cards generously donated by these participating businesses.



## More Ways to Give Back...

### Holiday Cards

**Thursday, December 8, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

Help brighten the holidays for NWSRA clients, families, and staff with handmade holiday cards. All are welcome to decorate cards with stickers, stamps, markers, and more! **Drop in.**

### Donation Drive

**Monday, December 12 – Tuesday, January 31**

During the Winter Reading Challenge, donate craft supplies to stock NWSRA's supply room for craft projects. Items needed are googly eyes, construction paper, glue sticks, pompom balls, pipe cleaners, stickers, and feathers.



# The Holiday Gift Guide

- Save up this holiday season and make personalized gifts in The Workshop Lab. We have a collection of ready-to-make items available for you. Don't wait, drop by now to get yours done early! *Limit two per person, per day. While supplies last. Drop in.*

\$2

## Sublimated Ornament

Print out one of your own photos or our designs on the sublimation printer to create a cute ornament.



\$3

## Sublimated Mug

Use our template and mug press to design a new mug.



\$0.50

## Laser Coaster

Use the laser to put a unique design on wood coasters.



\$1

## Laser Ornament

Make your decorations even more personalized with this wood ornament.



\$0.50

## 3" Magnet

Print your own design and turn it into a magnet, perfect as a stocking stuffer.



\$1

## Cricut Gift Tags

Cut your gift tags on cardstock with our templates.



Do you have an idea for a more elaborate gift? Scan the QR Code to book a one-on-one appointment for projects and gifts that are not on this list!



# The Workshop

Discover what you can create in The Workshop today!

[palatinelibrary.org/workshop](http://palatinelibrary.org/workshop)

## WORKSHOP CLASSES

Workshop classes open to ages 11 and up unless otherwise noted and located in The Workshop or second floor Computer Lab.



### Intro to Programming in Python

Monday, December 5  
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Learn basic programming concepts using Python programming language. Ages 13 and up. Sign up begins 11/21.

### Cricut Design Space for Beginners

Monday, January 9  
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Learn how to create your own designs for use on the Cricut to cut out vinyl and more. Sign up begins 12/26. Presented: Zoom.

### Sublimation Activity: Mugs

Friday, January 13  
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Join this guided activity to learn how to apply graphics to a mug using our sublimation printer and mug press. Materials provided. Sign up begins 12/30.

### Inkscape for Beginners

Tuesday, January 24  
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Learn the basics of the free vector graphics software, Inkscape, so that you can get started on your next laser cutting or embroidery creation. Sign up begins 1/10.



### Embroidery Pattern Design

Wednesday, January 25  
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Use our tools to design your own pattern for use on the embroidery machine. Ages 13 and up. Sign up begins 1/11.



### Design a T-Shirt

Monday, February 6  
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Design your own t-shirt on the Roland cutter during this guided activity. Materials provided. Sign up begins 1/23.

### Sewing for Beginners

Friday, February 10  
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Learn sewing basics on our brand new machines to create new designs or alter your clothes. Sign up begins 1/27.



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READ for the stars!

DECEMBER

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## From Emancipation to Inauguration

Monday, January 9  
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Join Chicago historian Clarence Goodman as he recounts the unique history and experiences of Black Chicagoans throughout the years.  
**Sign up begins 12/26.**



## Tour of Soups

Thursday, January 12  
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Great soup requires some know-how and patience. Learn how to make the best, most comforting soups at home this winter. **Sign up begins 12/29.**  
**Presented: Zoom.**

## Dann & Raymond's Movie Club: Composer and Filmmaker Collaborations

Wednesday, December 7, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Daily Herald film critic Dann Gire and film historian Raymond Benson present the greatest composer and filmmaker collaborations in movie history.  
**Sign up begins 11/23.**



## Telling a People's Story Traveling Exhibit: African American Children's Illustrated Literature

Tuesday, December 20 – Thursday, January 26

Explore African American cultural identity and history through children's authors and illustrators in this eye-opening exhibit courtesy of the Miami University Art Museum. These interesting panels are presented in a respectful manner and offer a creative and educational way to raise awareness.

**Panels are displayed on the second floor of the Main Library. Drop in.**



## Illinois Libraries Present

Palatine Library has joined Illinois Libraries Present to host exciting, virtual author book talks. **Sign up open now. Presented: Zoom.**



## An Evening with Shauna Sever

Tuesday, December 13  
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Join Shauna Sever, cookbook author, TV and radio contributor, and daughter of the great Midwest, for this special holiday season event. Shauna shares her love of food, baking, and some tips to make your holiday gatherings delicious.



## An Evening with Ross Gay

Wednesday, January 11  
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Kick off your new year with a conversation about joy with best-selling essayist and award-winning poet, Ross Gay. This discussion of his most recent collection of essays, *Inciting Joy*, explores the joy we incite when we turn our attention to what brings us together and to what we love.

These events are made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering high-quality events. Illinois Libraries Present is funded in part by a grant awarded by the Illinois State Library, a department of the Office of Secretary of State, using funds provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).



# ADULT PROGRAMS

Programs are in person unless otherwise noted.

