

PROGRAMS CLASSES EVENTS

December 2025 – February 2026

Inspiring Connection, Curiosity, and Joy



Palatine
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District



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we are ready to assist you!**

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**Rand Road Branch:
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Palatine Library Foundation

Palatine Library Foundation Tuesday, December 2

This is a great time of year to support the Library and especially the Youth Play Area. Donate on December 2 to fund the Library's indoor baby and toddler play unit. Young explorers will love this interactive setup that creates the perfect environment for exploration and discovery!

Donate at ppldf.org/makeadonation.html

The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that raises funds for Palatine Library to enhance services, materials, and activities.



Friends of Palatine Library



Join Us!

Do you love to get a great deal on books and are looking for a fun place to volunteer? Join the Friends for just \$10 a year! We need volunteers to work the book sales. Sign up before the January Sale and get your time slot.

Find membership forms in the lobby of the Main Library.

Donations of books, CDs, DVDs, and LPs are gratefully accepted. We do not accept VHS, cassette tapes, encyclopedias, or magazines. For more information call 847-907-3600, x149 or email friendsofthepalatinelibrary@gmail.com. The Friends of Palatine Library is a 501(c)(3) organization.

January 2026 Used Book Sale

Sale Hours:

Friday, January 16
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Friends' members – No charge
Non-members – \$5

Saturday, January 17
9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Free admission.

Sunday, January 18
12:30 – 3:00 p.m.
Free admission.
Bargain day. All items are half price!

Upcoming Construction

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This winter, the Main Library will undergo construction to improve your experience. One of the key upgrades includes the implementation of RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) technology, which will streamline checkouts, returns, and more. This enhancement will help us serve you more efficiently. Thank you for your patience during this exciting transition! Please stay up to date via our social media and website.



YETI, SET, READ!

**Monday, December 15 –
Saturday, January 31, 2026**



Reading Requirements

Birth – Grade 2	15 Books
Grades 3-5	5 Books
Grades 6-12	2 Books
Adults	2 Books

Sign up on Beanstack!

- Go to www.palatinelibrary.org to sign up on Beanstack, or palatinelibrary.beanstack.org/reader365
- Download the Beanstack app on your smartphone or device. You may already have an account from past reading programs. If you cannot sign up online, call or visit any Library location for help from our friendly staff. Don't remember your password? We can help! For Palatine cardholders only.

Complete the program and get a prize!

Grades 6 through adults will receive a scarf, and children (birth through grade 5) will receive a plush yeti. Completion prizes are funded by the Friends of Palatine Library.



Give Back to the Community

\$500- Palatine Bank and Trust
\$500- Warehouse Direct
\$200- Vogue Printers



When you participate in the Winter Reading Challenge, you help the community! When we all read a total of 12,000 books, these generous partners will donate to Greater Family Health.

Who is Greater Family Health?

Greater Family Health is a Federally Qualified Health Center that provides high quality and affordable healthcare to all, regardless of their ability to pay. This means that whether a patient is uninsured, underinsured, publicly insured, or privately insured, no one will ever be turned away because of their inability to pay for services. Those services include pediatrics, family medicine, OB/GYN, oral, and behavioral health.

Grand Prize Drawing

After completing the reading requirements, you will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win an amazing prize basket filled with gift cards generously donated by these participating businesses.



More ways to give...

Winter Reading Donation Drive

**Monday, December 1 –
Saturday, January 31**

During Winter Reading, donate winter clothing items to Greater Family Health's pediatric patients! Donations accepted are: hats, gloves, scarves, and coats for ages birth-18 years old.

Desafio de Lectura de Inverno

YETI, SET, READ!

**Lunes, 15 de diciembre al
sabado, 31 de enero**
Ayúdanos a leer 12,000 libros para Greater Family Health.

Requisitos de Lectura

Infantes a 2 Grado	15 libros
3 a 5 Grado	5 libros
6 a 12 Grado	2 libros
Adults	2 libros

¡Regístrese en Beanstack!

Descargue la aplicación Beanstack Tracker en su teléfono inteligente o dispositivo.



¡Obtenga una bufanda o un juguete de invierno por completar el programa!



Our Year in Numbers Fiscal Year 2024 – 2025

Total Circulation Materials
1,321,454

Electronic 335,395
Digital Magazines & Newspapers 45,934
eAudiobooks 120,086
Kanopy Videos 24,905
eBooks 144,470



Cardholders
37,713

Consortium

Interlibrary Loans
Provided to other libraries
44,227

Interlibrary Loans
Received from other libraries
65,729



Branches

Total amount of reference questions

27,206

North Hoffman Programs
105
Attendance
2,682

Rand Road Programs
148
Attendance
5,505



Outreach

Events Attended
41

People Talked To
7,293

Organizations/Community Members Partnered with
25



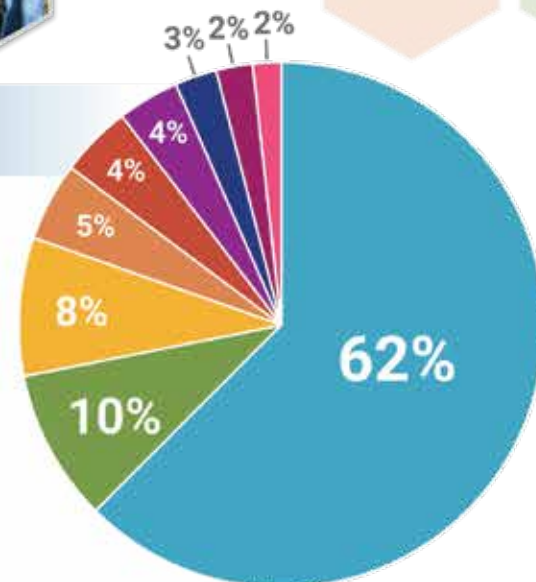
2024-2025 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

