

# PROGRAMS CLASSES EVENTS

December 2023 – February 2024

*Inspiring Connection, Curiosity, and Joy*



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**LIBRARY**  
District



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## Palatine Library Foundation

### Volunteer and Support the Library!

The 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.

### Giving Tuesday Fundraiser

Tuesday, November 28

This is the perfect time of year to support the Library and their ongoing programs. This year we are raising funds to replace the old train table in the Main Library Early Literacy Area.

Donate at [ppldf.org/makeadonation.html](http://ppldf.org/makeadonation.html). The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that raises funds for Palatine Library to enhance services, materials, and activities.

## Friends of Palatine Library

**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.

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 accept curbside drop off of donated items on the last Saturday of every month from 9:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

No curbside drop off the week before the sale.

The Friends had another successful sale this past October! Thank you to our community for shopping the sale and supporting the Library.

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

### February Used Book Sale

We accept credit cards!

#### Sale Hours:

Friday, February 9  
 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
 Friends' members – No charge  
 Non-members – \$5

Saturday, February 10  
 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
 Free admission.

Sunday, February 11  
 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.  
 Free admission.  
 Bargain day.  
 All items are half price!





# Give Back to the Community!

Friday, December 15 –  
Wednesday, January 31

## Winter Reading Challenge 2023

### 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 get a winter hat and children (birth through grade 6) get a fun, stuffed winter toy. Completion prizes are funded by the Friends of Palatine Library.



### Give Back to the Community

When you take part in the Winter Reading Challenge, you help the community! When we all read a total of 10,000 books, these generous partners will donate to Elderwerks.

- \$500 – Napleton's Palatine Subaru
- \$500 – Palatine Bank & Trust
- \$500 – Warehouse Direct

### What is Elderwerks?

Elderwerks helps find assisted living or other senior housing or elder care solutions for you or your loved ones. They help older adults and seniors transition from one home to another or find the services needed to remain in their home.

### Grand Prize Drawing

After completing your reading requirements, get automatically entered into 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 for Elderwerks

Monday, December 11, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Help brighten the holidays for Elderwerks clients and staff with handmade holiday cards. All are welcome to decorate cards with stickers, markers, and more! Drop in.



#### Donation Drive

Friday, December 15 –  
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Donate the following items at the Main Library for Elderwerks: paper towels, facial tissue, napkins, toilet paper, razors, shaving cream, shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, deodorant, mouthwash, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and adult diapers.



# Our Year in Numbers

## Fiscal Year 2022-2023



### Circulation

includes movies, music, print, and digital titles

**1,292,583**

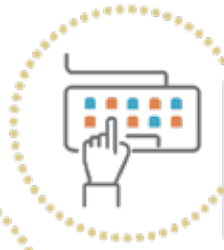
### Items in Collection

Grand Total **2,714,010**

Physical Items **200,499**

Ebooks, Downloadable Audio, DVDs/Videos **2,513,511**  
(almost doubled since last year)

Total New Items **27,616**  
(does not include e-content)



### Computer Sessions

**32,648**

### Wi-fi Connections

**433,174**



### Curbside Deliveries

**419**



### Assistance

Reference & Reading  
(includes email, chat, 1:1s)

**103,537**

Technology **29,580**

Directional **21,601**



### Visitors

**313,044**



### Programs & Attendance

(includes passive)

Adult/  
All Ages/Other

Children Programs **648**  
Attendance **30,062**

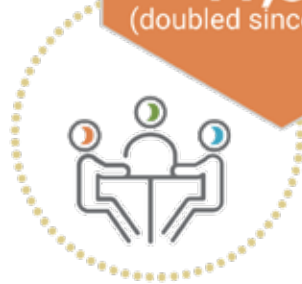
Programs **520**  
Attendance **17,098**

Teen Programs **72**  
Attendance **2,616**

### Sessions

Meeting Room **436**

Study Room **11,832**  
(doubled since last year)



### Research Resources

Database Subscriptions

**56**



### Cardholders

Total **40,110**

Total New **6,048**  
(30% increase over last year)



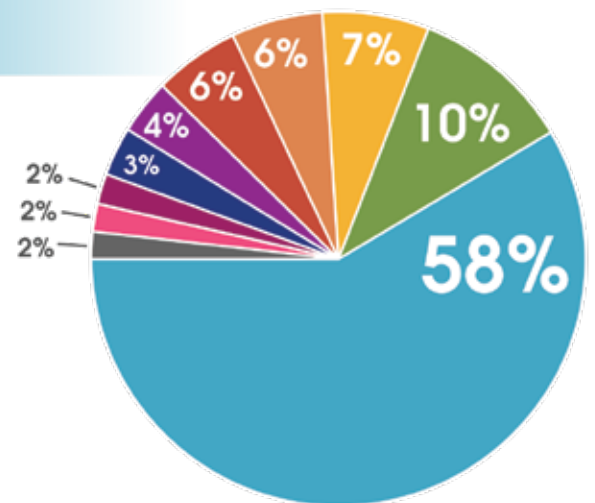
## 2022-2023 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

### INCOME

Property Tax Revenue	\$9,185,174
Investment Income	\$324,694
Other Fees and Income	\$138,241
Grants and Donations	\$137,838
Personal Prop Rep Tax	\$220,351
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$10,006,298</b>

### EXPENSES

Salaries and Benefits	\$4,754,990
Books and Materials	\$853,364
Bond Expenses	\$566,050
Capital Expenses	\$485,786
Contracts	\$454,540
Other Operating	\$292,680
Building Maintenance	\$258,911
Utilities	\$161,279
Supplies	\$147,996
Renovation	\$143,411
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$8,119,007</b>



# How Much You've Saved Borrowing **FREE** Resources!

## PALATINE CARDHOLDERS...

### Did you know you were so **THRIFTY**?

By using your Library card to check out materials; books, movies, music, Library of Things items, and more, you collectively saved:

**\$17,839,239.06**

(year-to-date total savings)

On average that's

**\$435.57**

savings per member

Since September 2020 you've saved

a **WHOPPING**

**\$71,160,575.14!**

On average that's

**\$1,737.49**

savings per member.

