



CAROL STREAM PUBLIC LIBRARY

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COMMUNITY EVENT

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



Winter Wonderland Open House P

Sunday, December 3, 1-4 p.m.

Spread the holiday spirit this season and join us for the Library's Winter Wonderland Open House. There will be merriment galore, ranging from a visit with Santa and his reindeer, taking a horse-drawn trolley ride, watching an ice carver at work, carolers spreading joy throughout the Library and fun crafts for kids. We hope to see you there for all of the fun activities.



S.S.U. Pop Up

Ask the Social Worker P



December-February

Tues. (Bilingual), Dec. 19, Jan. 2 & 16, Feb. 6 & 20 | 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Wed., Jan. 10 & 24, Feb. 14 & 28
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, Dec. 15, Jan. 19 & Feb. 16
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.

CSPL Blood Drive R P

Tues., January 16, 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



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.



CSPL Tutorials

For more information visit the Library's online platform, CSPL Tutorials at my.nicheacademy.com/cslibrary, and discover video tutorials on the ins and outs of how to use these resources effectively.

A Year in Review

SUMMER READING PROGRAMS

FIND YOUR VOICE

Youth Services Program

The Youth Summer Reading Program had a total of 1,287 participants. 823 children each read 600 minutes and earned a book to take home and keep. Together participants report reading 756,800 minutes, an equivalent of 1.44 years of great non-stop reading.



Adult Services Program

The Adult Summer Reading Program had a total of 357 adult and 114 teen participants.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



ADULT PROGRAMS

Adult Services offered special programs for adults and teens. In the past year, a total of 3,684 adults and 559 teenagers participated in a variety of engaging activities, including crafts, presentations and hands-on events. Some notable teen programs included After School Art, High School Hangout and the introduction of the High School Volunteer Program. Among the most popular adult programs were our ESL Classes, Natural Soap Making 101 and the History of Barbie.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

From January to September 2023, Youth Services has had 1,010 in-person and self-directed programs servicing a total of 17,879 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 Splish Splash Water Bash and our T-Rex Fossil Display. Kids' enjoyed a fun summer day slipping and sliding through all of our fun water activities. During Dinovember we had a special guest, Norm the T-Rex Fossil, visiting us in Youth Services for all kids to visit and enjoy.



DISTRIBUTED CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES

CSPL & Take & Make Kits

Youth Services Librarians distributed four CSPL Kits a month over the past year. In total, the librarians distributed 2,000 kits for preschoolers and 2,000 kits for school-age kids. Overall, 4,000 CSPL Kits are distributed annually to Carol Stream patrons.

Binge Boxes

Adult Service Librarians produced 250 Binge Boxes with hand-selected books for patrons. Youth Services Librarians produced over 800 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, 55 units of blood were donated, aiding 165 patients in need. A heartfelt thanks to all our donors for their unwavering support.

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CELEBRATE

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

Sunday, Feb. 4, 2 p.m. | All Ages

Ayodele Drum and Dance will be performing to help us kick off Black History Month with music, dance performances and historical facts. All are welcome to attend this program.

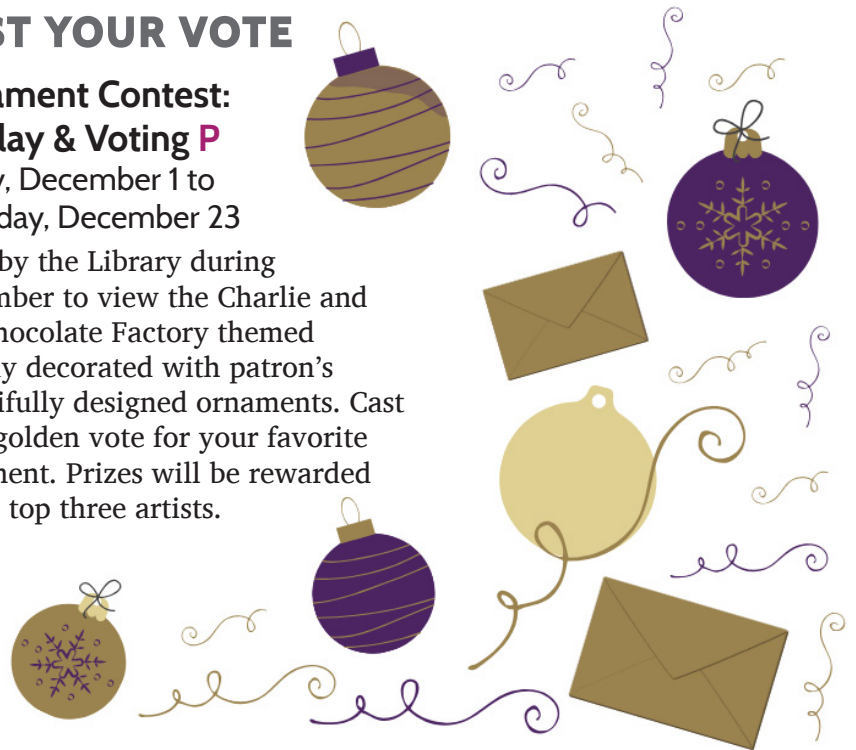


CAST YOUR VOTE

Ornament Contest: Display & Voting P

Friday, December 1 to Saturday, December 23

Drop by the Library during December to view the Charlie and the Chocolate Factory themed display decorated with patron's beautifully designed ornaments. Cast your golden vote for your favorite ornament. Prizes will be rewarded to the top three artists.



