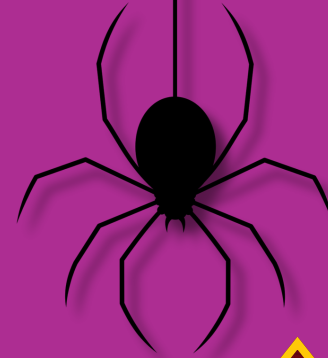


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Programs for all ages

SPOTLIGHT



Registration is required for all programs and events unless noted as drop-in.

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NOT-SO-SCARY HAUNTED HOUSE

Our family-friendly haunted house is fun for the whole family—without a jump scare in sight! Interact with motion-sensor decorations and wind through a maze of spooky delights!

Drop-in, All Ages:

Saturday, Oct. 26, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 28, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 29, 5 p.m.-7 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 31, 10 a.m.-noon

Special Seniors Only Event

Wednesday, Oct. 30, 1-3 p.m.
Explore the senior-friendly haunted house, then enjoy eerie snacks, a craft, and a costume contest (*optional*). Small gift card prizes for funniest and scariest costumes. **Registration required.**



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Monday-Friday	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
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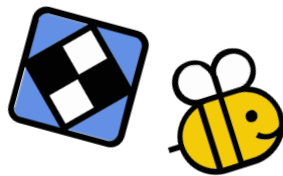
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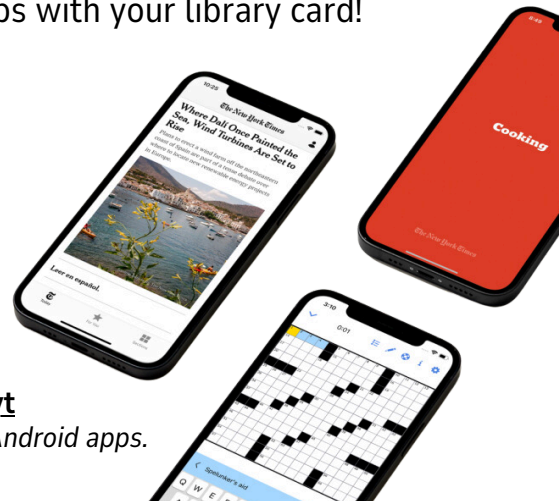
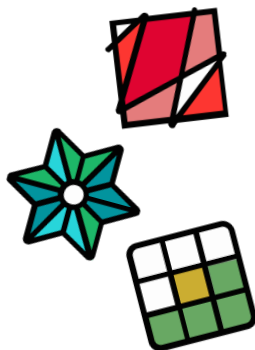
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FAMILY

SPOOKTOBER

Boo Bash Family Dance Party

Friday, Oct. 18, 5 p.m. OR 6 p.m.
Get ready for a spooktacular time as we dance the night away at the Boo Bash!
Costumes welcome.

Halloween Storytime & Craft

Monday, Oct. 28, 10 a.m.
Come enjoy spooky stories and a craft. Stick around after the program to tour our Family Friendly Haunted House!



Reptile & Bug Show with Crosstown Exotics

Saturday, Oct. 19, 11 a.m.

Get up close and personal with a mix of reptiles, amphibians, and bugs, including African bullfrogs, hissing cockroaches, a giant green anaconda, and an alligator snapping turtle. Don't miss out on this fun and informative experience—come slither, crawl, and explore with us!

Drop-in: Library Trick-or-Treating

Thursday, Oct. 31, All Day
If you stop by and say hello we will have a treat waiting for you, to go! Whether you're a witch or wear a mask, please come up and join us—that's all we ask! *Costumes welcome.*



Diwali Storytime with The Language Labs

Friday, Nov. 1, 6 p.m.

Help us celebrate with a special Hindi Storytime as we learn about the vibrant festivities of Diwali! This bilingual cultural program will introduce the basics of the language through stories, games, and song.



Family Storytime & Craft

- Trees & Leaves** Tuesday, Sept. 17, 6 p.m.
- Monsters** Tuesday, Oct. 15, 6 p.m.
- Turkeys** Tuesday, Nov. 19, 6 p.m.

Join us each month for stories, songs, and a craft. *Aimed at ages 0-5 w/ caregiver.*



Drop-in: Letter to a Veteran

November 3-9

In honor of Veteran's Day, stop by the Children's Department to write a letter or draw a picture that will be sent to a service member somewhere around the world.



DINOVEMBER

T-Rexplorers

Saturday, Nov. 16, 10 a.m.

Celebrate DINOVEMBER with the T-Rexplorers as they bring the museum to the library! Come out and touch authentic dinosaur fossils, hear stories from their digs and see some of their latest finds!