We are so proud to serve our community in this way and provide resources and materials that save you money!



## Reading Programs Are Super Successful

Last year, we created three reading programs for members to participate in, win some prizes, and have fun just for reading! Our super-readers enjoy the many ways we've engaged with them to inspire reading no matter the age.

### Winter Reading Challenge 2022/2023: Read for the Stars

Total Registrations **2,033**

**70%** of members completed the Winter Reading Challenge  
A total of **1,416**

Reading goal: **8,000**

Books Logged: **11,900**

Main **11,068**

North Hoffman **564**

Rand Road **268**

### A New Reading Program: Grow Your Shelf

• Participants: **263**

• Drawing Entries: **500**

• Gift card winners: **5**

### Summer Reading 2023: Dive Into Reading

• Total registrants: **5,217**

• **59.5%** of members completed the Summer Reading Program  
A total of **3,105**

Books logged: **48,212**

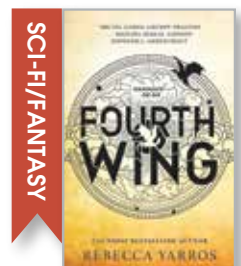
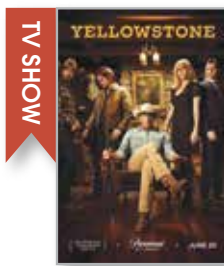
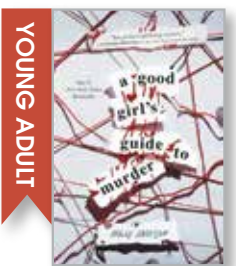
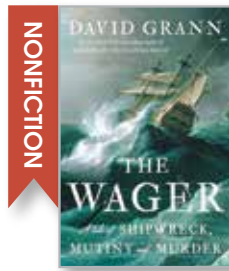
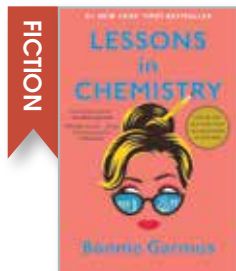
Main **43,437**

North Hoffman **3,151**

Rand Road **1,624**

## What's Hot with Our Readers

Here are our most borrowed titles from the year! Did you check any of these out?





**AARP**<sup>SM</sup>  
Tax-Aide<sup>TM</sup>

### Get ready for a hassle-free tax season!

Starting this February at the Main Library, volunteers from the AARP Tax-Aide program offer you free tax preparation by appointment only.

### What is Tax-Aide?

Tuesday, December 5  
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Come to this informational session to learn more about the program and find out what items you need to bring to your Tax-Aide appointment. Sign up begins 11/21.

### AARP Tax-Aide Appointments

Mondays, February 5 – April 15

Make an appointment to get free tax return preparation assistance at the Main Library from AARP tax aides.

Sign up information and appointment times are available online in January.

No appointments on Monday, March 18.



Visit our website to find more resources to help you this tax season.

### Questions?

Call us at 847-907-3600 for help from our staff!



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### DECEMBER



#### Holiday Side Dishes

Wednesday, December 6  
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Susan Maddox takes our holiday side dishes to the next level with some delicious festive recipes to make and enjoy with guests! Sign up begins 11/22. For valid District cardholders only.



#### Holiday Songs with The Lola Bard Carolers

Tuesday, December 12  
7:00 – 7:45 p.m.

Enjoy holiday songs with a quartet of Victorian-costumed carolers from this critically acclaimed troupe. Sign up begins 11/28.

#### Dann and Raymond's Movie Club: The Great Female Movie Sex Symbols

Wednesday, December 13  
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Join *Daily Herald* film critic Dann Gire and film historian Raymond Benson for their final movie club! For their last discussion, they pick the 15 most influential female sex symbols in movie history. Sign up begins 11/29.

### JANUARY



#### Woodland Felting

Monday  
January 15

Please choose one time slot:

- 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.
- 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
- 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.



Learn the cozy craft of needle felting as you create a charming woodland owl. Natasha Lehrer Lewis of Esther's Place provides the fiber from their own farm and studio, along with guidance to turn wool fibers into art. Sign up begins 1/2.

#### The First People of the Midwest

Wednesday, January 17  
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

1000 years ago, the Midwest was a thriving area of commerce, agriculture, travel, and trade among tribal cultures. Presenter Ann Leslie gives you a historical and cultural overview of the Indigenous people of the Chicagoland area. Sign up begins 1/3.

#### The History of Bob Marley

Thursday, January 18  
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Look back at the career of the world's most popular reggae artist, Bob Marley. Gary Wenstrup uses performance and interview clips to trace the arc of Marley's life and career, including his famous hits, "One Love," "Jamming," and "Redemption Song." Sign up begins 1/4.

## Vision Board for the New Year

Tuesday, January 23

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 1/9.

## The Five Mother Sauces

Wednesday, January 24

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Kristyn Slick introduces us to the Five Mother sauces which serve as the starting point for a variety of delicious sauces. Slick also shows us how to use them to make sister sauces.

Sign up begins 1/10. Presented: Zoom.

## FEBRUARY



## Hidden Messages in Negro Spirituals

Monday, February 5

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Connie Martin shares the history of and meanings of Negro spirituals and their connection to the Underground Railroad. Sign up begins 1/22.

## Overdose Education and Naloxone Distribution

Tuesday, February 13

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Get more information about Naloxone, opioids, overdose, and the laws surrounding these topics. Take home a bottle of Naloxone to keep in your personal first aid kit. Sign up begins 1/30.

## Heart Healthy Cooking

Wednesday, February 21

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Kristyn Slick focuses on cooking techniques and heart healthy recipes that are full of flavor for American Heart Month. Sign up begins 2/7. Presented: Zoom.



## Palatine Township Senior Citizens Council

## Medicare Basics and You

Tuesday, February 27

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Nancy Frenk from the Palatine Township Senior Citizens Council gives a breakdown on Medicare from eligibility and enrollment to prescription drug plans and low-income assistance. Sign up begins 2/13.

