

PROGRAM GUIDE

2025
JANUARY
- TO -
MARCH

EVERYTHING HAPPENING AT
MARENGO-UNION LIBRARY DISTRICT



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ILLINOIS LIBRARIES PRESENT:



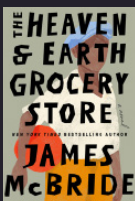
R **CHICAGO PIZZA - PAST, PRESENT, & FUTURE WITH STEVE DOLINSKY**

Ages 16+ • Thu., Jan. 9th • 7 p.m.
Illinois Libraries Present Steve Dolinsky, well known Food Guy reporter at NBC 5 (Chicago).



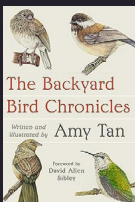
R **LOVE AND LAUGHS WITH MICHELLE BUTEAU**

Ages 16+ • Thu., Jan. 23rd • 7 p.m.
Join comedian, actress, and producer Michelle Buteau in conversation with host Greta Johnsen.



R **AN EVENING WITH JAMES MCBRIDE**

Ages 16+ • Tue., Feb. 4th • 7 p.m.
Illinois Libraries Present James McBride, an award-winning author, musician, and screenwriter.



R **SLOWING DOWN WITH AMY TAN**

Ages 16+ • Wed., Feb. 19th • 7 p.m.
National Humanities Medal winner and bestselling author of *The Joy Luck Club*, Amy Tan, joins us to share on her body of work and reflect on the wonder of savoring the quiet moments.



R **EXPLORING SPACE WITH CORALIE ADAM**

Ages 16+ • Tue., Mar. 4th • 7 p.m.
Following an internship at NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory in 2011, Coralie Adam began working at KinetX Aerospace where she is now the Lead Optical Navigation Engineer.



R **DOCUMENTARY SCREENING: 9TO5: THE STORY OF A MOVEMENT**

Ages 16+ • Mar. 21st-Mar. 23rd
Featuring interviews with 9to5's founders, as well as actor and activist Jane Fonda, 9to5: The Story of a Movement is the previously untold story of the fight that inspired a hit and changed the American workplace.



NO SCHOOL DAYS

SPECIAL PROGRAMMING

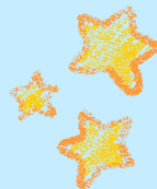
Enjoy your days off with fun events at the library!

Ages 3-17 • Monday, January 20th • 1 p.m.
New Year school supply BINGO

Ages 3-17 • Tuesday, February 17th • 1 p.m.
Light in the Attic poetry fun

All Ages • Monday, March 24th • 11 a.m.
Monday Matinee: *Snow Day* (2000, PG, 89 minutes, Paramount Pictures)

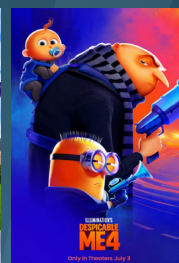
Wednesday, March 26th • 1 p.m.
BINGO



This event is made possible by **Illinois Libraries Present**, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events.

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FAMILY FUN MOVIE



R **Friday, January 10th • 6-7:30 p.m.**
IF (2024, PG, 108 minutes, Paramount Pictures)

R **Friday, February 14th • 6-7:30 p.m.**
Harold and the Purple Crayon (2024, PG, 89 minutes, Columbia Pictures)

R **Friday, March 10th • 6-7:30 p.m.**
Despicable Me 4 (2024, PG, 94 minutes, Universal Pictures)

ALL AGES

R WINTER READING PROGRAM: SHAKE, RATTLE, & READ
All Ages • Monday, December 16th-Tuesday, January 7th
Complete cool challenges and activities, record your reading minutes, and enter our prize drawings.

Register at: muldreads.readsquared.com. Sign-up to shake, rattle, and read!

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Despicable Me 4 (2024, PG, 94 minutes, Universal Pictures)

R FAMILY PUZZLE TIME
Saturday, January 11th • 11 a.m.
Puzzle contest!

