

PROGRAM GUIDE

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*EVERYTHING HAPPENING AT
MARENGO-UNION LIBRARY DISTRICT*



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ILLINOIS LIBRARIES PRESENT



R **BEYOND THE PAGE WITH PERCIVAL EVERETT**
Ages 16+ • Thurs., Mar. 19th • 7pm
 Percival Everett, like his fiction, defies categorization. Tune in for our conversation with Percival Everett to get a glimpse beyond the page. Brandis Friedman will moderate the event.



R **CRISTINA HENRÍQUEZ: VOICE, CULTURE, AND HUMAN CONNECTION**
Ages 16+ • Thurs., Apr. 16th • 7pm
 Join critically acclaimed, bestselling author, Cristina Henríquez, for a compelling conversation about her work. Carmen Álvarez will join Henríquez as moderator.



R **BABEL-ON WITH R. F. KUANG**
Ages 16+ • Tues., May 19th • 7pm
 R.F. Kuang's genre-bending fiction broaches ordinarily serious topics from a satirical and fantastical perspective. Kelly Jensen will be joining Kuang in conversation.



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

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HIGHLIGHTS

R **DR. SEUSS BIRTHDAY PARTY**
March 2nd • 11am

Oh, the fun you will find at the library! This whimsical celebration will be filled with silly stories, playful activities, and Seuss-inspired fun for the whole family. We'll rhyme, giggle, and celebrate some of your favorite colorful characters through interactive read-alouds and creative crafts.



April 11th - 17th is The Week of the Young Child. Here is the special programming the Library will have available during this time:

R **WORK TOGETHER WEDNESDAY**
April 15th • 11am

Emphasize teamwork, communication, and social-emotional development:

- Parachute play: Lift, move, and bounce balls together.
- Large group murals or crafting: Promote collaboration through shared art projects.
- Group storytelling: Children contribute sentences or actions to a story.
- Cooperative games: Scavenger hunts, relay races, or obstacle courses to develop teamwork and problem-solving.
- Friendship web: Toss yarn while giving compliments to create a visual of social connections.

R **ARTSY THURSDAY**
April 16th • 11am

Support creativity, fine motor skills, and imaginative thinking:

- Playdough art: Enhance creativity and hand coordination. Add glitter for fun effects.
- Sticker collages or sensory bins: Engage children with materials like rice, pasta, or sand.
- Creative fashion show: Dress-up activities for imaginative play.



National Library Week April 19th - 25th

RIGHT TO READ DAY
April 20th

A day for readers, advocates, and library lovers to take action to protect, defend, and celebrate the right to read. For little ones, we will provide coloring pages at the circulation desk.



R **STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER**

May 15th • Drop off between 5-6pm on the 15th • Pick up on the 16th all day
 Drop off your stuffed animal for a night of after-hours adventure among the books. While you're at home sleeping, your cuddly companion will enjoy stories, explore the shelves, and have a few silly surprises along the way. Come back to pick up your well-rested friend and see photos of all the fun they had!

ALL AGES

R **READ TO A DOG**
Every 4th Monday* • 4pm

March 23rd, April 27th, May 18th* (falls on different date due to Memorial Day)
 Practice reading and spend some time with a four-legged friend who can't wait to hear your "tail". Our gentle comfort dog loves listening!

R **NO SCHOOL STORYTIME**
March 23rd • 11am

Join Miss Penny and Miss Maureen as they host this springtime story time filled with cheerful tales, songs, and interactive fun for all ages. Whether you're a toddler, a big kid, or just young at heart, this cozy celebration of spring is the perfect way to welcome the new season.

R **NO SCHOOL MOVIE MANTINEE**
March 26th • 1pm

Despicable Me 4 PG Universal Studios 94 minutes

MCDH MOBILE VISITS
IBCCP/WW (IL Breast Cervical Cancer Program and Wise Woman • Wednesday, March 25th • 2-4:30pm)

Join us for a bilingual (Spanish/English) community presentation about breast and cervical cancer inside MULd led by program specialists, followed by one-on-one registration assistance and questions on the Mobile Clinic RV for the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program and Wise Women services. *Call ahead to reserve a spot for the community presentation at 2PM.