CHILDREN

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Preschool Play & Learn

Alphapalooza Friday, Sept. 6, 1:30 p.m.

Get Moving! Friday, Oct. 4, 1:30 p.m.

Math Wizards Friday, Nov. 1, 1:30 p.m.

Play, learn, and bond while having fun and meeting other families!

Ages 3-5 with caregiver

Baby & Toddler Tunes

Friday, Sept. 13, 10 a.m.

Join us for songs, dance, and rhythm instrument exploration.

Ages 0-2 with caregiver

Messy Playtime

Friday, Nov. 15, 10 a.m.

Enjoy a morning filled with exploring and fun. Dress for a mess.

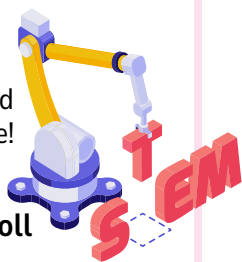
Ages 0-2 with caregiver

Engineer it!

Friday, Sept. 20, 1 p.m.

What will you make from popsicle sticks? Experiment building different structures and engineer a masterpiece!

Grades K-6



Preschoolers on a Roll

Friday, Sept. 27, 10 a.m.

Explore physics by experimenting with balls, tubes, ramps and tunnels.

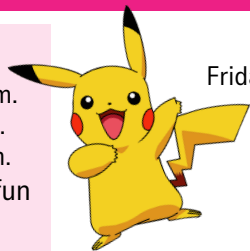
Ages 3-5 with caregiver

LEGO Marble Run

Tuesday, Oct. 1, 4:30 p.m.

Make a DIY maze with LEGO.

Grades K-6



Pokémon BINGO

Friday, Sep. 27, 5:30 p.m. **OR** 7 p.m.

Celebrate all things Pokémon as we play picture BINGO and win prizes!

Grades K-6

SPOOKTOBER

Witches Brew

Monday, Oct. 7, 4:30 p.m.

Create your own magic witches brew—through the power of imagination, play, and experimentation.

Grades K-3



Monster Wreath

Friday, Oct. 11, 1 p.m.

I spy with my little eye, an eye-popping spooky craft that your little one can create.

Ages 3-5 with caregiver

American Girl Costume Party

Monday, Oct. 14, 1 p.m.

Come decked out in your Halloween costume and bring your doll along with you. No costume—no worries! Have a great time playing with friends and crafting.

Grades K-6



Bubbly Potions

Friday, Oct. 18, 10 a.m.

Experiment with color and chemistry by making your own bubbly potions.

Ages 3-5 with caregiver

DINOVEMBER

Adopt-A-Saurus

Friday, Nov. 8, 10 a.m.

Adopt your very own dinosaur to bring home. Choose a name, create a home, and have some dino fun.

Ages 3-5 with caregiver

Dino Giggles

Friday, Nov. 22, 10 a.m.

Play with dinosaurs in ways you've never played before! Cover your dino with shaving cream, give it a bath or read it a story.

Ages 3-5 with caregiver

Dino vs. Dragon

Friday, Nov. 22, 6 p.m.

Are you team Dino or Dragon? Choose your fave and create a cool creature eye with air-dry clay to take home.

Grades K-6



Mystery Boxes

Friday, Nov. 8, 6 p.m.

What's in the mystery boxes? Just reach in and find out! Can you and your team guess what's inside just by using your sense of touch?

Grades K-6



Fall Storytimes September 9-October 17 & November 4-22

Baby Lapsit

Ages 0-24 mo. with caregiver

Wednesdays 9:30 a.m.

Thursdays 9:30 a.m.



Toddler Time

Ages 2-3 with caregiver

Mondays 10:15 a.m.

Tuesdays 10:15 a.m.

Wednesdays 10:15 a.m.



Preschool

Ages 3-5

Mondays 9:30 a.m.

Tuesdays 1:30 p.m.



TWEENS

Drop-in: Scavenger Hunts

Find hidden pictures in the Children's Department and win a sticker!

Big Screen Books Sept. 15-21

Peek-a-BOO! Oct. 13-19

Unbe-LEAF-able! Nov. 10-16



Tween Takeover

Saturday, Sept. 6, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

We're keeping the library open after hours, just for Tweens! Hang out with your friends and craft, play octopus tag, eat pizza, and more.

Grades 4-6



Virtual: Raise Your Voice with Jason Reynolds

Tuesday, Oct. 22
7 p.m. on Zoom



Join us live online with *New York Times* bestselling author and 2020-2022 National Ambassador for Young People's Literature. His beloved, award-winning titles include *Stamped*, *Stuntbody*, the *Track* series, *Miles Morales*, and more.
Hosted by Illinois Libraries Present.

