



# CAROL STREAM PUBLIC LIBRARY

November & December 2022

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# 2022-A Year in Review

## SUMMER READING PROGRAMS

### Camp Hiawatha Youth Program

The Youth Summer Reading Program had a total of 1,057 participants. 740 children (70.5%) read 600 minutes and earned a book to take home and keep. Together participants report reading 739,000 minutes, an equivalent of 1.4 years of great non-stop reading.



### Camp Hiawatha Adult Program

The Adult Summer Reading Program set a new record for both adults and teens with a total of 630 participants.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

### Adult Programs

Over the past year, 2,500 adults enjoyed crafts, presentations and hands-on events presented by the Carol Stream Public Library.

### ESL Partnership Class

The Library partnered with the College of DuPage to provide English learning classes in which patrons could strengthen their reading, writing, listening and speaking skills.



### Lifeways of The Potawatomi

The Library invited Sal Redhawk, a lifelong resident of Illinois and a descendant of the Zapotecan and Chichimecan, to speak about the early lives of the Potawatomi. The presenter displayed Native American artifacts from the 1700s.

## Youth Programs

Each Month the Library provided 19 storytimes for children ages 0-5. Additionally, the Library provided dance or movement programs, book discussions, cooking, science and animal programs for kids' enjoyment.



Youth Services presented many special programs for kids to learn and have fun, such as the Library Luau, Unexpected Science and a Stuffie Sleepover. At the Luau, kids followed along with traditional Hawaiian dances while mixing in a bit of freestyle too! During Unexpected Science, kids interacted with the presenter to perform many cool experiments. Stuffie Sleepover was a hit as kids enjoyed storytime and crafts with their favorite stuffed animals.

## DISTRIBUTED CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES

### CSPL 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 300 Binge Boxes with 1,200 hand-selected books for patrons. Youth Services Librarians produced over 700 Binge Boxes with hand-picked books plus treats and small gifts to brighten readers' day.



# Cooking Specials

## FOR KIDS

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### Tots can Cook! **R O**

Frid., Dec. 16, 11 a.m. | Ages 2-5

Join the master chefs from The Kids' Table in Chicago as they instruct preschoolers in the fine art of creating reindeer chow, plus hot cocoa with a chocolate spoon!

### Kids can Cook! **R O**

Tues., Dec. 13, 4 p.m. | Grades K.-3

Join the master chefs from The Kids' Table in Chicago as they instruct kids in the fine art of creating chocolate candy cane sandwich cookies.

### Tweens can Cook! **R O**

Thurs., Dec. 15, 4 p.m. | Grades 4-8

Join the master chefs from The Kids' Table in Chicago as they instruct kids in the fine art of making gingerbread cookies!



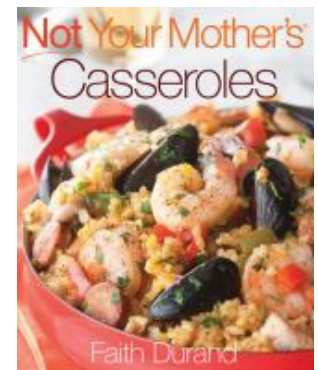
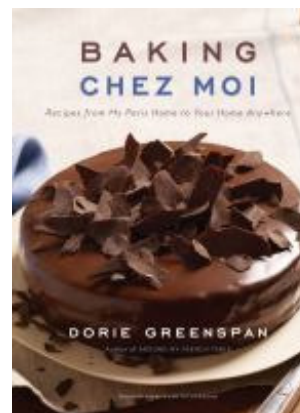
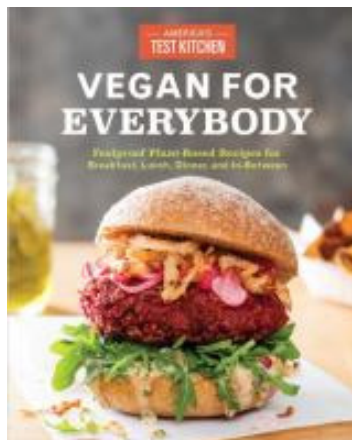
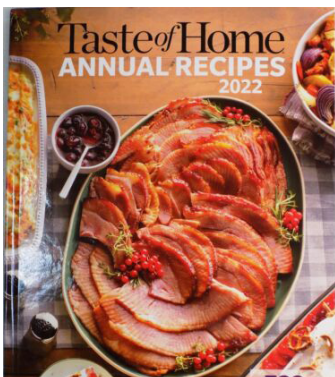
## FOR ADULTS

### Holiday Memory Wall **P**

Come by the Adult Services Department anytime in December to share a tradition, recipe or memory on the interactive Holiday Memory Wall display!



