

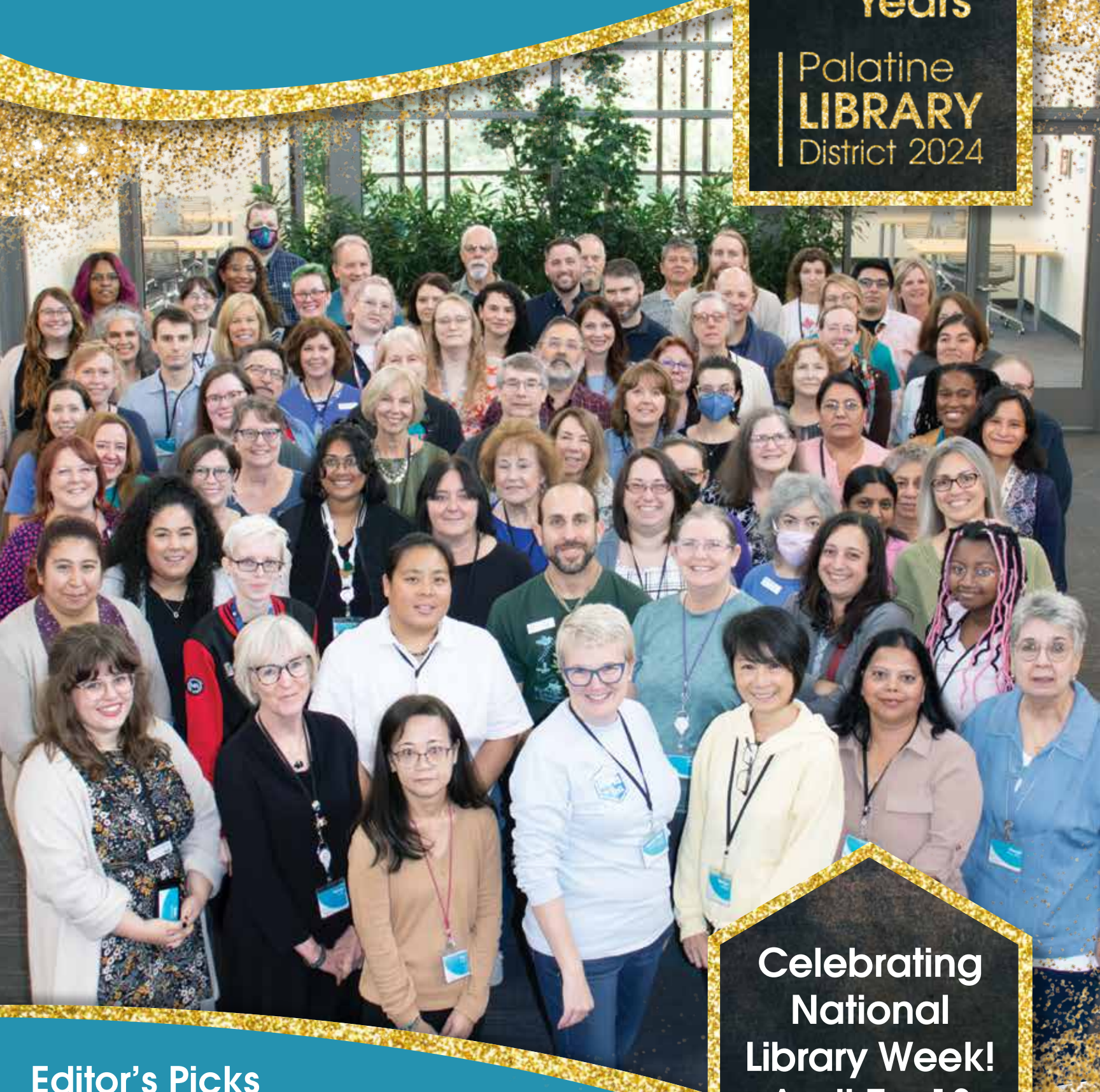
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March – May 2024

Inspiring Connection, Curiosity, and Joy



Palatine
LIBRARY
District 2024



**Celebrating
National
Library Week!
April 7 – 13**

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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 or watch the Library events calendar for upcoming Foundation meetings.

Donate at [ppldf.org/makeadonation.html](https://www.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.

Sixth Annual StoryWalk®

The StoryWalk® Project returns this summer with a delightful way for the whole family to enjoy reading a story while enjoying the outdoors together.

Each year, StoryWalk® is made possible by a partnership with Palatine Library Foundation, Palatine Park District, and many generous donors. Once again, members of the community are also invited to contribute and provide donations toward the new story.

To recognize a birthday, anniversary, or honor a loved one on this public walk in Hamilton Park, contact president@ppldf.org. For a donation of \$100, you and your family can be recognized on one of the StoryWalk® panels.



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.

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

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.

Winter Reading Success!

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Winter Reading Challenge. Over **13,000 books** were read, surpassing our goal of 10,000 books!

Thank you to Napleton's Palatine Subaru, Palatine Bank and Trust, and Warehouse Direct for donating \$500 each to Elderwerks, Palatine. Their generous donations go directly to Elderwerks as they help find assisted living and other housing and elder care solutions for your loved ones.



A special thank you to the Friends of Palatine Library for the Winter Reading completion prizes.

Strategic Plan 2024 – 2026



Goal 1

Maintain high levels of service by investing in staff: providing sufficient tools and training, optimal staffing levels, advancement opportunities, and fair compensation, while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

- “The staff as a resource are being developed and cared for more. Staff have done so much with so little for so long. It’s rewarding now to start making their lives easier and making a greater investment in staff.”

Debby Brauer,
Board of Library Trustees President



Goal 3

Adapt programs and collections to deliver relevant content that serves changing community needs by restructuring systems, dedicating resources to these activities, and engaging in ongoing dialogue between members and staff.

- “Would like to see more evening/ weekend programs where possible.”

Goal 2

Increase visibility and remove barriers to participation for all members of our diverse community through meaningful engagement, increased partnerships, and targeted communications.