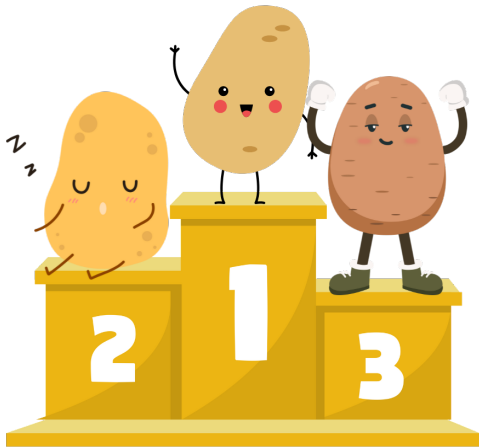


NATIONAL RUBBER DUCKY DAY

Monday, January 13th
Find one of the 26 letter ducks hidden throughout the library to win a prize! *One duck per person.*

R READ TO A DOG
Saturdays • 10 a.m.
January 25th, February 22nd, March 22nd
Share your favorite book with our doggy visitor. *Dogs are certified comfort dogs.*

R POTATO BOOK CHARACTER CONTEST
Bring in entries March 2nd-March 4th
Winners announced March 10th
Decorate a potato as your favorite book character in this friendly competition. The winner will get a prize!



Registration opens monthly on the 25th. Register for programs online at muld.org/calendar

ADULT PROGRAMS

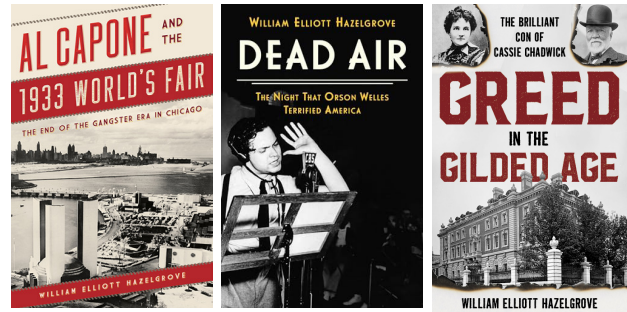
AGES 18+

R BOOK A TECH GURU
Need to brush up on your computer skills? Have a new device that you need help with? Schedule a 30 minute one-on-one session with a specific tech-related goal and we will do our best to assist you. Call 815-568-8236 to register.

R LITERARY CRUSTS, TASTY TALES
Join us at Niko's Pointer Saloon in this off-site book club!
Tuesday, January 7th • 6:30 p.m.
Al Capone and the 1933 World's Fair by William Hazelgrove
Tuesday, February 4th • 6:30 p.m.
Hello Beautiful by Ann Napolitano
Tuesday, March 4th • 6:30 p.m.
The Spy Coast: A Thriller by Tess Gerritsen

R CHAIR YOGA
Thursday, January 9th • 10 a.m.
Increase your mobility and calm your mind with this instructional program. Lead by certified yoga instructor, Karen Fotopoulo.

R AUTHOR VISIT: WILLIAM HAZELGROVE
Monday, January 13th • 6 p.m.
Author William Hazelgrove provides the exciting and sprawling history behind the 1933 World's Fair, and the harrowing story of American gangster and businessman, Al Capone.



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEETING
January 15th, February 19th, & March 19th • 6:30 p.m.

R BMO HARRIS PRESENTS: IDENTITY THEFT
Thursday, January 16th • 11 a.m.
Learn about methods used by identity thieves to steal personal information and how to protect yourself.

R SATURDAY BOOK CLUB
January 18th • 1 p.m.
Al Capone and the 1933 World's Fair by William Hazelgrove
February 15th • 1 p.m.
Hello Beautiful by Ann Napolitano
March 15th • 1 p.m.
The Spy Coast: A Thriller by Tess Gerritsen










Adult programs continued on page 6.