## Escape Room: Ringing in the New Year

**Saturday, January 14**  
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Sunday, January 15**  
12:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Come with family and friends and solve puzzles to escape. **Recommended group size: 3 – 5 people. Sign up begins 12/31.**

## See It, Believe It, Achieve It

**Tuesday, January 24**  
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Art therapist Teresa Gregory leads a hands-on workshop to help you create your own vision board to represent your aspirations and inspire you to achieve them in the new year.  
**Sign up begins 1/10.**

## Shopping, Saving, Storing

**Wednesday, January 25**  
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Expert budgeter Jez Layman covers how to buy the best produce, store your food properly, and lower your grocery bills. Never throw out a container of strawberries again! **Sign up begins 1/11.**  
**Presented: Zoom.**

## Winter Soups and Stews

**Thursday, January 26**  
6:30 – 8:00 pm

Susan Maddox dishes up some great soup and stew recipes to help us keep warm in the cold weather.  
**Sign up begins 1/12.**  
**For valid District cardholders only.**

## Wandering the World

**Monday, January 30**  
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Gain inspiration for your own travels with author Peggy Simonsen as she recounts her journey, discussing nature, people, architecture, and culture from around the world. **Sign up begins 1/16.**

## CONNECT

### ESL Conversation Club

Tuesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

**December 6**  
**January 3, 17**  
**February 7, 21**

**Presented: Zoom.**

Practice your English conversational skills with staff and friendly volunteers. Basic conversation skills recommended.

**Sign up begins two weeks prior to each date.**

Tuesdays, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

**December 13**  
**January 10, 24**  
**February 14, 28**

**Presented: In Person.**

## FEBRUARY

### Stories from the Underground Railroad

**Thursday, February 2**  
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Storyteller Velma Gladney describes stories of the invisible tracks of the underground railroad. She relays details of the secret operation and the many hurdles African Americans faced in slavery.

**Sign up begins 1/19.**

**Presented: Zoom.**

### Mardi Gras

**Thursday, February 9**  
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Transform your kitchen into the best Mardi Gras party at home, complete with three traditional Creole recipes.

**Sign up begins 1/26.**

**Presented: Zoom.**

### Medicare Basics and You

**Wednesday, February 15**  
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Nancy Frenk, M.A., and Julie Stock, M.A., from the Palatine Township Senior Citizens Council give a breakdown of Medicare from eligibility and enrollment to prescription drug plans and low-income assistance. **Sign up begins 2/1.**  
**Presented: Zoom.**

### Dann & Raymond's Movie Club: A Night at the Oscars

**Wednesday, February 22**  
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Daily Herald film critic Dann Gire and film historian Raymond Benson discuss their picks for this year's Academy Award winners. **Sign up begins 2/8.**

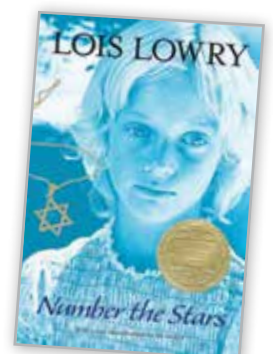


### ESL Read Together

Wednesdays, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

**January 11, 25**  
**February 8, 22**

Strengthen your English reading skills in a welcoming environment by reading *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry with us. **Copies available at the Information Desk. Presented: Hybrid (Zoom and in person).**



# ADULT PROGRAMS

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## HEALTH AND WELLNESS

### Chair Yoga

Wednesdays, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

**December 14, January 11, February 8**

Explore gentle postures, breathwork, meditation, and deep relaxation with Karen Fotopoulos, a registered yoga teacher from Discover Yoga with Karen. **Sign up begins two weeks prior to each date.**

### Blood Drive with Versiti Blood Centers



Wednesday, January 18, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Help save lives and make a difference! Many patients and families count on your lifesaving blood donations year-round. Appointments are encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome.

**Ages 16 and up.**

**Sign up here:** <https://bit.ly/BloodDrive-1-18-23>

### Mindfulness Meditation

Monday, February 6, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Learn mindful and meditative techniques to manage emotions and stress through difficult times with licensed therapist and meditation expert Dave Evans. **Sign up begins 1/23.**

**Presented: Zoom.**

## GENEALOGY

### Genealogy Group

Thursdays, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

**December 1, February 2**

Join others interested in genealogy for a session of sharing tips and learning new research tools.

**Sign up begins two weeks prior to each date. Presented: Zoom.**

### Organizing Genealogy: Less Piles, Better Files

Monday, December 5, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Save time and stay organized. Get tips on organizing paper and computer files with color coding, and learn how to organize heirlooms, photos, USB drives, and presentation handouts. **Sign up begins 11/21. Presented: Zoom.**

### Adoption Searches Past and Present

Monday, February 13, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Matt Rutherford, the curator of genealogy and local history at the Newberry Library, discusses the history of adoption records, policies, and research in the United States.

**Sign up begins 1/30. Presented: Zoom.**

## CAREERS

### Resume Clinic

Tuesdays, 6:00 – 8:45 p.m.

**December 6, February 7**

Career counselor Fred Ettinger presents strategies for creating a resume in today's market, followed by a one-on-one review of your resume with tips for improvement. **Sign up begins two weeks prior to each date.**

### Career Counseling Appointments

Fridays, 12:00, 12:35, 1:05 and 1:35 p.m.

**December 9, January 13, February 10**

Book a 30-minute consultation with career expert Jerry Donahue for resume help, LinkedIn profile review, and job searching strategies for any stage of your career. **Sign up begins two weeks prior to each date. Presented: Zoom.**

### Library Resources for Job Seekers

Fridays, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

**Sign up begins two weeks prior to each date.**

**Presented: Zoom.**

### Resume and Job Skills

**January 20**

Check out Brainfuse JobNow, LinkedIn Learning, BigInterview, and Gale Courses to refine your resume and fill in some gaps with new job skills.