CONNECTION & BELONGING



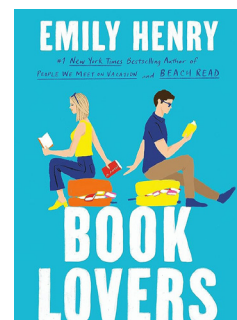
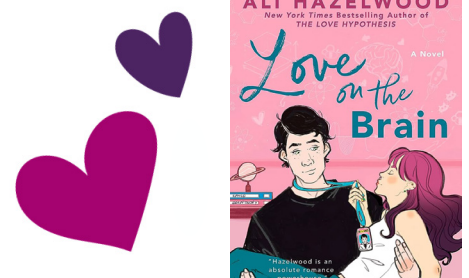
Glenbard Parent Series: All Children Must Thrive R P

Thurs., Feb. 1, 7 p.m. | All Ages

We will be screening a live webinar from the Glenbard Parent Series. In this Black History Month Event, Dr. Tyrone Howard presents "All Children Must Thrive: Nurturing Connection and Belonging."

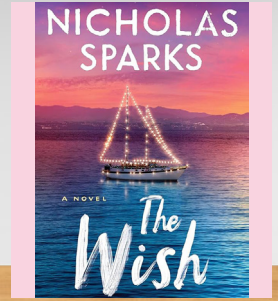
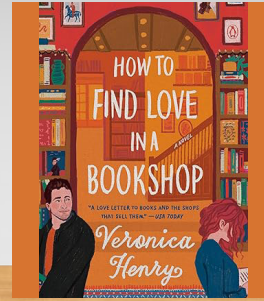
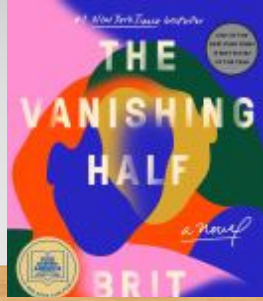
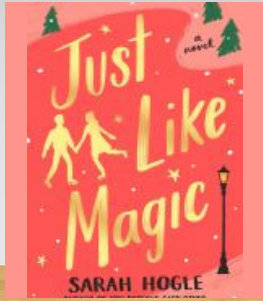
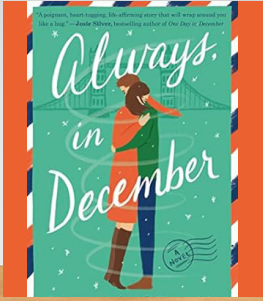
Valentine's Day

Fall in love with our favorite book characters and check out the Romance Book Selection at the Library in celebration of Valentine's Day.

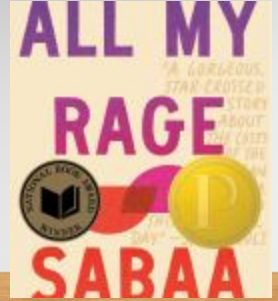
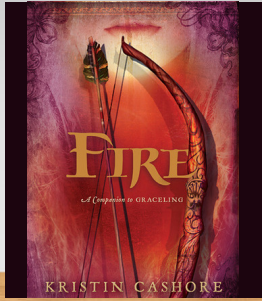
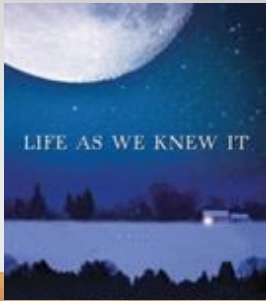


