

# PROGRAMS CLASSES EVENTS

December 2024 – February 2025

*Inspiring Connection, Curiosity, and Joy*



Palatine  
**LIBRARY**  
District 2024



## WINTER READING Challenge 2024



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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

## Giving Tuesday Fundraiser

Tuesday, December 3

This is the perfect time of year to support the Library and their ongoing programs. This year we are raising funds to purchase new sensory kits for the Youth Department. Sensory kits have items that can help calm or stimulate a child's nervous system as well as develop fine motor and cognitive skills.

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

Do you love to get a great deal on books and are looking for a fun place to volunteer? Join the Friends for just \$10 a year! We need volunteers to work the book sales. Sign up before the February Sale and get your time slot.

Find membership forms 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 of Palatine Library is a 501(c)(3) organization.

## February Used Book Sale

**Sale Hours:**

**Friday, February 7  
 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

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

**Saturday, February 8  
 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
 Free admission.**

**Sunday, February 9  
 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.  
 Free admission.  
 Bargain day. All items are half price!**



**FRIENDS**  
 of Palatine Library



# WINTER READING Challenge 2024

All ages!

Sunday, December 15 – Friday, January 31



The Clayton House



## Reading Requirements

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

### Sign up on Beanstack!

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

If you cannot sign up online, call or visit any Library location for help from our friendly staff. Don't remember your password? We can help! For Palatine cardholders only.



### Complete the program and get a prize!

Grades 6 through adults will receive a mug, and children (birth through grade 5) will receive a fun winter toy. **Completion prizes are funded by the Friends of Palatine Library.**

### Give Back to the Community

When you participate in the Winter Reading Challenge, you help the community! When we all read a total of 12,000 books, these generous partners will donate to the Palatine Historical Society.

**\$500 – Napleton's Palatine Subaru**  
**\$500 – Palatine Bank and Trust**



### Who is the Palatine Historical Society?

The Palatine Historical Society collects, preserves, and creates displays of Palatine-related artifacts. They are committed to delving into the history of Palatine and the Palatine Township to share with the community. The Society is run by volunteers who present cemetery walks, programs at the Clayton House Museum, and history related events in our community including here at the Library.

### Grand Prize Drawing

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



### Desafío de Lectura de Invierno ¡Devolver a la Comunidad!

¡Para todas las edades!

**Domingo, 15 de diciembre al viernes, 31 de enero**

Ayúdanos a leer 12,000 libros para Palatine Historical Society.

### Requisitos de Lectura

Infantes a Grado 2	15 libros
3 a 5 Grado	5 libros
6 a 12 Grado	2 libros
Adultos	2 libros

### ¡Regístrese en Beanstack!

Descargue la app Beanstack Tracker en su teléfono inteligente o dispositivo.



### ¡Obtenga una taza o un juguete de invierno por completar el programa!

Visite nuestro sitio de web para más detalles.

## More Ways to Give...

### Winter Reading Donation Drive December 15 – January 31

On behalf of the Palatine Historical Society, donate winter items for Partners for Our Community (POC). All clothing donations are accepted, but items requested are men's winter coats, t-shirts, long sleeve shirts, jeans, sweatpants, and sweatshirts.





# Our Year in Numbers

## Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024

**Visitors**  
**359,864**



**Sessions**  
Meeting Room **386**  
Study Room **13,196**



**Cardholders**  
Total **37,442**  
Total New **2,708**



**Reference**  
Includes directional and technology help.  
**151,069**

**Items in Collection**  
Grand Total **2,665,079**

### Programs & Attendance

Adult/  
All Ages/Other

Children Programs **517**  
Attendance **26,031**

Programs **489**  
Attendance **31,163**

Teen Programs **64**  
Attendance **2,294**



**Circulation**  
includes movies, music, print, and digital titles  
**1,305,208**



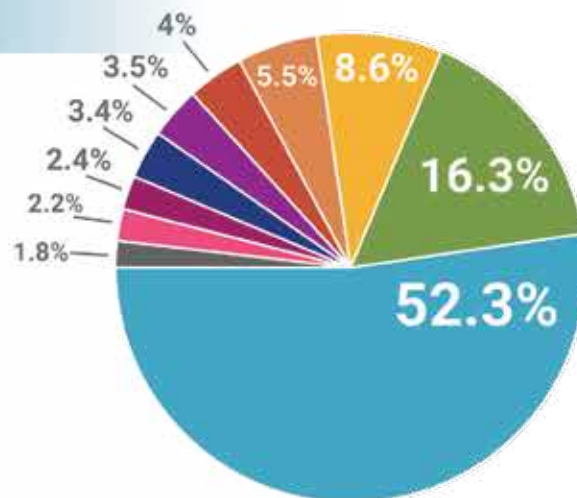
## 2023-2024 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

### INCOME

Property Tax Revenue	\$10,368,758
Grants and Donations	\$197,020
Investment Income	\$678,310
Other Fees and Income	\$82,760
Personal Prop Rep Tax	\$142,125
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$11,468,973</b>

### EXPENSES

Salaries and Benefits	\$5,208,725
Renovation	\$1,627,415
Books and Materials	\$859,886
Contracts	\$550,192
Bond Expenses	\$396,700
Capital Expenses	\$348,077
Other Operating	\$335,476
Utilities	\$235,748
Building Maintenance	\$216,265
Supplies	\$180,516
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$9,959,000</b>







# Our 100th Year: A Look Back

We are so grateful for the community members who came to the Library this year to celebrate our anniversary. Thank you for joining us to honor this momentous occasion. We're so happy to have served you for 100 years. Here's to many more!