## BESTSELLING COOKBOOKS





## EVENTS FOR KIDS

### We're about to Rock Your World **R P**

Wed., Nov. 2, 4 p.m. | *Grades 3-7*  
Are you ready for a rocking time? You'll do great with a clean slate where you will have the freedom to decorate your rock just as you like. We are sure the quartz will be with you as you create your masterwork!

### Homeschool Hangout **R P**

Friday, Nov. 4 & Dec. 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. At our November meeting, we will investigate a variety of nature artifacts to discover how owls are unique among raptors. Learn more about how the Library can support you and your family.

### Author Visit with Hena Khan **R O**

Monday, Nov. 7, 4 p.m. | *Family*  
We are thrilled to welcome award-winning author Hena Khan to our library! Ms. Khan uses her picture books to introduce Muslim culture, traditions and the Ramadan and Eid celebrations, emphasizing universal values.

### Fancy Feet **R P**

Monday, Nov. 14 & Dec. 5  
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.

### It's a Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood **R P**

Mon., Nov. 14, 3 p.m. | *Ages 2-6*  
We'll watch an episode of Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood, then we will work together on an activity based on the show.

### Solar Power and Renewable Energy **R O**

Tues., Nov. 15, 4 p.m. | *Grades 6-8*  
Join us online as NextWaveSTEM provides us with a fun and engaging program about renewable energy. Discover how we can play a part in using the sun, wind and biomass in our daily lives.

### Kids Yoga **R P**

Saturday, Nov. 19 & Dec. 17  
11 a.m. | *Grades K.-5*  
Join Miss Adriana for themed kids' yoga, where we will play active games and take breaks with breathing and mindfulness exercises.

### Family STEM Time **R P**

Sunday, Nov. 20 and Dec. 18  
2 p.m.-4 p.m. | *Family*  
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!

## GAME NIGHTS

### Family Game Night Out **R P**

Monday, Nov. 7, 6 p.m. | *Family*  
Drop in any time between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. to spend quality family time playing exciting and fun games! The Library will provide games with word associations, guessing, conversation starters and challenges. Your family is guaranteed to have a wonderful time together at Family Game Night Out.

### Family Mexican Bingo

**Lotería en familia **R P****  
Wednesday, Nov. 9, 6 p.m. | *Family*

Join us to play the game Lotería, also known as Mexican Bingo! We will be playing the child-friendly version of this classic game that is enjoyable for the entire family.





## Hands-On Learning **R P**

Tues., Nov. 29, 10 a.m. | Ages 2-6

The Library is inviting all little ones and their caregivers to explore this month's topic, dinosaurs, through playful and fun learning stations in a tactile way.

## Happy Noon Year! **R P**

Sat., 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!



## BOOK CLUBS FOR KIDS

### One More Chapter Book Club **R P**

Thursday, Nov. 10, 4 p.m. | Grades 5-8

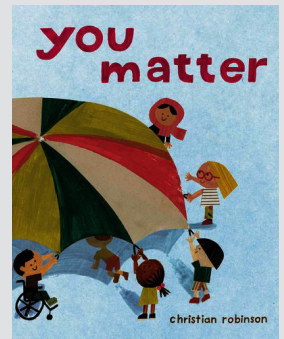
Join us at the Library to discuss Neal Shusterman's quirky and humorous *The Schwa Was Here*. A Brooklyn eighth-grader nicknamed Antsy befriends Schwa, an "invisible-ish" boy who is tired of blending into his surroundings and going unnoticed by nearly everyone.