INCOME

Property Tax Revenue	\$10,496,438
Investment Income	\$821,376
Grants and Donations	\$192,044
Other Fees and Income	\$85,211
Personal Prop Rep Tax	\$94,242
TOTAL INCOME	\$11,689,311

EXPENSES

Salaries and Benefits	\$6,118,949
Materials	\$929,953
Capital Expenses	\$823,397
Contracts	\$476,664
Other Operating	\$433,217
Bond Expenses	\$384,200
Utilities	\$254,712
Building Maintenance	\$211,245
Supplies	\$169,907
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$9,721,193



Director's Message

I'm excited to share that we'll soon be renovating the last public spaces of the Main Library!

We are enhancing our South Entrance, with upgrades to the entry hall leading to the Meeting Rooms and the Lobby. These changes will make the space more visible, welcoming, and accessible. The Meeting Rooms will also be updated with new tables, chairs and technology for a more comfortable experience.

The dedicated Friends group is also getting an upgrade of their space. The sale area will get a fresh new look, shifting toward a more modern, retail-style setup and the new Friends sort/storage room will help them continue to put on the best books sales in the area.

At the same time, we'll be rolling out RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) technology across all library locations. RFID allows us to automate the check-in process. Which will help reduce the physical strain on staff from heavy lifting and bending and speed up the process of getting returned items back on the shelves. That means more time for staff to focus on providing excellent customer service, and faster access to materials for our members.

Changes will be going on behind the scenes as well as renovating our staff spaces to make way for RFID, new technology, and staff growth.

To make all of this possible, there will be some temporary adjustments. While the Library will remain open and most services will continue as usual, our public Meeting Rooms will be under construction. As a result, we'll be pausing meeting room reservations from Winter 2025 through Fall 2026.

We appreciate your patience during these upgrades and look forward to welcoming you into an even better Library experience!

Melissa Gardner



DECEMBER



Connect & Color with Winter Reading

December

Help kick off Winter Reading by coloring a mosaic tile based on this year's theme. The full mosaic will be put together and displayed for a month at the Library. Ask for a tile at the Adult Services Desk and color while at the Library. Drop in.

Holiday Cards

Monday, December 1 – Thursday, December 18

Help brighten the holidays for Elderwerks clients and staff with handmade holiday cards using stickers, markers and more. All ages. Pick up kit from the Adult Services Desk while supplies last.

Christmas on State Street

Tuesday, December 2
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

For decades, winter in Chicago meant a trip or two to see the large department stores that went all out for Christmas. This illustrated talk by historian Leslie Goddard, Ph.D., traces the history of Christmas celebrations on State Street. Sign up begins 11/18. Presented: Zoom.

The Webb Space Telescope

Tuesday, December 9
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

The Webb Space Telescope has begun to fundamentally alter our understanding of black holes, the early Universe, stars, planets, and more. Learn more about this mission and explore its latest images. Sign up begins 11/25. Presented: Zoom

Tech Assistance Drop-In

Tuesdays, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
December 9
January 13, 27
February 10, 24

Have a question about your new device? Do you just want to get better with your old one? Stop by to chat with a librarian who is ready to answer your basic technology questions. Drop in.

Cheesecake 101

Wednesday, December 10
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Get ready to wow your holiday guests with luscious, creamy cheesecakes! In this class, you'll learn the secrets to a perfectly smooth base, how to avoid cracks, and how to create both classic and fun flavor twists. Sign up begins 11/26. Presented: Zoom.

Jane Austen's Sandition

Thursday, December 11
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Commemorating Jane Austen's 250th birthday on December 16, join author Claire Evans for a look at Austen's final, unfinished manuscript and its path from family heirloom to a fully imagined costume drama, airing on American PBS. Sign up begins 11/26. Presented: Zoom.

JANUARY

Yeti Scavenger Hunt

January

Search the first floor, second floor, or one of the Branches for the hidden yetis as part of the Winter Reading program. Take a picture or describe where you found it to one of the service desks to receive a custom sticker. All ages. Drop in.

Dungeons & Dragons One-Shots

Thursdays
6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

January 8

February 12

Join us in an exciting role-playing adventure! Pick your role and set out on a standalone quest with a merry band of adventurers in the world of Dungeons & Dragons! Beginners welcome. Sign up begins two weeks prior to each date.

Connect & Color Puzzle Assembly

Monday, January 12
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Help assemble the puzzle tiles that were colored by members as part of the Winter Reading program. All participants will receive a sticker of the full mosaic to take home. Drop-in.



Seed Starting Made Simple: Winter Sowing

Monday, January 12
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Join us for a hands-on winter sowing workshop and discover the magic of growing plants outdoors during the cold months! Sign up begins 12/29.

Bringing History to Life with Jonathan Eig

Tuesday, January 13
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Join us for a conversation with Jonathan Eig, who is the bestselling author of six books, including his most recent, Pulitzer Prize-winning *King: A Life*. Sign up open now. Presented: Zoom.