- “I would like to get more information about all the library programs and events that are available. I know the monthly newsletter comes out, but I think the community in general isn’t as aware as they should be.”
- “Translate the newsletter and emails into Spanish.”



Goal 4

Begin to understand how the Library will serve the Palatine community of the future by developing a long-term plan for existing and potential new spaces.

- “Would like additional workshops in the maker space.”
- “Provide more places to sit and read at Rand Road branch.”

We’re thrilled to share our 2024–2026 Strategic Plan. This plan was designed to set key focus areas to meet the community’s needs. In July, we conducted a community survey in which over 2,000 participants provided their feedback.

While we found that 73% of respondents hold a high level of satisfaction with the Library, we recognize that there is room for improvement. Your feedback helped us rediscover our strengths and pinpoint areas that we can focus on for the next three years. We synthesized your feedback into common themes that informed our four goals. We’ve shared some of your comments for each goal.





Palatine LIBRARY CELEBRATES



A Letter from Our Executive Director

This year, Palatine Public Library District is marking our centennial milestone. We are excited to share with you our rich heritage, honoring the countless stories shared, lessons learned, and minds inspired within these walls.

To kick off the festivities, we'll be hosting Northern Illinois LEGO club again, and I can't wait to see their enormous LEGO display! For the first time ever, we'll have food trucks on site for delicious treats. This event is always a crowd-pleaser, so be sure to join us that day.

We are also planning an exciting display to showcase pivotal moments in the Library's history. From vintage photographs to our famous summer reading t-shirts, each artifact narrates a chapter in the library's illustrious history. The exhibit will be on display on the second floor from May through September.

The culmination of our 100th Anniversary celebrations, will be a mini-golf event in September, where participants can play 18 holes of miniature golf running through the shelves and throughout the Main Library! Funds raised will go towards a new interactive Lite Brite wall for the Youth area.

Being the Executive Director for the last six years has been thrilling and rewarding, and I'm so glad to be ending my tenure here on a high note. As I'm officially retiring from libraries in July 2024, I'm honored to have played a role in the Library's rich history. Please join us in celebrating the enduring legacy of our Library in shaping the community.

-Jeannie Dilger



Help Us Raise \$10K to Fund the Next Chapter!

This year, we are raising funds to purchase a brand-new, amazing children's interactive display in the Early Literacy Area.

A GIANT LiteZilla Lite Brite and STEM activity!

Imagine the joy and fun children will have playing as they also learn important skills like critical thinking, problem-solving, and creativity. A LiteZilla installation promises to provide a fun activity for you and your family and a chance to connect with other kids.

"We would love to have a new educational activity in the children's area," states Kathy Burns, Youth and Teen Services Manager. "We often hear from families that they want more fun and interactive toys for their kids to play with when they come to the Library."

Buy Our Merch

Help us raise \$10,000!

Check out our online store and purchase some branded Library swag.



Scan here to shop or visit palatinelibrary.org/100years. Watch for updates as we add more items to the shop.

Store open March through September. Profits go directly to fundraiser.

of Connection, Curiosity, and Joy!

Join us as we commemorate
a once-in-a-lifetime
milestone.

Join us for the Celebration!



Northern Illinois LEGO® Train Club Exhibit

Saturday, May 4
10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Drop in.

Sunday, May 5
Sensory Hour:
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Sign up begins 4/21.

12:00 – 4:30 p.m. Drop in.
Using over a million LEGO® bricks to build approximately 200 feet of tracks and cityscapes, the Northern Illinois LEGO® Train Club (NILTC) Exhibit brings their awesome display for the weekend! Enjoy the sights and sounds of this fun and one-of-a-kind train exhibit created by the members of this creative and passionate group. LEGO® lovers of all ages will be amazed at the brightly colored and detailed world on display. NILTC excels at creating little vignettes throughout their train layout and often gets a lot of attention and big laughs from the adoring crowd. All ages. Drop in. On the day of the event attendees will receive a time slot ticket for a spot in line to view the LEGO® exhibit.



Food Trucks!

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 4
Sunday, May 5

Buy some delicious food from Palatine favorites! While you wait to see the marvels of the LEGO® Train Exhibit, Chicago Culinary Kitchen serves up some of their award-winning food, and Pierogi Girls and My Flavor It! Place has all the delicious, sweet treats you need.

LEGO® Play and Crafts

Stop by The Workshop and Youth and Teen Area for more fun activities! Build something extraordinary with our blocks and make a button in The Workshop to remember the day.

Get Early Access to our Exhibit

Continue your visit and stop by the second floor for an early viewing of our display that honors the rich century-long history of Palatine Library.

Sign our Birthday Card

Make sure to sign our birthday card on the first floor this weekend so that it can be displayed in the exhibit. After the event, the card will be available to sign on the second floor.

Upgrade Your Library Card

Trade in your old Library card for our new, special-edition card for free all year long.





Serving our community for 100 years!

Through the Years



1923

Funds were pledged to open a one-room storefront on **North Bothwell Street**. Miss Lottie Hart agreed to be the librarian.

The first Library open house was held, and 64 borrowers were registered

1920

Boy Scout Troop One gathered 500 books from residents to **start a borrowing system**



1936

First bookmobile began: a trailer pulled by a car provided books to rural children

1924 - It's Official!

Residents were asked to vote for the upcoming referendum and help **establish a public Library**

1947

Library needed a larger space and moved to **55 West Wood Street**



1951

Library moved to rooms on the first floor of the **Masonic Building at 1 N. Plum Grove Road**



1957

Library moved to **149 N Brockway Street** and opened a children's room in the basement in December 1962

1950

Friends of the Library group was established by Mrs. Arthur Filkins and Mrs. Thor Johansen



1981

The Library opens the **Freeman Branch** in Hoffman Estates



1973

Referendum passed to allow purchase for **N Benton St location** thanks to the hard work of Judith Gamoran

1966

Successful referendum gave the library a tax rate of 20 mills and was used to double the collection by 1968

1989

The Library's first **summer reading program**



1995

The Library's first time giving out **t-shirts as a prize** for summer reading



2021

Remodeled Main building and Branches and added a brand-new Workshop and an additional North Entrance.