### Searching for Job Success

**January 27**

Navigate Reference Solution and Plunkett to help you find quality employers and more.

### LinkedIn 101

Thursday, February 9, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Learn effective ways to use LinkedIn to connect with other professionals, find jobs, and keep on top of business news. **Sign up begins 1/26.**

### Job Interview Workshop

Saturday, February 25, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Career counselor Fred Ettinger leads an interactive class that covers all aspects of a job interview along with individual mock interviews. Get interview prep tips and learn how to craft the perfect elevator speech.

**Sign up begins 2/11.**





# TWEEN AND TEEN PROGRAMS

Tween: Grades 6-8 Teen: Grades 9-12

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### Tween Friday Fun

**Fridays, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.**

Grades 6 – 8. Sign up begins two weeks prior to each date.

**December 2:**

#### DIY Hot Cocoa Mix and Peppermint Spoons

Use our supplies to create a sweet treat that you can give as a gift.

**January 6:**

#### 3D Printing in The Workshop

Meet us in The Workshop to design a personalized keychain using our 3D printer. Come back on 1/13 to pick up your new keychain.

**February 3:**

#### Paracord Wristbands

Bring a friend and celebrate Friendship Month with this unique craft.

### Teen Make a Gift

**Thursday, December 8  
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

Join us to make a variety of gift-giving creations worthy of the holiday season. **Grades 6 – 12. Materials provided. Drop in.**

### Adulting and Appetizers

**Tuesdays, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.**

**January 3:**

#### Home and Personal Care

**February 7:**

#### Personal Finance Hacks

Are you going to be living on your own soon? Learn some helpful skills from professionals and sample new recipes from a local chef! **Grades 11 – 12. Sign up begins two weeks prior to each date.**

### Ramen Hacks for Teens

**Tuesday, January 17  
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.**

Learn to upgrade your basic package of instant noodles into a delicious snack or meal! **Grades 6 – 12. Materials provided. Food allergens such as dairy, nuts, or shellfish may be present. Drop in.**

### Paying For College Without Going Broke

**Thursday, January 26  
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

Join professionals from My College Planning Team for a webinar focused on exploring the complex world of need and merit-based financial aid. **Potential college students and guardians.**

**Sign up begins 1/12. Presented: Zoom.**

### Teen Book Club

**Tuesday, February 21  
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

Join us for a cozy beverage and the chance to talk about this month's YA title: *Sunny G's Series of Rash Decisions* by Navdeep Singh Dhillon. Didn't read the book? Join us anyway to chat about one of your favorites. **Grades 9 – 12.**

**Held offsite at Starbucks, 234 N. Northwest Hwy, Palatine. Copies are available at the Youth and Teen Desk. Sign up begins 2/7.**



### Finals De-stress Therapy Dog Sessions

**Monday, December 19  
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, December 20  
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

Need a break from studying for finals? Drop into one of our sessions with the Alliance of Therapy Dogs for some canine support. **Grades 9 – 12. Drop in.**



### Enjoy teen programs during Winter Break!

We've got new crafts, games, and pop-up programs to keep you busy during your winter break. Stop by the Teen Space to see what activities you can do.







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DECEMBER

## Gingerbread Houses

Thursday, December 15  
5:30 – 6:30 p.m. and  
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Join us to decorate a gingerbread house with your family. **Ages 4 and up. One house per family. Limited to five family members. Sign up begins 12/1. For valid District cardholders only.**



## Baby Footprint Art

Thursday, December 15  
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, December 17  
1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Create a painting using your baby's footprints to make a great gift for your loved ones this holiday season. **Ages 0 – 15 months. Sign up begins two weeks prior to each date.**

## Talewise Presents Fitness Fun

Wednesday, December 28  
11:00 – 11:45 a.m.

On your mark, get set, go! Join Talewise as they guide you through a story called *Animal Safari: The Big Cat Caper* to get you jumping, moving, and thinking about healthy choices. **Ages 4 – 12.**

**Tickets available 12/14 for valid District cardholders only.**

## LEGO® Club

Thursday, January 5  
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Show off your brick building skills with this fun activity. Join other LEGO® fans to share ideas and free build. **Ages 5 and up. Drop in.**

## 3D Printing for Kids

Friday, January 6  
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Meet us in The Workshop to design a personalized keychain using our 3D printer. Come back on 1/13 to pick up your new keychain. **Grades 3 – 5. Sign up begins 12/23.**

## Fit4Mom Presents Stroller Strides®

Monday, January 9  
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Stroller Strides® weaves songs and activities into a routine designed to entertain and engage baby while moms are led through a series of exercises using their strollers. This special "Story Strides" edition also includes books. Children must remain in their stroller or carrier throughout the program. **Ages 0 – 6. Waiver required.**

**Sign up begins 12/26.**

## Let's Explore STEM

Wednesday, January 11:  
**Magnets, Mirrors, and Magnification**

Monday, January 30:  
**Math and Measuring**

Saturday, February 18:  
**Fun with Fine Motor**  
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Explore science, math, and pre-writing skills in this three-week series with fun activities. **Ages 4 – 7. Drop in.**



## Telling a People's Story Traveling Exhibit: African American Children's Illustrated Literature

Tuesday, December 20 – Thursday, January 26  
See page 6 for more details.



# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Parents and caregivers must remain with children under 9 years old.

Programs are in person unless otherwise noted.

## FEBRUARY



### Mammals and More

**Monday, January 16**  
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Join Animal Quest for an up-close look at some furry creatures. **All ages.** Tickets available 1/2 for valid District cardholders only.

### Dinosaur Silhouette Art

**Monday, January 16**  
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Create a one-of-a-kind dinosaur artwork. **Ages 6 – 10.** Sign up begins 1/2.



### Chinese New Year Celebration

**Tuesday, January 17**  
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Welcome the Year of the Rabbit and celebrate Chinese New Year with stories and a craft presented by Chicago Northwest Suburban Chinese School.

**Ages 4 and up.** Sign up begins 1/3.

### Preschool/Daycare Fair

**Thursday, January 19**  
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Stop by to talk to representatives from local preschool and daycare organizations to learn what their facilities can offer your child. **Drop in.**

### Busy Toddlers

**Monday, January 23**  
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Explore sensory activities and enjoy a simple craft just right for teeny-tiny hands. Dress for messy fun. **Ages 1 – 3.** Contact staff for allergy information. **Drop in.**

### Harry Potter Night

**Thursday, February 2**  
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Are you a fan of *Harry Potter*? Join us for a fun night filled with crafts, trivia, and more. Come dressed up as your favorite character to be entered in our costume contest. **All ages.** Drop in.

### Happy Birthday, Mo Willems!

**Saturday, February 11**  
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Celebrate Mo Willems' birthday with Elephant, Piggie, and the Pigeon! Make crafts, play games, and read Mo's newest book, *The Pigeon Will Ride the Roller Coaster*. **All ages.** Sign up begins 1/28.

### Candy Science STEM

**Monday, February 13**  
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Science is sweet! Have fun conducting experiments with candy. **Grades 1 – 4.** Sign up begins 1/30.



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### Science Heroes

**Monday, February 20**  
11:00 – 11:45 a.m.

Help us welcome Patrick Cobb as he demonstrates how fun science can be. Lucky volunteers can ride on a hovercraft, make clouds with water, and more.

**All ages.** Tickets available 2/6 for valid District cardholders only.

### Mason Jar Terrarium STEM

**Tuesday, February 21**  
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Take nature home by creating an indoor garden in a mason jar. **Ages 7 – 11.** Materials provided. Sign up begins 2/7.



### Virtual Author Visit: Shannon Hale and LeUyen Pham

**Saturday, February 11, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

Love the graphic novel series *Real Friends*? Join us for a virtual author visit with writer Shannon Hale and illustrator LeUyen Pham. Learn about their books, ask them your questions, and participate in a fun activity. Presented in partnership with Aurora Public Library.

**Grades 3 – 8.** Sign up begins 1/28.

**Presented: Hybrid (Zoom and in person).**



Inspired by a nationwide educational initiative that explores Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math



# CHILDREN'S STORYTIMES

Storytimes are in person unless otherwise noted.

Parents and caregivers must remain with children. Programs within the same week feature the same stories. *Sign up begins two weeks prior to each date.*

- **Baby Storytime**  
Ages 0 – 12 months.  
Thursdays, 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.  
No Baby Storytime: December 15, February 23
- **Toddler Storytime**  
Ages 1 – 2.  
Fridays, 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.  
No Toddler Storytime: December 30, February 17
- **Preschool Storytime**  
Ages 3 – 5.  
Tuesdays, 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.  
No Preschool Storytime:  
December 27, January 17, February 14
- **Family Storytime**  
Ages 1 through 5.  
Every first and third  
Wednesday of the month  
4:00 – 4:30 p.m.

## SPECIAL STORYTIMES

### Noon Year's Eve Party

Tuesday, December 27  
11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Friday, December 30  
11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Ring in the New Year with a family-friendly dance party! Dance along to pop hits and storytime favorites, take a family photo at our photo booth, and countdown to noon with an apple juice toast! **All ages.** *Sign up begins two weeks prior to each date.*

### Fit4Mom Presents Stroller Strides®

Monday, January 9  
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.  
See page 10 for details.

### Valentine's Day Storytime

Tuesday, February 14  
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Join us for a Valentine's storytime with stories, songs, and a special craft. **Ages 2 – 6.** *Sign up begins 1/31.*

### Infant/Toddler Massage

Thursday, February 23  
10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

Learn the basics of performing infant and toddler massage in this introductory workshop with certified infant massage instructor Loredana Tomasello. **Ages 0 – 24 months.** *Sign up begins 2/9.*





## Crafty Kids

Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Main Library

Stop by to make a simple craft together. Each week explores a different topic to spark your child's creativity and curiosity.

**Ages 3 – 7. While supplies last. Drop in.**

### Manualidades Para Niños

Los jueves, 10:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m.

en la Sucursal Principal

Pasa por una manualidad sencilla para hacer juntos. Cada semana explore un tema diferente diseñado para fomentar la creatividad y la curiosidad de su niño. **Para edades de 3 a 7. Hasta agotar las existencias. Entrada libre.**

Escanee el Código QR para leer sobre cada manualidad en español.



### December 1: Penguin

Make an adorable penguin craft.

### December 8: Snowman Pompom Popper

Create a special snowman that can pop out pompoms.

### December 15: 3D Star

Celebrate Hanukkah by making a 3D star.

