

Winter 2024-25 Programs & Events

COZY Season

Yeti Mania

Holiday Bread Making

Free NYT Cooking Access

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Registration required*

SPOTLIGHT



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

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Library Hours

Monday-Friday	9 a.m.-9 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday	1 p.m.-5 p.m.

Late Opening 1 p.m.

Friday, December 6

Early Closure 5 p.m.

Tuesday, December 31

Holiday Closures

Thursday, November 28
Tuesday, December 24
Wednesday, December 25
Wednesday, January 1

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Holiday Bread Making

Monday, Dec. 2, 7 p.m.

One basic dough, two delicious holiday yeast breads. Chef Cherise Slattery will demonstrate how to make Star Bread—*studded with pistachios and a strawberry jam swirl*—and Pull Apart Tree Buns—*with roasted red pepper and parmesan cheese*. Samples will be shared.

Adult program



YETI MANIA

Saturday, Dec. 7, 11 a.m.

Are you YETI for this?

Meet Bumble the Yeti from the classic holiday movie *Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer*, play games, craft, and more!

Family Program

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FAMILY

Spanish Language Storytime

Saturday, Dec. 14, 10 a.m.
Join us for a special storytime all in Spanish, as we explore the traditions of Mexico during Christmastime.
Aimed at ages 0-5 with caregiver

Family Storytime & Craft

Bears Tuesday, Dec. 17, 6 p.m.
Snow Tuesday, Jan. 21, 6 p.m.
Love Tuesday, Feb. 18, 6 p.m.

Each month will feature a new theme, stories, songs, and a craft.

Aimed at ages 0-5 w/ caregiver

Noon Year's Eve

Tuesday, Dec. 31, 11 a.m.
3, 2, 1...Happy New Year! You don't have to stay up until midnight to ring in the new year. We will celebrate with crafts and an exciting balloon drop countdown.

Jefferson Singers: Holiday Chorus

Thursday, Dec. 19, 7 p.m.
The Jefferson Jr. High Chorus will perform festive songs, with cookies and cocoa served after the finale.

Family BINGO

Monday, Jan. 20, 1 p.m.
By popular demand, we're opening up BINGO for the whole family! Small prizes. Fun guaranteed.

Family Sweetheart Dance

Friday, Feb. 14, 5 p.m. **OR** 6 p.m.
Celebrate love and kindness as we dance with our families.

No School Movie Matinee

Monday, Feb. 17, 1 p.m.
Free family fun! Come to the library on this day off school for a movie and snack on us.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Drop-off: Saturday, Jan. 18, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Pick-up: Sunday, Jan. 19, 1-5 p.m.

Did you ever wonder what happens in the library at night? This is the chance for your favorite stuffie to experience a sleepover of epic proportions. Drop off on Saturday, then come back Sunday to see a slideshow of all the adventure—and get a keepsake photo of your stuffie's fun!



Family Art Studio

Saturday, Feb. 1, 10 a.m.
Take an art class with your family. All ages can help make a community art project inspired by the bold black and white patterns of artist Charles McGee. The finished artwork will be on display in the lobby from Feb. 9-28.

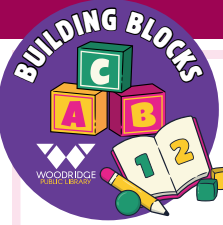
Rocket to the Moon with Mae Jemison

Sunday, Feb. 23, 2 p.m.
Learn about the first Black woman admitted into the space program and make your own rocket to the moon.



CHILDREN

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We've made it easy—and fun—to prepare your child for school at home

Each Building Blocks packet is filled with materials that will enhance Kindergarten readiness skills for children ages 3-5.

Pick up a new packet at the Lobby desk every Monday while supplies last.