Winter Reads

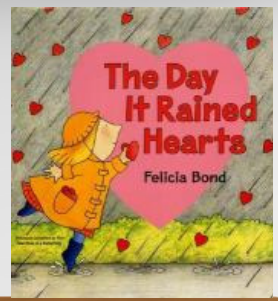
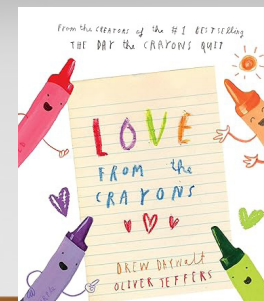
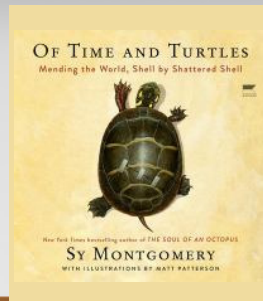
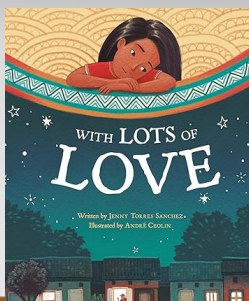
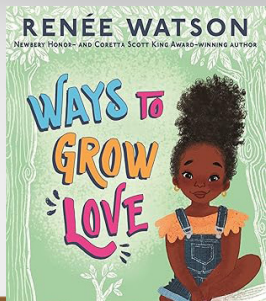
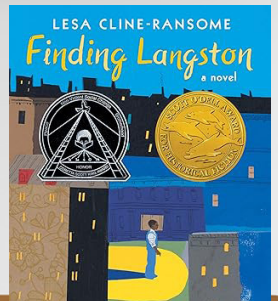
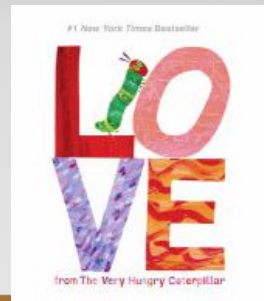
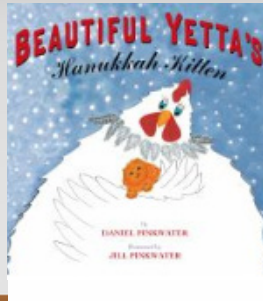
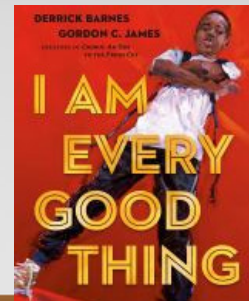
ADULTS READS



TEENS READS



KIDS READS



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.

Preschool Pals R P

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

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

Terrific 2s and 3s R P

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

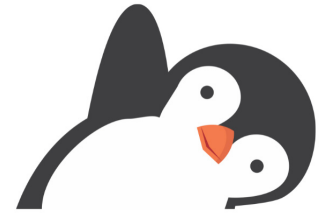
Get ready to shake, rattle and read. We'll enjoy rhythmic stories and songs that may cause some bouncing of your own. Let's shake those wiggles out.

Storytime Jamboree R P

Thurs., 10-10:30 a.m. | Ages 0-6

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

LITTLE ONES



Sensory Series R P

Monday, Dec. 4, Jan. 8 & Feb. 5
4 p.m. | Ages 3-8

Let's explore all things that are fun to squish, squeeze and shape. In December, make a penguin paradise with Epsom salt, pebbles and plastic penguins. In January, play with baby soap bubbles and bubble machines. In February, discover the best way to open a big round ice cube with a plastic dinosaur inside.

Itty Bitty Book Fun R P

Friday, Dec. 8, Jan. 12 & Feb. 9
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.

Tots Can Cook R O

Tuesday, December 12
6:30 p.m. | Ages 2-5

Join the master chefs from The Kids' Table in Chicago as they instruct preschoolers in the fine art of creating holiday cookies.



SPECIAL STORYTIMES

Yoga Storytime R P

Sat., Dec. 2 & Feb. 3
Fri., Dec. 15, Jan 19 & Feb. 16
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 Fun R P

Friday, Dec. 22, Jan. 26 & Feb. 23
10-10:30 a.m. | Ages 0-6

Fridays are fierce, fun and fantastic at the Library. Join us for a fabulous storytime.

Spanish Family Storytime R P

Monday, Jan. 15, Jan. 29, Feb. 5 & Feb. 26, 6:30-7:30 p.m. | Family

Join us to read children's books in Spanish and learn about the culture, events and people of Latin American descent.



LITTLE ONES

Fancy Feet R P

Mon., Dec. 18, Jan. 22 & Feb. 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.



Preschool Playdate R P

Fri., Dec. 22, Jan. 26 & Feb. 23
10:30 a.m. | Ages 0-6

Get ready for a rocking time as we bring out our toys after Friday Fun Storytime to enjoy an hour of free play with friends.

PRE-K PREP

Preschool

Information Fair R P

Saturday, January 27
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.



Hands-On Learning R P

Tuesday, January 23 & February 27
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 playful and fun learning stations in a tactile way.

Bluey Bash R P

Mon., Jan. 29, 10 a.m. | Ages 2-6

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

Lunar New Year Parade R P

Sat., Feb. 10, 2 p.m. | Ages 2-5

Come ring in the Year of the Dragon! We'll make a craft, listen to a story and finish off with a New Year Parade.



Swinging Caveman Party R P

Mon., Feb. 12, 3 p.m. | Ages 3-8

We eat snack. We make dance. We paint cave wall. We party. You come party too.



Stone Soup for Lunch R P

Mon., Feb. 19, 11 a.m. | Ages 3-7

We are cooking up our own Stone Soup! Registrants are asked to bring a vegetable to add to the pot. We'll prepare our vegetables, read the story, work on a related craft and have a bowl of Stone Soup for lunch.

It's a Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood R P

Monday, Feb. 26, 3 p.m. | Ages 2-6

Help us to celebrate love with someone who knew an awful lot about it - Mr. Fred Rogers. We'll watch an episode of Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood, chat about what we saw and learned, then work together on an activity based on the show.