Presented: Zoom.

## Planner and Journaling Meetup

Tuesday, February 27

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Connect with other planners and journaling enthusiasts in the area. Learn from each other, be inspired, and show off your planners. Sign up begins 2/13.



## Endless Pasta-bilities: Pasta Recipes

Wednesday, February 28

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Stacy Conway shows us there is more to pasta than spaghetti and meatballs. She teaches us about fresh pasta, three-ingredient pasta meals, easy weeknight gravies and sauces, and pasta alternatives. Sign up begins 2/14. For valid District cardholders only.

## A Night at the Oscars: Academy Awards History

Thursday, February 29

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

It's time to get red carpet-ready! Film historian Dr. Annette Bochenek presents the history of the Academy Awards and some of its most memorable moments along with previous Best Picture winners and this year's Best Picture nominees. Sign up begins 2/15.

# DIGITAL LIFE

## iPhone Basics

Wednesday, January 24

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Learn everything you need to know to get started with iPad or iPhone, from basic navigation and customization to handy tips and tricks. Sign up begins 1/10.

## Artificial Intelligence (AI): What's All the Hype?

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Monday, February 12

Have you been hearing about AI on the news lately? Are you curious about how it works and impacts our lives? Learn about AI and how it can be an effective tool for your business. Sign up begins 1/29.

Presented: Zoom.

## Mobile Device Safety

Wednesday, February 21

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Keep the information on your Android or Apple phone or tablet safe from prying eyes. This session also introduces location tracking, privacy settings, app settings, and password safety.

Sign up begins 2/7.



# ADULT PROGRAMS

Programs are in person unless otherwise noted.

## CONNECT

### ESL Read Together

Wednesdays

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

January 10, 24

February 14, 28

Develop your English reading skills in a welcoming environment by reading the book *Foster* by Claire Keegan together. Copies available at the Information Desk. Sign up begins two weeks prior to each date. Presented in person only. Located at the North Hoffman Branch.



### ESL Conversation Club

Tuesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

December 5

January 2, 16

February 6, 20

Presented: Zoom.

Tuesdays, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

December 12

January 9, 23

February 13, 27

Presented: In Person.

Practice your English conversational skills with staff and friendly volunteers. Basic conversation skills recommended. Sign up begins two weeks prior to each date.

### Citizenship Mock Interview Session

Thursday, January 18

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Join us for a one-on-one practice session to help you prepare for your naturalization interview. Get ready to answer questions about your application and background and get tips for the English and civics test. Sign up begins 1/4. Presented: Zoom.

### Citizenship Orientation Session

Thursday, February 15

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Attend this session to learn about the requirements for the citizenship test. Sign up begins 2/1. Presented: Zoom.

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS

### Chair Yoga

Wednesdays, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

December 13

January 10, 31

February 14, 28

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 17

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. <https://bit.ly/BloodDrive-1-17-24>

### Overdose Education and Naloxone Distribution

Tuesday, February 13

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

See page 7 for details.

## GENEALOGY

### Genealogy Group

Thursdays, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

December 7, February 1

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

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

### Deciphering Genealogical Documents

Monday, December 11

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Get tips and tricks to decipher documents in most European languages including old German script. Leave knowing how to transcribe and translate your own documents. Sign up begins 11/27. Presented: Zoom.

### Using DNA Painter

Monday, February 26

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Bring your laptop so that you can learn how to use DNAPainter.com to analyze your own DNA and chart your segment analysis. Sign up begins 2/12.

## CAREERS

### Resume Clinic

Tuesdays, 6:00 – 8:45 p.m.

December 5, January 9, February 6

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 8, January 12, February 9

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.

### Job Interview Workshop

Saturday, February 17

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Career counselor Fred Ettinger leads an interactive workshop that teaches you how to stand out in an interview. Get prep tips and learn how to craft the perfect elevator speech. Fred also hosts individual mock interview sessions so you can get tips for improvement. Sign up begins 2/3.



### Professional Headshots Pop-Up

Mondays, 1:00 – 8:00 p.m.

February 19, February 26

Sign up for a time to come in and get a headshot taken for your professional profiles like LinkedIn. Sign up begins two weeks prior to each date. Look out for a follow-up email from us to schedule your timeslot.



## Tween Friday Fun

Fridays, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

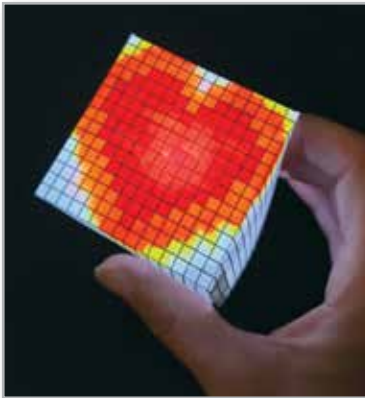
Grades 6 – 8. Sign up begins two weeks prior to each date.

### December 8: Handmade Holidays

Craft and wrap unique gifts for your family, friends, and teachers.

### February 9: LED Pixel Art Cubes

Design, color, and create a 3D light using a simple circuit.

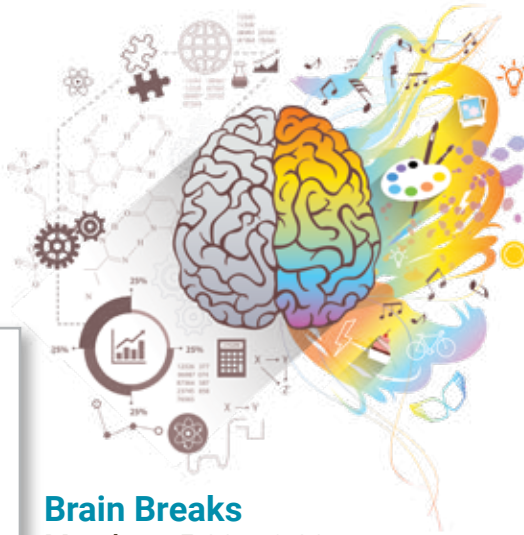


## Tween and Teen Service Project: Breakfast Bags for Journeys

Friday, January 12

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Give back to the community by creating on-the-go meal kits to donate to Journeys: The Road Home. Late arrivals permitted due to school schedules. Participants earn service credit based on time worked. Grades 6 – 12. Sign up begins 12/29.