WIC (Women Infant Children) • Thursday, May 7th • 11am-3pm

Stop by our WIC outreach event to pick up program information, get help enrolling with an intake specialist, and visit the Mobile Clinic RV where current WIC clients can meet with a WIC nutritionist.



R **TAKE AND MAKE FAMILY CRAFT**
Pick up begins April 3rd

Noodle art family canvas.

R **THE ESSENTIAL EDGAR ALLEN POE**
April 13th • 6pm

In The Essential Edgar Allan Poe, exhume the tragic life and remarkable writings of this American genius. This is a biography lecture with dramatic story readings to bring Poe's disturbing writing.

R **MOTHER'S DAY CRAFT**
May 2nd • 11am

Join us for a special hands-on program designed for moms (or caregivers) and kids to enjoy side-by-side. We'll provide all the supplies for a fun, seasonal craft- just bring your creativity and a smile!

R **JOYOUS JAPAN**
May 7th • 6pm

In retracing this glorious five-week adventure, we journey aboard the famous Shinkansen bullet train, following the blooming cherry blossoms. Along the way, we learn about Japan's unforgettable cuisine, rich history, and vibrant culture. Michalski intermingles interactions with locals and striking original photography to transport you to the Land of the Rising Sun.

ADULT PROGRAMS AGES 18+

TECH TUESDAYS
Tuesdays • Varying times

Our resident Technology Enthusiast is here to help troubleshoot and explain all kinds of devices - phones, laptops, tablets, e-readers, even microwaves if they're being weird. Drop in, ask questions, and leave feeling more confident with your tech!



March 10th • 1pm
March 24th • 6pm
April 14th • 1pm
April 28th • 6pm
May 12th • 1pm
May 26th • 6pm

Want to give us a head start?

Email your question to dlatimer@muld.org with "Tech Tuesday" in the subject line, and we'll research it ahead of time.

R **CHAIR YOGA**
Ages 18+ • Tuesdays • 11am

Join us for a relaxing session of chair yoga, a gentle form of yoga done while seated or using a chair for support. Perfect for all fitness levels, this class focuses on stretching, breathing, and improving flexibility - no floor work required!

March 3rd, 10th, (no program on 17th) 24th, 31st
April 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
May 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

R **ADULT CRAFT SERIES**

Tuesday, March 3rd • 6pm / Thursday, March 19th • 2pm
 Mini Pot-o'-Gold Planter with Faux Succulent

Tuesday, April 7th • 6pm / Thursday, April 16th • 2pm
 Earth Day Terrariums

Tuesday, May 5th • 6pm / Thursday, May 21st • 2pm
 DIY Wildflower Seed Bombs



LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
March 24th, April 28th, May 26th

Adult programs are continued on page 7.

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

YOUTH PROGRAMS

AGES 2-11

📌 CODING CLUB

Ages 8-12 • Wednesdays • 4pm

Every Wednesday, get ready to put your brain to work and challenge yourself to some coding. Learn the basics and complete different projects at your own pace.

March 4, 11, 18, 25
April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
May 6, 13, 20, 27

Registration is required weekly.

📌 VIDEO GAMING CLUB

Ages 8-14 • Every first Monday • 4pm

Level up your library fun! Join us for video games on our Xbox or Switch. Feel free to grab a controller or bring your own device for plenty of play!

March 2nd
April 6th
May 4th



📌 HOMESCHOOLERS STUDY

Youth All Ages • Kids 3 & under need an adult present • Every 1st Wednesday • 10am

March 4th
Working on the Farm

April 1st
April Fool's Fun

May 6th
Cinco de Mayo Lesson and Party

📌 YOUTH CRAFT (TAKE HOME CREATIONS)

Ages 5-11

March
St. Patrick's Day Craft

April
Cardboard Bunny Craft

May
Caterpillar on a Leaf

Register early and pick up your kit at the beginning of the month

📌 MINI CRAFTERS (TAKE HOME CREATIONS)

Ages 2-4

March
St. Patrick's Day Craft

April
Rain Cloud Gravity Painting

May
Paper Plate Bird Nest

Register early and pick up your kit at the beginning of the month.