1993

The Library was moved to **700 N North Court**, a 96,000 square foot building. This move allowed for expanded collections, services, and programs.



2000

The Library opens the **Rand Road Branch** in the CRC building



2011

The Library opens **North Hoffman Branch (Lexington Drive)** after Freeman building closed in July 2011

Embracing a Century of Community Stories from Our Library

As we reflect on 100 years, we're proud to be a community staple and open our doors for you each day.

Now we're sharing your stories. We reached out to our members, the Board, and staff to share what the Library has meant to them throughout the years.

"[The] Library has been so important to me the entire time that I've lived here. It's every bit as important as the schools and parks in our community. I hope that everyone takes advantage of what we have to offer." Debby Brauer, Board of Library Trustees President. Brauer, who has lived in Palatine for 26 years, raised two sons here. They visited the Library once a week, and they participated in every summer and winter reading program.

"I've been going to the Library since 1986. I wrote papers for my master's degree there, took my children to storytime, and now attend topic focused evening presentations. As I have evolved, so has the Library! The Library has evolved from an awesome place with books to a multimedia center. The library has always been a comfortable, welcoming space." Paul S., member

"I've been a homebound member for over a year now, and it's an excellent service. It's nice to access your materials, every month I get something new. When I was coming to the Library, everyone was so helpful. When my husband passed, Rosalie and my son-in-law worked together to get me new books." Katherine W., member

About Resume Clinic: "They really helped me in my job search. [My new job] is a nice step-up from my last job where I was way undervalued. Your expertise in hiring was a huge help to get my mindset right." Brian G., member

"I moved to Palatine with my wife and two sons in August 1987, so my wife and I have been members for over 36 years. The Library offers many resources, and over the years, we have utilized many of them. Our Library is vital in keeping us educated and informed. Continue to do what you are already doing!" David B., member

"I've enjoyed the many special, informative presentations which have been conducted by a myriad of different authors, subject matter experts, and others. [They] were phenomenal in terms of what I learned in 1-2 hours and sparked my further research on certain subjects." Jacque M., member

"The Library has always been an inviting place for me; I've been a member for 40 years. The staff is knowledgeable and kind. I've gotten to know Rosalie, and Gregg and Tom in Maintenance. I'm impressed that you will order any book or CD I request, and that I'm almost always able to renew a book if I don't finish it within the three week period." Stephen F., member

Anniversary Exhibit 100 Years of Connection, Curiosity, and Joy Opens May 15

Walk back in time through a collection of seldom-seen historical photographs with some fascinating details. **All ages.** Located on the second floor. Drop in.

History of Palatine Library

Wednesday, May 15
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Join the Palatine Historical Society to learn the history of our Library as we unveil our new exhibit. **Sign up begins 5/1.**



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Guess the Oscar Winners Contest

Sunday, March 3 –
 Sunday, March 10

Get ready for Oscar Sunday! Cast your vote for the winners of these categories:

- Best Actor
- Best Actress
- Best Supporting Actor
- Best Supporting Actress
- Best Picture
- Best Director

A prize basket filled with treats and a \$25 Target gift card awaits the winner of the most correct guesses. **Entry forms can be found at the Oscar table in the Lobby of the Main Library. One entry form per person. In the event of a tie, the tie-breaker question determines the winner. Winner will be notified by March 15. For Palatine cardholders only.**



MARCH

Maximizing Your Social Security

Wednesday, March 6
 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Discover different filing options for Social Security to learn if you can increase your monthly Social Security income with a representative from The Dala Group. **Sign up begins 2/21.**

Fair Housing 101

Tuesday, March 12
 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Learn about your rights and responsibilities as a renter or housing provider under the federal Fair Housing Act along with state and Cook County protections. Local organization, Open Communities, teaches you how to recognize violations and take action. **Sign up begins 2/27.**

The Life of Judy Garland

Thursday, March 14
 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Historical presenter Michelle Gibbons discusses the beautiful yet tragic life of Judy Garland from her rise to worldwide fame in *The Wizard of Oz* to her Emmy-nominated TV series *The Judy Garland Show*. **Sign up begins 2/29.**

DIY Seed Paper

Monday, March 18
 Please choose one time slot:

- 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Make your own seed paper then plant it in your garden for beautiful Illinois wildflowers. **Materials provided. Sign up begins 3/4. For Palatine cardholders only.**

Baking With Tea

Wednesday, March 20
 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Kristyn Slick shows us how tea, with its aromatic and flavorful properties, adds an exciting dimension to traditional baking, creating an unforgettable experience for your taste buds. **Sign up begins 3/6. Presented: Zoom.**



Who Inherits the Mess?

Thursday, March 21
 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Financial advisor Greg Corey shares different options in estate planning and why some prefer one course of action to another. Learn tips to help maximize the transfer of wealth and minimize or avoid unnecessary taxes along the way. **Sign up begins 3/7.**

APRIL

One-Pot/One-Pan Recipes

Wednesday, April 3
 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Susan Maddox shows us how one pot meals are the answer to quick and easy dinners. Everything cooks in one pot or pan for maximum flavor and minimum cleanup. **Sign up begins 3/20. For Palatine cardholders only.**

Home Buying 101

Thursday, April 4
 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Rich Harty of the Harty Realty Group and Alex Margulis of CrossCountry Mortgage present the ABCs of the home buying and mortgage process from start to close. **Sign up begins 3/21.**

The Science of Jurassic Park

Monday, April 8
 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Donald Baumgartner presents a scientific critique of the *Jurassic Park* movies. What was true? What was wrong? What action scenes did not make sense? Donald reveals the science and movie magic to get you excited to rewatch these classics. **Sign up begins 3/25.**

UV Resin Bookmark

Monday, April 15
 Please choose one time slot:

- 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Use UV resin to create a one-of-a-kind bookmark. **Materials provided. Sign up begins 4/1. For Palatine cardholders only.**

Springtime in Italy

Wednesday, April 17
 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Springtime in Italy is a time of fresh, vibrant ingredients and delicious flavors. Cook up some recipe ideas with Kristyn Slick that capture the essence of Italian spring cuisine. **Sign up begins 4/3. Presented: Zoom.**



Illinois Prairie Path

Wednesday, April 17
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Learn about the history and value of the Illinois Prairie Path with Bike Palatine Club and Ken McClurg, Illinois Prairie Path Corporation Director. This nationally recognized trail network spans 62 miles across Cook, DuPage, and Kane counties and attracts bikers, hikers, and outdoor enthusiasts of all kinds. Sign up begins 4/3.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Monday, April 22
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Learn about the importance of recycling, ways to live more sustainably, and how to get involved with local environmentalism with Clean Up Give Back Palatine and Palatine Cool Cities. Sign up begins 4/8.