Grains & Greens

Wednesday, January 14
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Give your winter meals a wholesome refresh with hearty grains and flavorful greens. We'll explore vibrant recipes like warm grain bowls, stuffed greens, and flavorful pilafs that prove nutritious can still be comforting. Sign up begins 12/30. Presented: Zoom.

AI: ChatGPT and Beyond

Wednesday, January 21
3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) products are taking the world by storm. Look at the most discussed AI tech and speculate on the future implications of AI on the workplace and society. Sign up begins 1/7.

Organizing in a Digital World

Wednesday, January 21
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Jennifer Barnes explores how we receive and manage our time and information, emphasizing the importance of understanding why it's worth learning to use the tools available to us in the digital age. Sign up begins 1/7. Presented: Zoom.

Civic Awareness: An Evening with Paul Lisnek

Tuesday, January 27
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

In collaboration with Schaumburg Library, the League of Women Voters are proud to partner on this civic awareness program. We are thrilled to have WGN-TV's Paul Lisnek presenting. Presented: Zoom. Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/46m7tbs5>

FEBRUARY

Blind Date with a Book

February

No cover, no title, no spoilers. Take a chance, check one out, and discover a story you might love. Drop in.

Cookie Cutter and Recipe Card

February

Celebrate Lunar New Year by making themed cookies! All ages. Pick up kit from the Adult Services Desk while supplies last.

Origami Community Zoo

February

Fold your own origami animal and add it to our growing community display. Paper and instructions are provided for all levels. All Ages. Pick up from Adult Services Desk while supplies last.

Sugar Scrub Kit

February

Treat yourself to self-care. Pick up a Sugar Scrub Kit and learn how to make your own body scrub at home. Pick up a kit from Adult Services Desk while supplies last.

AARP Tax-Aide Appointments

Mondays

February 2 – April 13

Make an appointment to get free tax return preparation assistance at Main Library from AARP tax aides. Sign up information and appointment times will be available online starting in mid-January.

When to Worry: Recognizing Mental Health Red Flags

Tuesday, February 3
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Join OMNI's Clinical Director, Roy Eiermann, LCPC, to learn how to recognize the early warning signs of declining mental health, how to respond, and where to turn for help. Sign up begins 1/20.

Quiet Reading Group

Thursday, February 5
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Join other like-minded individuals for an evening of silent reading together at the Library and enjoy the view over the pond. Sign up begins 1/22.

The Art of British Spycraft

Tuesday, February 10
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Author Claire Evans recounts her visit to Bletchley Park, the once top-secret hub of codebreakers vital to Allied intelligence during WWII. Sign up begins 1/27. Presented: Zoom.

Brownies, Blondies & Brookies

Wednesday, February 11
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Celebrate the sweetest month of the year with bar treats! We'll bake up rich, fudgy brownies, chewy blondies, and brookies. Sign up begins 1/28. Presented: Zoom.

African Art and Folktales

Thursday, February 12
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Celebrate Black History Month with Elizabeth Kahura as she guides us through Africa's rich heritage using storytelling, poetry, proverbs, and riddles. Sign up begins 1/29. Presented: Zoom.

Digitize and Archive Your Photos

Wednesday, February 18
3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Mike Gershbein of VerySmartPeople shows you how to scan and clean up your photos and offers you storage and organization tips. Sign up begins 2/4.

Local Candidate Forums

Saturday, February 21 • Time TBA

Hear Republican and Democratic candidates share their views on key issues in moderated, nonpartisan forums. Co-sponsored by the Library and League of Women Voters. Details available in January at lvvpalatinearea.org.

A Chilling Evening

Tuesday, February 24
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Join us for a conversation with witty, creepy, and compulsively readable, bestselling author R.L. Stine. Sign up now. Presented: Zoom.

Express Lane Meals

Wednesday, February 25
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

This insightful class will help you stock your pantry with ingredients that will keep mealtime interesting, fresh, and easy! Sign up begins 2/11. For Palatine cardholders only.



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YETI, SET, LEARN!

Embrace the winter season with a cozy commitment to curiosity and life-long learning! Your Library is ready to support your educational journey with fantastic, free, self-paced online courses.

Like a yeti setting out on an adventure, here are a few paths to explore as you Yeti, Set, Read! this winter:

creativebug

Get inspired by thousands of classes on sewing, illustration, painting, crafting, holiday décor, and much more!

GALE COURSES

Over 350 online courses in personal and professional development. Courses are offered once a month and span 6 weeks.

LinkedIn Learning

Thousands of video tutorials on business, technology, and digital media to keep your skills sharp. Available in English, Spanish, Mandarin, Japanese, French, German, and Portuguese.

MANGO LANGUAGES

Learn a new language or deepen your skills! Mango offers courses in Spanish, Polish, English, Mandarin, and more.

ADULT PROGRAMS

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Chair Yoga

Wednesdays, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

December 10

January 7, 21

February 4, 18

Explore gentle postures, breathwork, meditation, and deep relaxation with Karen Fotopoulos, a registered yoga teacher from Discover Yoga with Karen. Sign up begins two weeks prior to each date.



