



CAROL STREAM PUBLIC LIBRARY

December, January & February 2024-2025

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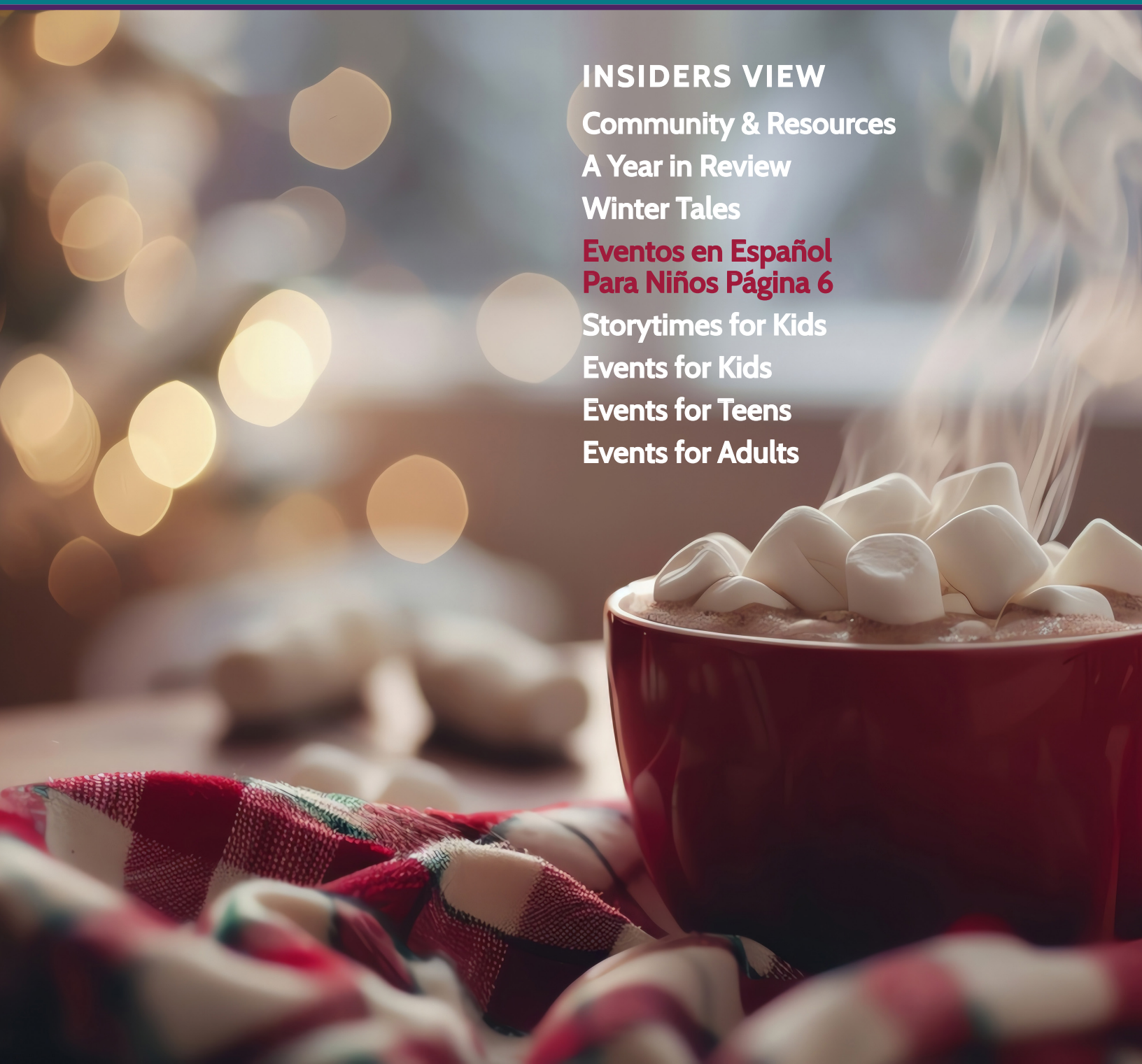
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COMMUNITY EVENT

Carol Stream Tree Lighting Extravaganza P

Fri., December 6, 6-8 p.m.
Carol Stream Town Center

This year the Carol Stream Public Library is partnering with the Village of Carol Stream and the Carol Stream Park District to throw a Tree Lighting Extravaganza! Where we will enjoy carols around the tree, meet Santa, a petting zoo with our animal friends, watch a cheerful dance routine, dive into festive cookie-decorating & indulge in delicious s'more treats! We hope to see you there for all of the fun activities.



S.S.U. Pop Up

Ask the Social Worker P

January-February
Tuesday (Bilingual), January 7 &
February 4 | 10 a.m.-12 p.m.



Wednesday, January 15 &
February 19 | 3-5 p.m.

Drop in and meet with a Carol Stream PD Social Worker who can connect you with the services that meet your needs. Learn what is available to all residents.

WIC Mobile Clinic P

Friday, December 20
& January 10 | 12:30-4:30 p.m.

The Mobile Clinic offers full WIC appointments, nutrition education, healthy food benefits, breast feeding support and community referrals. Registration is available online; however, walk-ins are welcome.

Mobile Food Bank P

Friday, January 17
1-4 p.m. | *Everyone*

Peoples Resource Center is here to assist families in need. Nearly 26,000 DuPage residents rely on PRC for help each year. Come get nutritious food for your family on a first come, first serve basis. Available while supplies last.



CSPL Blood Drive R P

Thursday, January 23, 12-5 p.m.