Hoppy Leap Day R P

Thurs., Feb. 29, 3 p.m. | Ages 2-6

Did you know Leap Day comes only once every 4 years? We'll celebrate the occasion with some frog themed fun.



ELEMENTARY

Homeschool Hangout **R P**

Friday, Dec. 1, Jan. 5 & Feb. 2
11 a.m. | *Grades K-5 but older and younger siblings are welcome*

Join us for fun activities and meet other home-schooling families in the community. In December, play a game, decorate a cookie and do a holiday craft. In January, the West Suburban Homeschool Band will tell us about the band, let us try some instruments and play some music! In February, we'll have a Valentine's Day Party.

Kids Yoga **R P**

Saturday, December 2 & Feb. 3
11 a.m. | *Grades 1-5*

Join Miss Adriana for themed kids' yoga, where we will play active games and take breaks with breathing and mindfulness exercise.

Chess Club **R P**

Tuesday, Dec. 5, Jan. 2 & Feb. 6
4 p.m. | *Grades 3-8*

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

Kids Can Cook **R O**

Thursday, December 14
6:30 p.m. | *Grades K-3*

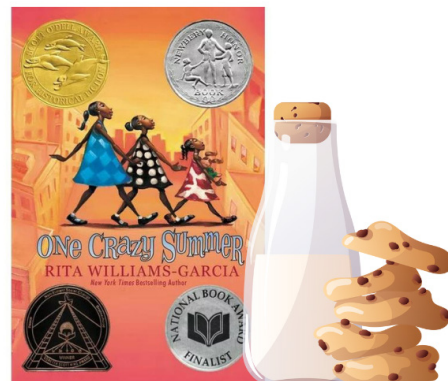
Join the master chefs from The Kids' Table in Chicago as they instruct kids in the fine art of making Chocolate Candy Cane Sandwich Cookies.

Snowflakeology:

The Science of Snow **R P**

Saturday, Feb. 3, 1 p.m. | *Grades 3-5*

What is snowflakeology you say? Snowflakeology is the science behind snow. Join us to learn more about the fascinating facts behind the math and science of snow and how snowflakes are formed. Participants will complete interactive activities that help them understand how snow is formed.



Smart Cookie Reads One More Chapter **R P**

Thurs., Feb. 29, 6 p.m. | *Grades 3-8*

One More Chapter and Smart Cookie Book Clubs are joining together this month to read *One Crazy Summer* written by Newbery Honor, New York Times bestselling author Rita Williams-Garcia, in celebration of Black History Month.

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. 4-9 **R**

Preschool: Fingerpaint Holiday Lights Card

Grades K-5: Hanukkah Star Sun Catcher

Mon.-Sat., Dec. 18-23 **R**

Preschool: Jingle Bell Egg Shakers

Grades K-5: Snowman Tealight Ornament

Tues.-Sat., Jan. 2-6 **R**

Preschool: Measure the Snow Stick

Grades K-5: 3D Winter Home

Mon.-Sat., Jan. 15-20 **R**

Preschool: Popsicle Stick Snowman

Grades K-5: Q-Tip Snowflakes

Mon.-Sat., Feb. 5-10 **R**

Preschool: Chinese Lantern Sun Catcher

Grades K-5: Woven Hearts

Mon.-Sat., Feb. 19-24 **R**

Preschool: Paper Bag Frog Puppet

Grades K-5: Mardi Gras Mask

EVERYONE

Family STEM Time **R P**

Sunday, December 10, January 14 & February 11, 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.

LEGO Club **R P**

Sun., Dec. 17, Jan. 21 & Feb. 18
2 p.m. | *Family*

Bring your friends and family for a great time where you can construct all of your complex LEGO ideas. Come prepared for some Sunday fun with your family.

Three Kings Day

Celebration **R P**

Saturday, Jan. 6, 2 p.m. | *Family*

Join us in celebrating Three Kings Day with a story and a craft. We will also partake in the cutting of the traditional “Rosca de Reyes” sweet bread.



Blankets for Seniors **R P**

Saturday, Jan. 13, 11 a.m. | *Family*

Join us in Create & Learn Center to hear the story “A Chair For My Mother” and to create a warm blanket for a senior in our community. The blankets will be a donation as part of our Day of Service Project.

We Have a Dream:

MLK Kindness Day **R P**

Monday, Jan. 15, 11 a.m. | *Everyone*

We have a dream that on this Day of Service to offer kindness, acts and to bring our community together. In this special program we combine Littles with Legends by partnering with residents from Belmont Village Senior Living facility for stories, activities, games and new friendships.



Valentine's Day

Dance Party **R P**

Wednesday, February 7
6:30 p.m. | *Family*

Dress up or come as you are--as long as you're ready to dance and enjoy time with your family. Light refreshments will be provided.