Planner and Journaling Meetup

Tuesday, April 30
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 4/16.

MAY

Make Ahead Meals

Wednesday, May 8
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Stacy Conway shows us how planning ahead, from grocery shopping, to prep cooking, is the key to making mealtime easy and delicious. Sign up begins 4/24. For Palatine cardholders only.

Postpartum Depression and Anxiety

Thursday, May 9
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Natalie Rodriguez from Hopeful Beginnings discusses common signs of postpartum depression and anxiety, what actions can be taken for individuals in need, and how Hopeful Beginnings supports the community. Sign up begins 4/25.

Mind Games: The Science of Perception

Tuesday, May 14
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Educator William Pack explores the different ways our brains trick us, how optical illusions work, why people fall for scams, and how we make choices that are influenced subconsciously. Sign up begins 4/30.



The History of Palatine Library

Wednesday, May 15
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
See page 7 for details.

Tangerine Lotion Bar

Monday, May 20
Please choose one time slot:
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Use coconut oil, mango butter, and beeswax to make a luxurious lotion bar that melts on your skin. Materials provided. Sign up begins 5/6. For Palatine cardholders only.

Picnic Perfection

Wednesday, May 22
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Learn how to prepare a picnic-worthy meal with a focus on seasonal ingredients. Explore recipes for fresh salads, gourmet sandwiches, and portable desserts. Sign up begins 5/8. Presented: Zoom.

Bonnie and Clyde

Thursday, May 23
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Bonnie Parker was a poor waitress who daydreamed of adventure and true love. Clyde Barrow was the bold, passionate man for whom she would do anything even if it meant a life of crime. Join Michelle Gibbons for a fascinating talk about the dark romanticism of these infamous criminals. Sign up begins 5/9.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Programs are in person unless otherwise noted.

DIGITAL LIFE

Wearable Tech 101

Wednesday, April 17
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Increase your productivity, improve your workflows, and maintain your health all with one wearable device. Learn everything you need to know to get the most out of smart watches and fitness trackers. Sign up begins 4/3.



Save It to the Cloud

Wednesday, May 29
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Learn how to back up your documents, music, and photos to online cloud solutions. Explore free and paid cloud storage options and useful strategies for safety and security. Sign up begins 5/15.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Programs are in person unless otherwise noted.

CONNECT

ESL Conversation Club

Tuesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

March 5, 19

April 2, 16

May 7, 21

Presented: Zoom.

Tuesdays, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

March 12, 26

April 9, 23

May 14, 28

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.

ESL Read Together

Wednesdays

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

March 13, 27

April 10, 24

May 8, 22

Develop your English reading skills in a welcoming environment by reading the book *We Were Liars* by E. Lockhart together. Copies available at the Information Desk. Sign up begins one month prior to each date. Presented in person only. Located at the North Hoffman Branch.



Citizenship Class

Thursdays, 6:30 – 8:15 p.m.

April 4, 11, 18, 25

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

June 6, 13, 20

Prepare for your citizenship test in this small online group class that covers U.S. history and civics. Registrants must complete a phone interview to determine qualifications and then pick up the course textbook at the Information Desk. Students must attend all 12 dates of the course. Sign up begins 3/7.

Presented: Zoom.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Chair Yoga

Wednesdays, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

March 13, 27

April 10

May 8, 22

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

Thursdays, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

March 21

May 16

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 at <https://bit.ly/BloodDrive-3-21-24> and <https://bit.ly/BloodDrive-5-16-24>

Wellness Resource Fair

Saturday, April 20

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Learn ways to improve your health and overall wellness from local organizations, co-hosted by the United Palatine Coalition and Buehler YMCA. Held offsite at Buehler YMCA, 1400 W. Northwest Hwy, Palatine. Drop in.

Introduction to Forest Therapy

Tuesday, April 23

Please choose one time slot:

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Reduce stress and increase connection with the practice of forest therapy, also known as forest bathing. Sarah Abu-Absi, certified forest therapy guide, leads you in an outdoor activity to help you reconnect to nature and yourself with gentle mindfulness practices. Sign up begins 4/9. For Palatine cardholders only.

Guided Meditation

Wednesday, April 24

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Join Payton Kiely of Peak Yoga and Wellness to learn different meditation techniques to help calm both the mind and body. Sign up begins 4/10.

CAREERS

Career Counseling Appointments

Fridays, 12:00, 12:35,

1:05, and 1:35 p.m.

March 8

April 12

May 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.

Resume Clinic

Tuesdays, 6:00 – 8:45 p.m.

April 2

May 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.

GENEALOGY

Genealogy Group

Thursdays, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

March 7

April 4

May 2

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.

Going Vital! Birth, Death, and Marriage Records

Monday, March 11

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Learn how to obtain copies of your ancestors' US vital records: birth records, death records, and marriage records from different states. Sign up begins 2/26. Presented: Zoom.

Czech and Slovak Immigration to America

Thursday, April 11

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Steve Szabados explores Czech and Slovak immigration in this talk. Learn when and how your ancestors got here and uncover the secrets of why they left their homeland. Sign up begins 3/28.

TWEEN AND TEEN PROGRAMS

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

Brain Breaks

Mondays, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

March 4, 18

April 1, 15

May 6

Take a study break and stop in to play with slime and sensory sand, make a snack, play games, and more. New activities for teens each session.

Grades 6 – 12. Allergens and choking hazards may be present. Drop in.