## Brain Breaks

Mondays, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

January 15, February 5, February 19

Take a study break and stop in to play with slime and sensory sand, make a snack, play games and more. New activities each session. Grades 6 – 12. Allergens may be present. Drop in.

## All About Scholarships

Tuesday, January 23

7:00 – 7:45 p.m.

This introduction to the process of applying for scholarships addresses the basics of a scholarship application, along with tips on how to submit a successful application. Hosted by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission. Grades 11 – 12. Sign up begins 1/9. Presented: Zoom.

## K-Fans Night

Tuesday, February 27

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Hang out and chat about your favorite K-pop groups and K-dramas and sample Korean skin care products. Grades 6 – 12. Allergens may be present. Sign up begins 2/13.



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## Holiday Cards for Elderwerks

Monday, December 11

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

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

See page 3 for full details about the Winter Reading Challenge and learn about Elderwerks!

*Elderwerks*



## Finals Study Break Sessions

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Monday, December 18

Tuesday, December 19

Make a snack and explore your favorite childhood activities like slime and Play-Doh while you take a break from studying for finals. Grades 9 – 12. Allergens may be present. Drop in.

## Finals De-stress

## Therapy Dog Sessions

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Monday, December 18

Tuesday, December 19

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.



## ALL WINTER LONG

### Baby Playtime

Wednesdays, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

December 6, January 10, February 21

Enjoy a wide variety of toys, instruments, and board books in this special playtime for babies! Ages 0 – 18 months. Drop in.



### Noon Year's Eve Party

Friday, December 29

11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Ring in the New Year with a family-friendly dance party! Play games, make a craft, and countdown to noon with an apple juice toast. All ages. Sign up begins 12/15.



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#### Dance to the Rhythm of the Music

Monday, December 11

3:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Let's dance to the rhythm of the music using bells, shakers, rhythm sticks, and even our own hands. Ages 3 – 6. Sign up begins 11/27.

#### Gingerbread Houses

Thursday, December 14

5:30 – 6:30 p.m. and

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Decorate a gingerbread house with your family. We provide the house; you provide the creativity. Ages 4 and up. Sign up begins 11/30 for valid District cardholders only. One house per family – up to five in your group.



#### Discover Chemical Reactions STEM

Wednesday, December 27

11:00 – 11:45 a.m.

Slime, bouncy balls, flames, explosions, and eruptions! This amazing show by Discover Science Assemblies selects lucky audience members to be part of the science experience. All ages. Tickets available 12/13 for valid District cardholders only.

### JANUARY

#### Family Zumba

Wednesday, January 3

11:00 – 11:45 a.m.

Kick off the New Year with family Zumba to get you dancing, smiling, and moving. Ages 5 and up. Tickets available 12/20 for valid District cardholders only. Presented in English and Spanish.

#### Zumba Familiar

miércoles, 3 de enero

11:00 a 11:45 a.m.

Empiece el año nuevo riendo, bailando y moviéndose con Zumba familiar.

Para edades de 5 y mayor. Boletos disponibles a partir del 20/12 solo para tarjetahabientes validos del Distrito.

Presentado en ingles y español.

#### Games and Grandparents

Wednesday, January 3

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Enjoy board games, puzzles, and snacks at a special family game night for you and your grandparents. All ages. Sign up begins 12/20.



# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

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



## Preschool and Daycare Fair

Thursday, January 11

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Stop by to talk to representatives from local preschool and daycare organizations to learn what their facilities have to offer. Drop in.

## FrogLady Presentations

Monday, January 15

11:00 – 11:45 a.m.

Explore the fascinating world of reptiles and amphibians. Learn about animals from around the world while seeing them right up close. All ages. Tickets available 1/2 for valid District cardholders only.



## Busy Toddlers

Sunday, January 21

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Engage your senses and stimulate learning with activities and a craft just right for teeny tiny hands. Dress for messy fun. Ages 1 – 3. Contact staff for allergy information. Drop in.

## Beyblades Tournament

Tuesday, January 30

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

School's out early today! Let your favorite Beyblade rip in this friendly competition for a chance to win a Beyblade. Each participant may enter only one Beyblade in the competition. Registrants will receive additional guidelines via email. Grades K – 6. Sign up begins 1/16.



## Family Loteria Night

Presented in Spanish only.

### • Noche de Lotería Familiar

- Martes, 30 de enero
- 6:00 a 8:00 p.m.
- Aprenda a jugar la lotería, un juego azar tradicional que se juega a través de México parecido a BINGO con fotos.
- Para todas las edades. Regístrese a partir del 16/1. Presentado sólo en español.

## FEBRUARY

## Baby Footprint Art

Thursday, February 8

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, February 10

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Make the perfect gift for your loved one by creating a painting using your baby's footprints. Ages 0 – 15 months. Sign up begins two weeks prior to each date.

## Andertoons



## Kart-Oon Racing

Monday, February 19

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Welcome Mark Anderson of Andertoons as he teaches you to draw all sorts of exciting racing karts and goofy drivers. From molasses puddles to giant lizards, you help decide who will win.

Grades K – 8. Sign up begins 2/5.

For valid District cardholders only.

## Make Your Own Snow

Tuesday, February 20

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Join us on your day off school to mix up a batch of fake snow, then take it home to play with. Grades 2 – 5. Sign up begins 2/6.

## Preschool Process Art

Wednesday, February 28

3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Process Art is art that is child-directed, choice-driven, and celebrates the experience of discovery. Spend time together with our art supplies and materials to express your creativity. Ages 3 – 6. Drop in.