Versiti Blood Center and the Carol Stream Public Library are teaming up to save lives with a Blood Drive, and we need your help! Your support saves lives, including those with sickle cell disease. The Blood Drive will be held in the Library's meeting room. A photo ID is required to donate. Registration is available online; however, walk-ins are welcome.

RESOURCES

Introducing CSPL's New Website



The Library is very excited to announce that we will be launching our new website this November.

Beyond The Bookshelf

The Library offers so much more than our wonderful selection of books. Discover online resources such as Tumblebooks, Consumer Reports, hoopla and Libby. All resources are available to patrons, ranging from help provided with product testing and ratings to help you make better, more informed purchasing choices; access to children's books, videos, and games using any web-enabled device; digital media with tons of titles, which may include audiobooks, movies, ebooks, television shows, music albums and comics.

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SUMMER READING OLYMPICS

Youth Services Program

The Youth Summer Reading Program had a total of 1,343 participants. 999 children each read 600 minutes and earned a book to take home and keep. Together participants report reading 957,200 minutes, an equivalent of 1.82 years of great non-stop reading.



Adult Services Program

The Adult Summer Reading Program had a total of 464 Adult and 61 High School participants.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

ADULT PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Adult Services offered special programs for Adults and Teens. In the past year, Adult Services has had 474 Adult and 122 Teen in-person and self-directed Adult programs servicing a total of 10,693 Adults, 200 Seniors and 2,209 Teens who participated in a variety of engaging activities, including crafts, presentations and hands-on events. Some notable High School programs included High School Hangout and the High School Volunteer Program resulting in 420 volunteer hours. Among the most popular Adult programs were Computer Classes, Cooking programs with Chef Susan Maddox and our crafting program “Spooky Specimens.” Adult Services also delivered over 2,000 items to our Homebound Patrons, creating a wonderful experience for patrons from the comfort of their homes.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

During 2024, Youth Services hosted 1,337 in-person and self-directed programs servicing a total of 25,269 patrons. The Library provided dance and movement programs, book discussions, cooking, science & animal programs for kids and families. Youth Services presented many special programs for kids to learn and have fun, such as the Olympic Field Day where kids enjoyed a fun summer day of Olympic activities including tug of war, 3-legged races and obstacles. On May 4th we celebrated everything Star Wars with the 501st Midwest Garrison.



DISTRIBUTED CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES

CSPL, Spice of the Month & Take & Make Kits

Youth Services Librarians distributed a total of 3,500 CSPL Kits over the past year. In total, Adult Service distributed 600 Spice of the Month Kits, 1,440 High School Take & Makes and 1,200 Adult Take & Makes to Carol Stream patrons this past year.

Binge Boxes

Adult Service Librarians produced 200 Adult & 12 High School Binge Boxes with hand-selected books for patrons. Youth Services Librarians produced over 872 Binge Boxes with hand-picked books plus treats and small gifts to brighten readers' day.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

CSPL Blood Drive

In collaboration with the generous Carol Stream community and Versiti Blood Center, 49 units of blood were donated, aiding 147 patients in need. A heartfelt thanks to all our donors for their unwavering support.



CELEBRATE



Local History Exhibit: Project 2-3-1 P

Wednesday, January 15 to Saturday, February 15 | *Everyone*
Visit the Library from January 15 through February 15 to see a traveling exhibit from the Elgin History Museum, "Two Boxcars, Three Blocks and One City." On October 15, 1862, two boxcars carrying 110 'contraband' (slaves freed during the Civil War), arrived in Elgin, Illinois. These refugees of war made Elgin their home. Many of the ex-slaves built homes in the three block area on Elgin's northeast side. This neighborhood became known as "The Settlement" and was the heart of Elgin's African American community for more than 100 years. This is a story of race, racism, and race-relations in Elgin.



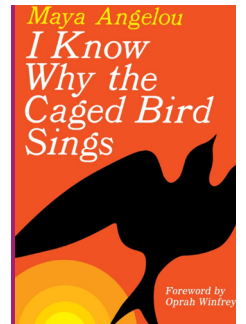
PRE-K PREP Preschool Information Fair R P

Saturday, January 25
10 a.m.-12 p.m. | *Family*
Attention, parents of future preschoolers! Drop by the Library to meet representatives from area preschools. You'll get all the information about which preschool is the best fit for your new student and your family.

Black History Month

February 1 to February 29

Join the Carol Stream Public Library in remembering and honoring African Americans for the significant accomplishments and contributions they have made throughout history. Explore novels rich in African American History at the Library. Check out the variety of books available on our online catalog today.



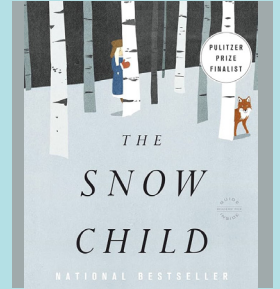
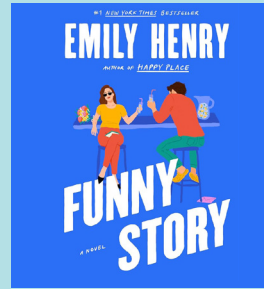
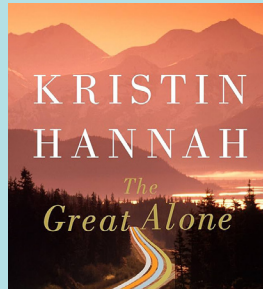
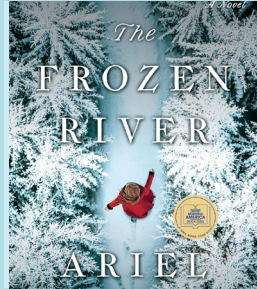
Sharing What We Remember R P