Tween Friday Fun

Fridays, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

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

March 8: Snackapalooza:

A Taste of Western Europe

Sample a variety of snacks and vote for your favorite. Allergens may be present.

April 12: Upcycled Cell Phone Holder

Get ready for Earth Day by repurposing an empty bottle into a cool cell phone accessory.

Cosplay Creations

Saturday, March 16

1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Are you a long-time cosplayer hoping to learn new skills or just starting out in the world of cosplay? Learn new sewing and crafting skills with presenter Mike Hall in time for ComiCon season. Grades 6 – 12. Sign up begins 3/2.

K-Fans Hangout

Tuesdays, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

March 26, April 23, May 28

Curious about K-pop? Stop in to make crafts, eat snacks, and listen to music with your friends. Grades 6 – 12. Drop in.

Financial Aid

Comparison Workshop

Monday, April 8

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

This workshop is designed to help seniors and parents evaluate financial aid offers from colleges and is held after students have received their financial aid offer from the college(s) to which they have been admitted. Hosted by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission. Grade 12. Sign up begins 3/25. Spaces are limited.



Join us for the Celebration! Northern Illinois LEGO® Train Club Exhibit

Saturday, May 4 and

Sunday, May 5

See page 5 for details.

Tween and Teen Spring Service Project

Saturday, May 18

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Earn service hours and help us clean up the bike trail. Presented in partnership with the Palatine Park District. Wear old clothes and meet in the storyrooms.

Grades 6 – 12. Sign up begins 5/4.

For Palatine cardholders only.

Finals De-stress Therapy Dog Sessions

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Monday, May 20

Tuesday, May 21

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.

Finals Study Break Session

Tuesday, May 21

3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Make a snack while you take a break from studying for finals. Grades 9 – 12. Allergens may be present. Drop in.

Summer Volunteers Wanted!

Looking for ways to get involved this summer? Volunteer with us! Whether it's art projects, working with younger kids, or even helping the Friends of Palatine Library, you'll find the perfect projects to do while getting service hours, learning new skills, and meeting new people. Grades 6 – 12.

Apply from May 1 – 15.

Space is limited.

Scan here to apply.
Applications will not be
accepted after May 15.





Peeps Diorama Contest

Kit Pickup:
Friday, March 22 –
Saturday, March 30

Voting:
Monday, April 15 –
Sunday, April 21

Pick up a supply kit to create a diorama using Peeps marshmallows inspired by your favorite book. Send us a photo by Sunday, April 7 to be displayed in the Library. Stop by to view the photos and cast your vote for your favorites from April 15 through April 21.

One winner (notified by April 25) will receive a Family Game Night prize pack featuring the game Taco Cat Goat Cheese Pizza. All ages. Sign up begins 3/8 to reserve your supply kit. One kit per household. Kits not picked up by 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 30 will be distributed on a first come, first served basis. Instructions for sending photo submissions included in the kit. For Palatine cardholders only.



MARCH

Busy Toddlers

Saturday, March 9
10:00 – 11:00 a.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.

Let's Play Chess

Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

March 13

April 10

Learn the game of chess under the guidance of an experienced Chess Scholars coach. All skill levels are welcome. Ages 5 – 13. Sign up begins two weeks prior to each date. For Palatine cardholders only.



Ben's Bubble Show

Monday, March 25
11:00 – 11:45 a.m.

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

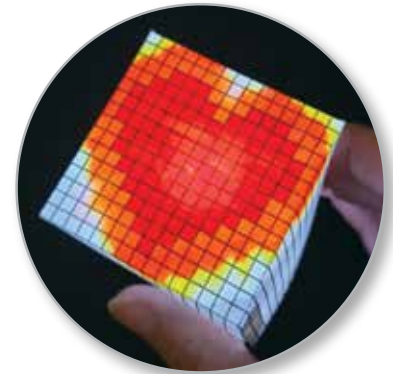
Tickets available 3/11 for Palatine cardholders only.



LEGO® Club

Monday, March 25
2:30 – 4:30 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.



LED Pixel Art Cube

Wednesday, March 27
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Design, color, and create a 3D light using a simple circuit. Grades 3 – 6. Sign up begins 3/13.

Animal Quest

Thursday, March 28
11:00 – 11:45 a.m.

Join the Animal Quest team for a chance to learn about and meet some adorable animals. All ages. Tickets available 3/14 for Palatine cardholders only.



APRIL

Poetry Month Activities

Monday, April 1 – Tuesday, April 30
Enjoy different word games, activities, and more at the youth activity tables during National Poetry Month.
Grades 1 and up. Drop in.

Baby Playtime

Saturday, April 6
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Enjoy a wide variety of toys, instruments, and board books in this special playtime for babies! Ages 0 – 18 months. Drop in.



Reading Buddies

Wednesday, April 24
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
This program supports struggling readers by letting them practice reading a short book to a dog. While kids wait their turn, they can play some fun reading games. Grades K – 6. Sign up begins 4/10.



MAY

Family Game Day

Friday, May 3
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Bring your whole family for board games and a scavenger hunt through the Library.
All ages. Drop in.

Bouncing and Bopping Baby Time

Thursday, May 9
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.
Bounce your baby to an all-musical program with bells, shakers, and drums.
Ages 0 – 18 months. Sign up begins 4/25.



Let's Explore: Bees STEM

Monday, May 20
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Celebrate World Bee Day with a storytime, activities, and a craft to learn more about this important and fascinating insect.
Ages 4 – 7. Sign up begins 5/6.

Reading to your child is one of the most important ways to prepare them for school. Stop by any Library location for materials to record the books you read together towards the goal. Get prizes along the way!

Ages birth until entering Kindergarten.
For Palatine cardholders only.

Scan here to learn more.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

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



Join us for the Celebration!
Northern Illinois
LEGO® Train Club Exhibit
Saturday, May 4 and
Sunday, May 5
See page 5 for details.



CHILDREN'S STORYTIMES

Programs are in person unless otherwise noted.