Blood Drive with Versiti Blood Centers

Thursday, January 15

1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Help save lives and make a difference! Many patients and families count on your lifesaving blood donations year-round. Appointments are encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome. Ages 16 and up. Sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/3r9yks8t>

Medicare Basics and You

Wednesday, February 25

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Nancy Frenk from the Palatine Township Senior Citizens Council gives a breakdown on Medicare from eligibility and enrollment to prescription drug plans and low-income assistance. Sign up begins 2/11. Presented: Zoom.

CAREERS

Resume Clinic

Tuesdays, 6:00 – 8:45 p.m.

December 2

January 6

February 3

Career counselor Fred Ettinger presents strategies for creating a resume in today's market followed by a one-on-one review of your resume with tips for improvement. Sign up begins two weeks prior to each date.

Career Counseling Appointments

Fridays, 12:00, 12:35,

1:05, and 1:35 p.m.

December 12

January 9

February 13

Book a 30-minute consultation with career expert Jerry Donahue for resume help, LinkedIn profile review, and job searching strategies for any stage of your career. Check in at the Information Desk. Sign up begins two weeks prior to each date.

Job Search 101

Wednesday, January 7

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Gene Flynn helps individuals understand the current job search environment and how to prepare a great job search plan. Topics include how A.I. and the internet are changing the job search process, common myths, how to create a job search plan, and organizations able to help. Sign up Begins 12/15. Presented: Zoom.



GENEALOGY

Genealogy Group – Virtual

Thursday, December 4

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Join others interested in genealogy for a session of sharing tips and learning about new research tools. Sign up begins 11/20. Presented: Zoom.

Grandma Nellie's Scrapbook: Identifying and Interpreting Historic Photographs

Thursday, January 22

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Tina Beard returns to offer solutions for identifying 'lost' family members in old photos by teaching attendees how to use genealogy sources in conjunction with observational techniques. Please feel free to submit one digital photo to: palatine@palatinelibrary.org. Sign up begins 1/8. Presented: Zoom.



CONNECT

ESL Conversation Club

Tuesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

December 2

January 6, 20

February 3, 17

Presented: Zoom.

Tuesdays, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

December 9

January 13, 27

February 10, 24

Presented: In Person.

Practice your English conversational skills with staff and friendly volunteers. Basic conversation skills recommended. Sign up begins two weeks prior to each date.

ESL Read Together

Wednesdays

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

January 14, 28

February 11, 25

Develop your English reading skills in a welcoming environment by reading *Rabbit Hole* by David Lindsay-Abaire together. Copies are available at the Information Desk. Sign up once for all four sessions. Sign up begins 12/13.



NEW! Tween DIY Kits

December: Cheery Cord Keeper

January: Mini Bullet Journal

February: Shrinky Dink Heart

Try out a new take-home craft each month. Pick up supplies at the Youth and Teen Desk. One per person per month. Grades 4-8.

Tween and Teen Service Projects:

Valentines Cards

Saturday, January 31

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.



Flower Pens

Tuesday, February 17

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Help brighten someone's day by creating fun items for Elderwerks, a local group that serves senior citizens. Participants will earn service credit based on time worked and must have completed a Library volunteer application prior to the event. Grades 6 – 12. Sign up begins two weeks prior to each date.

Finals Study Break Sessions:

Fuel Your Brain

4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Monday, December 15

Tuesday, December 16

Make a snack and explore your favorite childhood activities like slime and Play-Doh while taking a break from studying for finals. Grades 9 – 12. Allergens may be present. Drop in.

Therapy Dogs

Monday, December 15

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Need a break from studying for finals? Drop into one of our sessions with the Alliance of Therapy Dogs for some canine support. Grades 9 – 12. Drop in.

Teen Mini Art Gallery

Monday, January 12 –

Saturday, January 31

Tap into your artistic side by visiting our art station in the Teen Space. Decorate your mini canvas between 1/12 – 1/25; then see them on display in the Teen Space until 1/31. Grades 6 – 12. Drop in.

Teen Subject Study Session

Thursday, January 22

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Need to cram for a test? Come study with your friends or meet up with other students in the same course. Grades 9 – 12. Snacks provided. Drop in.

The Financial Aid Process

Thursday, January 29

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Join the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for a session on the general financial aid process for college including the FAFSA, insight on how financial aid works, how to apply for it, student eligibility, and how it can be used to help pay for college. Grades 9 – 12 and their caregivers. Sign up begins 1/15. Presented: Zoom.

Teen Relaxation Station

February 1 – 28

Enjoy passive activities like games, challenges, and crafts all month in the Teen Space. Take a study break, relax, and de-stress on your own or with friends. Grades 6 – 12. Drop in.

Teen After Hours

Friday, February 6

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Hang out with friends at this exclusive after-hours event including a sour candy taste-test, games, and more! Allergens may be present. Grades 6 – 12. Sign up begins 1/23.

The Journey Starts Now: From 9th Grade to College Ready

Thursday, February 19

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

This session is designed specifically for parents to learn how they can actively support their high school students in navigating the college process with confidence. This presentation is organized into four key areas: staying motivated through challenges, standing out through academics and extracurriculars, exploring the right college fit, and understanding financial aid options.

Caregivers of students in 9 – 12 grade.

Sign up begins 2/5. Presented: Zoom.



TWEEN AND TEEN PROGRAMS

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Myth and Magic:



Check out these reads full of myth and magic for this winter reading challenge!

For a richer winter experience, combine these titles with visits to Cantigny Park or Brookfield Zoo.