Wed., Feb. 26, 6 p.m. | *Everyone*

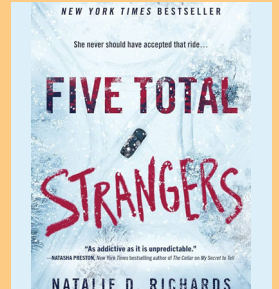
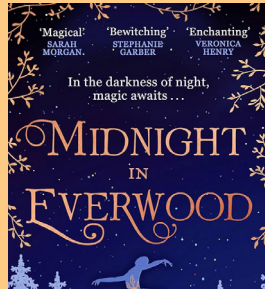
Join us for a cooking demonstration with samples, featuring Chef Tony Cannon, followed by a community discussion on the African American experience. Chef Tony worked in restaurants for over 15 years, attended culinary school at The Art Institute of Nashville, and owns 3 local food companies: Aunt Tina's Kitchen, Aunt Tina's Sound Bites Food Truck and That Rub Seasoning Company. He has an amazing gift of creating exquisite flavor combinations and will be showing the group how to create a delicious 3 course meal - including an African-based dessert!

Winter Tales

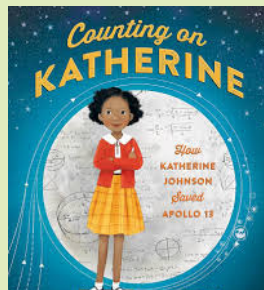
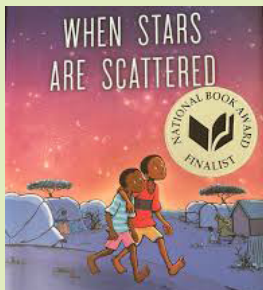
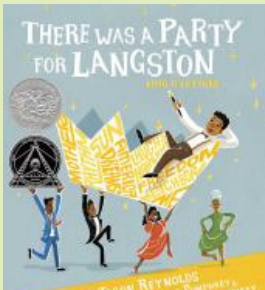
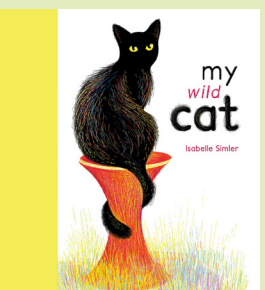
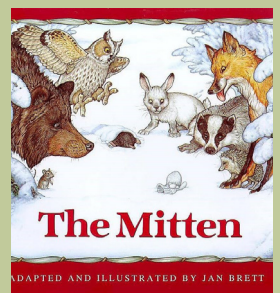
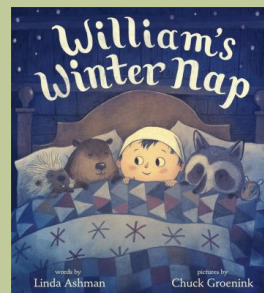
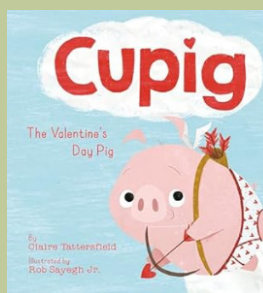
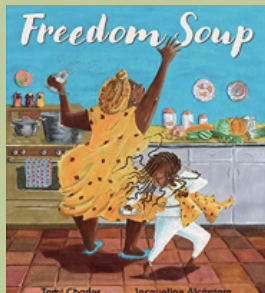
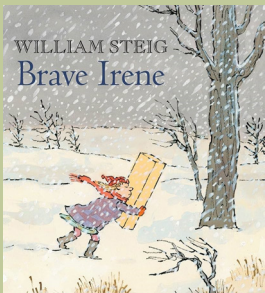
ADULTS READS



TEENS READS



KIDS READS



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TODOS

Muñeco de nieve de calcetines B R P

Miér., 4 de dic., 4 p.m. | Gr. 4-8

¡Celebra el comienzo del invierno creando un muñeco de nieve hecho con calcetines!

Celebración de día de las velitas B R P

Dom., 8 de dic., 2 p.m. | Gr. K-6

Acompañenos a celebrar El día de la Velitas con un cuento y con una manualidad. Aparte, otorgaremos dulces típicos de Colombia para celebrar este evento importante.

Explorando CTIM Ñ R P

Lun., 16 de dic., 5:30 p.m. y Sáb., 15 de Feb., 2:30 p.m. | Gr. 1-6

¡Únase a nosotros para diversas actividades científicas sobre la nieve y el invierno en enero y un laberinto LEGO en febrero!



Juegos de mesa Ñ R P

Jueves, 19 de diciembre 6:30 p.m. | Familia

Vengan a disfrutar de unas botanas mientras jugamos juegos familiares en Español. Usted podrá girar a diferentes estaciones independientemente y disfrutar de múltiples juegos en familia.

Celebración del Día de los Reyes B R P

Domingo, 4 de enero 2 p.m. | Edades 2-10

Acompañenos a celebrar El Día De los Tres Reyes con un cuento y una manualidad. Participaremos en la partida de pan de la tradicional Rosca de Reyes.

Globo de nieve Ñ R P

Martes, 14 de enero 4 p.m. | Familia

¡Transforma un frasco reciclado en tu propio globo de nieve!

Noche de rompecabezas Ñ R P

Lunes, 10 de febrero 6:30 p.m. | Familia

Vengan a disfrutar de unas botanas mientras completamos rompecabezas juntos.