## We Did It!

In September, we brought you Par-Tee in the Stacks: Mini Golf Weekend, a fun 19-hole course in the Main Library, to raise \$10,000 for a new LiteZilla Lite Brite. With your help and donations from our sponsors, we reached our goal of \$10,000 and Friends of Palatine Library are matching donations!

Our new LiteZilla Lite Brite will be purchased and installed in the Youth Area this spring.



## Check Out Our New Art!

Art students from Fremd and Palatine high schools created banners for our anniversary. Currently located in the upper and lower parking garage vestibules, these colorful pieces are reflective of our community.



## Summer Reading Program

Over 5,000 of you signed up to read with us all summer long, and together we read 46,737 books!

## Thanks to Our Sponsors!

Our business partners donated their time, money, coupons, and more to make sure our programs, Summer Reading, Mini Golf Weekend, and Winter Reading Challenge, were perfect for you. A special thanks to the businesses that participated in all three programs.





All ages!

# WINTER READING Challenge 2024

## Give Back to the Community!

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## DECEMBER

### No Stress Holiday Dinner Party Tips and Tricks

Wednesday, December 4  
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Stacy Conway shows us how to pull off a perfect holiday dinner with little stress and maximum success including a delicious appetizer, a main showstopper, and two quick-to-the table sides. Sign up begins 11/20. For Palatine cardholders only.

### Wind and Truth Release Party

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

Celebrate the release *Wind and Truth*, book five of the *Stormlight Archives* by Brandon Sanderson, with activities related to Sanderson's expansive Cosmere universe. Earn chances to win a copy of the book by attending the party, dressing in your best cosplay, or winning a round of trivia. Drop in.

### Elderwerks Gift Wrapping

Friday, December 6  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Bring your gifts for complimentary wrapping provided by Elderwerks' Holiday Helpers. Drop in.

### Holiday Cards

Tuesday, December 10  
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Help brighten the holidays for Elderwerks clients and staff with handmade holiday cards using stickers, markers, and more. All ages. Drop in.

### Holiday Cookies with Royal Icing

Wednesday, December 11  
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Kristyn Slick covers how to bake the perfect sugar cookie followed by step-by-step guidance on using royal icing to decorate them. Sign up begins 11/27. Presented: Zoom.

### Winter Folk Tales

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

Hear frosty winter stories from Russia, Germany, Denmark, and other European countries. These cultural tales, passed mainly by word of mouth, helped to carry on the traditions of the common people. Sign up begins 11/27.

## JANUARY

### Dungeons & Dragons One-Shots

Thursdays, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
January 9

February 13

Join us in an exciting role-playing adventure! Pick your role and set out on a standalone quest with a merry band of adventurers in the world of Dungeons & Dragons. Beginners welcome. Sign up begins two weeks prior to each date.

### Tech Assistance Drop-In Hours

Tuesdays, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
January 14

February 18

Drop by for basic technology help from our expert librarians. If you need help with your phone, laptop, or tablets, bring them with you. Help is available in English and Spanish. Drop in.

### Long-Term Care Planning

Wednesday, January 15  
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Many insurance plans like Medicare do not cover long-term care. Join this webinar to learn about the importance of creating a plan for long-term care. Medicare will not be discussed. Sign up begins 1/2. Presented: Zoom.

### Vegan Comfort Food

Wednesday, January 15  
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Kristyn Slick explores plant-based alternatives that are both comforting and satisfying, showing us how to create rich flavors and textures without any animal products. Sign up begins 1/2. Presented: Zoom.

### T-TRAK Model Train Display

Saturday, January 18  
9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Spend your day with model trains from the Chicagoland T-Trak Group. Explore the various models on display and learn some hands-on operation. Drop in.



## Dungeons & Dragons Planescape Campaign

Tuesdays, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

January 21

February 18

Journey across the multiverse in this monthly campaign for intermediate and expert adventurers from January to November. Download the D&D Beyond app on your device for character creation. Players are expected to attend most of the monthly sessions. Sign up begins two weeks prior to each date.

## Mac Basics

Wednesday, January 22

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

New to Apple computers? Learn everything you need to know about using mail, surfing the web, keeping the computer updated, backing up your files, and other key functions. Sign up begins 1/8.

## Organizing 101

Tuesday, January 28

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Jennifer Barnes highlights different types of organizers and how our personalities impact how one can organize to be effective. Learn about the five principles of organizing and how to apply them to anything, anywhere. Sign up begins 1/14.

## Planner and Journaling Meetup

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 30

Tuesday, February 25

Connect with other planners and journaling enthusiasts in the area. Learn from each other, be inspired, and show off your planners. Sign up begins two weeks prior to each date.