Drop-in: I Spy @ the Library

Spot the hidden items and win a prize! *Nov. 24-30*



Junior Detectives: Fingerprint Experts

Friday, Sept. 13, 6 p.m.
Become a junior detective and learn about the fascinating science behind fingerprints!

Grades 4-6

Take & Make Craft Kits

Pick up at the Lobby desk while supplies last. **Ages 3 & Up**

Silly Mushroom
Sept. 9-14

Scarecrow
Sept. 23-28

Pom Pom Owl
Oct. 7-12

Haunted Ship
Oct. 21-26

Dino Scratch Art
Nov. 4-9

Turkey Mobile
Nov. 18-23



Amazing Embossed Art

Tuesday, Sept. 24, 4:30 p.m.
Inspired by the Mexican tin art *hojalata*, come create a colorful artwork to take home.

Grades 4-6



Baby Craft Kits

Pick up at the Lobby desk while supplies last. **Ages 0-2**

Fingerpaint
Sept. 3-7

Sensory Bottle
Sept. 30-Oct. 5

Air Dry Ornament
Nov. 25-30



Tween Craft Kits

Pick up at the Lobby desk while supplies last. **Grades 4-6**

DIY Bouncy Ball
Sept. 16-21

Spooky Spell Book
Oct. 14-19

Mushroom Ornament
Nov. 11-16



Registration opens Aug. 15 for fall storytime dates

Sensory Storytime

Ages 0-5 w/ caregiver

Thursday, Sep. 19, 10:15 a.m.

Thursday, Oct. 17, 10:15 a.m.

Thursday, Nov. 21, 10:15 a.m.

Provides a modified storytime environment intended for families with disabilities, on the autism spectrum, and/or sensory processing disorders.



Tween Zone

Kids ages 9-12 can borrow fun games and fidgets to use in the library or even play our Nintendo Switch! Stop by the Children's Dept. to see this exciting new area.

NEW

TEENS

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Save Money on College: A Financial Aid Overview



Wednesday, September 25, 7 p.m.
The Illinois Student Assistance Commission will outline the financial aid process and provide options on how to save money on college tuition.

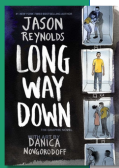
Virtual: Being Imperfect with Erika Sánchez

Wednesday, Oct. 9, 7 p.m. on Zoom
Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with Erika Sánchez, award-winning author of *I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter*.
Hosted by Illinois Libraries Present.



Virtual: Raise Your Voice with Jason Reynolds

Tuesday, Oct. 22, 7 p.m. on Zoom
The bestselling author will discuss his life and work as a rising literary star, as well as the power of seeing yourself in books.
Hosted by Illinois Libraries Present.



Teen Pizza & Service

Saturday, Sept. 7, noon-1:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 9, noon-1:30 p.m.

Complete one service hour and enjoy a pizza lunch.



Teen Day of the Dead Craft

Saturday, Oct. 26, noon
Create a skull-shaped diamond painting coaster, listen to haunting music, and have some spooky snacks.



TEEN VOLUNTEERS



Visit the Teen Volunteer page regularly for up-to-date volunteer opportunities.

woodridgelibrary.org/teen-volunteers

Teen & Adult Craft Kits

Pick up at the Lobby desk while supplies last.

Fall Coaster
September 9-13

Fall Air Freshener
October 7-11

Gnome
November 11-15



Adult Computer Classes

3D Design with Tinkercad

Saturday, Sept. 14, 10 a.m.
Learn how to use this free design app as you create a 3D printed magnet.

Introduction to Word

Wednesday, Sept. 18, 6:30 p.m.
Learn how to create, format, save and print a document, and insert pictures.

Introduction to Excel

Wednesday, Oct. 9, 6:30 p.m.
Learn how to create, edit and format a spreadsheet, and use basic formulas.

Excel Charts

Wednesday, Oct. 16, 6:30 p.m.
Learn how to create and format charts and sparklines to visualize your data.

Introduction to Google Drive

Wednesday, Oct. 23, 6:30 p.m.
Learn how to organize folders, upload files, and share files with others.
Google (or Gmail) account required.

Introduction to Google Docs

Wednesday, Nov. 6, 6:30 p.m.
Learn how to format a document, share, and download it. *Google (or Gmail) account required.*

Intermediate Google Docs

Wednesday, Nov. 13, 6:30 p.m.
Learn to create lists, add page numbers, format columns, use tables, and work with graphics. *Previous experience required.*

Adult Puzzle Packs



Fall Colors Edition
September 11-17

Pumpkin Edition
October 9-15

Turkey Edition
November 13-19

In the Art Gallery

September

Alexandra Tomsy & Kevin St. Clair
Ink & Paint

October

Annual Woodridge Art Show*
Mixed media

November

Downers Grove Artists Guild
Acrylic, pastel, oil, pen & ink

*Open to local artists. See website beginning Sept. 1 for more details.