### Itty Bitty Book Club **R P**

Tuesday, Nov. 22, 10 a.m. | Ages 3-6

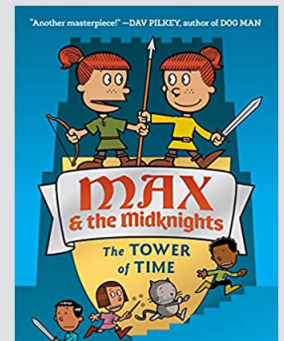
A book club for little ones! Join Miss Adriana as she reads and discusses 2-3 books from this month's author or illustrator. She will highlight this month's featured author/illustrator, Christian Robinson. We will also do related crafts and extension activities.



### Smart Cookie Book Club **R P**

Wednesday, Dec. 7, 4 p.m. | Grades 3-5

Join us to discuss good books we love and eat delicious cookies! Once you register, we'll e-mail you when your free copy of the book is available for pickup. This month, we're reading *Max and the Midnight: The Tower of Time*.



## STORYTIMES & CSPL KITS

For little ones & caregivers | Registration Required  
Visit the Library calendar to see all storytimes:  
Including a new Bilingual Storytime!





## ON YOUR OWN TIME

### Take & Make Kits

Tuesday, Nov. 1: Oil Pastels

Monday, Dec. 5: Santa's Foot Warmer Card

Monday, Dec. 12: Snowflake Bags

Monday, Dec. 19: Layered Ornaments

On the dates listed, e-mail your kit request to [cstream@cslibrary.org](mailto:cstream@cslibrary.org) or call us at 630-344-6123.

### Binge Boxes R

Beginning on the first day of every month, request a personalized Binge Box.

For December we will be offering an optional holiday theme Binge Box!

### Drop-In New Years Eve

#### Craft P

Saturday, Dec. 31, All Day

Stop by the Create & Learn Center in the Library anytime on New Year's Eve for some festive crafting time.

## AROUND THE WORLD BOOK CLUB

New members are welcome to join our world tour of literature. Ask for a copy of the books at the Adult Services Desk.

### Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up! R O

Monday, Nov. 14, 6:30 p.m.

### Holiday Party R O

Monday, Dec. 12, 6:30 p.m.



## HISTORY EVENTS

### DuPage County

#### in World War II R O

Tuesday, Nov. 15, 7 p.m.

Explore the bravery and resilience of DuPage County residents as they answered the call to assist their country and protect freedom throughout the world. This event is presented by the DuPage Historical Society.

### Genealogy

#### for Beginners R P

Tuesday, Nov. 29, 7 p.m.

Join Jenny Warner, President of the DuPage County Genealogical Society, as she discusses how to research your family's history. Discover techniques perfect for beginners who are just getting started with genealogy.

### Life in a Japanese American Internment Camp R O

Monday, Dec. 5, 6:30 p.m.

Join us as historian and librarian Sarah Okner, a descendant of internees, shares photos and details of daily life in an internment camp. She will discuss the profound effects it had on those living there at the time.



## LIFELONG LEARNING

### The Great British

#### Baking Tour R O

Monday, Nov. 7, 6:30 p.m.

Join UK travel/relocation consultant Claire Evans for a delightful culinary tour of the UK inspired by *The Great British Baking Show* television series, aired on PBS and Netflix. She will translate the trickiest parts of British recipes for Americans to try in their kitchen.



### DuPage Habitat for Humanity Information

#### Session R P

Thursday, Nov. 10, 7 p.m.

Join us for an informative session on how to qualify for a home through Habitat for Humanity. Come and learn more about the journey from filling out an application to home ownership.

### NaNoWriMo R O P

Thursday, Nov. 17, 5:30 p.m.

"NaNoWriMo" is a challenge to write 50,000 words in November. Join your fellow writers to see how many words you can write in one sitting! Visit [naperwrimo.org](http://naperwrimo.org) to learn how to win prizes by attending write-ins at local libraries, including CSPL.

# Adults

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## HEALTHY LIVING

### Organizing Keepsakes R O

Wednesday, Nov. 2, 7 p.m.

Join professional organizer Beth Randall and discover the best strategies and techniques to simplify the task of organizing the clutter to increase your accessibility and enjoyment of your treasured mementos.