## STORYTIMES

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:  
 February 8

### Toddler Storytime

Ages 1 – 2:  
Mondays and Fridays  
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.  
 No Toddler Storytime:  
 December 25, 29  
 January 1, 15, 22, and 26

### Preschool Storytime

Ages 3 – 5:  
Tuesdays, 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.  
 No Preschool Storytime:  
 December 19, 26  
 January 23, February 13

### Read and Play Storytime

Wednesdays, 4:00 – 4:30 p.m.  
 December 6: What's for Dinner?  
 January 10: One, Two, Three  
 February 7: Outer Space  
 Join us for a short storytime followed by hands-on activities. Ages 2 – 6. Sign up begins two weeks prior to each date.



## SPECIAL STORYTIMES

### Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Sleigh!

Tuesday, December 19  
 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, December 20  
 6:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Celebrate Mo Willems' newest Pigeon book with a holiday storytime and craft. All ages. Sign up begins two weeks prior to each date.

### Grandparents Storytime and Craft

Monday, January 22  
 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, January 23  
 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, January 24  
 6:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Friday, January 26  
 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

This special storytime focuses on grandparents with a special craft. All ages. Sign up begins two weeks prior to each date.

### Valentine's Day Storytime

Tuesday, February 13  
 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, February 14  
 6:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Celebrate Valentine's Day with a storytime and craft. Ages 2 – 6. Sign up begins two weeks prior to each date.

### Bilingual Mandarin Chinese Storytime

Saturday, February 17  
 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Join us for stories, songs, and fun in Mandarin and English! Presented by local educator Ling Liu. All ages.

Sign up begins 2/3.

### 中英双语故事时间

2月17日, 星期六上午10:00-10:30  
 欢迎报名参加本地教育专家刘玲老师的  
 中英双语故事时间: 让我们一起听故事, 唱歌, 开开心心地度过一段美好的周末时光。

适合所有年龄段。2月3日开始报名

### Sensory Storytime

Saturday, February 24  
 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Join us for a storytime intended for children with autism spectrum disorders, sensory processing issues, or those who find traditional storytime programs challenging. Ages 3 – 9. Limited to ten registrants. Siblings welcome. Sign up begins 2/10.

**Crafty Kids**

Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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. Available at all Branches. Drop in.

• **Manualidades Para Niños**

• Los jueves, 10:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m.

• 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. Disponible en todas las Sucursales. Entrada libre.

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



**December 7: Gingerbread House**

Build a gingerbread house using an assortment of paper decorations.

**December 14: Paper Plate Narwhal**

Break through the ice with your new paper plate Narwhal pal.

**December 21: Paper Snow Globe**

Celebrate the winter solstice by making a paper snow globe.

**December 28: Countdown Clock**

It's time to ring in the New Year with your own countdown clock.

**January 4: Paper Plate Spaghetti**

Celebrate National Spaghetti Day by making a special noodle craft.

**January 11: Polka Dot Flowers**

Spot your very own polka dot flowers.

**January 18: Paper Roll Squirrel**

Come in and make a cute paper roll squirrel.

**January 25: Sliding Tile Puzzle**

Learn how to make a slide puzzle using cardboard and your imagination!

**February 1: Groundhog Puppet**

Get ready to predict the arrival of spring with a groundhog puppet.

**February 8: Paper Dragon Craft**

Roar along with your own paper dragon craft.

**February 15: Love Bug**

Buzz in and make an adorable love bug out of paper hearts.

**February 22: George Crum's Potato Chip Bag**

Pretend to munch on this tasty craft inspired by the chef who made potato chips popular.

**February 29: Leap Day Frog Hat**

Make a Leap Day frog hat to celebrate the extra day this year.



# NORTH HOFFMAN BRANCH CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS



## Crafty Kids

Thursdays, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

See page 13 for more details.

Ages 3 – 7. While supplies last. Available at all Branches. Drop in.

## LEGO® Club

Tuesdays, 3:30 – 6:30 p.m.

December 5

January 9

February 6

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.

## Build-it! STEM

Wednesdays, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

December 13

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.

## Adult Programs

### Chair Yoga

Wednesdays, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

December 20

January 17

February 21

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.

### Valentine's Day Bath Salts

Wednesday, February 7

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Mix up custom bath salts for your Valentine. Materials provided. Sign up begins 1/24. For valid District cardholders only.

### Gingerbread Houses

Monday, December 18

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Decorate a house with your family. We provide the house; you provide the creativity. Ages 4 and up. Sign up begins 12/4 for valid District cardholders only. One house per family – up to five in your group.

### Ben's Bubble Show

Friday, January 5

1:00 – 1:45 p.m.

Experience magic, illusions, and art as Ben creates amazing bubble sculptures right before your eyes. All ages.

Tickets available 12/22 for valid District cardholders.

### Tinker Tetris

Monday, January 15

11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Inspire creativity and grow your problem-solving skills with an egg carton Tetris puzzle! All ages. Drop in.

### Magical Mosaic Mural

Monday, February 5 –

Friday, February 9

With our StickTogether® sticker posters, bring fairytales to life one sticker at a time to help reveal a magical picture.

Ages 5 and up. Drop in.

### Book Discussion

Titles are available in ebook format in hoopla or Libby. Print copies are available at the North Hoffman Branch.

Tuesday, January 30

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Willow

Recreation Center  
Meeting Room

### The First Ladies

by Marie Benedict

and Victoria Christopher Murray

Initially drawn together because of their shared belief in women's rights and the power of education, civil rights activist Mary McLeod Bethune and First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt fight together for justice and equality. Available December 18.



## Winter Reading Challenge 2023

## 2023 Desafío de Lectura de Invierno

### Give Back to the Community!

Friday, December 15 –

Wednesday, January 31

See page 3 for details.

• ¡Devolver a

• la Comunidad!

• Viernes, 15 de diciembre

• al miércoles, 31 de enero

• Vea la página 3 para detalles.



## Elderwerks

Escanee el Código QR  
para leer sobre el  
programa en español.



# RAND ROAD CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS PROGRAMAS PARA NIÑOS

## Crafty Kids

Thursdays, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

See page 13 for more details.

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

## Manualidades Para Niños

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

Vea la página 13 para más detalles.