HORAS DE DISCUSIÓN SOBRE HISTORIAS Y LIBROS



Encuentro bilingüe B R P

Sábado, 14 de diciembre, 11 de enero y 8 de febrero 11 a.m.-12 p.m. | Edades 2-8

Venga a disfrutar de una historia contada en inglés y español, seguida de divertidas actividades para los más pequeños. Habrán meriendas.

Lectura familiar en español Ñ R P

Lun., 30 de dic., 27 de ene. y 24 de feb., 6:30-7:15 p.m. | Familia

Acompañenos para tener la oportunidad de leer libros infantiles auténticos en español y aprender sobre la cultura y costumbres de países latinoamericanos.



Leemos Juntos: Club de lectura B R P

Miércoles, 22 de enero 4-5 p.m. | Grados 5-8

¡Únase a nuestro nuevo club de lectura en el que leeremos juntos en español e inglés! Durante este mes leeremos la novela *Maximiliano y el misterio del Ángel de la Guarda: Una novel bilingüe de suspenso y lucha libre*.

WEEKLY STORYTIMES: Recurring 3 Weeks Each Month

Storytime for Little Ones R P

Mon. & Tues., 9:30-10:15 a.m.
Ages 0-24 Months

We will share wonderful stories, songs and rhymes for our smallest friends. An opportunity for free play and discussion will follow the storytime.

Terrific 2s and 3s R P

Wednesday, 9:30-10 a.m.
Ages 2-3

Get ready to shake, rattle and read. We'll enjoy rhythmic stories and songs that may cause some bouncing of your own. Let's shake those wiggles out.

Preschool Pals R P

Wednesday, 10:30-11 a.m.
Ages 3-6

Join us for storytime and dance, sing, read and play.

Storytime Jamboree R P

Thursday, 10-10:30 a.m.
Ages 0-6

Get ready for an all-ages storytime featuring stories, music and movement.

SPECIAL STORYTIMES

Yoga Storytime R P

Sat., Dec. 7, Jan. 4 & Feb. 1
Fri., Dec. 20, Jan. 17 & Feb. 21
10-10:30 a.m. | Ages 3-6

Miss Adriana will guide us through an interactive storytime that pairs gentle movement with stories and active songs.

Friday Stories and Fun R P

Fri., Dec. 27, Jan. 24 & Feb. 28
10-11:30 a.m. | Ages 0-6

Fridays are fierce, fun and fantastic at the Library. Join us for a fabulous storytime and stay afterwards to enjoy an hour of free play.



وقت القصة

Arabic Storytime R P

Sat., January 25 & February 22
2-2:30 p.m. | Ages 3-10

As-salamu alaykum and welcome to one and all! Arabic Storytime is suitable for families who speak Arabic in the home as well as families interested in learning or improving on a new language. Enjoy all your favorite stories, rhymes, songs, and crafts in this half-hour of educational fun!

BUDDY Storytime R P

Saturday, February 22
9:30-10 a.m. | Ages 2-5

Bring your Brothers, Uncles, Dads with you to enjoy a storytime with the favorite men in your life. There will be stories, songs and donuts!

CSPL KITS

Register on the dates listed or e-mail your kit request to children@cslibrary.org or call us at 630-344-6127. Available while supplies last.

Mon.-Sat., Dec. 2-7 R

Preschool: Jumping Jingle Bell Process Art

Grades K-5: Holiday Star Decorations

Mon.-Sat., Dec. 16-21 R

Preschool: Washi Tape Christmas Tree

Grades K-5: Pine Cone Christmas Tree

Mon.-Sat., Jan. 6-11 R

Preschool: Paper Bag Puppies

Grades K-5: Snowball Launchers

Mon.-Sat., Jan. 20-25 R

Preschool: Paint A Snowy Owl

Grades K-5: Sprinkle Fun

Mon.-Sat., Feb. 3-8 R

Preschool: Love Bug Craft
Grades K-5: Hand Crank Winch

Mon.-Sat., Feb. 17-22 R

Preschool: Friendship Rock Painting

Grades K-5: Hugasaurus



LITTLE ONES



Ms. Bethany's School of Cooking: Preschoolers R O

Tues., Dec. 3, 6:30 p.m. | Ages 2-5

Join Chef Bethany as she instructs preschoolers in the fine art of creating homemade granola bars and a strawberry smoothie!

Sensory Series R P

Monday, December 9, January 13 & February 10, 4 p.m. | Ages 3-8

Let's explore all things that are fun to squish, squeeze and shape. In December, we're rolling out homemade snow. In January, we're bringing out all things bubbly. In February, we're cracking dinosaur eggs for half an hour of fun sensory activities.

Itty Bitty Book Fun R P

Friday, December 13, January 10 & February 14, 10 a.m. | Ages 3-6

Come and explore our favorite books and authors. Activities, crafts and playful learning stations will be available inspired by each month's book selections.

Fancy Feet R P

Wed., December 18, January 29 & February 26, 10 a.m. | Ages 2-5

Find your rhythm and use your imagination as you dance along to fun music with Miss Abbey from the Flourish Dance Academy.

Happy Noon Year R P

Tues., Dec. 31, 11 a.m. | Ages 2-8

Is midnight way past your bedtime? Join us to ring in the New Year a little early. We'll make a craft, listen to a story or two, and then dance to some of our favorite tunes. Before the clock strikes Noon, we'll get ready to countdown with noise makers, confetti and balloons!