## FEBRUARY

### AARP Tax-Aide Appointments

Mondays, February 3 – April 14

Make an appointment to get free tax return preparation assistance at the Main Library from AARP tax aides. Sign up information and appointments times will be available online starting in January.

### Chocolate Lovers Workshop

Wednesday, February 12

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Just in time for Valentine's Day, Kristyn Slick teaches us the techniques for tempering chocolate, making ganache, and crafting chocolate desserts to enchant your special someone. Sign up begins 1/29.

Presented: Zoom.

### Movie Time with Collin and Erik: Oscars

Wednesday, February 19

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Erik Childress, host of the podcast Movie Madness, and film critic Collin Souter take you through the 2024 Oscar nominations, offering their own opinions, alternatives, predictions, and historical perspective on the choices. Sign up begins 2/5.

### Medicare Basics and You

Tuesday, February 25

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Nancy Frenk from the Palatine Township Senior Citizens Council breaks down what you need to know about Medicare from eligibility and enrollment to prescription drug plans and low-income assistance. Sign up begins 2/11. Presented: Zoom.

## Pick the Oscar Winners Contest

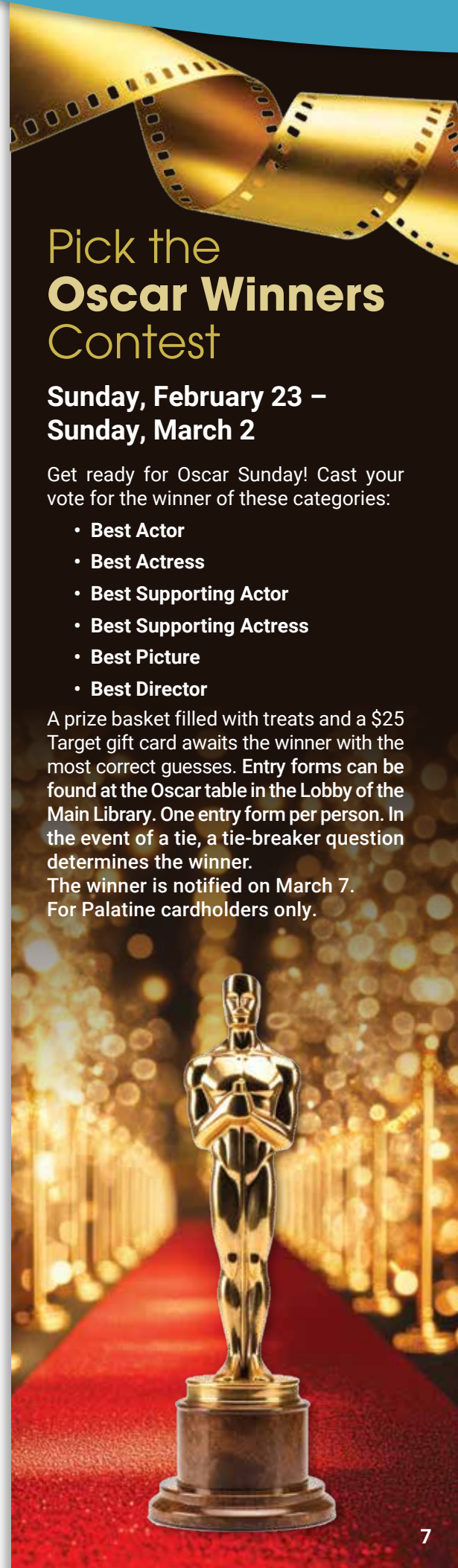
**Sunday, February 23 –  
Sunday, March 2**

Get ready for Oscar Sunday! Cast your vote for the winner 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 with 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, a tie-breaker question determines the winner.

The winner is notified on March 7.  
For Palatine cardholders only.



## GENEALOGY

### Genealogy Group

Thursdays, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

December 5

February 6

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.

### Exploring Chat GPTs Created for Genealogy

Monday, January 13

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Learn how to find and use Chat GPT tools that have been created specifically to help improve your genealogy experience. Sign up begins 12/30. Presented: Zoom.

### The Story of Your Immigrant Ancestors

Thursday, February 13

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Your immigrant ancestors are the foundation of your roots in the U.S. Learn how to find emigration, immigration, and naturalization records through over 30 resources. Sign up begins 1/30.

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS

### Chair Yoga

Wednesdays, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

December 11

January 8, 22

February 12, 26

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.



## CONNECT

### ESL Conversation Club

Tuesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

December 3

January 7, 21

February 4, 18

Presented: Zoom.

Tuesdays, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

December 10

January 14, 28

February 11, 25

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.

January 8, 22

February 12, 26

Develop your English reading skills in a welcoming environment by reading *Jonathan Livingston Seagull* by Richard Bach together. Copies available at the Information Desk. Sign up begins one month before each date.



### Blood Drive with Versiti Blood Centers

Thursday, January 16

1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Sign Up:

<https://tinyurl.com/Donate-Blood-1-16-25>

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.



## CAREERS

### Career Counseling Appointments

Fridays, 12:00, 12:35,

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

December 13

January 10

February 14

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.

December 3

January 7

February 4

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.

### Professional Headshots Pop-Up

Monday, January 27

1:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Sign up for a time to get a headshot taken for use on your professional profiles like LinkedIn. Sign up begins 1/13. Look out for a follow-up email from us to schedule a timeslot.