Black History Month:



Pair these titles with a visit to the Chicago History Museum to gain a deeper understanding of Black history in our community.

Enjoy free admissions, discounted passes, and other perks to cultural and recreational attractions through Explore More Illinois and Museum Adventure Pass, available with your Library card!



Please visit our website for more information.

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Check out mythology book picks perfect for curious readers who love epic adventures, legendary heroes, and mythical creatures!



More Youth Reads



I Spy...at the Library

December 1 – 30: Under the Tree
January 2 – 31: Snow Much Fun
February 1 – 28: Be Mine, Valentine
Can you find all of the winter items hidden in our display case? All ages.



DECEMBER

Gingerbread Houses

Wednesday, December 17
5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Decorate a gingerbread house with your family. One kit per family. Limit five people per group. Ages 4 and up. One kit per family. Limit five people per group. Sign up begins 12/3 for Palatine cardholders only.

Do You Want to Build a Snowman?

December 19 – January 4
Create your own snowy scene using air-dry clay and your imagination! All ages. Pick up a kit at the Youth and Teen Desk starting 12/19. Return entry by 1/4 to participate in our display. While supplies last.

Yeti Family Bingo

Monday, December 22
11:00 – 11:30 a.m.
1:00 – 1:30 p.m.
Who's YETI to party? Grab the family and come play some yeti-themed bingo. All ages. Sign up begins 12/8 for Palatine cardholders only.

Juggling Funny Stories

Tuesday, December 23
11:00 – 11:45 a.m.
Chris Fascione combines storytelling, mime, juggling, and comedy in this unique show. All ages. Tickets are available 12/9 for Palatine cardholders only.

New Year's Eve Scavenger Hunt & Craft

Tuesday, December 30
Wednesday, December 31
Ring in the new year with a scavenger hunt and a festive craft. Stop by the Youth and Teen Services area. All Ages. Drop-in.



JANUARY

Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!

Friday, January 2
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Featuring an innovative mix of songs, puppets, actors, and feathers, this performance from GreatWorks Theatre is sure to get everyone's wings flapping. All ages. Held offsite at the Cutting Hall Performing Arts Center, 150 E. Wood Street, Palatine. Tickets are available at the Youth and Teen Services Desk 12/19.



Hot Cocoa Bar

Saturday, January 3
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Warm up with a customized cup of cocoa and family activities. All ages. Allergens may be present. Drop in. While supplies last.

Clap, Sing & Dance!

Wednesday, January 7
2:00 – 2:30 p.m.
Saturday, January 10
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.
Explore the world of music with instruments, flannel stories, rhymes, and songs. Ages 0-24 months. Sign up begins two weeks prior to each date.

Matt Wilhelm's BMX Stunt Show

Tuesday, January 20
1:00 – 1:45 p.m.
Matt Wilhelm wows the audience with his BMX tricks while applying messages about respect, responsibility, and resilience. Grades K-8. Held offsite at Salt Creek Sports Center, 647 Consumers Avenue, Palatine. Tickets are available 1/6 for Palatine cardholders only.

Busy Toddlers

Friday, January 23
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Engage your senses and stimulate learning with activities and a craft just right for teeny tiny hands. Dress for messy fun. Ages 1 – 3. Allergens may be present. Drop in.

STEAM for Kids: Fluffy Snow Slime

Friday, January 23
4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Join us for hands-on seasonal science and art activities. Grades 1 – 5. Sign up begins 1/9.

Tunes for Tots

Saturday, January 31
10:00 – 10:45 a.m.
Explore the magic of music at this interactive program brought to you by music educator Natalie Mustea. Ages 1-3. Sign up begins 1/17.

FEBRUARY

Baby Footprint Art

Thursday, February 5
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.
10:30 – 11:00 a.m.
Saturday, February 7
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.
10:30 – 11:00 a.m.
Create a painting using your baby's footprints that will make a great gift for a loved one. Ages 0-15 months. Sign up begins two weeks prior to each date.

Meet Pete the Cat

Saturday, February 7
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Groove on over to the Library for Take Your Child to the Library Day! Participate in a scavenger hunt, create a fun craft, and meet the famous feline, Pete the Cat. Bring your camera to take a picture with Pete from 10:00 - 10:30 a.m. or 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. For families. Drop in.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Parents and caregivers must remain with children under 9 years old.

GET CRAFTY!

Available at all locations.



Crafty Kits at Main Library

Thursdays: To Go
Pick up a simple craft to make at home with your child. Each week explores a different topic to spark your child's creativity and curiosity. Ages 3-7. While supplies last. Drop in.

Crafty Kids

Thursdays
Rand Road: 10:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
North Hoffman: 11:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Stop by to make a simple craft together. Each week explores a different topic to spark your child's creativity and curiosity. Ages 3 – 7. While supplies last. Drop in.

Manualidades Para Niños

Los jueves
Succursal Rand Road:
10:00 a.m. a 5:30 p.m.
Succursal North Hoffman:
11:00 a.m. a 6:30 p.m.
Pase por una manualidad sencilla para hacer juntos. Cada semana explore un tema diferente diseñado para fomentar la creatividad y la curiosidad de su niño. Para edades de 3 a 7. Hasta agotar las existencias. Entrada libre.



JG's Reptile Road Show

Tuesday, February 17
10:00 – 10:45 a.m.
11:00 – 11:45 a.m.
Learn about the fascinating world of reptiles at this fun and educational show. All ages. Tickets are available 2/3 for Palatine cardholders only.