📌 ART LAB

Ages 5-11 • Every 2nd Monday • 4pm

March 9th
Shamrock Salt Painting

April 13th
Cotton Cherry Blossoms

May 11th
Marble Painting



📌 PAGES & PROJECTS

Ages 5-12 • Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday • 4pm

Join us for a joyful journey where stories spark imagination and hands-on fun brings pages to life! Each session we will read a book together, then dive into one or two engaging projects inspired by the story.

March 11th
The Night Before St. Patrick's Day by Natasha Wing

April 8th
Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss

April 22nd
Sid the Science Kid - Earth Day Fun by Jennifer Fox

May 13th
Don't Touch That Flower by Alice Hemming

May 20th
Rolling Thunder by Kate Messner

📌 BLOCK PARTY

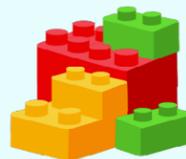
Ages 5-11 • Every 3rd Monday • 4pm

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

March 16th
Seasonal Task Cards

April 20th
Build in Only One Color

May 18th
Lego Balloon Cars



📌 CREATIVE TYKES

Ages 2-4 • Third Wednesday of each month • 11:00 am

March 18th
The Wonderful World of Storytelling and Puppetry!

May 20th
Mother Goose Activities



TEEN PROGRAMS

AGES 12-17

📌 AFTER SCHOOL ADVENTURE SOCIETY

Ages 9-14 • Every 2nd Thursday • 4pm

A rules-light tabletop roleplaying game group for ages 9-14. No experience needed—just bring your imagination and get ready to play, explore, and create epic stories together!

March 12th
April 9th
May 14th



📌 (TAB) TEEN ADVISORY BOARD: EMPOWERING TEENS, SHAPING THE LIBRARY

Ages 12-17 • Every 3rd Thursday • 6pm

Teens will have a voice in library programs, services, and spaces, while developing skills in collaboration, creativity, and community engagement.

March 19th
April 16th
May 21st

📌 THE TEEN SCENE

Ages 12-17 • Every 4th Monday • 6pm

Check in with a cool crew every fourth Monday of the month. Meet up with other teens to complete an interactive and fun activity.

March 23rd
Library Silence Challenge

April 27th
Paper Bead Jewelry

May 25th
LIBRARY CLOSED



YOUTH BOOK CLUBS

📌 BOOKWORMS BOOK CLUB

Ages 9-13 • Every 4th Thursday • 4 pm

A fun club for kids ages 9-11 who are ready to dive into chapter books and share the adventure with friends.



March 19th
Everything on a Waffle by Polly Harvath

April 23rd
Gregor the Overlander by Suzanne Collins

May 21st
Sideways Stories from Wayside School by Louis Sachar

ADULT PROGRAMS

AGES 18+

📌 ROLL FOR ADVENTURE

Ages 15+ • Alternating Wednesdays • 6pm

Join us for an evening of dice, dragons, and daring quests!

March 4th
March 18th
April 1st
April 15th
May 6th
May 20th

📌 TRIVIA NIGHT

Every 1st Monday • 11am

March 2nd
April 6th
May 4th (Special Star Wars Game)

📌 SATURDAY BOOK CLUB

Saturday, March 21st • 1pm

Spitfires: the American women who flew in the face of danger during World War II by Becky Aikman

Saturday, April 18th • 1pm
Walden by Henry David Thoreau

Saturday, May 16th • 1pm
The Nazi Conspiracy by Brad Meltzer & Josh Mensch

📌 BMO HARRIS PRESENTS

Thursdays • 11am • Ages 18+

Thursday, March 12th • 11am
Mobile Banking

Thursday, April 9th • 11am
Identity Theft

Thursday, May 25th • 11am
Investing at Work



📌 CARDS AND TILES

2nd and 4th Wednesdays • 10am

Drop in for our open gaming group featuring Mahjongg and Pinochle!