Hands-on Learning R P

Tuesday, January 28 & February 25, 10 a.m. | Ages 2-6

The Library is inviting all little ones and their caregivers to explore snow and ice in January and body science in February through fun tactile learning stations.

Bubble Blast R P

Friday, February 28
2 p.m. | Ages 3-6

Pop, pop, pop on in to enjoy blowing bubbles, making bubble wands, dancing with bubbles and stomping on bubble wrap.



ELEMENTARY

Ms. Bethany's School of Cooking: Elementary R O

Thurs., Dec. 5, 6:30 p.m. | Gr. K-4

Join Chef Bethany as she instructs kids in the fine art of creating crepes with homemade whipped cream & chocolate banana peanut butter or sunbutter smoothie.

Kids Yoga R P

Saturday, December 7, January 4 & February 1, 11 a.m. | Grades 1-5

Yoga's a great way to experience movement and relaxation at your own pace, so join us for themed kids poses, active games and breathing and mindfulness breaks.

Smart Cookie Book Club R P

Tuesday, December 10 & February 13, 5:30 p.m. | Gr. 3-5

Join us for a Smart Cookie Book Party (6th graders welcome) where we will end the year with a party to celebrate all of the books that we have read. In February, we will discuss *Just Right Jillian*, by Nicole D. Collier.

Andertoons Presents: The Wide World of Wacky Sports R P

Mon., Jan. 6, 6:30 p.m. | Gr. K-5

In the Wide World of Wacky Winter Sports, young cartoonists will draw all sorts of silly winter sports including a snowman bobsled, reindeer ski jump, slow-skating turtle and a freestyle snowball fight!

Page Turners R P

Thurs., Jan. 9 & February 20
4:30 p.m. | *Grades K-2*

Page Turners is an exciting new book club. In January, we will be reading *Beak and Ally Unlikely Friends* by Norm Feuti. In February, we will be reading *Grilled Cheese and Dragons* by Nancy Krulik.

Mannequin Makeover R P

Wed., Jan. 29, 4 p.m. | *Gr. K-2*

Head to the Library and test your creative skills as you makeover your very own mannequin! We will have styrofoam heads to decorate with paint and other art supplies.

Sock Snowman R P

Thurs., Jan. 30, 4 p.m. | *Gr. 3-5*

Have some winter fun by creating a snowman made of socks!

Bluey Bash R P

Mon., February 17, 2 p.m. | *Gr. K-2*

It's time to celebrate our favorite Blue Heeler puppy & her family with games & activities!

Tuesday at the Movies R P

Tues., Feb. 18, 4:45 p.m. | *Gr. K-2*

Welcome to Tuesday at the Movies! Enjoy popcorn and the film *Elemental* to celebrate International Friendship Month.

Hot Cocoa, Paint and Black History R P

Thursday, February 27
4:30 p.m. | *Grades 3-6*

Paint in the style of Lois Mailou Jones to create Black Art while sipping hot cocoa and celebrating Black History Month.

EVERYONE

Chess Club R P

Tuesday, December 3, January 7 & February 4, 4 p.m. | *Grades 3-8*

Join us for a one-hour session of open play chess. All skill levels are welcome to play. There will be no formal instruction given, but Mr. Steve will be on hand to answer any chess related questions.

Homeschool Hangout R P

Friday, December 6, January 3 & February 7, 11 a.m. | *Grades K-8, but siblings are welcome*

Join us for fun activities and meet other home-schooling families in the community. At our December meeting, we will have a Winter Holiday Party. In January we will learn about pointillism, the artist Georges Seurat, and recreate his famous painting, *A Sunday on La Grande Jatte*. In February we will decorate a snack and make Valentine cards.

Music & Me R P

Thursday, December 12
3:45 p.m. | *Ages 3-6*
Thursday, December 12
4:30 p.m. | *Grades K-2*

Carol Streamers, get ready to rock! Guided by professional musician and instructor Michael Twietmeyer. Tots will clap, stomp, and play simple percussion instruments to discover patterns and beats. Kids will explore a variety of instruments, from simple percussion to stringed instruments, encouraging experimentation.



LEGO Club R P

Sunday, December 15 & February 16, 2 p.m. | *Family*

Bring your friends and family for a great time constructing all of your LEGO ideas.

Family Sing-Along R P

Tues., Dec. 17, 6:30 p.m. | *Family*

Join us for hot chocolate, cookies, and a Christmas carol sing-along around the piano. Bring the whole family as we sing holiday favorites!

Wags to Whiskers R P

Mon., Jan. 6, 2 p.m. | *Ages 3-8*
Mon., Jan. 6, 3 p.m. | *Grades 3-6*

The animal experts from DuPage Animal Services will be bringing along an animal helper to teach kids the ways that body language can reveal how we - and our animal friends - feel and how to safely interact with animals.



Family STEM Time R P

Sunday, January 12, 2 p.m.
For families with kids grades K-5

Drop in and spend quality family time exploring different STEM concepts. Work together using Library supplied kits to learn about electricity, magnets, circuits, engineering, robots and gears.

Family Yoga R P

Wed., Feb. 12, 6:30 p.m. | *Family*

Celebrate Valentine's Day with a family yoga flow, partner poses, mindfulness moments and a craft.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

After School Art R P

Thursdays, December-February
3:15-4:30 p.m. | *Grades 6-8*
First and third Thurs. of the month

Drop by after school on the first and third Thursdays of the month to enjoy some relaxing and creative time with your friends. All instructions and supplies are provided by the Library.

Middle School Meetup R P

Mondays, 1:45-3 p.m. | *Grades 6-8*

Bring your friends to this weekly hangout featuring a different activity at each meetup!