Live in Concert:

Little Miss Ann **R P**

Saturday, Feb. 24, 2 p.m. | *Family*

Award-winning musician Ann Torralba has played at the SXSW and Lollapalooza music festivals, and now she's coming to rock the Library with her joyful music. Her energy and talent are unmatched - in fact, you'll never hear anyone else sing a better song about purple yams.

CELEBRATE

Happy Noon Year **R P**

Sat., Dec. 30, 11 a.m. | *Family*

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.



MIDDLE SCHOOL

After School Art P

Thurs., Dec. 7, January-February
3:15-4:30 p.m. | *Grades 6-8*
First Three Thursdays of the Month in January and February
Drop by after school on the first three Thursdays of the month to enjoy some relaxing and creative time with your friends. All instructions and supplies are provided by the Library.

Monday Middle School Meet Up P

Mondays, December-February
1:45-3:30 p.m. | *Grades 6-8*
Are you ready for some middle-school fun? Come to the Library after school for a variety of activities including: mindfulness exercises, STEM, gaming and crafts.

One More Chapter Book Club R P

Sun., Dec. 10, 2 p.m. | *Gr. 5-8*
This December, we will discuss the classic Christmas tale of redemption, *A Christmas Carol*, by Charles Dickens. Meet Ebenezer Scrooge, a mean and grumpy man and follow his journey as he is haunted by three ghosts, showing him he must change his ways. Scrooge has one last chance to turn his life around before it's too late.

Tweens Can Cook R P

Monday, December 11
6:30 p.m. | *Grades 4-8*
Join the master Chefs from the Kids' Table in Chicago as they instruct tweens in the fine art of creating Apple-Cranberry Crisp.

Anime Club R P

Tues., Dec. 19, Jan. 16 & Feb. 20
3:30 p.m. | *Grades 6-8 but older siblings and friends are welcome*
Come discover some new anime through screenings of various anime series. Meet other anime lovers while joining us for snacks and crafts.

HIGH SCHOOL

Take and Make Kits

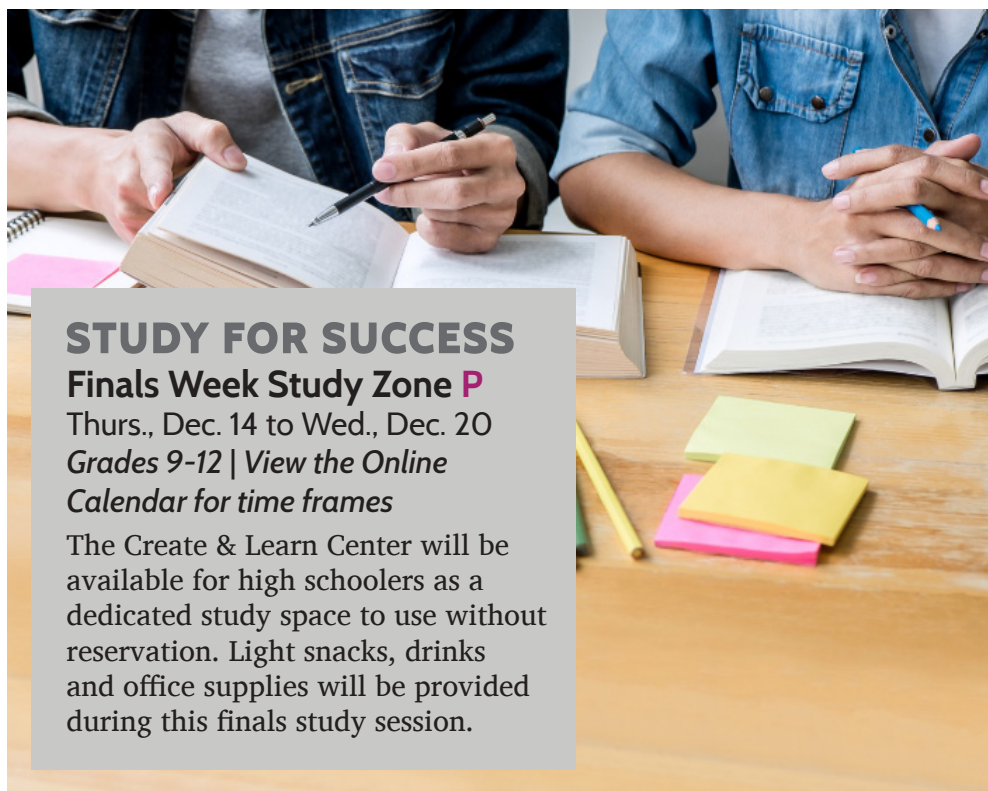
Fri., Dec. 1 | *Grades 9-12:*
Mexican Paper Star Ornaments
Tues., Jan. 2 | *Grades 9-12:*
New Year's Resolution Bracelet
Thurs., Feb. 1 | *Grades 9-12:*
Year of the Dragon Ball Launcher
On the dates listed, e-mail your kit request to cstream@cslibrary.org or call us at 630-344-6123. Available while supplies last.