JANUARY 2025

SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	30 R WINTER READING PROGRAM All Ages • 12/16 - 1/07	31	1	2 PRESCHOOL STORYTIME Ages 3-6 • 1:30p.m. • Every Thursday R VIDEO GAME CLUB Ages 8-12 • 4p.m. • Every Thursday	3 LATE START Library opens at 10a.m.	4
	6	7 TODDLER STORYTIME Ages 2-3 • 10:30a.m. R LITERARY CRUSTS, TASTY TALES Ages 18+ • 6:30p.m.	8 BABYTIME STORYTIME Ages 0-23 Months • 10a.m. R HOMESCHOOLERS Youth All Ages • 10a.m.	9 R CHAIR YOGA Ages 18+ • 10a.m. PRESCHOOL STORYTIME Ages 3-6 • 1:30p.m. R ILP STEVE DOLINSKY Ages 16+ • 7p.m.	10 R \$ FAMILY FUN MOVIE All Ages • 6-7:30p.m. 	11 R FAMILY PUZZLE TIME All Ages • 11a.m.
12 NATIONAL RUBBER DUCKY DAY R AUTHOR VISIT: WILLIAM HAZELGROVE Ages 18+ • 6p.m.	13 R AUTHOR VISIT: WILLIAM HAZELGROVE Ages 18+ • 6p.m.	14 TODDLER STORYTIME Ages 2-3 • 10:30a.m.	15 R CREATIVE TYKES Ages 2-4 • 11a.m. FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEETING 6:30p.m.	16 R BMO HARRIS: IDENTITY THEFT Ages 18+ • 11a.m. PRESCHOOL STORYTIME Ages 3-6 • 1:30p.m. R VIDEO GAME CLUB Ages 8-12 • 4p.m.	17 R YOUTH CRAFT Ages 5-11	18 R SATURDAY BOOK CLUB Ages 18+ • 1p.m.
19 R MINI CRAFTERS Ages 2-4 R SCHOOL SUPPLY BINGO Ages 3-17 • 1p.m. R ART LAB Ages 5-11 • 4p.m.	20 R MINI CRAFTERS Ages 2-4 R SCHOOL SUPPLY BINGO Ages 3-17 • 1p.m. R ART LAB Ages 5-11 • 4p.m.	21 TODDLER STORYTIME Ages 2-3 • 10:30a.m. R STEAM Ages 8+ • 4p.m. R ADULT CRAFT NIGHT Ages 18+ • 6p.m.	22 TODDLER STORYTIME Ages 2-3 • 10:30a.m.	23 R ADULT CRAFT AFTERNOON Ages 18+ • 2p.m. R BOOKWORMS Grades 4-7 • 6p.m. R ILP MICHELLE BUTEAU Ages 16+ • 7p.m.	24 R READ TO A DOG All Ages • 10a.m.	25
26 R LEGO CLUB Ages 5-11 • 4p.m. R ARTISTIC ADVENTURES Ages 12-17 • 6p.m.	27 R LEGO CLUB Ages 5-11 • 4p.m. R ARTISTIC ADVENTURES Ages 12-17 • 6p.m.	28 TODDLER STORYTIME Ages 2-3 • 10:30a.m. R CIVIC AWARENESS WITH LWV Ages 18+ • 7p.m. BOARD MEETING 7:30p.m.	29	30 PRESCHOOL STORYTIME Ages 3-6 • 1:30p.m. R VIDEO GAME CLUB Ages 8-12 • 4p.m.	31	

FEBRUARY 2025

SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	27	28		30	31	1
ADULT						R LIBRARY LOVERS EXPEDITION All Ages • 2/1 - 3/31
YOUTH						
ALL AGES						
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
R  MINI CRAFTERS Ages 2-4	TODDLER STORYTIME Ages 2-3 • 10:30a.m. R LITERARY CRUSTS, TASTY TALES Ages 18+ • 6:30p.m. R  ILP JAMES MCBRIDE Ages 16+ • 7p.m.	R HOMESCHOOLERS Youth All Ages • 10a.m.	BABYTIME STORYTIME Ages 0-23 Months • 10a.m.	PRESCHOOL STORYTIME Ages 3-6 • 1:30p.m. R VIDEO GAME CLUB Ages 8-12 • 4p.m.	R  FAMILY FUN MOVIE All Ages • 6-7:30p.m.	R SATURDAY BOOK CLUB Ages 18+ • 1p.m.
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	R POETRY FUN Ages 3-17 • 1p.m. R ART LAB Ages 5-11 • 4p.m.	TODDLER STORYTIME Ages 2-3 • 10:30a.m. R STEAM Ages 8+ • 4p.m. R ADULT CRAFT NIGHT Ages 18+ • 6p.m.	R CREATIVE TYKES Ages 2-4 • 11a.m. R  ILP AMY TAN Ages 16+ • 7p.m. FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEETING 6:30p.m.	R BMO HARRIS: FINANCIAL EMERGENCIES Ages 18+ • 11a.m. PRESCHOOL STORYTIME Ages 3-6 • 1:30p.m. R VIDEO GAME CLUB Ages 8-12 • 4p.m.	R  YOUTH CRAFT Ages 5-11	SCOUTS FOOD COLLECTION DRIVE 02/22-03/01 R READ TO A DOG All Ages • 10a.m. 
23	24	25	26	27	28	
	R LEGO CLUB Ages 5-11 • 4p.m. R ARTISTIC ADVENTURES Ages 12-17 • 6p.m.	TODDLER STORYTIME Ages 2-3 • 10:30a.m. R DIRECTOR CRAIG DUDNICK Q&A Ages 18+ • 6p.m. BOARD MEETING 7:30p.m.	R ADULT CRAFT AFTERNOON Ages 18+ • 2p.m. R VIDEO GAME CLUB Ages 8-12 • 4p.m. R BOOKWORMS Grades 4-7 • 6p.m.			