Para edades de 3 a 7. Hasta agotar las existencias. Entrada libre.

## LEGO® Club

Tuesdays, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

December 5

January 9

February 6

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.

## Club de LEGO®

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

5 de diciembre, 9 de enero,

6 de febrero

Demuestra tus habilidades de construcción con bloques en esta divertida actividad.

Únete a otros fanáticos de LEGO® para compartir ideas, construir libremente, o usar las tarjetas de desafío para tu creación especial. 2 a 5 Grado. Entrada libre.

## Build-It! STEM

Wednesdays

11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

December 13

January 17

February 21

Get creative with our Straws and Connectors building sets and connect the straws to create buildings, shapes, or anything you can imagine. Ages 5 and up. Drop in.

## ¡Constrúyelo! STEM

Los miércoles

11:00 a.m. a 4:00 p.m.

13 de diciembre, 17 de enero,

21 de febrero

Hazte creativo con nuestros juegos de Popotes y Conectores y conecta los popotes para crear edificios, formas, o cualquier cosa que puedas imaginar.

Para edades de 5 y mayor. Entrada libre.

## Gingerbread Houses

Tuesday, December 19

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Decorate a gingerbread house with your family. We provide the house, you provide the creativity. Ages 4 and up. Sign up begins 12/5 for valid District cardholders only. One house per family – up to five in your group.

## Casas de Pan de Jengibre

martes, 19 de diciembre

4:00 a 5:00 p.m.

Decora una casa de pan de jengibre con tu familia. Nosotros proveeremos la casa, y ustedes proveerán su creatividad. Para edades de 4 y mayor. Una casa por familia. Limitado a 5 miembros de familia. Regístrese a partir del 5/12. Para tarjetahabientes validos del Distrito.



## Coal Black Exotics Reptile Show

Tuesday, January 2

1:00 – 1:45 p.m.

Join Coal Black Exotics for a hands-on experience to learn about amazing reptiles from around the world. All ages.

Tickets available 12/19 for valid District cardholders only.

## Espectáculo de Reptiles

## Exóticos de Coal Black

Martes, 2 de enero

1:00 a 1:45 p.m.

Acompaña a Coal Black Exotics para tener una experiencia cercana y personal increíble al conocer y aprender acerca de reptiles de alrededor del mundo.

Para todas las edades.

Boletos disponibles a partir del 19/12 solo para tarjetahabientes validos del Distrito.

## Coffee and Stories

Tuesday, January 16

10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Come and enjoy a cup of coffee while the kids enjoy bilingual stories and songs.

Ages 0 – 5. Sign up begins 1/2. Presented in English and Spanish.

## Cuentos y un Cafecito

martes, 16 de enero

10:30 a 11:00 a.m.

Acompañenos a disfrutar de una taza de café mientras los niños disfrutan de un cuentacuentos bilingüe con canciones.

Para edades de 0 a 5. Regístrese a partir del 2/1. Presentado en inglés y español.

## Magical Mosaic Mural

Monday, February 5 –

Friday, February 9

With our StickTogether® sticker posters, bring the jolly happy snowman to life one sticker at a time so he can laugh and play.

Ages 5 and up. Drop in.

## Mural de Mosaico Mágico

Lunes, 5 de febrero al

viernes, 9 de febrero

Con nuestro poster StickTogether®, dale vida al feliz hombre de nieve pegatina por pegatina para hacerlo reír y jugar.

Para edades de 5 y mayor. Entrada libre.

## La Loteria

Tuesday, February 6

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 1/23.

## La Lotería

Martes, 6 de febrero

6:00 a 7:30 p.m.

Aprenda a jugar la lotería, un juego azar tradicional que se juega a través de México parecido a BINGO con fotos.

Para todas las edades.

Regístrese a partir del 23/1.

## Sales de Baño Para

## El Día de San Valentín

Miércoles, 7 de febrero

12:00 a 1:00 p.m.

Prepare sales de baño personalizadas para su día de San Valentín. Materiales serán provisionados. Regístrese a partir del 24/1.

## Arte de Pintura Fluida

Miércoles, 6 de diciembre

12:00 a 1:00 p.m.

Utilice la técnica de pintura fluida para crear una obra de arte sobre lienzo como regalo de última hora. Regístrese a partir del 22/11.

## Crafts for Adults

Manualidades para Adultos

Presented in Spanish only.

Presentado sólo en español.

Located in the Rand Branch Gym.

Ubicado en el Gimnasio de la sucursal Rand Road.

# The Holiday Gift Guide



## Holidays in The Workshop

- Save up this holiday season and make personalized gifts in The Workshop Lab.
- Choose from a new 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.

**\$3-\$7**



## Sublimated Drinkware – \$3 to \$7

Use our templates to design a new mug. Templates are available for 15-ounce mugs, 17-ounce latte mugs, and 20-ounce tumblers.

## Sublimated Ornament – \$2

Print out one of your own photos or use one of our designs to create a cute ornament.

## Sublimated Magnet – \$2.50

Customize a sweet stocking stuffer that lasts year-round.

**\$2**



**\$2.50**



## Laser Ornament – \$1

Make your decorations even more personalized with this wood ornament.

**\$1**



**\$.50**



## 3" Buttons – \$0.50

Print your own design and turn it into a large button, perfect for a stocking stuffer.

## Special Holiday Project Training Sessions:

### Tuesdays – Thursdays

Join these small group training sessions to learn how to make two of our most popular holiday gifts. We teach you how to set up designs for use on the laser engraver and the sublimation printer so that you can walk away with a handmade gift. Sign up begins two weeks prior to each date.

### Laser Ornaments

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

December 5, 6, 7

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

December 12, 13, 14

### Sublimation Mugs

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

December 5, 6, 7

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

December 12, 13, 14

Do you have a more elaborate gift idea or something that's not included in the Holiday Gift Guide? Scan the QR code to book a one-on-one appointment for projects and gifts that are not on this list!



## Workshop Passport Activity

### December to February

Keep collecting stamps to turn your passport into a \$10 coupon for use on your holiday or personal projects. Materials provided. Drop in to start your passport. The offer expires in February.