### Line Dancing R P

Wednesday, Nov. 30, 7 p.m.

Get your dancing shoes ready! Popular presenter Belynda Head from Lines 'N Motion will guide you through the dance steps in this fun introductory class. Please wear smooth-soled shoes and bring a bottle of water.

# Teens

## STEM

### LEGO Architecture: World Cities P

During November high schoolers are invited to drop by our Create and Learn Center anytime on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays to build LEGO architecture projects featuring famous world skylines.

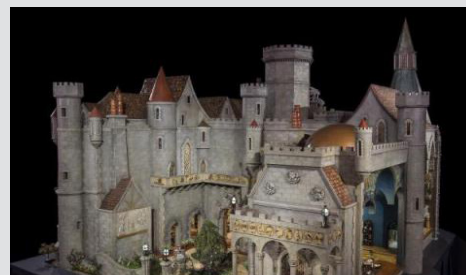
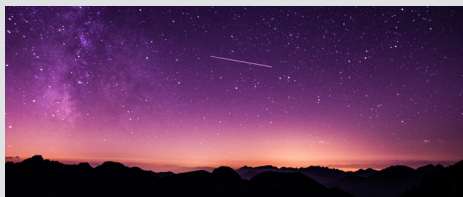


## GARDENING

### Saving Dark Skies R P

Thursday, Nov. 3, 7 p.m.

Adam Kreuzer from the International Dark-Sky Association will talk to us about how we can fight light pollution and save our night sky. Protecting the night sky from light pollution is a critical mission that supports human health, preserves wildlife and provides visual access to celestial objects. This event is held in partnership with the DuPage Organic Gardening Club.



### Colleen Moore's Fairy Castle R O

Tuesday, Dec. 6, 7 p.m.

Join curator Margaret Schlesinger from the Museum of Science & Industry, Chicago, as she takes you on a tiny tour of Colleen Moore's enchanted Fairy Castle. Here is your chance to see the hand-painted artwork and delicately crafted miniature artifacts up-close as if you were 5 inches tall!

### Take & Make Kits

Family Get-Together Kits:  
Request starting Thursday, Dec., 1

### Tiny Art Show P

Art Projects Due November 1st  
Visit the Tiny Art Show in the Library from November 7-28 and cast your vote for the Best in Show! Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 artists.

### FAFSA & Student Financial Aid Presentation R O

Wednesday, Nov. 9, 7 p.m.

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission presents information on the general financial aid process and provides insight on how financial aid works, how to apply for it, student eligibility and how it can be used to help pay for college.

### Finals Week Study Zone P

Mon.-Thurs., Dec. 12-15  
2 p.m.-9 p.m.

The Create & Learn Center in the Library will be available as an extra study space for high schoolers during finals week. This space is open to use without reservation and will have snacks and water available. The Library will also be providing stress-reducing giveaways.

### Holiday Mini Golf P

Mon.-Frid., Dec. 19-23, All Day

We're inviting all high schoolers to celebrate the end of finals & beginning of winter break with a game of mini golf through the Library! Stop by the Reference Desk to borrow equipment. Up to 6 players can participate at a time.



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**HOLIDAY  
CLOSINGS**

Wednesday, November 23  
closing at 5 p.m.  
Thursday, November 24  
Saturday, December 24  
Sunday, December 25  
Monday, December 26

**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.

Join the Friends of the Library for their general meeting in the Create and Learn Center on November 30, at 7 p.m.

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

Masks are recommended but not required except during high-risk hours (Mon.-Fri., 9-10 a.m.).

In person events are subject to change due to health restrictions in the community.

PLEASE NOTE: Attendance at Library programs and events constitutes consent to be photographed for Library publicity. Programs with no or low registration may be cancelled at the Library's discretion. If a sign language interpreter or other A.D.A. accommodation is needed for a program, please contact the Library at least 48 hours before the start of the program.

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Library Board Meeting  
The third Wednesday of every month at the Library:  
November 16, 7 p.m.  
December 21, 7 p.m.  
The public is invited to attend.

**CREATE - SEARCH - PLAY - LEARN**