Baby Craft Kits

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



New Year's Craft
December 23-28



Heart Painting
January 20-25



Valentine Footprint
February 17-22

Polar Playgroup

Friday, Dec. 20, 10 a.m.
Join us for an arctic-themed play experience!
Ages 0-5 with caregiver

Preschool Play & Learn

Science Mania Friday, Jan. 3, 1:30 p.m.
Don't Worry, Be Happy! Friday, Feb. 7, 1:30 p.m.
Play, learn, and bond while having fun and meeting other families!
Ages 3-5 with caregiver

Littlest Artists: Animal Painting

Friday, Jan. 10, 10 a.m.
Babies and toddlers will create an animal artwork to take home. *Dress for a mess.*

Ages 0-2 with caregiver

Animal Moves & Grooves

Friday, Jan. 17, 10 a.m.
Can you pounce like a kitten? Slither like a snake? Explore movement inspired by our furry friends. Bring your favorite stuffie for added fun!

Ages 3-5 with caregiver

Lunar New Year Dragon

Friday, Jan. 24, 10:30 a.m.
Celebrate the Lunar New Year by making your very own dragon craft.

Ages 3-5 with caregiver

1000 BOOKS
BEFORE KINDERGARTEN



beanstack

Whether an infant or almost in kindergarten, your child will benefit from our **NEW updated program.**

Sign up for the Beanstack program beginning Dec. 1, and start your child's reading journey!

Earn your very own book bag after reading 100 books.



Take & Make Craft Kits

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

Yeti

December 2-7



Button Tree Frame

December 16-21



Winter Snowflake

December 30-January 4



Winter Collage

January 13-18



Lunar New Year Lucky Cat

January 27- February 1



Lollipop Butterfly

February 10-15



Ramadan Lantern

February 24-March 1



Snowy Tree Painting

Monday, Dec. 30, 11 a.m.
Celebrate the winter season by painting a snowflake-filled scene together as a family.
Family Program



Winter Storytimes

December 2-20 & January 13-February 20

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: Where's Larry the Elf?

December 1-23

Find out what book our library elf is reading each day and win a sticker.

Drop-in: Scavenger Hunts

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

Do You Want to Build a Snowman? January 5-11

Sweet Treats February 9-15

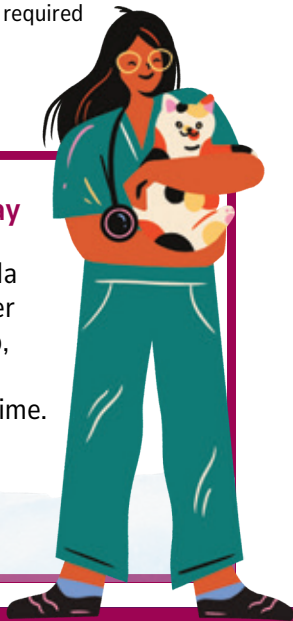
Drop-in: Chicago Wolves Read to Succeed

January 2-31

Complete a reading log to receive a complimentary voucher* for one ticket to a Chicago Wolves game! Readers will be entered into a drawing to win additional merchandise.

*one adult ticket purchase required

Grades K-6



Veterinarian for a Day

Monday, Jan. 6, 10 a.m.

Veterinarian Dr. Amanda will read a story, answer questions about her job, and then kids can enjoy some pretend vet playtime.

Family Program

Mugs & Hugs

Monday, Dec. 9, 6 p.m.

Decorate a mug, plus learn some great microwave dessert recipes.

Grades 4-6



Mini Animal Clay Creations

Thursday, Jan. 2

Use air dry clay and your imagination to create adorable mini animals

Grades K-3 10 a.m.

Grades 4-6 11 a.m.

Kids BINGO: Dog Man

Friday, Jan. 31, 5:30 p.m. OR 7 p.m.

Celebrate our favorite comic hero as we play picture BINGO and win prizes!

Grades K-6

LEGO Self Portrait

Tuesday, Feb. 25, 4:30 p.m.

Create your own likeness in LEGO.

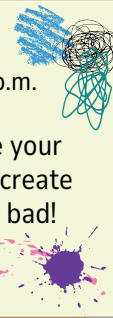
Grades K-6

Bad Art Afternoon

Friday, Feb. 28, 1 p.m.-3 p.m.