All ages!

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### Holiday Cards

Tuesday, December 10

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

See page 6 for details. All ages. Drop in.

### Finals Week

#### Study Break Sessions

3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Monday, December 16

Tuesday, December 17

Make a snack while you take a break from studying for finals. Grades 9 – 12.

Allergens may be present. Drop in.



### Finals Week

#### Therapy Dog Sessions

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Monday, December 16

Tuesday, December 17

Need a break from studying for finals? Stop by the Library for some well-earned canine support from the Alliance of Therapy Dogs. Grades 9 – 12. Drop in.

### Relaxation Station for Teens

Monday, January 20 –

Sunday, January 26

Enjoy passive activities all week in the Teen Space to help you relax and destress on your own or with friends.

Grades 6 – 12. Drop in.



### Teen Cozy Corner

Tuesdays, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

January 28

February 25

Stop in for a hot beverage and enjoy a chill atmosphere and cozy activities with friends. Grades 6 – 12. Drop in.

### Wings of Fire Fan Fest

Wednesday, February 26

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Celebrate the *Wings of Fire* series with activities, snacks, and a chance to win a copy of *Escaping Peril: A Graphic Novel*. Grades 3 – 8. Sign up begins 2/12.



## Enjoy a space in the Library just for you!

The Teen Space is located on the first floor in the Youth and Teen Area. It was designed with you in mind and has:

Tables for group work  
or individual study

Monthly book recommendations

Interactive activities and games

Booths for quiet study

The Teen Space is open to anyone during regular Library hours so you can hang out, study, work on projects, read, and have fun.

Stop by and find the perfect study spot this finals season!





All ages!

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## DECEMBER

### Holiday Cards

Tuesday, December 10

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

See page 6 for details. All ages. Drop in.

### Baby Footprint Art

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, December 12

Saturday, December 14

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



### Big Blue Blocks Playdate

Saturday, December 14

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Build and play using the Library's big blue blocks. Drop in.

### Gingerbread Houses

Wednesday, December 18

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Decorate a gingerbread house with your family. Ages 4 and up. Sign up begins 12/4. One house per group. Limited to five people in your group. For Palatine cardholders only.

### Library Detective Challenge

Saturday, December 21 –

Sunday, January 5

A priceless library manuscript has gone missing! Follow the clues and crack the case to earn a small thank you prize.

All ages. Limit one per child.

While supplies last. Drop in.



### Toddler Obstacle Course

Monday, December 23

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Ready, set go! Test your toddler with a variety of activities including balance stones, bean bag toss, and a crawl-through tunnel. Ages 1 – 2. Sign up begins 12/9 for a 30-minute timeslot.

### Dinosaur Discoveries

Friday, December 27

11:00 – 11:45 a.m.

Meet the T-Explorers as they talk to you about what it takes to discover real dinosaur fossils. Touch dinosaur fossils and meet Green Bean, a baby animatronic triceratops. Ages 4 and up.

Tickets available 12/13 for Palatine cardholders only.

### New Year's Eve Scavenger Hunt

Tuesday, December 31

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Ring in the new year with a scavenger hunt and a festive craft. All ages. Drop in.

## JANUARY



### The Wonders of Magic

Friday, January 3

11:00 – 11:45 a.m.

Welcome Terrence the Magician for a high-energy magic show. All ages.

Tickets available 12/20 for Palatine cardholders only.

### Baby Singalong

10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, January 9

Saturday, January 11

Join us for classic songs and nursery rhymes with your baby.

Ages 0 – 15 months. Sign up begins two weeks prior to each date.





### Arctic Exploration STEAM

Wednesday, January 15  
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Can polar bears float on ice? Enjoy a short storytime to discover the animals of the Arctic and Antarctic regions, then explore with hands-on activities and a craft to learn more. Ages 4 – 6. Sign up begins 1/2.



### Toy Exchange

Drop off:  
Tuesday, January 7 –  
Monday, January 13  
Browse:

Saturday, January 18  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Donate your gently used toys at the Main Library. Then come to the exchange and browse our community closet for a new toy to take home. All ages. Limit one toy per person. While supplies last. Drop in.

## SCIENCE HEROES

### Science Heroes Show

Monday, January 20  
11:00 – 11:45 a.m.

Get ready for an exciting and interactive science show with the Science Heroes. Act along with their storytelling as they perform wonderful science experiments. All ages. Tickets available 1/6 for Palatine cardholders only.

### Fidget Lab

Tuesday, January 21  
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Make your own fidget toy out of common household materials. Grades 3 – 5. Sign up begins 1/7.

## FEBRUARY

### Busy Toddlers

Monday, February 3  
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. Allergens may be present. Drop in.

### Hot Cocoa Bar

Saturday, February 15  
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Warm up with a customized cup of cocoa and family activities. All ages. While supplies last. Drop in.



### Sing and Soar with Nanny Nikki

Monday, February 17  
11:00 – 11:45 a.m.

Get ready to sing, dance, and soar with Grammy-nominated artist Nanny Nikki whose music and storytime leaves you smiling and moving all day. All ages. Tickets available 2/3 for Palatine cardholders only.