Volunteer Craft Kit

The Start of Each Month | *Gr. 9-12*
Pick up one of our new High School Volunteer Craft Kits starting on the first of each month. Complete the crafts and return the kit by the end of the month to receive one hour of community service. Pick up and drop off at the Adult Services Reference Desk. Kits are available while supplies last.

Gamers Battleground R P

Thursday, Jan. 25 & Feb. 29, 5 p.m.
Grades 9-12
Welcome to Gamers Battleground, a fun and interactive gaming program designed for teen gamers of all skill levels. Our Gamers Battleground offers a relaxed and inclusive environment where you can socialize with fellow gamers, make new friends and engage in friendly competition.



STUDY FOR SUCCESS
Finals Week Study Zone P
Thurs., Dec. 14 to Wed., Dec. 20
Grades 9-12 | View the Online Calendar for time frames
The Create & Learn Center will be available for high schoolers as a dedicated study space to use without reservation. Light snacks, drinks and office supplies will be provided during this finals study session.

Teens

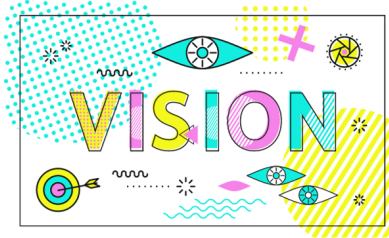
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HIGH SCHOOL

Wrap & Swap Hangout R P

Thurs., Dec. 21, 4 p.m. | Gr. 9-12

Learn gift-wrapping techniques, practice on various items including books and giveaways, then dive into the fun of a white-elephant style gift exchange game.



Goal Setting Vision Board R P

Wed., Jan. 24, 4:30 p.m. | Gr. 9-12

Join us in making a collage of your new goals for 2024. Discover unique images to represent your goals, and cut and paste them to your board, adding a little bling.

Creative Writing Night R P

Thurs., Feb. 15, 6 p.m. | Grades 9-12

Join us for creativity, self-expression and fun at our Creative Writing night. We'll explore creative writing in every form, including song writing, comics, fiction, nonfiction, poetry & more.



Adults

ON YOUR OWN TIME

Take & Make Kits

Monday, December 4

Christmas Wreath Card

Monday, December 11:

Winter Forest Animal Candle

Monday, December 18:

Felt Snowflake Ornament

Tuesday, January 2:

Winter Gloves

Thursday, February 1:

Valentine's Day Socks

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 18:

Smoked Gingerbread Mix

Monday, January 15:

Orange Slices

Monday, February 19:

Smoked Rhubarb Salt

Register starting the first of each month. Registered patrons will be notified when the kits are ready for pickup after the dates listed.

Giant Puzzle

Interactive Display

During the Month of January

High schoolers and adults are welcome to drop by and contribute to this creative, brain-teasing community display. For more puzzle fun, check out this month's virtual jigsaw puzzles and our Puzzle Race and Swap event.

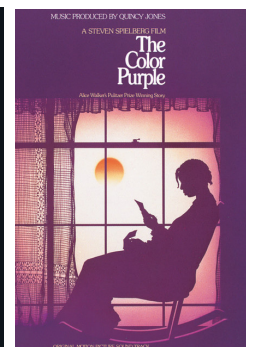
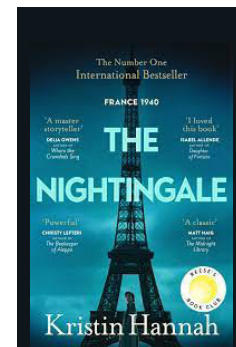
READING

Pages Through The Ages R P

Mon., Dec. 18, January 22 &

February 19, 6:30 p.m.

New members are welcome to join our book club's tour through time. Ask for a copy of the book at the Reference Desk. At our meeting in December, members are welcome to join us for our annual holiday party. At our January meeting, we will discuss *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah, set in the 1930s'. In February, we will be honoring Black History Month with a discussion of *The Color Purple* by Alice Walker.



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CRAFTS & HOBBIES

DIY Shrinky Dinks Earrings R P

Tues., January 9 or 30, 6:30 p.m.

Explore your creative side in a DIY workshop crafting unique Shrinky Dinks earrings for adults. Design, shrink and assemble personalized earrings using Shrinky Dinks plastic sheets, resulting in one-of-a-kind wearable art pieces for pierced ears.

DIY Hot Cocoa Bombs R P

Thursday, January 18
5:30 p.m. or 7 p.m.

Cozy up and get creative at the Carol Stream Library for a fun craft night. Librarians will guide you through the process of creating your own Hot Cocoa Bombs, filled with marshmallows, sprinkles and more. Guests will take home two hot cocoa bombs.

Donuts & Dice R P

Sat., Jan. 20 & Feb. 17, 10:30 a.m.

Relax with coffee, donuts and a game. We will be playing Happy Little Dinosaurs in January and February along with a variety of board games on hand from classics to newest favorites.



Accessorize your Vision Board R P

Tuesday, January 23, 6:30 p.m.

Discover unique images to represent your goals and cut and paste them to your board and add the bling.