STEAM for Kids: Button Making

Friday, February 20
4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Join us for hands-on seasonal science and art activities. Grades 1 – 5. Sign up begins 2/6.



Brush, Floss, Smile!

Tuesday, February 24
4:30 – 5:15 p.m.
Celebrate National Children's Dental Health Month by joining a local dentist as she teaches the proper way to brush and care for your teeth using fun games, books, and a craft. Grades K – 3. Sign up 2/10.

STORYTIMES

Parents and caregivers must remain with children. Programs within the same week feature the same stories. Sign up begins two weeks prior to each date.

Baby Storytime
Ages 0 – 12 months
Thursdays, 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.
No Baby Storytime:
12/25, 1/1, 2/5

Toddler Storytime
Ages 1 – 2
Mondays, 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.
Fridays, 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.
No Toddler Storytime:
12/22, 1/23, 2/13, 2/27

Preschool Storytime
Ages 3 – 5
Tuesdays, 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.
No Preschool Storytime:
12/16, 12/23, 12/30, 2/10, 2/17

SPECIAL STORYTIMES

Yeti Tales & Crafts
Tuesday, December 16
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, December 18
6:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Join us for silly yeti stories and fun wintery crafts. Ages 3-6. Sign-up begins two weeks prior to each date.

Parachute Party Storytime
Thursday, January 22
4:30 – 5:00 p.m.
Join us for a fun storytime using our big parachute. Ages 3 – 5. Sign up begins 1/8.

Bears Around the World
Wednesday, February 4
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Discover different kinds of bears and where in the world they live. Enjoy a storytime followed by hands-on activities.
Ages 4-6. Sign up begins 1/21.

Valentine's Day Storytime & Craft
Tuesday, February 10
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, February 12
6:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Friday, February 13
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.
Bring your little love bug to this special storytime with books, songs, and a special craft. Ages 2-6. Sign-up begins two weeks prior to each date.

BILINGUAL STORYTIME

Lunar New Year Storytime
Saturday, February 28
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.
This bilingual Mandarin storytime includes stories and rhymes, songs, and a craft. All ages. Sign up begins 2/14.
农历新年故事时间
2月28日, 星期六
上午10:00 – 10:30
这个双语普通话故事时间包括故事和韵律、歌曲和手工艺。欢迎所有年龄段人士参加。报名将于2月14日开始。

Reading suggestions for Lunar New Year



Scan here for more reading suggestions



YETI, SET, READ!

Monday, December 15 – Saturday, January 31, 2026
See page 3 for details.



Adult Programs

Chair Yoga
Wednesdays, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
December 17
January 14
February 11
Explore gentle postures, breathwork, meditation, and deep relaxation with Karen Fotopoulos, a registered yoga teacher from Discover Yoga with Karen. Sign up begins two weeks prior to each date.

Painted Wood Ornaments
Friday, January 16
4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
Paint a winter design on a wood circle. Materials provided.
Sign up begins 11/24.

Book Discussion
Titles are available in eBook format in Hoopla or Libby. Print copies are available at the Information Desk. Book Discussion is in person.

Thursday, January 29
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Willow Recreation Center Meeting Room
The Women on Platform Two
by Laura Anthony

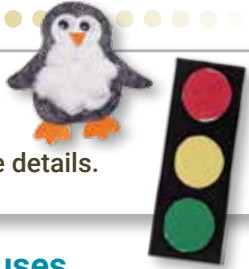


Cricut Keychains
Monday, February 2
4:00pm – 6:00 p.m.
Come learn how you can use the Cricut to create a personalized acrylic keychain with vinyl. Materials Provided. Sign up begins 1/19.



Children's Programs

Crafty Kids
Thursdays
See page 10 for more details.



Gingerbread Houses
Friday, December 12
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Decorate a gingerbread house with your family. Ages 4 and up. One kit per family. Limit five people per group. Sign up begins 11/28 for Palatine cardholders only.

Winter Minute-to-Win-It
Monday, December 29
1:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Freeze out the competition in fun winter mini games. Ages 4 and up. Sign up begins 12/15.

The Stu Show
Friday, January 2
1:00 – 1:45 p.m.
Get ready to dance and sing along with Stu and his songs that promote kindness and positive thinking. All ages. Tickets available 12/19 for Palatine cardholders only.

Bilingual Japanese Storytime and Craft
Tuesday, January 13
11:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Enjoy stories, rhymes, songs, and a craft in English and Japanese. All ages. Sign up begins 12/30.
● **バイリンガル日本語おはなし会と工作**
● 1月13日 火曜日
● 午前11時00分～11時30分
● 日本語と英語でのおはなし、ナーサリーライム、歌、工作などをご用意しております。是非ご参加ください。年齢制限はありません。お申し込みは12月30日から始まります。

Movie at the Branch: Dog Man
Wednesday, January 28
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Come for a viewing of *Dog Man* with a pack of friends or family. All ages. Snacks will be provided. Tickets are available 1/14 for Palatine cardholders only.