### Let's Explore: Sound STEAM

Monday, February 24  
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Investigate sound through a storytime, music, science, and a craft. Ages 4 – 6. Sign up begins 2/10.

### Wings of Fire Fan Fest

Wednesday, February 26  
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

See page 9 for details. Grades 3 – 8. Sign up begins 2/12.

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

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

### Borrow a Sensory Kit

Check out a sensory kit at the Youth and Teen Services Desk! Packed with various therapy tools, these kits can help calm your child.

Use a kit while you're here accessing our resources, reading together, or even attending a program.

#### A sensory kit includes:

- Stress balls
- Sensory balls
- Headset
- Therapy putty
- Stretch tubes
- Liquid bubbler
- Fidgets

For in-library use only.  
For Palatine cardholders only.

## GIVING TUESDAY

On Tuesday, December 3 for Giving Tuesday, the Palatine Library Foundation is raising money to purchase additional kits. See page 2 for more details or scan the QR Code below to make a donation.







## 1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Reading to your child is one of the most important ways to prepare them for school. Start reading together now, and you can:

- Build closeness with your child**
- Improve their literacy skills**
- Boost confidence in your child**
- Inspire a lifelong love of reading and learning**

Stop by any Library location for materials to record the books you read together towards the goal. Get prizes along the way. Visit us to sign up!

Ages birth until entering Kindergarten. For Palatine cardholders only.

## 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:  
 12/12, 1/9

### Toddler Storytime

Ages 1 – 2:  
Mondays, 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.  
Fridays, 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.  
 No Toddler Storytime:  
 12/23, 2/3, 2/14, 2/21

### Preschool Storytime

Ages 3 – 5:  
Tuesdays, 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.  
 No Preschool Storytime:  
 12/24, 12/31, 2/11

## SPECIAL STORYTIMES

### Parachute Party Storytime

Wednesday, December 4  
 4:30 – 5:00 p.m.  
 Join us for a fun storytime using our new parachute. Ages 3 – 5. Sign up begins 11/20. For Palatine cardholders only.

### Bluey Meet and Greet

Saturday, January 25  
 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.  
 Join us for a storytime then take a photo with Bluey and Bingo. All ages. Tickets available 1/11 for Palatine cardholders only.

### Valentine's Day Storytime and Craft

Tuesday, February 11  
 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.  
 Wednesday, February 12  
 6:30 – 7:00 p.m.  
 Friday, February 14  
 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.  
 Ages 2 – 6. Sign up begins two weeks prior to each date.

## BILINGUAL STORYTIME

### Bilingual Japanese Storytime

Saturday, December 7  
 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.  
 Enjoy stories, rhymes, songs, and a craft in English and Japanese.  
 All ages. Sign up begins 11/23.  
 ● **バイリンガル日本語おはなし会**  
 ● 12月7日 土曜日  
 ● 午前10時～10時30分  
 ● 日本語と英語でのおはなし、ナーサリ  
 ● ータイム、歌、工作などをご用意して  
 ● おります。是非ご参加ください。  
 ● 年齢制限はありません。お申し込みは  
 ● 11月23日から始まります。

### Lunar New Year Storytime

Saturday, February 1  
 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.  
 Enjoy stories, rhymes, songs, and a craft in English and Mandarin.  
 All ages. Sign up begins 1/18.  
 ● **农历新年故事时间**  
 ● 2月1日星期六  
 ● 上午 10:00 – 10:30  
 ● 享受英语和普通话的故事、童谣、  
 ● 歌曲和手工艺品。所有年龄段皆  
 ● 可。报名从1月18日开始。





**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.**

Pase 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.

**DECEMBER**  
**Diciembre**

December 5:

**Winter Mittens**

- 5 de diciembre:
- **Mitones de Invierno**



December 12:

**Snowflake Popsicle Sticks**

- 12 de diciembre:
- **Copos de Nieve con Palitos de Helado**



December 19:

**Holiday Ornament**

- 19 de diciembre:
- **Ornamento Festivo**



December 26:

**Snowman Snow Globe**

- 26 de diciembre:
- **Globo de Nieve con un Hombre de Nieve**



**JANUARY**  
**Enero**

January 2:

**Paper Star Penguin**

- 2 de enero:
- **Una Estrella de Papel con un Pingüino**



January 9:

**Rolled Paper Snake**

- 9 de enero:
- **Serpiente de Papel Enrollado**



January 16:

**Dream Mobile**

- 16 de enero:
- **Móvil de Sueños**



January 23:

**Make Your Own Tangrams**

- 23 de enero:
- **Crea tu Propio Tangram**



January 30:

**Groundhog Stick Puppet**

- 30 de enero:
- **Títtere de Marmota**



**FEBRUARY**  
**Febrero**

February 6:

**Dr. Mae Jamison's Rocket Ship**

- 6 de febrero:
- **El Cohete del Dr. Mae Jamison**



February 13:

**Valentine Crown**

- 13 de febrero:
- **Corona de Valentín**



February 20:

**Paper Piano**

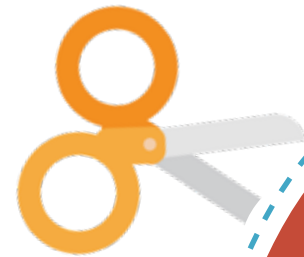
- 20 de febrero:
- **Un Piano de Papel**



February 27:

**Hot Cocoa Paper Mug**

- 27 de febrero:
- **Taza de Chocolate Caliente de Papel**





# NORTH HOFFMAN BRANCH CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

## Crafty Kids

Thursdays, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

See page 13 for details. Ages 3-7. While supplies last. Available at all Branches. Drop in.