DIY Paper Flower Wreaths R P

Thurs., Feb. 8, 5:30 p.m. or 7 p.m.

Join us for a delightful craft night, creating beautiful wreaths made from paper flowers. We will provide all the necessary materials and guidance to help you craft your own unique paper flower wreath. Meet fellow craft enthusiasts and add a touch of handmade beauty to your home decor.

DIY Heart Tote Bags R P

Tues., Feb. 13, 5:30 p.m. or 7 p.m.

In this fun and creative workshop, you'll design and paint your very own heart-themed tote bag, perfect for carrying your essentials with style.



COZY MORNING FUN

Puzzle Race & Swap R P

Saturday, January 6, 10 a.m.

Join us for a cozy morning of puzzle-solving. The Library will provide copies of the same 500-piece puzzle. Please bring your gently used puzzles to exchange with your neighbor and a team of up to 5 people to race against competitors and win prizes.



Last Wednesday Film Club R P

Movies will be shown with closed captioning for the hearing impaired and the Library will provide delicious snacks. Feel free to stay after the showing to discuss the movie.

Wednesday, January 31, 10 a.m.
Asteroid City

Wednesday, February 28, 10 a.m.
In the Heat of the Night

HEALTHY LIVING



Line Dancing R P

Monday, January 22, 11 a.m.

Belynda Head of Lines N Motion walks you through line dancing with step-by-step instructions. Have fun and get fit with this upbeat workout. Please dress appropriately and wear comfortable shoes.

Chair Yoga R P

Thursday, February 29, 9:30 a.m.

Practicing chair yoga can improve your body's flexibility, strength and balance while encouraging a sense of ease and overall well-being. In this accessible class for all levels, we will explore a range of motion while seated or using the chair for standing support. Wear comfortable clothing.



HOME & GARDEN

Sure Cure for the Winter Blues: Houseplants R P

Thursday, January 4, 7 p.m.

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

Clark Hudmon, co-owner & General Manager of The Barn Owl Garden Center and plant evangelist, will be hosting a presentation on houseplants. As we hit the heart of winter, it is a perfect time to bring a little life and beauty into your home.



Seed Starting R P

Thursday, February 1, 7 p.m.

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

Escape the winter blues and start your garden indoors. Starting your own seedlings is fun, saves money and gives you a large selection of varieties to choose from. Lindsay Zimmerman from Sustain DuPage will discuss the fundamentals of seed starting at home.

HOMEMADE TREATS

Baking Christmas Breads with Chef Cherise R P

Thursday, December 14, 7 p.m.

Take a break from the hustle and bustle of the season for a relaxing night with Chef Cherise Slattery. Enjoy samples of Christmas Star Bread with pistachios and a strawberry jam swirl and pull apart Christmas Tree Buns with roasted red pepper and parmesan cheese. You will leave this event with a full tummy and the recipes and knowledge to make these delicious breads at home.



HISTORY

Genealogy for Beginners **R O**

Thursday, January 11, 7 p.m.

Learn the fundamentals of online genealogical research. This lecture by local librarian Debra Dudek will provide a step-by-step process to start your family history research, organize your work and introduce you to a world of local, state and federal records. The program will also provide recommendations for free webinars, online courses and other resources to help you stay engaged and motivated.



The History of Bob Marley **R O**

Tuesday, February 6, 7 p.m.

Bob was much more than a famous Jamaican musician. He was a man with deep religious convictions who rose from poverty to become a global musical and cultural icon – a pop prophet. Bob Marley is the world's most popular reggae artist beloved for his universal hymns of freedom. Popular presenter Gary Wenstrup will trace the arc of Bob's career using performance and interview clips.

Stories in Stone:

Decoding Cemetery Symbolism **R O**

Tuesday, February 20, 7 p.m.

Have you ever wandered through a cemetery and wondered about the meanings of the designs carved on old gravestones? The symbols found on headstones usually possess special meanings to those interred in their final resting place. But what do they mean? Take a virtual tour of several cemeteries and find out with local librarian Deb Dudek.



THE YEAR OF THE DRAGON

The Chinese Zodiac & You **R O**

Wednesday, January 24, 7 p.m.

Educator Yvonne Wolf will tell us about the Chinese calendar in relation to the Chinese New Year, the rites, activities, symbols, and foods associated with it and how you can participate in your own home. Whether it is your first time celebrating this cross-cultural festival or part of your annual routine, join us as we welcome the Year of the Dragon this Lunar New Year that begins February 9th.



OUTREACH

English Conversation Group **P**

Tuesday, December 19, 6:30 p.m.

In partnership with Literacy DuPage, we are offering an English conversation group. The group is hosted by Literary DuPage volunteers. This conversation group provides adult English as a Second Language (ESL) Learners, who are at an intermediate level or above, a way to practice English in a relaxed, comfortable atmosphere.

Adults

R = Registration Required O = Online Event P = In-Person Event

BUSINESS & MONEY



Library Resources for Job Seekers R O

Monday, January 8, 7 p.m.