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:
April 11, May 9

Toddler Storytime

Ages 1 – 2:
Mondays and Fridays
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

No Toddler Storytime:
March 1, 25, 29, May 3, 13

Preschool Storytime

Ages 3 – 5:
Tuesdays, 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.
No Preschool Storytime:
March 12, May 14, 21, 28

Read and Play Storytime

Wednesdays, 4:00 – 4:30 p.m.
March 6: Shapes in Your World
April 3: Backyard Discovery
May 1: Big Trucks and Vehicles
Join us for a short storytime followed by hands-on activities. Ages 2 – 6. Sign up begins two weeks prior to each date.

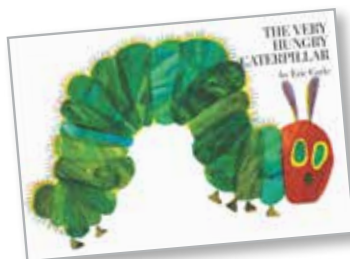
SPECIAL STORYTIMES

St. Patrick's Day Storytime and Craft

Tuesday, March 12
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, March 13
4:00 – 4:30 p.m.

All ages. Sign up begins two weeks prior to each date.



Fiesta de Hungry Caterpillar

Saturday, April 13
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Celebrate the 55th anniversary of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* with stories, games, crafts and more. All ages. Sign up begins 3/30. Presented in English and Spanish.

Fiesta de La Oruga Muy Hambrienta

Sábado, 3 de abril
10:30 a 11:30 a.m.
Celebra el 55 aniversario de *La Oruga Muy Hambrienta* con cuentos, juegos, manualidades y más. Para todas las edades. Regístrese a partir del 30/3. Presentado en inglés y español.

Unicorn and Cupcake Storytime and Craft

Wednesday, April 17
4:00 – 4:45 p.m.
Ages 3 – 7. Sign up 4/3.

Spring Storytime and Nature Walk

10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

Monday, May 13
Tuesday, May 14

Come in for a fun, short storytime then go on a nature walk behind the Library to find furry creatures. All ages. Sign up begins two weeks prior to each date.



Bilingual Storytimes

10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Join us for stories, songs, and fun! Sign up begins two weeks prior to each date. Presented in English and Spanish.

Family Storytime

Fridays, March 29, May 3

Baby Storytime

Thursday, April 11

Horas de

Cuentacuentos Bilingüe

10:00 a 10:30 a.m.

¡Acompáñenos a disfrutar de cuentos, canciones y diversión!
Registración inicia dos semanas antes de cada fecha. Presentado en inglés y español.

La Hora de

Cuentacuentos Familiar

Los viernes,
29 de marzo, 3 de mayo

Cuentacuentos para Bebés

Jueves, 11 de abril

OUTDOOR STORYTIMES IN THE PARK

Storytime at Palatine Park District

Tuesday, May 21
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.
Bring a blanket for this special storytime at Oak Park. All ages. Held offsite at Oak Park, 455 N. Clark Drive, Palatine. Questions, call Karen Rude (PPD), 847-496-6239. Drop in.

Storytime at Hoffman Estates Park District

Tuesday, May 28
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.
Gather at Willow Park for a special storytime. All ages. Held offsite at Willow Park, 3600 Lexington Drive, Hoffman Estates. Questions, call Debbie Albig (HEPD), 847-285-5442. Drop in.



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.

MARCH
Marzo

March 7:
It's a Small World Paper Castle

- 7 de marzo:
- Castillo de papel del Pequeño Mundo



March 14:
St. Patrick's Day Wreath

- 14 de marzo:
- Guirnalda del Día de San Patricio



March 21:
Holi Pichkari Slider Card

- 21 de marzo:
- Tarjeta deslizante Pichkari para el Día Holi



March 28:
Baseball Player Puppet

- 28 de marzo:
- Títere de un Jugador de Béisbol



APRIL
Abril

April 4:
Bunny Craft

- 4 de abril:
- Manualidad de un Conejo



April 11:
Paper Plate Aquarium

- 11 de abril:
- Un Acuario Hecho con Platos de Papel



April 18:
Color Poem Book

- 18 de abril:
- Libro de Poemas en Color



April 25:
Rainy Day Duck

- 25 de abril:
- Pato de Día Lluvioso



MAY
Mayo

May 2:
Japanese Carp Kite

- 2 de mayo:
- Cometa de Carpa Japonesa



May 9:
Firefly Suncatcher

- 9 de mayo:
- Atrapasol de Luciérnaga



May 16:
Flying Unicorn Paper Plate

- 16 de mayo:
- Unicornio Volador Hecho con Platos de Papel



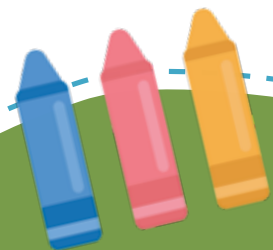
May 23:
Memorial Day Flag

- 23 de mayo:
- Bandera De Conmemoración



May 30:
Paper Dandelion

- 30 de mayo:
- Diente de león de Papel



NORTH HOFFMAN BRANCH CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS



Crafty Kids

Thursdays, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

See page 15 for more details.

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

LEGO® Club

Tuesdays, 3:30 – 6:30 p.m.

March 5

April 9

May 7

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.

Let's Explore

Wednesdays, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

March 20

April 17

May 15

Explore your creativity with our Tinker Toy® collection. Connect the gears and sticks to create anything you can imagine.

Ages 3 and up. Drop in.

Adult Programs

Chair Yoga

Wednesdays, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

March 20, April 17, May 15

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.

Bookmark Craft

Tuesday, April 9, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Use a laminator and some paper flowers to create a beautiful spring inspired bookmark, a perfect gift for Mother's Day. Materials provided.

Sign up begins 3/26.

For Palatine cardholders only.

Mark Hayward's Comedy and Yo-Yo Tricks Show

Friday, March 29

1:00 – 1:45 p.m.

Join us as world-class yo-yo performer Mark Hayward keeps you laughing and amazed while performing yo-yo tricks.

All ages. Tickets available 3/15 for Palatine cardholders only.