March 11th, 25th
April 8th, 22nd
May 13th, 27th



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📌 FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEETING

Third Wednesday of month • March 18th, April 15th, May 20th • 6:30pm

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

STORYTIMES

📌 BABYTIME STORYTIME

**Ages Birth to 24 months
Every 3rd Friday • 9:30am**

Mar. 20th, Apr. 17th, May 15th
Inspire a love of reading in your young child. Features short stories, songs & rhymes.

📌 TODDLER STORYTIME

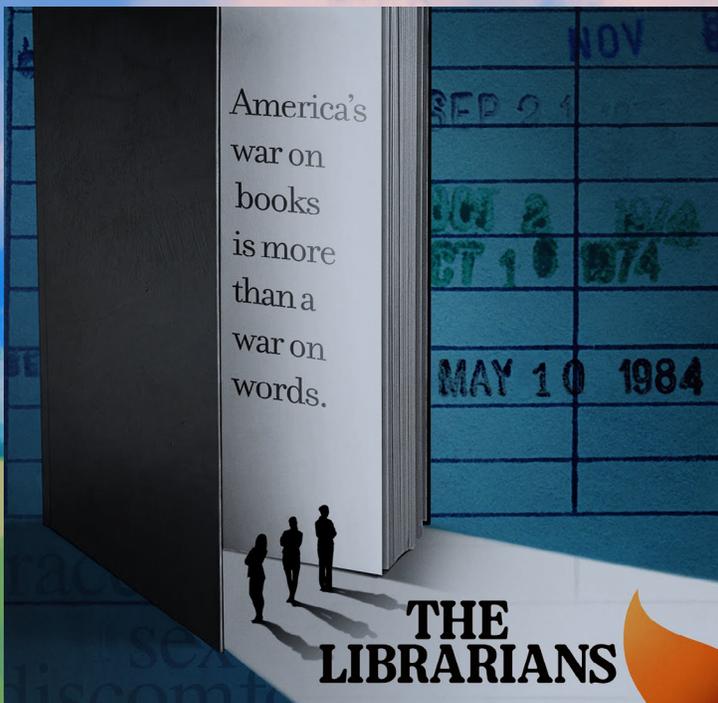
Ages 2-3 • Thursdays* • 9:30am

Engaging fingerplays, songs & stories.
*no storytime April 16th

📌 PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Ages 3-6 • Tuesdays • 9:30am

New stories and a craft every week.



GET UP AND GO!

THE SUN IS OUT, AND THE FUN IS JUST BEGINNING

TOWN SCAVENGER HUNT

MARCH 21ST - MARCH 29TH

The library is hosting a photo scavenger hunt featuring close-up pictures of different places and objects around town. Your challenge is to figure out what each item is and where it's located. Look closely — you might recognize something you pass every day! Pick up the scavenger sheet on March 21st. Return the sheet no later than March 29th.

R AFTER HOURS TEEN PROGRAM: GHOSTS IN THE GRAVEYARD

APRIL 10TH FROM 6PM - 8PM

The library is staying open just for teens! Join us after hours for an exclusive teen game night at the library. Once the doors close to the public, the fun begins! Hang out with friends and get ready to level up your night!

INDIE LENS POP-UP: THE LIBRARIANS MOVIE SCREENING AT MCC'S LUECHT AUDITORIUM

R THURSDAY, MARCH 5TH FROM 6:30PM-8:30PM. FOR ALL AGES.

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LIBRARY HOURS

The first Friday of every month we open at 10:00am

MONDAY-THURSDAY

9:00am-8:00pm

FRIDAY

9:00am-5:00pm

SATURDAY

9:00am-3:00pm

SUNDAY

12:00pm-3:00pm*

**September through May.*

LIBRARY CLOSURES

Sunday, April 5th:

CLOSED for Easter Sunday

Friday, May 1st:

CLOSED for Staff in Service Day

Friday, May 22nd:

CLOSED Reaching Forward Conference (Tentative)

Monday, May 25th:

CLOSED Memorial Day

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



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