## Gingerbread Houses

Friday, December 13

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Decorate a gingerbread house with your family. Ages 4 and up. One house per family. Limited to five family members. Sign up begins 11/29. For Palatine cardholders only.

## Winter Guessing Jar

Monday, December 30 –

Monday, January 6

Try to correctly guess how many snowballs are in the jar for a chance to win a prize! Ages 4 – 11. Drop in.

## Miss Make-Believe

Thursday, January 2

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Get ready to laugh with Miss Make-Believe. With a focus on friendship and kindness, this show includes vibrant magic, original ukulele music, handmade props, puppets, and bubbles. All ages. Tickets available 12/19 for Palatine cardholders only.

## Bilingual Japanese Storytime and Craft

Tuesday, January 14

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Enjoy stories, rhymes, songs, and a craft in English and Japanese. All ages.

Sign up begins 12/31.

● バイリンガル日本語おはなし会と  
● 工作

● 1月14日 火曜日

● 午前11時30分～正午12時

● 日本語と英語でのおはなし、ナー  
● サリーライム、歌、工作などを  
● 用意しております。是非ご参加  
● ください。

● 年齢制限はありません。お申し込み  
● は12月31日から始まります。

## Family Craft Time

Monday, February 10

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Enjoy time with your family and create Perler bead designs. All ages.

Sign up begins 1/27.

# WINTER READING Challenge 2024

Give Back to the Community!

Sunday, December 15 – Friday, January 31

See page 3 for details.

## Adult Programs

### Chair Yoga

Wednesdays, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

December 18

January 15

February 19

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.

### Window Clings

Tuesday, January 21

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Color decorative mandala style window clings. Materials provided. Sign up begins 1/7.

### BOOK DISCUSSION

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

Tuesday

January 28

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Willow Recreation  
Center Meeting Room

**Lula Dean's  
Little Library  
of Banned Books**

by Kirsten Miller

While trying to rid public libraries of "pornographic" books, Lula Dean starts her own lending library in front of her home. Her neighbor Lindsay sneaks in nightly, secretly filling it with banned books wrapped in wholesome dust jackets, changing the lives of those who borrow them in unexpected ways.

Available 12/16.



## RAND ROAD BRANCH

### 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.

● Ve a la página 13 para más detalles.

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

### Gingerbread Houses

Tuesday, December 17

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Decorate a gingerbread house with your family. Ages 4 and up. One house per family. Limited to five family members. Sign up begins 12/3.

For Palatine cardholders only.

### Casas de Pan de Jengibre

● Martes, 17 de diciembre

● 4:30 a 5:30 p.m.

● Decora una casa de pan de jengibre  
● con tu familia. Para edades de 4 y  
● mayor. Regístrese a partir del 3/12.

● Una casa por familia. Limitado a cinco  
● miembros de familia.

● Sólo para tarjetahabientes de Palatine.





¡Para  
todas las  
edades!

## Desafío de **LECTURA** de **INVIERNO 2024**

¡Devolver a la Comunidad!

Domingo, 15 de diciembre al viernes, 31 de enero

Vea la página 3 para detalles.



### Winter Guessing Jar

Monday, December 30 –  
Monday, January 6

Try to correctly guess how many snowballs are in the jar for a chance to win a prize!  
Ages 4 – 11. Drop in.

#### • El Frasco para • Adivinar de Invierno

• Lunes, 30 de diciembre al  
• lunes, 6 de enero

- ¡Trata de adivinar correctamente cuantas
- bolas de nieve hay en el frasco para tener
- la oportunidad de ganarte un premio!
- Para edades de 4 a 11. Entrada libre.

### Fantastic Foam Show

Tuesday, January 21  
1:00 – 1:45 p.m.

Learn about the power of a Van De Graaff generator with Absolute Science! But no show is complete without lots of foam with our fantastic foam experiment where the children are the stars! All ages.  
Tickets available 1/7 for Palatine cardholders only.

#### • El Fantástico Espectáculo • de la Espuma

• Martes, 21 de enero  
• 1:00 a 1:45 p.m.

- Aprende del generador Van De Graaff
- con Ciencia Absoluta. ¡Pero ningún
- espectáculo esta completo sin mucha
- espuma en un experimento en el que tú
- puedes ser la estrella! Para todas las
- edades. Boletos disponibles a partir del
- 7/1 sólo para tarjetahabientes de
- Palatine.

### Family Craft Time

Tuesday, February 17  
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Enjoy time with your family and make your own hot chocolate mix. All ages.  
Sign up begins 2/3.

#### • Tiempo de • Manualidad Familiar

• Martes, 17 de febrero  
• 2:00 a 3:00 p.m.