Bad at art? Then this program is for you. Use your wildest imagination to create art that is intentionally bad!

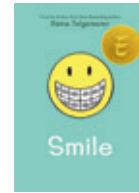
Family Program



Virtual: The Magic of Raina Telgemeier

Tuesday, Dec. 10

7 p.m. on Zoom



Join us live online with author and illustrator of the #1 New York Times bestselling graphic novels *Smile*, *Drama*, *Sisters*, and more. Hosted by Illinois Libraries Present.

Tween Craft Kits

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



Glowing Constellations

December 9-14



Polar Bear Bookmark

January 6-11



Heart Luminary

February 3-8

Comics, Cookies & Cocoa

Friday, Feb. 7, 6:30 p.m.

Chat with friends about comics you like, hear about great new titles, and eat tasty treats!

Grades 4-6



Registration opens Nov. 15 for winter storytime dates

Sensory Storytime & Play

Ages 0-10 w/ caregiver

Saturday, Dec. 28, 10 a.m.

Saturday, Jan. 25, 10 a.m.

Saturday, Feb. 8, 10 a.m.

Welcome to a friendly and inclusive environment filled with stories, songs, sensory play, and socialization intended for families with disabilities, on the autism spectrum, and/or sensory processing disorders.

TEEN



Teen Service & Holiday Party

Thursday, Dec. 12, 6:30 p.m.
Earn service credit by helping with a small project, followed by a celebration featuring a fun activity, pizza, cookies, and an optional ugly holiday sweater contest.

Teen Pizza & Service

Saturday, Feb. 8, 12 p.m.
Complete one service hour and enjoy pizza.

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

woodridgelibrary.org/teen-volunteers

Adult Book Discussions



Bright Lights Big Christmas

by Mary Kay Andrews
Monday, Dec. 16, 7 p.m.

Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers

by Jesse Q. Sutanto
Monday, Jan. 20, 7 p.m.

Stars in an Italian Sky

by Jill Santopolo
Monday, Feb. 17, 7 p.m.

Hour of Code™ at the Library!

Saturday, Dec. 14, 10 a.m.
Students in grades 6-12 can join millions around the globe for the Hour of Code™!
Explore over 100 free, one-hour self-guided activities and tutorials that cover computer science, coding, AI, and more.



Teen After Hours: Sled Dog Meet & Greet Pizza Party

Saturday, Jan. 25, 5:30-7 p.m.
Teens are invited to the library after hours for a teen-only event. Meet Siberian Huskies, learn fun facts, take pictures, and enjoy pizza.

Teen & Adult Craft Kits

Pick up at the Lobby desk while supplies last.



Holiday Tree
December 16-20



Snowman Candle Holder
January 13-17



Valentine Bead Décor
February 10-14

Adult Puzzle Packs

Holiday Edition
December 11-17

Snowy Edition
January 8-14

Sweetheart Edition
February 12-18



In the Art Gallery

December

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

January

Homeward Bound Quilters
Quilts

February

Laura Smetana
Cut-paper watercolor collage

Adult Computer Classes

3D Design with Tinkercad

Saturday, Dec. 7, 10 a.m.
Learn how to use this free design app as you create a 3D printed ornament.

Introduction to Word

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

Intermediate Word

Wednesday, Jan. 8, 6:30 p.m.
Create lists, set tabs, add page numbers, format columns, and use tables. *Previous experience required.*

Introduction to Excel

Wednesday, Jan. 15, 6:30 p.m.
Learn to create, edit and format a spreadsheet, and to create formulas.

Intermediate Excel

Wednesday, Jan. 22, 6:30 p.m.
Learn to sort/filter data, use functions (i.e. VLOOKUP), and create a simple chart. *Previous experience required.*

Introduction to Google Docs

Wednesday, Feb. 5, 6:30 p.m.
Learn how to format a document, share, and download it.

Introduction to Google Sheets

Wednesday, Feb. 12, 6:30 p.m.
Create, edit and format a spreadsheet, and create basic formulas.