December 2: Perler Beads Craft

December 16: *The Polar Express* Film

January 27: Video Games

February 3: Quilt Craft: African American Heroes Theme

February 24: Video Games

Ms. Bethany's School of Cooking: Tweens R O

Mon., Dec. 2, 6:30 p.m. | *Gr. 4-8*

Join Chef Bethany as she instructs Tweens in the fine art of creating homemade pasta with a simple tomato sauce and a chocolate peanut butter or sunbutter smoothie!

One More Chapter R P

Thursday, December 5 & February 6, 4 p.m. | *Gr. 5-8*

Join us for a book chat in December about *The Christmas Pig*, by J. K. Rowling & Jim Field. In February, we will delve into Lindsay Currie's latest book, *Mystery of the Locked Rooms*.

HIGH SCHOOL

Take and Make Kits

Grades 9-12:

Sun., Dec. 1: Paper Ornaments

Thurs., Jan. 2: Glass Gem Magnets

Sat., Feb. 1: No Sew Heart Pillow

Each month, e-mail your kit request to cstream@cslibrary.org or call us at 630-344-6123. Available while supplies last.

Student Success: Teamwork & Collaboration R O

Tues., Dec. 10, 3 p.m. | *Grades 9-12*

Session held by Tutor.com

Working effectively with others in collaborative team projects is integral to success in school and the workplace. In this webinar, you'll learn why teams are important, why employers value collaboration, what challenges teamwork can pose and how to work effectively with others.

Accessorize A

Vision Board R P

Tues., Jan. 7, 3:30 p.m. | *Gr. 6-12*

Come plan your new goals for 2025 and beyond. Learn how to plan your future and discover unique images to represent your goals, cut and paste them to your board and add a little bling!

High School

Service Night R P

Thursday, February 20

7 p.m. | *Grades 9-12*

Grab your friends for a night of fun while giving back to the community! Librarians will show High Schoolers how to make blankets to donate to local animal shelters. Snacks will be served, and certificates verifying volunteer service credit hours will be available.



FINALS WEEK

High School Study Zone R P

Mon.-Thurs., Dec. 16-19, 4-8 p.m. | *Gr. 9-12*

The Create & Learn Center in the Library will be available as a study space for high school students during Glenbard North Finals Week. Snacks, drinks, and office supplies will be provided by the Library.

● Adults

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ON YOUR OWN TIME

Winter Binge Boxes **R**

Must be a CSPL Cardholder | Ages 16+

At the start of each season, request one personalized Binge Box with hand-picked items, treats and small gifts to brighten a reader's day.

Take & Make Kits

Monday, December 2:

TP Roll Gift Box

Monday, December 16:

Wine Cork Sled Ornament

Monday, December 30:

Mini Mason Jar Snowman

Thursday, January 2: Lunar New

Year Cherry Blossom Tree

Saturday, February 1:

Valentine Owl Picture Frame

On the dates listed, e-mail your kit request to cstream@cslibrary.org or call us at 630-344-6123. Available while supplies last.

Spice of the Month Club **R**

Monday, December 16:

Smoked Oranges

Monday, January 20:

Smoked Curry

Monday, February 17:

Sweet Paprika

Beginning on the third Monday of the month, call the Adult Services Desk at 630-344-6123 or email cstream@cslibrary.org to have a kit put aside for you! Supplies are limited. Restricted to one per household. No advanced requests can be taken.



READING

Pages Through the Ages Book Club **R P**

Come and join our Book Club's tour through time. Ask for a copy of the book at the Reference Desk.

Monday, December 2, 6:30 p.m.

Book Club's Holiday Party

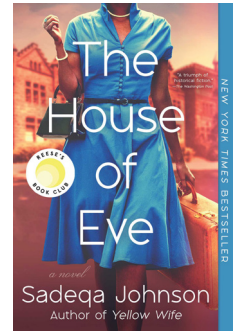
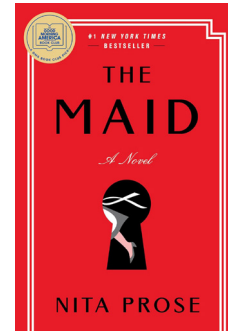
Monday, January 20, 6:30 p.m.

The Maid by Nita Prose

Monday, February 17, 6:30 p.m.

The House of Eve by

Sadeqa Johnson



CHILL & READ

Winter Reading Challenge

Friday, Nov. 15 to Thursday, Jan. 31

High Schoolers & Adults

Find your motivation and have fun meeting your reading goals this winter! Pick up a paper reading log at the Library, or log your books online starting November 15th. Log one book to earn a fleece blanket, sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Available while supplies last. Participation prizes are available starting January 2. Log a book within a week and be entered to win a trip to the "book cart" and pick out a book to keep. Every book logged equals one chance to win the grand prize basket!



Adults

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HOBBIES

Donuts & Dice R P

Saturday, January 18 & February 15, 10:30 a.m.

Relax with coffee, donuts and a game! We will be playing Quacks of Quedlinburg in January and February, along with a variety of board games on hand from classics to newest favorites. Instruction, games and snacks will be provided by the Library.

Murder Mystery Night R P

Tuesday, February 11, 6 p.m.

Patrons will become amateur sleuths for Murder Mystery Night. This immersive detective game, *Hunt a Killer* presents "Body on the Boardwalk." Participants will have everything they need to investigate clues, develop a timeline and crack a murder case to catch the killer!