### December 22: Paper Collage Ornament

Make a colorful ornament using an artistic collage.

### December 29: Kwanzaa Wreath

Learn the seven values of Kwanzaa while making a beautiful wreath.

### January 5: Indoor Fireworks

Welcome the New Year with decorative fireworks.

### January 12: Peace Craft

Make a handprint peace craft to honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

### January 19: Paper Roll Dragon

Ring in the Lunar New Year by creating your own dragon out of paper rolls.

### January 26: Paper Roll Kaleidoscope

Get lost in a colorful world with your own kaleidoscope.

### February 2: Groundhog

Celebrate Groundhog Day by making a groundhog craft.

### February 9: Paper Plate Pizza

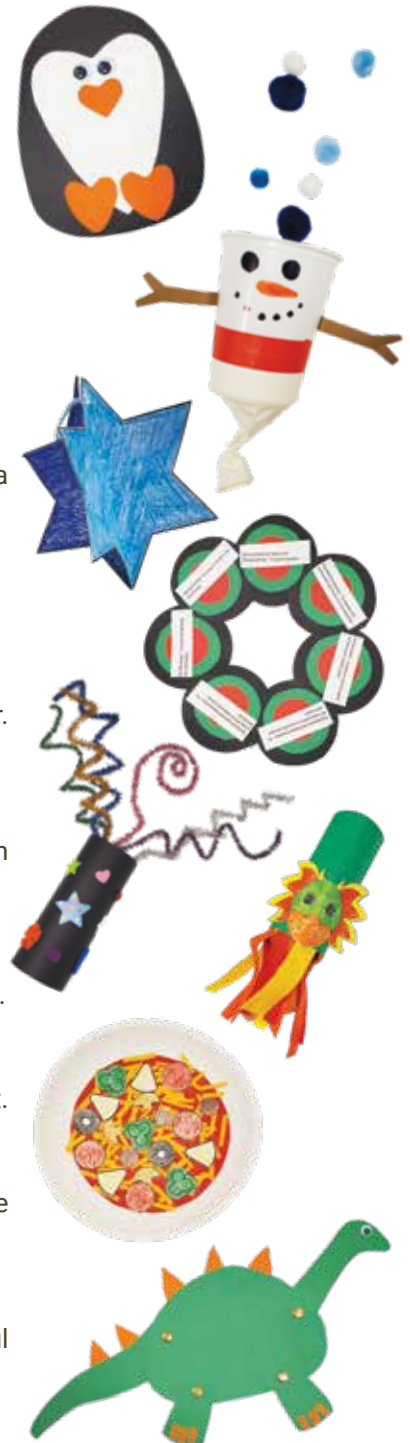
Make a paper plate pizza to celebrate National Pizza Pie Day.

### February 16: Alma Thomas Inspired Craft

Use torn up pieces of paper to make your own colorful masterpiece like artist Alma Thomas.

### February 23: Dinosaur

Chomp, stomp, roar! Stop by to make your favorite dinosaur.



# NORTH HOFFMAN BRANCH CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Programs are in person unless otherwise noted.

## Winter Reading Challenge

Monday, December 12 -  
Tuesday, January 31

Give Back to the Community!  
See page 3 for details.



### Crafty Kids

Thursdays, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

See page 13 for more details. Ages 3 – 7.

Drop in.

### Let's Explore STEM

Monday, December 5

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Explore science with magnets, magnifiers, and mirrors! Ages 4 – 7. Drop in.

### Preschool Storytime

Mondays, 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.

December 12

January 9, 23

February 6, 20

Ages 1 – 5. Sign up begins two weeks prior to each date.

### LEGO® Club

Tuesdays, 12:00 – 5:00 p.m.

December 13, January 24, February 14

Show off your brick building skills with this fun activity. Join other LEGO® fans to share ideas, free build, or use the challenge cards for your own special creation. Grades 2 – 5. Drop in.

### Gingerbread Houses

Wednesday, December 21

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Join us to decorate a gingerbread house with your family. Ages 4 and up. One house per family. Limited to five family members. Sign up begins 12/7. For valid District cardholders only.

### Build-It! STEM

Wednesdays,

11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

December 28, January 18,

February 22

Get creative with our Gears! Gears! Gears!® building set. Connect the gears to experiment with movement, sorting, and construction.

Ages 5 and up. Drop in.

### Fire and Ice Reaction Show

Tuesday, January 3

1:00 – 1:45 p.m.

Learn about chemical reactions with Absolute Science in this amazing show that features liquid nitrogen experiments and color changing fire! All ages.

Tickets available 12/20 for valid District cardholders.

### Dinosaur Silhouette Art

Monday, January 30

3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Create a one-of-a-kind dinosaur artwork. Ages 6 – 10.

Sign up begins 1/16.

## RAND ROAD BRANCH

### Crafty Kids

Thursdays, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

See page 13 for more details. Ages 3 – 7.

Drop in.

### Manualidades Para Niños

Los jueves, 1:00 a 5:00 p.m.

Ve la página 13 para más detalles.

Para edades de 3 a 7. Entrada libre.

### Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

December 14

January 4, 18

February 1, 15

Ages 1 – 5. Sign up begins two weeks prior to each date.

### Hora de

### Cuentacuentos Prescolar

Los miércoles, 11:30 a.m. a

12:00 p.m.

14 de diciembre

4 y 18 de enero

1 y 15 de febrero

Para edades de 1 a 5. Inscripción inicia dos semanas antes de cada fecha.