Introduction to Google Slides

Wednesday, Feb. 19, 6:30 p.m.
Create a basic slide show with text and graphics.

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Virtual Events

Hosted by Illinois Libraries Present

Little Women: The Musical

Stream recorded performance Dec. 20-22

Chicago Pizza— Past, Present & Future with Steve Dolinsky

Tuesday, Jan. 9, 7 p.m. on Zoom

Love and Laughs with Comedian Michelle Buteau

Tuesday, Jan. 23, 7 p.m. on Zoom

An Evening with James McBride

Tuesday, Feb. 4, 7 p.m. on Zoom

An Evening with Amy Tan

Wednesday, Feb. 19, 7 p.m. on Zoom

Virtual: Common Birds of DuPage County in Winter

Wednesday, Dec. 11, 7 p.m. on Zoom
Winter offers bird watchers enhanced viewing opportunities as trees lose their leaves and birds stand out against the snow. Join John Cebula to learn how to recognize, understand, and appreciate the birds at your feeders and in local forest preserves.



Holiday Trivia

Thursday, Jan. 9, 7 p.m.

Put your holiday knowledge to the test for a chance to win small prizes. Come solo, or with friends. Wear an ugly holiday sweater and be entered into a small prize drawing.

Virtual: Taxes Are Everyone's Business

Wednesday, Jan. 22, 6:30 p.m. on Zoom
Judi Strauss of Strauss Tax Service will discuss the latest tax return changes and concerns.

Cutting the Cable Cord

Saturday, Jan. 25, 1 p.m.
Discover how to cut the cable cord with services from Amazon, Apple, and Netflix, plus streaming devices like Fire TV Stick, Roku, and Apple TV. Bring your questions!

Meditation 101

Tuesday, Feb. 11, 7 p.m.
Experience a beginner-friendly, guided meditation and learn how you can start your own meditation practice in just 3 minutes a day.



Home for the Holidays with Jodi Beach

Sunday, Dec. 1, 2 p.m.
Immerse yourself in the spirit of the season as Jodi sings your favorite holiday songs.

Jukebox Legends of the 50s & 60s with Rick Lindy

Sunday, Jan. 12, 2 p.m.
Experience a journey through the iconic songs that shaped a generation.

Songs You Love with Jane Allyson

Sunday, Feb. 9, 2 p.m.
Celebrate the spirit of love and friendship with an upbeat twist on popular songs.

ADULT

Adult Creativity Events

Teens are welcome with an adult

DIY Sugar Scrub

Wednesday, Dec. 4, 6:30 p.m.
Prepare for winter with a customized sugar scrub! Perfect for gifting or personal use.



Pocket Heart

Thursday, Jan. 23, 6:30 p.m.
Feel the love by making a pocket heart. Keep it for yourself or share it with someone special.

Craft & Sip: Valentines Door Hanger

Thursday, Feb. 6, 7 p.m.
Paint a Valentine's door hanger while enjoying a warm beverage and the sounds of relaxing background music.



Friendship Bracelets

Thursday, Feb. 13, 7 p.m.
Friendship bracelets are for everyone! Make a few bracelets to share or keep them for yourself to show your own style.



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From the Director

Cozy up with great books and so much more at the library this winter.

Kids, bring your family and cozy up with Bumble the Yeti during **Yeti Mania** (Dec. 7). Tweens, get cozy with **Mugs & Hugs** (Dec. 9) or **Comics, Cookies & Cocoa** (Feb. 7). Teens, get cozy after the library closes during the **Sled Dog Meet & Greet** (Jan. 25). Adults, you can't get any cozier than freshly baked bread (Dec. 2) or live music we know you'll love (Feb. 9).

Looking for other cozy activities? Register to join **1000 Books Before Kindergarten**, meet a veterinarian, play trivia, or try the NYT Cooking app.

--Patti Naisbitt



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Complete 10 simple questions by Dec. 15 for a chance to win your choice of an iPad, Nintendo Switch Lite, or \$100 Gift Card!

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