Spring Guessing Jar

Monday, April 1 – Saturday, April 6

Celebrate the start of spring by trying to correctly guess how many flowers are in the jar for a chance win a prize!

Ages 4 – 11. Drop in.

Card Games and Candy

Monday, April 29

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Bring your family and friends to play card games like Go Fish! and snack on Swedish Fish and other sweet treats.

Ages 4 and up. Drop in.

Mother's Day Craft Kit

Monday, May 6

Pick up a kit at the desk to make a special card for the mother figure in your life.

Ages 4 and up. While supplies last.

Drop in.

Book Discussion

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

Tuesday, April 30

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Willow

Recreation Center Meeting Room

The Women

by Kristin Hannah

The story of a young nurse whose life is changed by the Vietnam War.

Available March 15.



Join us for the Celebration! Northern Illinois LEGO® Train Club Exhibit

Saturday, May 4

and Sunday, May 5

Located at the Main Branch.

See page 5 for details.

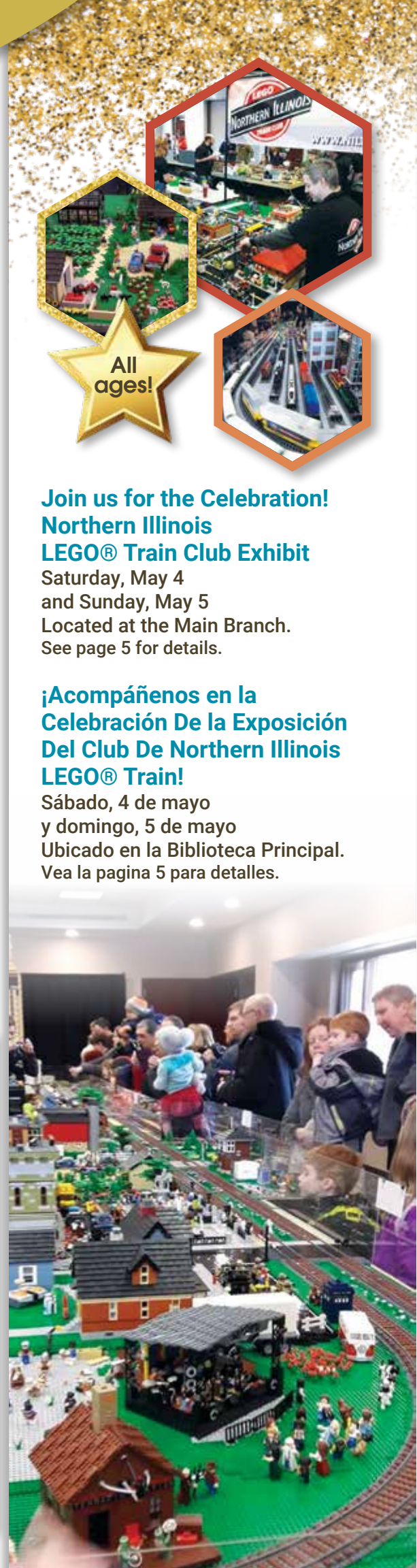
¡Acompañenos en la Celebración De la Exposición Del Club De Northern Illinois LEGO® Train!

Sábado, 4 de mayo

y domingo, 5 de mayo

Ubicado en la Biblioteca Principal.

Vea la pagina 5 para detalles.



RAND ROAD CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS PROGRAMAS PARA NIÑOS

Crafty Kids

Thursdays, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

See page 15 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 15 para más detalles.

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

LEGO® Club

Tuesdays, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

March 5

April 9

May 7

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 marzo

• 9 de abril

• 7 de mayo

• 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.

Let's Explore STEM

Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

March 20: Let's Count

April 17: Let's See

May 15: Let's Move

Explore a different STEM subject each month while developing science, math, and pre-writing skills with fun activities.

Ages 3 – 7. Drop in.

• Vamos a Explorar STEM

• Los miércoles, 11:00 a.m. a 4:00 p.m.

• 20 de marzo: Vamos a Contar

• 17 de abril: Vamos a Ver

• 15 de mayo: Vamos a Movernos

• Explora un tema diferente de STEM cada mes mientras desarrollas tus habilidades en la ciencia, matemática y preescritura con divertidas actividades.

• Para edades de 3 a 7. Entrada libre.



The Kindness Show with Miss Make-Believe

Tuesday, March 26

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Miss Make-Believe uses handmade props and puppets, music, fun magic tricks, and laughter to spark your imagination.

All ages. Tickets available 3/12 for Palatine cardholders only.

• El Espectáculo de la Bondad con Miss Make-Believe

• Martes, 26 de marzo

• 1:00 a 2:00 p.m.

• Miss Make-Believe usa accesorios y títeres hechos a mano, música, divertidos trucos de magia y la risa para encender la chispa de tu imaginación. Para todas las edades. Boletos estarán disponibles para el 12/3 para tarjetahabientes validos de Palatine.

Día del Niño

Tuesday, April 30

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Join us for a special day to celebrate children and reading with a storytime, crafts, games, and sweet treats.

All ages. Sign up begins 4/16.

• Día del Niño

• Martes, 30 de abril

• 4:30 a 5:30 p.m.

• Acompáñenos para celebrar a los niños en un día especial con la lectura de un cuentacuentos, manualidades, juegos, y golosinas. Para todas las edades. Regístrese a partir del 16/4.

La Loteria

Tuesday, May 14

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 4/30.

• La Lotería

• Martes, 14 de mayo

• 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 30/4.

Family Craft Time

Tuesday, May 28

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Enjoy time with your family and create Perler Bead designs.

All ages. Sign up begins 5/14.

• La Hora de

• Manualidades Familiares

• Martes, 28 de mayo

• 4:00 a 5:00 p.m.

• Disfrute el tiempo con tu familia creando diseños con Cuentas Perler.

• Para todas las edades. Regístrese a partir del 14/5.



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.

• Macetas Pintadas a Mano

• Viernes, 22 de marzo

• 12:00 a 1:00 p.m.

• Explore su creatividad usando diferentes pinturas para decorar una maceta. Luego úsela para plantar flores silvestres de Illinois o su planta favorita.