## Adult Program

### Book Discussion

Titles are available in ebook format in hoopla or Digital Library of Illinois. Print copies are available at the North Hoffman Branch.

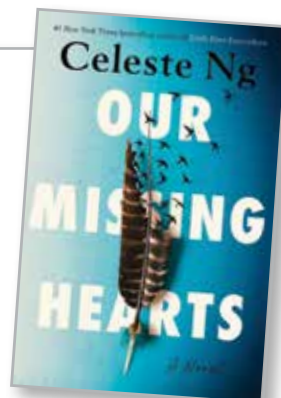
### Our Missing Hearts

by Celeste Ng

Tuesday, January 17, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Willow Recreation Center Meeting Room

In the dystopian near future, a 12-year-old boy searches for his mother who was forced to abandon his family due to her political views. Available 12/1.





# Desafío de Lectura de Invierno

lunes, 12 de diciembre al  
martes, 31 de enero

¡Devolver a la Comunidad!  
Vea la página 3 para detalles.

# RAND ROAD BRANCH CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS PROGRAMAS PARA NIÑOS

Presentado en persona.



## JG's Reptile Road Show

Thursday, January 5  
1:00 – 1:45 p.m.

Join JG for an exciting, hands-on experience with reptiles from all over the world.

**All ages. Tickets available 12/22 for valid District cardholders.**

- **Espectáculo de Reptiles de JG**
- jueves, 5 de enero, 1:00 a 1:45 p.m.

Acompáñanos a tener una experiencia divertida e interactiva con JG y sus reptiles del alrededor del mundo.

**Para todas las edades.**

**Boletos estarán disponibles el 22/12 para tarjetahabientes validos del Distrito.**



## La Loteria

Tuesday, February 7  
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Learn to play La Loteria, a traditional game of chance played throughout Mexico that most resembles BINGO with pictures. **All ages.**

**Sign up begins 1/24.**

## La Lotería

martes, 7 de febrero  
6:00 a 7:30 p.m.

Aprenda a jugar la lotería, un juego de azar tradicional que se juega a través de México parecido a Bingo con fotos. **Para todas las edades.**

**Regístrese a partir del 24/1.**

## Gingerbread Houses

Monday, December 19  
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Join us to decorate a gingerbread house with your family. **Ages 4 and up. One house per family. Limited to five family members. Sign up begins 12/5. For valid District cardholders only.**

## Casas de Pan de Jengibre

lunes, 19 de diciembre  
4:00 a 5:00 p.m.

Acompáñanos juntos a tu familia a decorar las casas de pan de jengibre. **Para edades de 5 y mayor. Una casa por familia. Limitado a cinco miembros de familia. Regístrese a partir del 5/12. Para tarjetahabientes validos del Distrito.**

## Build-It! STEM

Tuesdays, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

December 27, January 17,  
February 21

Get creative with our Magformers® collection. Connect the magnetic tiles to create buildings, shapes, or anything you can imagine. **Ages 5 and up. Drop in.**

## ¡Constrúyelo! STEM

Los martes, 11:00 a.m. a 4:00 p.m.  
27 de diciembre, 17 de enero,  
21 de febrero

Hazte creativo con nuestra colección de Magformers®. Conecta las formas magnéticas para crear edificios, otras formas o cualquier cosa que te puedas imaginar. **Para edades de 5 y mayor.**

**Entrada libre.**

## Dinosaur Silhouette Art

Monday, January 23

Pick up a kit to create a one-of-a-kind dinosaur artwork. **Ages 6 – 10.**

**Drop in.**

## Arte con Siluetas de Dinosaurios

lunes, 23 de enero

Recoge tu kit para qué crees tu obra de arte único con tu dinosaurio.

**Para edades de 6 a 10. Entrada libre.**

## Let's Explore STEM

Monday, February 13

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Explore science with magnets, magnifiers, and mirrors. **Ages 4 – 7.**

**Drop in.**

## Exploremos STEM

lunes, 13 de febrero

11:00 a.m. a 1:00 p.m.

Explora la ciencia con imanes, lupas, y espejos. **Para edades de 4 a 7.**

**Entrada libre.**

## Adult Program Programa para adultos

### Escape Room: Ringing in the New Year

Monday, January 16, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Come with family and friends and solve puzzles to escape.

**Recommended group size: 3 – 5 people. Sign up begins 12/31.**

### Sala de Escape: Para recibir el Año Nuevo

lunes, 16 de enero, 10:00 a.m. a 4:00 p.m.

Vengan con su familia y amigos para escapar resolviendo los rompecabezas.

**Se recomiendan grupos de 3 a 5 personas. Regístrese a partir 31/12.**



# TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

Classes are open to valid District cardholders.  
Programs are in person unless noted otherwise.

## DIGITAL LIFE

### Cutting The Cable

Wednesday, January 18  
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Save money and discover the newest streaming services and devices for movies, music, and productivity such as Google Chromecast, Roku, Netflix, Hulu, and more.

*Sign up begins 1/4.*

### Professional Headshots Pop-Up

Wednesday, February 8  
1:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Sign up for a time to come in and get a headshot taken for use on your professional profiles like LinkedIn. *Sign up begins 1/25. Look out for a follow-up email from us to schedule your timeslot.*



### NFTs: Acquiring Digital Assets

Monday, February 20  
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Hearing about NFTs all over the news and wondering what they are? Mike Gershbein from Very Smart People discusses what they are and if this is a passing trend for producing or acquiring digital media. *Sign up begins 2/6.*

## TECHNOLOGY BASICS

### Microsoft Excel

Wednesday, December 7  
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Monday, January 16  
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 21  
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Learn the fundamentals of working with spreadsheets using Microsoft Excel. Basic computer skills required.