CRAFTS

Sublimation Mug R P

Tuesday, December 10
10 a.m., 3 p.m. or 6 p.m.

Registration for CSPL cardholders opens December 2

Discover how to utilize the Library's Cricut Mug Press and craft a one-of-a-kind glass perfect for the upcoming winter season.

Canva 101 R P

Wed., Dec. 11, 6:30 p.m. | Ages 16+

Learn the basics of Canva - a free online graphic design tool. With this hands-on program you will learn how to make stunning designs for social media posts, flyers, presentations and more!

Create Your Vision Board R P

Tuesday, January 7, 6 p.m.

Bring a friend to create your new goals for 2025 or add to your 2024 vision board. Create a vision for your future or develop your current one. Discover new and unique images to represent your goals!



Faux Stained Glass R P

Tuesday, January 21, 3:30 or 6 p.m.

Registration will open for CSPL cardholders age 16+ January 2

Transform your space with this fun stained-glass project! With the right pattern and good friends by your side, you'll enjoy every moment of creativity.

Diamond Bookmarks R P

Tues., February 18, 3:30 or 6 p.m.

Registration will open for CSPL cardholders age 16+ February 1

Transform your reading experience with a shimmering keepsake bookmark, crafted through a dazzling diamond art project.



WEEKEND FUN

Board Game & Puzzle Extravaganza P

First & Third Saturday of Each Month
December-February, 2-4 p.m.

Looking for a fun and relaxing way to spend your afternoon? Whether you're a seasoned strategist or just looking for a casual game, we have something for everyone! Drop in anytime during the open hours and start a game or a puzzle with friends or family.

HEALTHY LIVING

Zumba **R P**

Monday, December 9,
January 13 & February 3, 7 p.m.

Get moving at this hour-long, high-intensity cardio workout. Be sure to wear comfortable clothes and shoes. Bottled water will be provided.

New Year, New You: Meditation Series **R P**

As we enter the New Year, we have an opportunity to look back at the things we want to continue to experience and those that we don't. Presenter Umesh Bhatia will lead an interactive workshop where we will learn and practice techniques to reduce stress, and bring joy, peace, positivity and relaxation into your daily routine.

Part 1: Thurs., Jan. 9, 6 p.m.

Part 2: Thurs., Jan. 16, 6 p.m.



Slow Flow Yoga **R P**

Thursday, February 27
10 a.m. | Ages 16+

Gently release tension from your entire body and relax in a guided meditation during this introductory class. Be sure to wear comfortable clothes and shoes. Please bring a yoga mat and a large-sized towel. Bottled water will be provided.

HOME & GARDEN



Sharpening Garden Tools **R P**

Thursday, January 2, 7 p.m.

This event is held in partnership with the DuPage Organic Garden Club

Start the new year by giving your garden tools a fresh edge! Join Ken Benson as he dispels the myth that garden tools come sharp from the store and demonstrates how to properly sharpen pruners, shovels and other garden tools using various sharpening stones. Feel free to bring a hand pruner or lopper for critique and, if possible, sharpening or polishing.

Make Ahead Pastries with Chef Cherise **R P**

Thursday, January 30, 7 p.m.

Wouldn't it be great to greet your family with fresh pastries that you didn't have to get up early to prepare? Chef Cherise Slattery will reveal her secrets for making scones, muffins, cookies, biscuits, and sweet rolls – days and even weeks ahead of time. Luscious Lemon and Chocolate Chip Scones will be shared along with recipes.

Success with Soil **R P**

Thursday, February 6, 7 p.m.

This event is held in partnership with the DuPage Organic Garden Club

Join botanist Bill Karges for a presentation on evaluating and improving your soil. Learn how to assess soil type, maintain healthy conditions, and enhance poor soil. The talk will cover soil structure, pH levels, fertilizers, and various amendments, with a special emphasis on organic methods.



HISTORY

Finding Relations When No Family Stories Exist **R O**

Wednesday, January 15, 6:30 p.m.

Author, genealogist, and Librarian Debra Dudek will guide you through an in-depth examination of the family stories, photographs and other evidence to rebuild the journey of an immigrant Czech family in Ohio and Nebraska. Immigrants living outside the family unit generate a different set of records, which makes piecing together their ancestry more challenging. You will learn ways these limitations can be overcome.

OUTREACH

Spanish for Beginners **R P**

Wednesdays, January 8 to February 26, 4 p.m.

Welcome to Spanish for Beginners, an eight-week course where we embark on a journey to explore the beautiful language and culture of Spanish-speaking countries. Whether you're planning a trip to a Spanish-speaking destination, connecting with Spanish-speaking friends and family or simply eager to learn a new language, this course will equip you with the fundamental skills to communicate effectively in Spanish.

Everyday Heroes:

CPR & AED Training Class **R P**

Sat., January 11, 1-3 p.m. | Ages 16+

Join us and become an everyday hero at this empowering, interactive opportunity to learn life-saving skills! This program is presented in partnership with DuPage Health Coalition & HEART. Participants will learn hands-on CPR & practice with a model AED.