Did you know the library has several dedicated online and print resources to help you re-enter the job market and seek a new position? These resources are free with your Carol Stream Public Library card. Join us as we explore them all.

Library Resources for Small Businesses R O

Monday, February 12, 7 p.m.

If you are a small business owner residing in Carol Stream, learn about all the free resources available digitally with a free business account at the library. From mailing lists to trade journal articles and more.



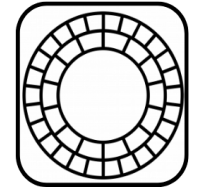
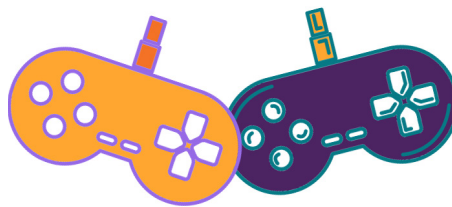
TECHNOLOGY

A PARENT'S GUIDE

The Dangers of Online Video Games R P

Wednesday, January 3, 7 p.m.

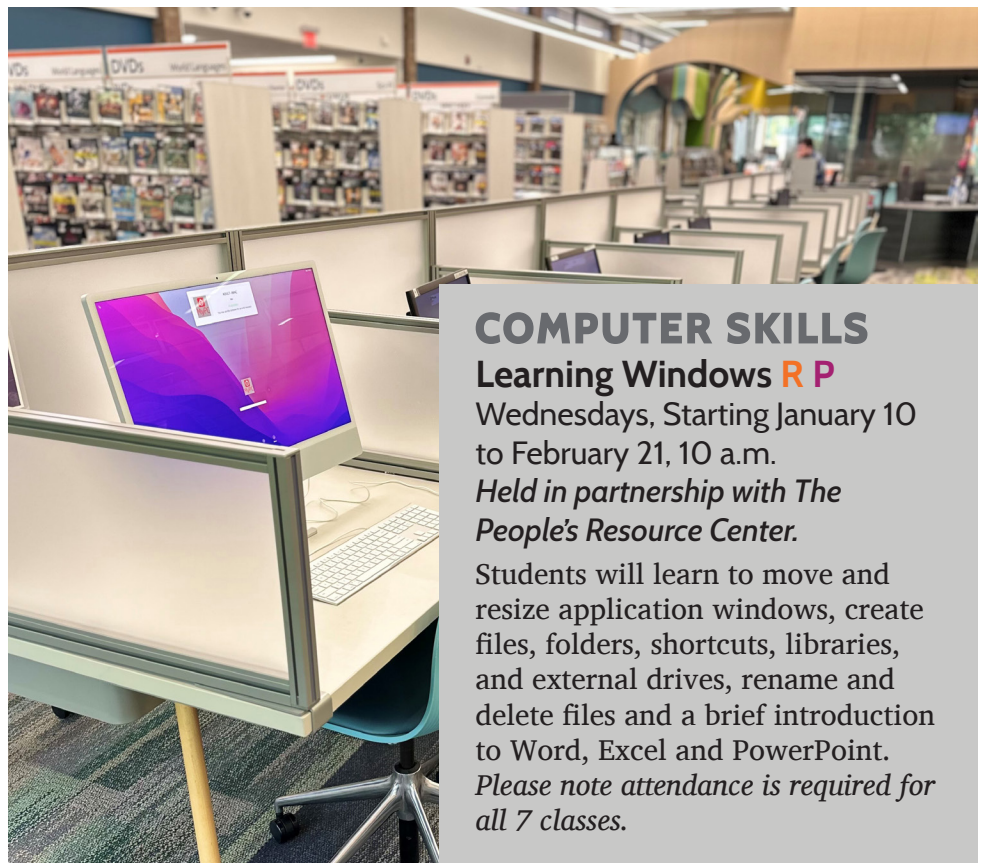
Do you or someone you know play online video games? Are you concerned about the hidden effects of online gaming on health, privacy and security, especially for children and teenagers? This 1-hour presentation from librarian Paul McDonald will give you everything you need to be informed, secure and aware.



A Parent's Guide to Teen Apps R P

Monday, February 5, 7 p.m.

Wondering what the kids are up to when they're staring at their phones? Join us online as Mike Gershbein from Very Smart People describes and demonstrates the most popular teen apps, like TikTok, VSCO, Snapchat and Kik.



COMPUTER SKILLS

Learning Windows R P

Wednesdays, Starting January 10 to February 21, 10 a.m.

Held in partnership with The People's Resource Center.

Students will learn to move and resize application windows, create files, folders, shortcuts, libraries, and external drives, rename and delete files and a brief introduction to Word, Excel and PowerPoint. *Please note attendance is required for all 7 classes.*



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HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Sunday, December 24
Monday, December 25
Sunday, December 31
Monday, 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.

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Sharing What We Remember **R P**
Sunday, February 4, 2 p.m. | All Ages

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 20, 7 p.m.
January 17, 7 p.m.
February 21, 7 p.m.
The public is invited to attend.

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