*Sign up begins two weeks prior to each date.*

*For valid District cardholders only.*



### iPhone and iPad

Tuesday, January 17  
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Learn basic navigation and customization features on iPhones and iPads from Mike Gershbein of Very Smart People.

*Sign up begins 1/3.*

### Windows 11

Tuesday, January 31  
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Mike Gershbein from Very Smart People returns to teach you everything you need to get started with Windows 11.

*Sign up begins 1/17.*



### Computer Basics

Wednesday, February 22  
1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Learn how to identify computer hardware and software, execute common computer functions, and start file management to increase your digital literacy. *Sign up begins 2/8.*



## A Look Back at Our Strategic Plan

In September 2018, the Library Board of Trustees approved a new strategic plan to give us direction to continue to serve our community. With feedback from surveys, comment cards, and focus groups, this plan was divided into three categories: experience, engagement, and endurance to inspire growth and change while remaining committed to our core values.

Through this plan, we have accomplished so much over the last four years! Today, our locations are more accessible, our services and programs are more robust, and we work more closely with our community partners.

Here's how we were able to accomplish our goals.

### Experience

**We strived to exceed members' expectations.**

- By eliminating late fees, implementing automatic renewals, and joining the CCS catalog consortium, we have made getting items at the Library more accessible.
- We also added a makerspace, curbside pickup, Library of Things, proctoring, and notary services to be flexible to your needs.

### Engagement

**We worked with the community to increase our reach and impact.**

- We made strides towards equity, diversity, and inclusion through our staff-led committee, conducted a diversity audit to add more diverse items to the collection, researched languages spoken in the community, and are hiring more bilingual staff.

### Endurance

**We strived for sustainability in our practices, human and financial resources, and facilities.**

- We used grant funding and funding through the referendum to finance our renovation, and we updated our financial management plan, capital maintenance plan, appraisal, and inventory of property.

We're grateful for your support and the support of local businesses and our community partners who helped make these improvements possible. We look forward to the many ways we can continue to grow and provide services to you. In 2023, we're excited to create a new strategic plan with your input!

## By the Numbers

Fiscal Year 2021 - 2022

### Circulation

includes print and digital materials, plus music and movies

Grand Total  
**1,242,045**

### Items in Collection:

movies, music, print, and digital titles

Items in Collection  
**1,130,966**

Total New Items  
**28,409**

(note: doesn't include e-content)

### Programs and Attendance

Adult/All Ages/  
Other Programs  
Attendance

**17,057**  
(404 programs)

Teen Programs  
Attendance

**1,530**  
(65 programs)

Children Programs  
Attendance

**24,506**  
(608 programs)

### Research Resources

Databases

**44**  
subscriptions

### Assistance

Reference and Reading

**104,718**

(includes email and chat)

Technology

**24,083**

Directional

**34,743**

### Cardholders

Total

**39,872**

Total new

**4,593**

### Visitors

**262,092**

Curbside  
Deliveries

**1,432**

Computer  
Sessions

**25,652**

Wi-fi  
Connections

**352,643**

### Sessions

Meeting Room

**281**

Study Room

**5,895**

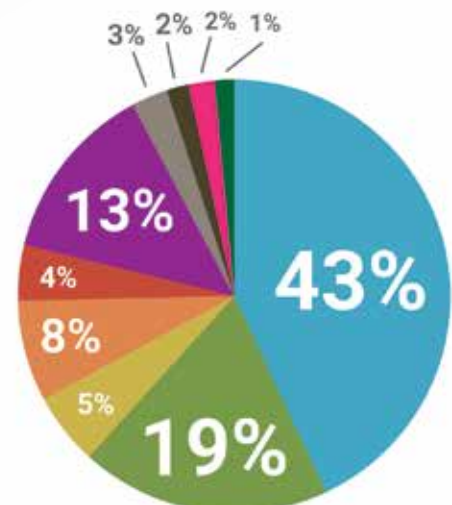
## 2021-2022 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

### INCOME

Property Tax Revenue	\$9,276,258
Grants and Donations	\$915,954
Investment Income	\$31,370
Other Fees and Income	\$62,311
Personal Prop Rep Tax	\$190,915
TIF Rebates	\$150,316
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$10,627,124</b>

### EXPENSES

Salaries and Benefits	\$4,504,921
Renovation	\$1,962,415
Bond Expenses	\$561,850
Books and Materials	\$787,888
Contracts	\$439,552
Capital Expenses	\$1,401,335
Other Operating	\$283,907
Utilities	\$174,964
Building Maintenance	\$196,272
Supplies	\$155,760
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$10,468,834</b>



# ADULT BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Titles are available in ebook format in hoopla or Digital Library of Illinois. Print copies are available at the Information Desk.

Book Discussions are in person.

## FRIDAY MORNING

*Fridays, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.*

**December 2**

### **Wintering**

by Katherine May

Journalist May finds beauty and comfort during a difficult period in her life. **Available now.**

**January 6**

### **Book Share**

Share a favorite book of the past year with other readers.