ADULT PROGRAMS

AGES 18+

R ADULT CRAFT SERIES

Tuesday, January 21st • 6 p.m.

Trinket box

Thursday, January 23rd • 2 p.m.

Bird seed ornament

Tuesday, February 18th • 6 p.m.

Flower tealights

Thursday, February 27th • 2 p.m.

Suncatchers

Tuesday, March 11th • 6 p.m.

Canvas painting

Thursday, March 20th • 2 p.m.

Bookmarks

R VIRTUAL PRESENTATION: CIVIC AWARENESS SERIES WITH THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Tuesday, January 28th • 7:00 p.m.

The League of Women Voters proudly host WGN-TV's Paul Lisnek to speak about life after the election and what to expect in the upcoming four years.

R LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

January 28th, February 25th, & March 25th • 7:30 p.m.

R MCDH WELLNESS SCREENING

Friday, February 7th • 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

The McHenry County Health Department will offer cholesterol, glucose, and A1C tests. Payments must be made by cash or check only.

R ASTROLOGY 101

Tuesday, February 11th • 6:00 p.m.

What's your sign? Local astrologer Jessica Petzold will help you read and interpret your birth chart.

R VALENTINE'S COOKIE DECORATING

Thursday, February 13th • 6 p.m.

Sweet Jems owner Eva Nowak will walk you through the art of Valentine's cookie decorating.

R BMO HARRIS PRESENTS: PREPARING FOR FINANCIAL EMERGENCIES

Thursday, February 20th • 11:00 a.m.

BMO Harris will help you plan for potential financial troubles and explore strategies to weather ongoing fiscal crises.

R DIRECTOR CRAIG DUDNICK Q&A: ALICE'S ORDINARY PEOPLE

Tuesday, February 25th • 6:00 p.m.

Director Craig Dudnick will answer questions after viewing his documentary on political activist, Alice Tregay.

R THE BLUE ZONE

Wednesday, March 5th • 6:30 p.m.

This program developed by Joan Davis, RN, MS, introduces the latest evidence-based research on nutrition and longevity.

R BMO HARRIS PRESENTS: MOBILE BANKING

Thursday, March 13th • 11:00 a.m.

BMO Harris will help you learn all about mobile banking, from

TEEN PROGRAMS

AGES 12-17

R SPECIAL PROGRAMMING: NO SCHOOL DAYS

Ages 8+

Monday, January 20th at 1 p.m.

New Year school supply BINGO

Monday, February 17th at 1 p.m.

Light in the Attic poetry fun

Monday, March 24th at 11 a.m.

Monday Matinee

Wednesday, March 26th at 1 p.m.

BINGO

R STEAM

Ages 8+ • Tuesdays • 4 p.m.

January 21st

Test your popcorn skills

February 18th

Snow sculpting fun

March 18th

Craft stick mania



R ARTISTIC ADVENTURES

Ages 12-17 • Mondays • 6 p.m.

January 27th

Food tasting challenge

February 24th

No-sew bandana pillow

March 24th

Wiffle ball flower outdoor hanger

YOUTH BOOK CLUB

R BOOKWORMS BOOK CLUB

Grades 4-7 • Thursdays • 6 pm

January 23rd

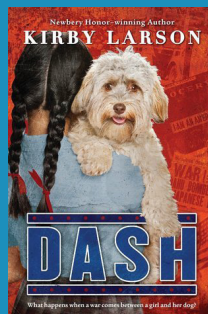
Dash by Kirby Larson

February 27th

Averil Offline by Amy Noelle Parks

March 27th

Hello Universe by Erin Entrada Kelly



YOUTH PROGRAMS

AGES 2-11

R VIDEO GAME CLUB

Ages 8-12 • Thursdays • 4 p.m.

