



Staff Development Day February 23, 2026

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	Zumba with Mireya (Stefania)	W102
	Workshop Activity - Book Binding with Ethan (Ethan)	W101
	Financial Literacy Basics with Margaret MacMahon from Edward Jones – (Mel)	W201
12:15– 1:15 p.m.	Lunch	W116 Dining Room
	Lunch Activity – Karaoke (Sarah)	W102
	Lunch Activity Coloring (Stefania)	W201
1:15 – 2:15 p.m.	Safety – Situational Awareness/Deescalation with Dustin Smaby (Carly)	W120 Amphitheater
2:15 – 3:15 p.m.	Team Building - Jeopardy! With the SDD Committee	W116 Dining Room
3:15 – 3:30	Break	
3:30– 4:15 p.m.	Year in Review – Management Team	W120 Amphitheater
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Evening Art Walk:

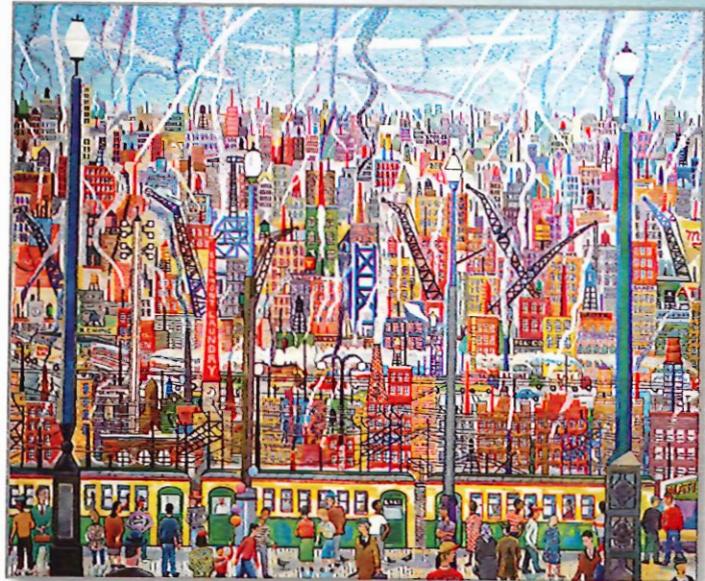
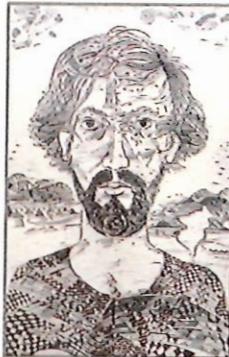
The Works of John A. Knudsen

Thursday, April 9

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Join us for an evening of art, storytelling and light refreshments. Michael Knudsen leads walking tours through his late father's work, sharing personal stories and insights. **Drop in.**

Here's a sneak peek at what artwork will be displayed here at the Library.





When Women Gather, Lives Change

Join the 12th Annual Women's Luncheon

Wednesday, April 22

11 AM–2 PM

Chandler's Chophouse

401 N Roselle Rd, Schaumburg

Every year at the JOURNEYS Women's Luncheon, something quiet and powerful happens. A room fills with the sound of women greeting one another—warm hugs, knowing smiles, the unspoken understanding that we're here for more than a meal. We're here for each other. And we're here for the women and families in our own neighborhoods who are fighting every day just to stay housed, safe, and hopeful.

Individual Tickets \$65 | Table of Ten \$600

Cash bar available | Raffle tickets | Wine Pull | Silent Auction

 **Registration ends Wednesday, 04/08/2026 11:59pm CST**