# Lab Hours:

Monday and Friday: Closed

Tuesday – Thursday: 12:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday: 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Programs are in person unless otherwise noted and located in The Workshop. All classes open to ages 11 and up unless otherwise noted. For valid District cardholders only.

## WORKSHOP CLASSES

### Workshop Craft: Painted Ornaments

Friday, December 8

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Spend a relaxing afternoon painting a wood ornament using acrylic paints.

Materials provided. Sign up begins 11/24.

### Cricut Activity: Tags and Cards

Monday, December 18

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. and

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Learn easy ways to upgrade your holiday cards or gift tags this year by trying out some of our favorite templates available in Cricut Design Space. Materials provided. Sign up begins 12/4.

### Sewing Activity: Feltosaur

Friday, January 5

12:00 – 2:00 p.m. and

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Get crafting and learn some easy hand-sewing techniques and sew your own cute felt dinosaur using our pattern. Materials provided. Sign up begins 12/22.

### Workshop Craft: Mini Vision Board

Tuesday, January 9

12:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Stop by the Workshop Lab and put together a vision board for the New Year while supplies last. Materials provided. Drop in.

### Inkscape for Beginners

Monday, January 29

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Use this free software to create vector art for your next Workshop project. Navigate the workspace, use common tools, and save your projects. Sign up begins 1/15.

### Machine Sewing for Beginners

Wednesday, February 7

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Become a confident machine sewer and get ready to tackle a variety of sewing projects to bring your ideas to life with this introductory class. Materials provided. Sign up begins 1/24.

### Quilting Color Theory

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 13

Thursday, February 15

Learn how to choose the right color combinations for your projects as well as cost-effective techniques for organizing your fabric. Ages 14 and up. Materials provided. Sign up begins 1/30. Signing up for the first class will get you automatically signed up for the second class.

### Professional Headshots Pop-Up

Mondays, 1:00 – 8:00 p.m.

February 19, February 26

See page 8 for details. Sign up begins two weeks prior to each date.

### Community Dove Art Project

Monday, January 8 –

Monday, January 22

Stop by during Workshop Lab hours to help us complete our multicolor dove celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. Drop in.



# ADULT BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Titles are available in ebook format in hoopla or Libby. Print copies are available at the Information Desk.

## Illinois Libraries Present

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Palatine Library has joined Illinois Libraries Present with other local libraries to host some exciting virtual author book talks. Sign up open now. Presented: Zoom.

### Surviving the Holidays with Lori Gottlieb

Wednesday, December 6

### Speculating about our AI Future with Cory Doctorow, Ken Liu, and Martha Wells

Thursday, January 11

### Cartooning with Jerry Craft

Tuesday, February 6

### Romance with Julia Quinn

Tuesday, February 20

### The Nutcracker

Saturday, December 16 – Sunday December 17

Get in the spirit of the season with a recorded virtual performance of Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker* performed by the United Kingdom's Royal Ballet. Register online for a special link to the performance to watch at your leisure.



Visit our website to learn more about these speakers and register for these upcoming events.



These events are made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events.

## MONDAY EVENINGS

Mondays, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

January 15

### *Trust*

by Hernan Diaz

Told from different perspectives, this novel unravels the mystery of how the Rask family acquired their immense fortune in 1920s-1930s New York City. Available now.

February 19

### *Paradise Falls*

by Keith O'Brien

The story of how an unlikely band of mothers discovered the deadly secret of Love Canal and exposed one of America's most devastating environmental disasters. Available January 15.

## CRIME READERS

Wednesdays, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

December 13

### *I am Half-Sick of Shadows*

By Alan Bradley

When a film crew comes to Flavia de Luce's stately English manor house during Christmas week, murder ensues, and the 11-year-old chemistry prodigy risks her life to find the killer. Available now.

January 10

### *The Kingdoms of Savannah*

by George Dawes Green

A dysfunctional Savannah family investigates a murder and a disappearance. Available December 13.

February 14

### *City Under One Roof*

by Iris Yamashita

A stranded detective tries to solve a murder in a tiny Alaskan town where everyone winters in the same high-rise building. Available January 10.

## FRIDAY MORNING

Fridays, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

December 1

### *Paradise Falls*

by Keith O'Brien

The story of how an unlikely band of mothers discovered the deadly secret of Love Canal and exposed one of America's most devastating environmental disasters. Available now.

January 5

### *Book Share*

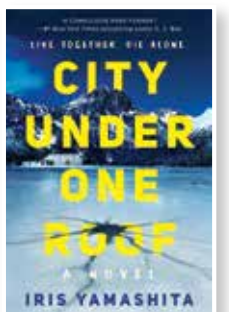
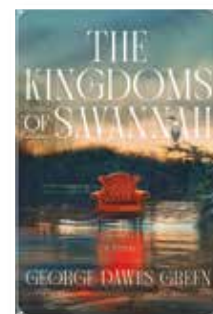
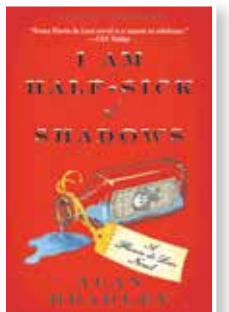
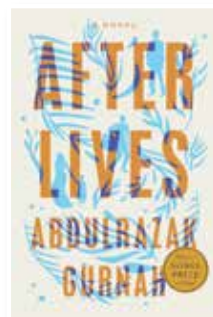
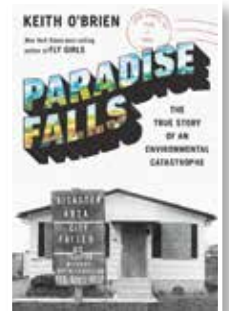
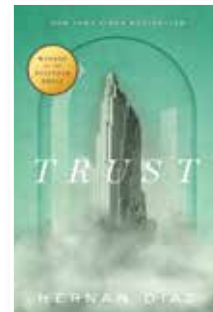
Share a book with other readers.