- Disfruta del tiempo en familia mientras
- prepare tu propia mezcla de chocolate
- caliente. Para todas las edades.
- Regístrese a partir del 3/2.

### La Loteria

Mondays, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.  
December 9

January 6

February 10

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

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

#### • La Lotería

• Los lunes, 6:00 a 7:30 p.m.

• 9 de diciembre

• 6 de enero

• 10 de febrero

- 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. Inscripción inicia
- dos semanas antes de cada fecha.

## Adult Programs

Programas para Adultos

Presented in Spanish only.  
Presentado sólo en español.

Located in the Rand Road Branch gym. Ubicado en el Gimnasio de la sucursal Rand Road.

Children are welcome.  
Niños son bienvenidos.

#### • Adhesivos para Ventanas

- Viernes, 27 de diciembre
- 11:30 a.m. a 12:30 p.m.
- Colorea y decora adhesivos de ventana
- al estilo mándala. Materiales serán
- provistos. Regístrese a partir del 13/12.

#### • Sales de Baño

- Jueves, 2 de enero
- 1:00 a 2:00 p.m.
- Personaliza un pequeño recipiente con
- sales de baño relajantes. Materiales
- serán provistos. Regístrese a partir del
- 20/12.

## Programas del Taller

Obtenga más información sobre El Taller a través de estos programas en la Sucursal Rand Road. El Taller de la Biblioteca Principal cuenta con máquinas y programas diseñados para fomentar la creatividad en los adultos.

Materiales serán provistos. Hasta agotar las existencias. Entrada libre.

#### • Ornamentos Festivos

- Lunes, 9 de diciembre
- Acompáñanos en diciembre a decorar
- un ornamento festivo de madera.

#### • Dinosaurio de Feltro

- Viernes, 3 de enero
- 6:00 a 7:00 p.m.
- Aprende a coser a mano un curioso
- dinosaurio de fieltro.

#### • Información General • de Cricut

- Lunes, 20 de enero
- 10:00 a 11:00 a.m.
- Conozca la variedad de proyectos que
- puede realizar con la máquina de corte
- Cricut.



# The Workshop

Discover what you can create in The Workshop today!  
[palatinelibrary.org/workshop](http://palatinelibrary.org/workshop)

## Lab Hours:

Monday and Friday:  
Closed

Tuesday – Thursday:  
12:00 – 6:00 p.m.

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



## The Holiday Gift Guide

Create a variety of gifts this holiday season that pack a punch without breaking the bank. Choose from our collection of ready-to-make items available for you. Don't wait, drop in now to get yours done early!  
 Limit two per person, per day.  
 While supplies last. Drop in.

**\$4-\$5**



### Sublimated Drinkware

15 ounce mugs – \$4  
 20 ounce tumblers – \$5

Use our templates to design a 15-ounce mug or 20-ounce tumbler.

**\$1**



### Laser Ornament – \$1

Make your decorations even more personalized with this wood ornament.

**\$.50**



### 3" Buttons and Magnets – \$0.50

Print your own design and turn it into a large button or magnet.

**\$4**



### Two-Sided Sublimated Aluminum Ornament – \$4

Press a photo or use our design to create a cute ornament.



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

## WORKSHOP CLASSES .....

### Holiday Mugs

Fridays, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

December 6

December 13

With hands-on guidance, learn how to make a sublimated mug using our design templates. Materials provided. Sign up begins two weeks ahead of each date.

### Holiday Ornaments

Fridays, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

December 6

December 13

With hands-on guidance, learn how to make a laser-etched ornament using our design templates. Materials provided. Sign up begins two weeks ahead of each date.

### Inkscape for Beginners

Friday, January 3

2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 26

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Use this free software to create art for your next Workshop project. Learn how to navigate the workspace, use common tools, and save your projects.

Sign up begins two weeks prior to each date.



### Color Theory

Mondays, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

January 6

February 3

Learn how to choose the most effective color combinations for your projects. Materials provided. Sign up begins two weeks ahead of each date.

### Designing in TinkerCAD

Monday, January 13

4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

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 12/30.

### Laser Activity: Medical ID Tags

Friday, January 17

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Make your own medical ID tag with the laser cutter. Materials provided. Sign up begins 1/3.

### Intermediate Inkscape

Thursday, January 23

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Take your Inkscape designs to the next level and learn about editing nodes, paths, and manipulating text to give your Workshop projects a more polished and professional look. Sign up begins 1/9.



### Crochet for Beginners

Wednesdays, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

February 5

February 12

Carol Leeson, librarian and avid crocheter, covers crochet basics in this two-part class. Materials provided. Sign up begins 1/22 for both classes.

### Sewing for Beginners

Friday, February 7

3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Learn the basics of how to thread and sew simple projects using the sewing machine. Ages 13 and up. Sign up begins 1/24.

### Cricut Activity: Apparel Tips

Monday, February 24

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Learn how to personalize clothing with things like heat transfer and fabric appliques cut on the Cricut. Basic Cricut software skills suggested. Materials provided. Sign up begins 2/10.





# What's Hot with Our Members

From suspenseful thrillers to sweet romances and imaginative worlds, we all found a book, movie, or game to obsess over this year. Here are the most browsed items of the year!