Join us at the Library for Switch and Xbox One gaming. You are encouraged to bring your own phone, tablet, or laptop.

R HOMESCHOOLERS STUDY

Youth All Ages • Wednesdays • 10 a.m.

January 8th

Puzzles

February 5th

Winter nature

March 5th

Book tasting party

R CREATIVE TYKES

Ages 2-4 • Wednesdays • 11 a.m.

Time for parents and children under five to engage in sensory activities.

January 15th

Snow Much Fun!

February 19th

Make way for "Duckies"

March 19th

Go, Dog, Go!



R YOUTH CRAFT

Ages 5-11 • Fridays • Online

January 17th

Flying snowman

February 21st

DIY spinning top

March 21st

Garden gnome

Register early and pick up your kit starting the day of the program.

R MINI CRAFTERS

Ages 2-4 • Mondays • Online

January 20th

Melted snowman

February 10th

Valentine's gnome

March 10th

Flowers in the garden

Register early and pick up your kit starting the day of the program.



R ART LAB

Ages 5-11 • Mondays • 4 p.m.

January 20th

Snowy owl portrait

February 17th

Fabric patch heart

March 17th

DIY wax paper lantern



R STEAM

Ages 8+ • Tuesdays • 4 p.m.

January 21st

Test your popcorn skills

February 18th

Snow sculpting fun

March 18th

Craft stick mania

R LEGO CLUB

Ages 5-11 • Mondays • 4 p.m.

Let your imagination run wild with LEGO® building blocks. Join in monthly challenges and have time to free build.

January 27th

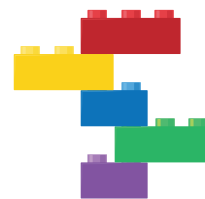
Sledding hill

February 24th

Spell "love"

March 24th

Rainbow



Registration opens monthly on the 25th. Register for programs online at muld.org/calendar

STORYTIMES

BABYTIME STORYTIME

**Ages Birth to 23 months
Wednesdays • 10:00a.m.**

January 8th, February 12th, & March 12th

Join us for rhymes, books, and giggles.

TODDLER STORYTIME

Ages 2-3 • Tuesdays • 10:30a.m.
Engaging finger plays, songs, & stories.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Ages 3-6 • Thursdays • 1:30 p.m.
New stories and a craft every week.

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BingePass

Kids' Books in

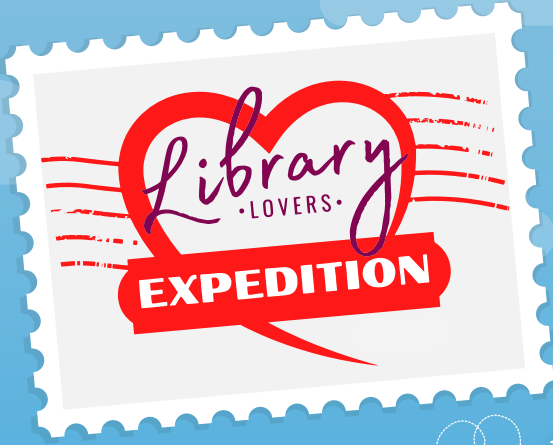
ACTION

★ Where Books Come to Life! ★



Borrow Kids' Books in Action, a hoopla BingePass, for a virtual storytime anytime, anywhere.

TAKE A TOUR OF MCHENRY COUNTY LIBRARIES



R LIBRARY LOVERS EXPEDITION

All Ages • February 1st - March 31st
Take a self-guided tour of McHenry County libraries! Visit a participating library to register for this challenge and receive a commemorative brag tag. Then, the expedition begins!

You'll have the months of February and March to visit all 15 participating libraries. Feel free to browse at each library, check out the services they offer, and even borrow materials if you choose to do so.

Once you have finished visiting at least 12 libraries, submit your entry towards one of the thirteen prize basket drawings containing gift cards to local McHenry County businesses.

LIBRARY MANAGEMENT

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LIBRARY HOURS:

*The first Friday of every month
we open at 10:00a.m.*

MONDAY-THURSDAY

9:00a.m.-8:00p.m.

FRIDAY

9:00a.m.-5:00p.m.

SATURDAY

9:00a.m.-3:00p.m.

SUNDAY

12:00p.m.-3:00p.m.*

**Sunday library hours will return on
Sunday, September 8th.*

**THE LIBRARY
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WEDNESDAY,
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