**February 3**

### **Libertie**

by Kaitlyn Greenidge

Growing up as a freeborn Black girl during Reconstruction, Libertie must contend with her mother's desires for her future as she searches for her role in the world. **Available January 6.**

## MONDAY EVENING

*Mondays, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.*

**January 16**

### **Klara and the Sun**

by Kazuo Ishiguro

Artificial friend Klara becomes a companion to a sick teenager.

**Available now.**

**February 20**

### **Wintering**

by Katherine May

Journalist May finds beauty and comfort during a difficult period in her life. **Available January 16.**

## CRIME READERS

*Wednesdays, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.*

**December 14**

### **Shroud for a Nightingale**

by P.D. James

Adam Dalgliesh of New Scotland Yard investigates mysterious deaths at a nurse training school in this classic mystery. **Available now.**

**January 11**

### **I'll Be You**

by Janelle Brown

Twin sisters and former child actors must confront their past when one goes missing at a mysterious spa that might be a cult.

**Available December 14.**

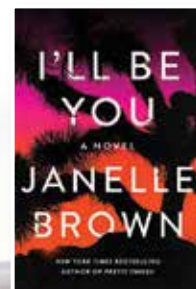
**February 8**

### **As the Wicked Watch**

by Tamron Hall

A crime reporter in Chicago searches for a serial killer targeting Black women.

**Available January 11.**

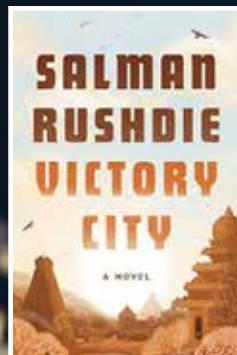
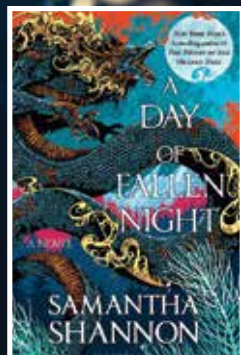
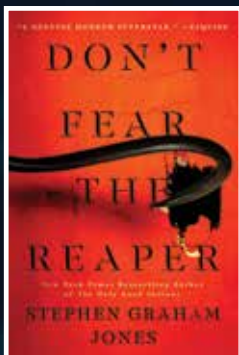
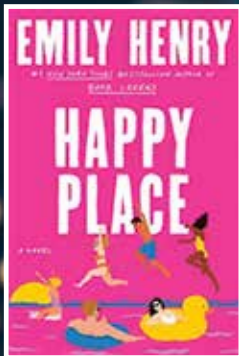




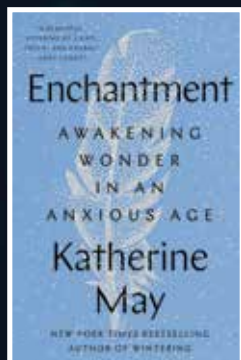
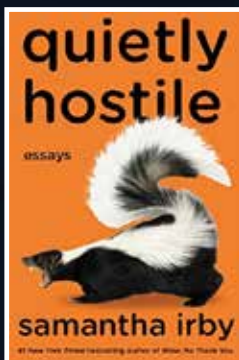
# Most Anticipated Books of

# 2023

## FICTION



## NONFICTION



## Custom Picks

Get your 2023 reading list ready with Custom Picks!  
Our expert staff curate a list of titles for you based on your reading preferences, perfect for all ages.  
Find your next favorite book with Custom Picks at [palatinelibrary.org/custom-picks](https://palatinelibrary.org/custom-picks).

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## Library Facilities Closed

### CHRISTMAS EVE

Saturday, December 24

### CHRISTMAS DAY

Sunday, December 25

### NEW YEAR'S EVE

Saturday, December 31

Closing at 1:00 p.m.

### NEW YEAR'S DAY

Sunday, January 1

### STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Friday, February 17

Closed: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

All locations open: 2:00 p.m.



### Meet the New Board Member Bhumika Puklin

On September 20, Bhumika Puklin was appointed the newest Library Board member, serving through May 2023.



Bhumika is a registered nurse in the neuroscience intensive care unit at the University of Illinois Hospital in Chicago. She holds a master of science degree in nursing and a bachelor of art education degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago. Bhumika lives in Palatine with her two children and is a frequent library user. She has served as a volunteer in several organizations and has participated in Spanish immersion activities.

### Telling a People's Story Traveling Exhibit: African American Children's Illustrated Literature

Tuesday, December 20 –

Thursday, January 26

See page 6 for more details.

### Thanks to Our Sponsors!

Our community partners are essential to the success of our library-wide events: Summer Reading, Show Your Card, and Winter Reading Challenge. Thank you to all the local businesses that partnered with us in 2022 to support our programs!

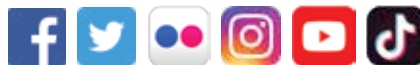
A special thanks to our platinum level sponsors who participated in all three programs:



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Mon–Thurs: 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Fri: 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sat: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sun: 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.



**North Hoffman Branch  
3600 Lexington Drive  
Hoffman Estates, IL 60192  
847-934-0220**

Mon – Thurs: 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Fri: 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sat: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Sun: Closed



**Rand Road Branch  
1585 Rand Road  
Palatine, IL 60074  
847-202-1194**

Mon–Thurs: 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Fri: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sat: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Sun: Closed

### LIBRARY BOARD of TRUSTEES

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The Board meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. The public is welcome to attend.

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