• Materiales serán provistos.

• Regístrese a partir del 8/3.

• Manualidad: Marcapáginas

• Miércoles, 1 de mayo

• 12:00 a 1:00 p.m.

• Utilice una laminadora y unas flores de papel para crear un hermoso marcapáginas inspirado por la primavera, un regalo perfecto para el Día de las Madre.

• Materiales serán provistos.

• Regístrese a partir del 17/4.

The Workshop



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

WORKSHOP CLASSES

Embroidery Pattern Design

Thursday, March 7
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Learn how to use Inkscape and Ink/Stitch to design your own pattern for use on the embroidery machine.
Ages 13 and up. Sign up begins 2/22.

Inkscape for Beginners

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 12
Thursday, April 11
Inkscape is a free software that can be used to make graphics and designs for your next laser cutting or embroidery creation. Sign up begins two weeks prior to each date.

Sewing Activity: Drawstring Bag

Friday, March 15
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Learn how to sew your own drawstring bag using our sewing machines. We guide you through measuring fabric and sewing French seams for a nice finish. Materials provided. Sign up begins 3/1.

Designing in TinkerCAD

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 20
Tuesday, April 9
Learn how to use TinkerCAD, a free online software, to model your own designs that can be used on the 3D Printer. Sign up begins two weeks prior to each date.

Intermediate Inkscape

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 26
Thursday, April 25
Take your designs to the next level by learning more about editing nodes, paths, and manipulating text to give your Workshop projects a more polished and professional look. Sign up begins two weeks prior to each date.

Intermediate Embroidery Pattern Design

Thursday, March 28
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Deep dive into Inkscape's most helpful features clearer stitch-out patterns. Learn trace bitmap, adjusting stitch types, and improved paths and layering. Ages 13 and up. Sign up begins 3/14.

Sublimation Activity: Metal Bookmarks

Friday, April 19
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Learn how to put your own photo or pattern on a metal bookmark using the sublimation printer and heat press. Sign up begins 4/5.

Cricut Activity: Spring Monogram

Monday, April 29
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Celebrate spring by making your own custom monogram on Cricut. Basic Cricut software skills suggested. Materials provided. Sign up begins 4/15.

Machine Sewing for Beginners

Tuesday, May 7
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Learn how to get started on the sewing machine in The Workshop. Materials provided. Sign up begins 4/23.

Arduino Activity: Sensors

Monday, May 13
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Work together in groups to complete a series of projects and use Arduino Programming Language to learn how to control sensors. Materials provided. Sign up begins 4/29.



ADULT BOOK DISCUSSIONS

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

MONDAY EVENINGS

Mondays, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

March 18

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 now.**

April 15

The Swimmers

by Julie Otsuka

When a crack appears in a community pool, a group of swimmers cope with the disruption of their routines in various ways. **Available March 18.**

May 20

If I Survive You

by Jonathan Escoffery

A Jamaican American family struggles to survive economic hardships and natural disasters in Miami. **Available April 15.**

CRIME READERS

Wednesdays, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

March 13

Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone

by Benjamin Stevenson

Ernie Cunningham writes books on how to write mystery novels for a living and is part of a family where everyone has killed someone. But the story of how and why is unraveled in the pages, and there's another murderer in the midst. **Available now.**

April 10

Sisters of the Lost Nation

by Nick Medina

A Native teen's hunt for answers about the women mysteriously disappearing from her tribe's reservation leads her to delve into the myths and stories of her people. **Available March 13.**

May 8

Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers

by Jesse Q. Sutanto

A lonely but resilient tea shop owner tries to solve a murder in San Francisco's Chinatown. **Available April 10.**

FRIDAY MORNINGS

Fridays, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

March 8

The Swimmers

by Julie Otsuka

When a crack appears in a community pool, a group of swimmers cope with the disruption of their routines in various ways. **Available now.**

April 5

If I Survive You

by Jonathan Escoffery

A Jamaican American family struggles to survive economic hardships and natural disasters in Miami. **Available March 8.**

May 3

Shrines of Gaiety

by Kate Atkinson

In 1920s London, Nellie Carter, the queen of the Soho underworld, finds her success breeding enemies as she faces threats from without and within. **Available April 5.**



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.



Ruth E. Carter: Interweaving Tradition and Imagination Through Costume Design

Wednesday, March 20



The Hidden Gifts of Visual Thinkers with Dr. Temple Grandin

Wednesday, April 3



The Many Lives of Kal Penn

Tuesday, May 7

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



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STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Friday, March 1

EASTER

Sunday, March 31

MEMORIAL DAY

Sunday, May 26

Monday, May 27

Executive Director Retiring



The Board of Library Trustees has announced that Executive Director Jeannie Dilger is retiring from libraries on July 7. Dilger has worked in libraries for 38 years. During her tenure, she led the Board's referendum efforts to increase funding for the Library as well as bringing in nearly two million dollars in state and local grants over the years.



In December 2023, the Board also announced that they appointed Assistant Director Melissa Gardner to take over as executive director, effective July 8. Over her nine-year tenure as assistant director, Gardner has been responsible for all the public-facing services of the Library, adding a maker space, increasing community outreach, and hosting the Library's first-ever interfaith event.

**Spring
Collection Drives**

March

Donate period products of various sizes to Every28Days.

April

Donate plastic bag items to Clean Up Give Back Palatine.

May

Donate baby items to Hopeful Beginnings' baby closet.



Scan here to read a list of acceptable items for each month.

THANK YOU

Thank You to Our Volunteers!

During National Volunteer Week April 21 – 27, we want to thank our volunteers who served the Library in a variety of ways in 2023. Our volunteers gave their time to assist staff in several departments. They picked and shelved books on hold, re-cased and cleaned DVDs and CDs, assisted with English second language (ESL) programs, helped to prepare crafts, assisted with special events and delivered reading materials to homebound members.

Last fiscal year approximately 83 volunteers gave 2,189 hours of their time to the Library. Of those 83 volunteers, 48 high school students worked in our departments at special events to complete volunteer hours.



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Palatine, IL 60067**

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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

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

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