February 2

### *Afterlives*

by Abdulrazak Gurnah

A young man returns home years after being kidnapped to find his parents gone and his sister basically a slave in a multi-generational saga set during the colonization of East Africa. Available January 5.

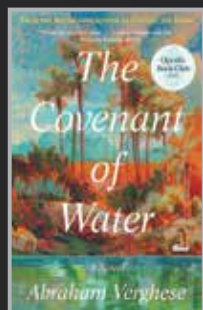


# Staff Favorite Books of

# 2023

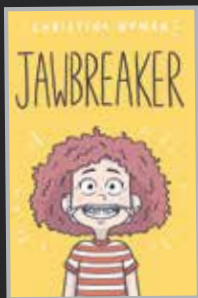
As avid readers, we love to chat about books! This past year, we scoured our shelves to bring you a diverse and captivating list of our favorite titles that left a lasting impression on us.

From heartwarming tales and thought-provoking nonfiction to fantastical adventures, here are our favorite books of 2023 and why we loved them.



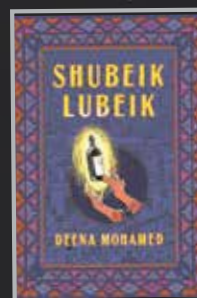
### **The Covenant of Water**

"This sweeping family saga, set in Kerala, India, spans most of the 20th century. I loved the strong sense of place and the complex, memorable characters." – Carly



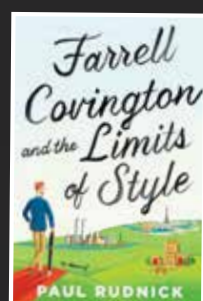
### **Jawbreaker**

"12-year-old Max Plink battles braces, headgear, bullies (both at home and school), and possible double-jaw surgery in contemporary Brooklyn. Upbeat, affirming, and deeply relatable, I wish I had this book when I was a kid." – Tracie



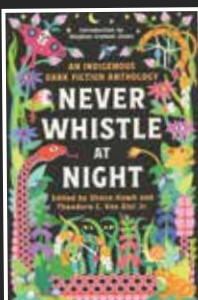
### **Shubeik Lubeik**

"Set in an alternate modern-day Egypt where wishes are mined, sold, and controlled by the government, this is a brilliant and thought-provoking graphic novel." – Tracie



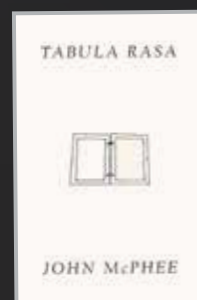
### **Farrell Covington and the Limits of Style**

"I liked the refreshing approach to this gay romance novel. The characters come together early on, and the story is about how they go through life together. It's wickedly funny!" – Michael



### **Never Whistle at Night: an Indigenous Dark Fiction Anthology**

"I love a good spooky horror book, and this is a great collection with a variety of stories ranging from true bloody horror to suspenseful psychological tales." – Natalie



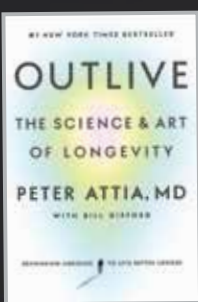
### **Tabula Rasa: Volume 1**

"McPhee is one of my favorite writers. This one is a series of essays about book ideas he explored, but never actually wrote!" – Brian



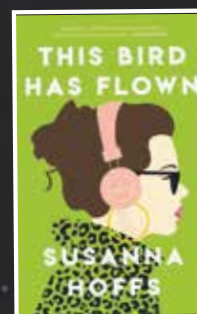
### **Highly Suspicious and Unfairly Cute**

"This was a fun and nerdy teen romance with strong characters. I loved the outdoors elements." – Melissa



### **Outlive: The Science and Art of Longevity**

"The book takes a 'quality over quantity' approach and focuses on extending lifespan through disease prevention and wellness, as opposed to treating someone once they're ill." – Brooke



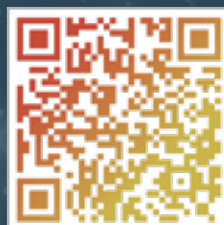
### **This Bird Has Flown**

"Yes, that Susanna Hoffs, former lead singer of The Bangles. An unabashedly sexy romance. Not my usual genre, but I thoroughly enjoyed it!" – Brian

Visit our website to place holds on any of these titles.

## Custom Picks

Did you know that these expert librarians can curate a list of books just for you? With Custom Picks, our staff can pick titles for you based on your reading preferences. Anyone with a valid District Library card can fill out the Custom Picks form on our website.



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## 100 Years of Connection, Curiosity, and Joy!

2024 is the Library's 100th Anniversary, and we are planning several terrific events, programs, and a fundraiser to cap out the celebration! Look for updates in the spring newsletter and get ready to celebrate with us all year long.



## Winter Collection Drives

### December and January

Friday, December 15 –

Wednesday, January 31

During the Winter Reading Challenge, donate the following items at the Main Library for Elderwerks: paper towels, facial tissue, napkins, toilet paper, razors, shaving cream, shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, deodorant, mouthwash, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and adult diapers.

### February

Donate items to Live4Lali, an organization that works to reduce the stigma of substance use disorder. Items needed: new toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, bars of soap, deodorant, period products, lotion, wipes, and tissues. Travel-sized preferred.

### Care Kit Grant

Palatine Library District was recently awarded a grant from Palatine Jaycees' Community Grants and Partnership program to buy more personal care items and expand our Care Kit program. The Library launched this program last October with 50 kits, available for free to community members. The kits include basic care items like shampoo, conditioner, soap, and toothbrushes.



## We ♥ Our Sponsors!

Our business sponsors 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 2023 to support our programs!

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



## Library Facilities Closed

### CHRISTMAS EVE

Sunday, December 24

### CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday, December 25

### NEW YEAR'S EVE

Sunday, December 31

### NEW YEAR'S DAY

Monday, January 1

## Connect with us



**Palatine Library District  
700 N. North Court  
Palatine, IL 60067**

**847-907-3600 • palatinelibrary.org**

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

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