Sound Meditation

Sunday, Nov. 17, 2 p.m.
Experience a soothing sound bath and allow the vibrations to guide you into a relaxed state, led by meditation facilitator Dana Kraszcynski. Dress comfortably and bring a yoga mat, blanket, and/or pillow if you would like to lie down for the session.



ADULT

Estate Planning Explained

Thursday, Sept. 12, 7 p.m.
Bentron Financial Group will explain the estate planning process from beginning to end. Planning techniques and documents will also be shared.



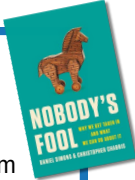
A two-time James Beard award winner, Chef Art Smith is a familiar face on the national food scene.

Virtual: Holiday Tips and Tricks with Chef Art Smith

Wednesday, Nov. 20, 7 p.m. on Zoom
Chef Art Smith will provide culinary inspiration for your holiday season. Hosted by Illinois Libraries Present.

Virtual: Nobody's Fool: Why We Get Taken In & What We Can Do About

Thursday, Sept. 19, 7 p.m. on Zoom
Learn to identify misinformation, as well as unfamiliar and more common scams through the internet, phone, mail, and in-person.



LIVE MUSIC

Songs of Yesteryears with David Blixt

Sunday, Sept. 15, 2 p.m.
Vocalist and guitarist David Blixt will perform unforgettable songs from generations past, including hits by Dean Martin, Dion, Neil Diamond, the Righteous Brothers, and many others.

Rat Pack Classics with Peter Oprisko

Sunday, Oct. 6, 2 p.m.
Award-winning vocalist Peter Oprisko will evoke nostalgia with his renditions of classics by Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, and Sammy Davis Jr., along with other timeless hits.



Places in Song with Kym Frankovelgia

Sunday, Nov. 3, 2 p.m.
Vocalist Kym Frankovelgia will delight the audience with popular songs about fabulous places like *My Kind of Town*, *I Left My Heart in San Francisco*, and *Tennessee Waltz*.



The History of Carole King

Thursday, Sept. 26, 7 p.m.
Professor Gary Wenstrup recounts King's incredible journey, and how her blend of rock, pop, folk, and soul music has resonated deeply with music lovers everywhere. Presented with entertaining video and music clips.

Medicare 101

Thursday, Oct. 8, 7 p.m.
An overview that highlights issues and decisions important to those approaching retirement and strategies for those using Medicare.

Adult Autumn BINGO

Thursday, Nov. 7, 7 p.m.
Play BINGO! No fees. Small prizes. Fun guaranteed.



Book Discussions

The Reading List by Sara Nisha Adams

Monday, Sept. 16, 7 p.m.

Writers & Lovers by Lily King

Monday, Nov. 18, 7 p.m.



Drop-in: Senior Cards & Games

The library provides a friendly space and games on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month. Play Yahtzee, poker, or Bunco.

Adult Creativity Events

Teens are welcome with an adult.

DIY Beaded Lanyard

Monday, Sept. 9, 7 p.m.
Create a beaded lanyard for your keys, work badge, or school ID!



Mini Pumpkin Decorating

Wednesday, Oct. 2, 6:30 p.m.
We provide the basic craft supplies and mini pumpkins, you provide the creativity!
One pumpkin per person.



Cauldron Candles

Thursday, Oct. 17, 7 p.m.
Make colorful cauldron candles without any toil or trouble—or burning fire.



Craft & Sip: Thankful Centerpiece

Thursday, Nov. 14, 7 p.m.
Paint and decorate a beautiful centerpiece to adorn your Thanksgiving table this year.





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From the Director

Are you ready for storytime season, spooky crafts, and DINOvember?!

Registration opens August 15 for baby, toddler, and preschool storytimes that begin in September. Look for **new Family Storytime and Craft** evening events, and something we're quite proud of, **Sensory Storytime** where families can expect limited attendance, noise and light reduction, support from dedicated staff, and great stories read aloud.

Over one thousand people visited our Not-So-Scary Haunted House last year and IT'S BACK, with spooky new interactive scenes that are festive—but not frightening. You'll find drop-in times for all ages starting October 26 through Halloween. Seniors are invited to register for a special **seniors-only haunted house walk-through, craft, and costume party** on October 30. All dates, times and details can be found in the new **SPOTLIGHT** section of the program guide on page 2.



Also in the spotlight, **free access to the New York Times** daily newspaper, including books, cooking, and games sections. All you need is a Woodridge Public Library card and your phone, laptop or tablet.

Check out our new and exciting events—and don't forget to register!

--Patti Naisbitt

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