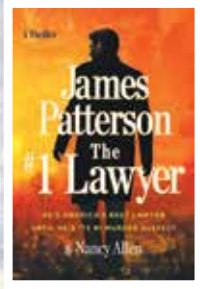
Did you check out any of these?



Fiction



Nonfiction



Mystery



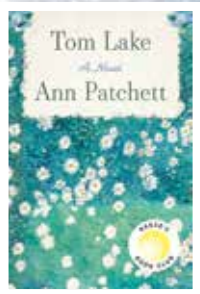
Romance



Sci-fi/Fantasy



E-book



E-audiobook



Young Adult



Kids Series



Picture Book



DVD



Nintendo Switch

## Custom Picks

Add new titles to your 2025 reading list with Custom Picks! Our expert librarians can curate a list of titles for you based on your reading preferences.

Anyone with a Palatine Library card can fill out the Custom Picks form on our website.



Scan here to get started!

## CRIME READERS

Wednesdays, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

December 11

### Homecoming

by Kate Morton

Called home to care for her grandmother after a fall, Jess, a journalist, discovers a book chronicling the police investigation into an old unsolved murder that has a shocking connection to her family.

Available 11/13.

January 8

### I Will Find You

by Harlan Coben

Receiving evidence that his son might still be alive, an innocent father convicted of murdering his own child breaks out of prison to uncover the truth.

Available 12/11.

February 12

### Yellowface

by R.F. Kuang

After the death of her literary rival, author June Hayward steals her just-finished masterpiece, sending it to her agent as her own work. However, as emerging evidence threatens her success, she discovers just how far she'll go to keep what she thinks she deserves. Available 1/8.

## FANTASY READERS

Tuesday, January 28

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

### Tress of the Emerald Sea

By Brandon Sanderson

Tress loves her simple life of collecting cups and listening to stories told by her friend Charlie. But when his father takes him on a voyage to find a bride and disaster strikes, Tress must stow away on a ship and seek the Sorceress of the deadly Midnight Sea.

Available 12/16.





# 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.

January 20

### **Beyond That, the Sea**

by Laura Spence-Ash

A young girl is sent from London to live in America during World War II and fits in so seamlessly with her new family that she is hesitant to return to post-war England when she is called home. Available 12/16.

February 17

### **The Art Thief**

by Michael Finkel

No one has been quite as successful at art theft as the master thief Stéphane Breitwieser. He carried out more than two hundred heists over nearly eight years with his girlfriend who worked as his lookout, stole more than three hundred objects, until it all fell apart in spectacular fashion. Available 1/20.

## FRIDAY MORNINGS



Fridays, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

December 6

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January 3

### **Book Share**

Share a favorite book with other readers.

February 7

### **North Woods**

by Daniel Mason

Exploring the many ways we're connected to our environment and to one another across time, language, and space, this sweeping collection of stories about a single house in the woods of New England is told through the lives of an extraordinary succession of inhabitants. Available 1/3.



## Illinois Libraries Present

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Join us for another exciting season of Illinois Libraries Presents, a statewide effort to bring you virtual author talks. Sign up open now. Presented: Zoom.

### **The Magic of Raina Telgemeier**

Tuesday, December 10

### **Experience Little Women: The Musical (2022)**

Friday, December 20 –  
Sunday, December 22

### **Chicago Pizza – Past, Present, and Future with Steve Dolinsky**

Thursday, January 9

### **Love and Laughs with Michelle Buteau**

Thursday, January 23

### **An Evening with James McBride**

Tuesday, February 4



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## Library Facilities Closed

### CHRISTMAS EVE

Tuesday, December 24

### CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday, December 25

### NEW YEAR'S EVE

Tuesday, December 31

Closed at 5:00 p.m.

### NEW YEAR'S DAY

Wednesday, January 1

### STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Friday, February 21

### World Language Magazines Available on Libby!

Download the Libby app on your mobile device to access magazines in various world languages including Spanish, Ukrainian, Korean, and Tamil. Visit [palatinelibrary.org/books-movies-more](https://palatinelibrary.org/books-movies-more) to access these magazines online.

## Collection Drives

### Winter Reading Donation Drive

Sunday, December 15 –

Friday, January 31

See page 3 for details.

### February

Saturday, February 1 –

Friday, February 28

Donate items to Military Outreach USA's Veterans Exiting Homelessness Program. Items needed are dishwashing liquid, paper towels, kitchen trash bags, glass cleaner, dish cloths, sponges, toilet brushes, toilet bowl cleaner, towels, wash cloths, toilet plungers, and toilet paper.

## Meet Our New Board Members

On August 20, Barbara Sherry and Renee True were sworn in as new members of the Board of Library Trustees. Their terms expire in May 2025 following the April election.



**Barbara Sherry** is an attorney with a private practice and previously worked for the Public Defender of Cook County. She believes that the Library is an essential infrastructure, and that a strong library is necessary for a strong community.



**Renee True** currently works as a business insurance data manager for Allstate Insurance Company. Her daughter was a Teen Advisory Board liaison to the Board and was excited when a board vacancy opened.



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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

## Connect with us



### LIBRARY BOARD of TRUSTEES

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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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