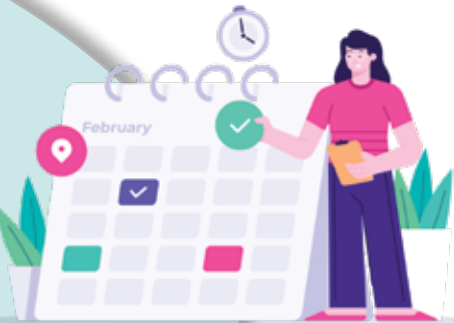
Love Lollipop Guessing Jar
Monday, February 2 – Saturday, February 28
Guess how many lollipops are in the jar for a chance to win them all. Ages 5 and up.

Love Monster Storytime and Craft
Monday, February 16
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Have a ferocious amount of fun during this seasonal read-aloud followed by a craft. All ages. Sign up begins 2/2.

Available Now at the North Hoffman Branch

One-on-One Appointments
Do you need more help with Library resources, technology, and more? Make an appointment with trained staff who can give you guidance and help you get started.

- Appointments can be in-person or virtual and last up to 30 minutes.
- For Palatine cardholders only.
- We will contact you within three business days.
- Appointments may be scheduled a week or more from your initial request.
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Children's Programs

Programas para Niños

YETI, SET, READ!

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Desafío de Lectura de Inverno 2025

YETI, SET, READ!

Lunes, 15 de diciembre a
sabado, 31 de enero
Vea la página 3 para más detalles.

Crafty Kids

Thursdays, 10:00 – 5:30 p.m.
See page 10 for more details.

Manualidades Para Niños

Los jueves, 10:00 a 5:30 p.m.
Vea la pagina 10 para más detalles.



Gingerbread Houses

Monday, December 15
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Decorate a gingerbread house with your family. Ages 4 and up. One kit per family. Limit five people per group. Sign up begins 12/1 for Palatine cardholders only.

Casas de Pan de Jengibre

Lunes, 15 de diciembre
4:30 a 5:30 p.m.

Decora una casa de pan de jengibre con tu familia. Para edades de 4 y mayor. Una casa por familia. Limitado a cinco miembros de familia. Regístrese a partir del 1/12 sólo para tarjetahabientes de Palatine.

La Lotería

Mondays, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

December 22

January 12

February 16

Learn to play La Loteria, a traditional game of chance played throughout Mexico that most resembles Bingo with pictures. All ages. Sign up begins two weeks prior to each date.

La Lotería

Los lunes, 6:00 a 7:30 p.m.

22 de diciembre

12 de enero

16 de febrero

Aprenda a jugar la lotería, un juego azar tradicional que se juega a través de México parecido a Bingo con fotos. Para todas las edades. El registro comienza dos semanas antes de cada fecha.



Movie at the Branch: Frozen 2

Monday, December 29

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Bring a blanket as you enjoy a viewing of Frozen 2. All ages. Snacks will be provided. Tickets available 12/15 for Palatine cardholders only.

Película en la Sucursal: Frozen 2

Lunes, 29 de diciembre

1:00 a 3:00 p.m.

Traigan su cobija para disfrutar ver la película Frozen 2. Para todas las edades. Bocadoillos serán proporcionados. Boletos estarán disponibles 15/12 solo para tarjetahabientes de Palatine.



The Reptile Den

Monday, January 19

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Join us to learn more about different reptiles from Ali, the Reptile Den expert. All ages. Tickets available 1/5 for Palatine cardholders only.

La Guarida de los Reptiles

Lunes, 19 de enero

1:00 a 2:00 p.m.

Acompáñenos para aprender más sobre diferentes reptiles con Ali, el experto de la Guarida de los Reptiles. Para todas las edades. Boletos disponibles a partir del 5/1 sólo para tarjetahabientes de Palatine.

Ukrainian Storytime

Monday, January 26

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

This Ukrainian Storytime includes stories, rhymes, and songs. All ages.

Sign up begins 1/12.

Українська година казок

Понеділок, 26 січня

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Ця українська година казок включає оповідання, віршики та пісні. Для всіх вікових груп. Реєстрація починається 12 січня.

Chocolate-Filled Stories

Tuesday, February 17

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Join us for a yummy cup of hot chocolate, Bilingual stories, songs, and a heartfelt craft! All ages. Sign up begins 2/3.

Cuentos con Chocolate

Martes, 17 de febrero

11:00 a.m. a 12:00 p.m.

¡Acompáñenos a disfrutar de una rica taza de chocolate caliente, cuentos y canciones en bilingüe, y una manualidad con mucho corazón! Para todas las edades. Regístrese a partir del 3/2.



Adult Programs

Programas para Adultos

Presented in Spanish only.
Presentado sólo en español.



Painted Wood Ornaments

Friday, January 23

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Paint a beautiful winter scene on a wood coaster that you can use as tabletop or hanging decor in your home.

Materials provided. Sign up begins 1/9.

Ornamentos de Madera Pintados

Viernes, 23 de enero

1:00 a 3:00 p.m.

Pinte un hermoso paisaje de invierno en un posavasos de madera para la mesa o para colgar en la pared como decoración. Regístrese a partir del 09/01.



Cricut Keychains

Monday, February 23

3:00pm – 5:00 p.m.

Come learn how you can use the Cricut to create personalized acrylic keychain with vinyl. Materials provided. Sign up begins 2/9.

Llaveros Cricut

Lunes, 23 de febrero

3:00 a 5:00 p.m.

Aprenda a personalizar un llavero acrílico con vinilo usando la cortadora Cricut. Regístrese a partir del 09/02.