College of DuPage ESL Class Testing **R P**

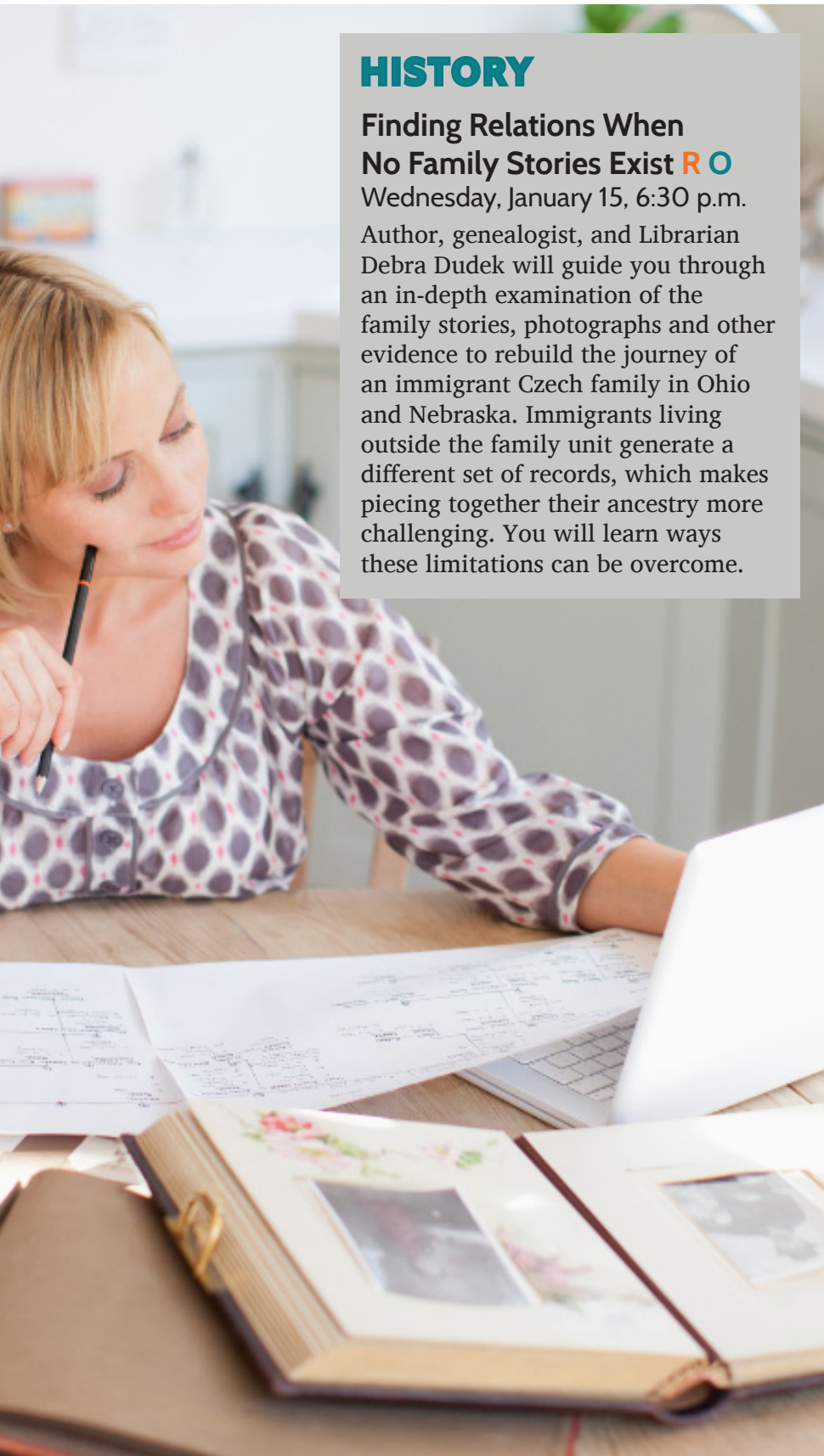
The College of DuPage & Carol Stream Library will offer free English Language Learning classes at the Library. To participate in this class you must attend a test date.

Winter Testing Dates:

Monday, January 27, Wednesday January 29 OR Saturday, February 1 at 9 a.m.

Weekly Classes Begin:

Monday, February 3, Wednesday, February 5 OR Saturday, February 8 at 9 a.m.



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BUSINESS

Skills to be Successful in the Workforce R P

Tuesday, January 21, 2-4 p.m.
This program is held in partnership with Goodwill Workforce.

Learn new skills needed to be competitive and relevant in the workplace, the new interviewing platforms and other tips to brand oneself on a resume.



Why I'm Not Landing a Job R P

Tuesday, February 18, 2-4 p.m.
This program is held in partnership with Goodwill Workforce.

If you have been in the job market for a while or are not finding the kind of employment you would prefer, this workshop will have tips and advice on why you may not be landing a job and what to do about it.



TECHNOLOGY



Discover Library Apps, eBooks & More R P

Tuesday, January 28 & February 25, 6:30 p.m.

Explore the diverse offerings of library applications available at your fingertips. Whether you're a tech-savvy book lover, want to stay in the know with digital magazines and newspapers, or wish to challenge yourself to learn a new language. Enhance your library experience and maximize the benefits of these powerful tools.

Computer Fundamentals: Intro to Computers R P

Wednesdays, starting January 29, 6:30 p.m.
In partnership with The People's Resource Center.

Learn the components of a computer in this seven-week course, such as how to use a mouse, navigating the Windows desktop, introduction to applications, files and folders, email, attaching documents and using the Internet. *Please consider the time commitment before registering.*





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HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Tuesday, December 24
Wed., December 25
Tuesday, December 31
at 5 p.m.
Wednesday, January 1

WE'RE OPEN!

Monday–Thursday 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Friday 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sunday 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Curbside service is available during all open hours but is subject to change based on weather conditions.

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Library Board Meeting
The third Wednesday of every month at the Library:
December 18, 7 p.m.
January 15, 7 p.m.
February 19, 7 p.m.
The public is invited to attend.

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