RAND ROAD BRANCH

Sucursal Rand Road



Available now at the Rand Road Branch One-on-One Appointments

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Ahora disponible en las Sucursal Rand Road Citas uno-a-uno

¿Necesita más ayuda con los recursos de la biblioteca, la tecnología y más? Concierte una cita con personal cualificado, que le puede brindar guía y ayuda para iniciar.

- Las citas pueden ser en persona o virtual con la duracion de 30 minutos.
- Para tarjetahabientes de Palatine. Nos pondremos en contacto con usted en el lapso de 3 días hábiles.
- Las citas se pueden programar una semana antes o más de la solicitud inicial.
- Trataremos de adaptarnos a su horario preferido.

The Workshop



Discover what you can create in The Workshop today!

palatinelibrary.org/workshop

Holidays in the Workshop

Find affordable holiday gifts at The Workshop! Stop by to see our new collection of ready-to-make items you can personalize. Each project is available while supplies last. Limit 2 per person per day.

Sublimated Ornament Sessions

Monday, December 1
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Friday, December 12
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Monday, December 22
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Get hands-on assistance creating a sublimated ornament from the holiday menu. Materials provided. Limit 1 per person. Sign up two weeks prior to each date.

Sublimated Mug Sessions

Friday, December 5
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Monday, December 15
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Get hands-on assistance creating a sublimated mug. Materials provided. Limit 1 per person. Sign up two weeks ahead of each date.

Painted Wood Ornament

Monday, December 8
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Paint a winter design on a wood circle. Materials provided. Sign up begins 11/24.

Laser Cut Ornament Sessions

Monday, December 8
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Friday, December 19
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Get hands-on assistance personalizing a yeti ornament from the holiday menu. Materials provided. Limit 2 per person. Sign up two weeks prior to each date.

Lab Hours:

Monday and Friday:
Closed

Tuesday – Thursday:
12:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday:
12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

The Workshop is located on the first floor of the Main Library and is open to District cardholders ages 11 and up. Equipment and tools are free to use, but there are small fees for some materials. Supplies and equipment are available on a first come, first served basis.

Stitch n' Sew

Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
December 10

January 14

February 11

Already love to sew, quilt, and crochet or are just curious to try? Swap ideas, chat, and work on projects together. Drop in.

Photo Club

Thursdays, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

December 11

January 8

February 12

A club for all skill levels to share tips, join photo challenges, give critiques, and meet up on local photo tours. Drop in.



WORKSHOP CLASSES

Classes are open to ages 11 and up and are located in The Workshop Lab unless noted otherwise. For Palatine cardholders only.

Machine Sewing for Beginners

Monday, January 5
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Learn the basics of using a sewing machine. Sign up begins 12/22.



Embroidery Design: Lettering and Monograms

Monday, January 19
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Use Ink/Stitch to make names, phrases, or designs for your projects. We'll guide you through basic setup, tools, and saving files for embroidery. Basic computer keyboard and mouse skills needed. Sign up begins 1/5.



Laser Cutter: Boxes

Thursday, January 22
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Design and cut out a wood box using a laser cutter. Basic computer keyboard and mouse skills needed. Materials provided. Sign up begins 1/8.

Cricut Design Space for Beginners

Monday, January 26
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Learn how to use Cricut Design Space to create your own designs for the Cricut machine. Basic computer keyboard and mouse skills needed. Sign up begins 1/12.

Crochet for Beginners

Wednesdays, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

February 4

February 11

Carol Leeson, librarian and avid crocheter, covers crochet basics in this two-part class. Materials provided. Sign up begins 1/21 for both classes.

Cricut Activity: Gratitude Journal

Friday, February 6
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Learn how to use Cricut Design Space to create your own decals to decorate a gratitude journal cover. Basic computer keyboard and mouse skills needed. Sign up begins 1/23.

Sewing Activity: Mending Clothing

Monday, February 9
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Learn how to use the sewing machine to mend your clothes. Practice materials provided or bring your own clothes to mend. Sign up begins 1/26.

Designing in TinkerCAD

Monday, February 16
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Discover how to use TinkerCAD, a free online design tool, to create 3D models ready for printing. Computer skills are required. Sign up begins 2/2.





Reporter and member of the Cherokee Nation, Rebecca Nagle recounts the generations-long fight for tribal land and sovereignty in eastern Oklahoma. The story it tells exposes both the wrongs that our nation has committed and the Native-led battle for justice that has shaped our country. **Available January 3.**

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CHRISTMAS EVE
Wednesday, December 24

CHRISTMAS DAY
Thursday, December 25

NEW YEAR'S EVE
Wednesday, December 31
Closing at 5:00 p.m.

NEW YEAR'S DAY
Thursday, January 1

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
Friday, February 27

Collection Drives

December – January
Monday, December 1 –
Saturday, January 31
See page 3 for details.

February
Sunday, February 1 –
Saturday, February 28
During February, donate personal care products to the Hygiving Foundation! Donations accepted are shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, and tissues.



Teacher Library Cards Now Available

Palatine Library District cards are now available to any teacher who works within the Library District. These cards provide full access to the Library's resources and collections but must be renewed every year. To apply, visit any Palatine Library location.
For more details, visit: palatinelibrary.org/library-cards



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Sun: 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.



North Hoffman Branch
3600 Lexington Drive
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847-934-0220
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Fri: 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
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Sun: Closed



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1585 Rand Road
Palatine, IL 60074
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