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March – May 2026

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**Rand Road Branch:
847-202-1194**

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Text: 847-979-4555**

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Palatine Library Foundation



Our Annual StoryWalk® Returns

Our StoryWalk® will be opening again in partnership with Palatine Library Foundation, Friends of the Palatine Library, and the Palatine Library District and many generous donors like you! Once again, members of the community are also invited to contribute and provide donations toward the new story.

For a donation of \$100, you and your family can be recognized on one of the StoryWalk® panels. To recognize a birthday, anniversary, or honor a loved one on this public walk in Hamilton Park, contact president@ppldf.org.

This year's book will be *If You Plant a Seed* by Kadir Nelson.

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

Thank You to All Our Volunteers!

National Volunteer Week is April 19 – 25. We highlight all the hard work that our volunteers do to help the community and staff here at the Palatine Library.



Friends of the Library 2026

Thank You to Our Sponsors

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Winter Reading Challenge. Over 15,564 books were read, surpassing our goal of 12,000 books!

Thank you to our three sponsors donating to Greater Family Health: Palatine Bank and

Trust and Warehouse Direct for \$500 each, and \$300 from Vogue Printers. Their generous donations go directly to Greater Family Health.

A special thank you to the Friends of Palatine Library for the completion prizes.



April is National Poetry Month

The Palatine Poet

April is recognized as National Poetry Month, and to our dear librarian, friend, and published author, Tracie Padal, this month holds a special place in her heart.

Tracie has been working at Palatine Library for twenty-six years. She started working at the Library in the summer after graduating from Palatine High School. Every spring she looks forward to coordinating poetry programming, a role she finds very rewarding. Tracie is a local in Palatine, IL, has been living here since she was eight years old, and writes under the pseudonym Tracie Renee.

As a published poet, Tracie has experienced the full creative journey. She was honored to earn a 2025 Highlights Foundation scholarship and win second place in the 2025 Passionfruit Poetry competition while also navigating the many rejections that come with publishing. These experiences ultimately made her stronger, taught her invaluable life lessons, and encouraged her to keep moving forward. This creative journey has helped her connect more with people.

One of Tracie's poems appears in *You're Never Too Much: Poems for Every Emotion*, an anthology for teens edited by Charlie Castelletti. Tracie's love of poetry began with Shel Silverstein and continues today through writers such as Mary Oliver and Ada Limón. When asked how being a poet influences the way she approaches her work at the Library, she mentioned how poetry is a tool for developing empathy



and that it eminently applies when working with the public and being more compassionate.

Tracie credits Palatine Library with shaping her own path as a writer. As a teenager, she frequently checked out *The Poet's Market*, a resource that helped her take her first steps toward publication. Today, she encourages writers to take advantage of the Library's quiet spaces, inspiring collections, and audiobooks.

Aside from our poetry collection, she mentions how she loves novels in verse, which combine storytelling with the emotional power of poetry. Their pages are also less densely packed, which makes them more accessible and appealing to young readers. Beyond that, she encourages poets to listen to audiobooks, because when listening to a story, you begin to understand the cadence of language and how that impacts storytelling.

This National Poetry Month, we invite you to explore our poetry collection, attend a program, or simply spend a quiet moment writing just like Tracie.

Programs

PoeTREE

Submissions open: March 1 – 22

Display: April 1 – 30

Submit one original poem (40 lines max) via our web form by midnight on Sunday, March 22. Look for your work on our PoeTREE display of original poems by local poets during National Poetry Month in April. All ages.

Submit your
poem here:



Poem in Your Pocket

April 1 – 30

Celebrate National Poetry Month with hand-picked words of courage, encouragement, and hope. Take home a poem from the basket in the cafe area. All ages. Drop in.



To place a hold
on these books
scan here.





May is Library Card Sign Up Month



Celebrate NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

April 19 – 25, 2026

National Library Workers Day

Tuesday, April 21, 2026 is National Library Workers Day (NLWD), a time to recognize library professionals for their expertise and leadership skills in transforming lives and communities through education and lifelong learning. The day also reminds the public that library workers serve as community compasses, guiding users to endless opportunities for engagement, enrichment, and development.

Do you want to celebrate a Palatine Library worker? Nominate a staff member to be showcased during NLWD via our form and share a testimonial. We will share the results with our staff and community.



Scan here
to nominate a
staff member.



As spring showers give way to summer, now is the perfect time to get a Library card. Our Summer Reading Challenge kicks off soon, and we're eager to welcome new neighbors to discover everything we offer. Whether you visit our Main Library or one of our Branches, a Library card unlocks a wealth of resources. Here are the top benefits our members enjoy:



- ◆ A Library card that doesn't expire
- ◆ Part of the CCS consortium: Access materials from over 30 different libraries
- ◆ Homebound delivery services
- ◆ Meeting rooms, study rooms, and media studios available for use
- ◆ Reading Challenges
- ◆ Extended Access hours at Branches
- ◆ Library of Things collection with over 150 items including tools, instruments, games, and more
- ◆ The Workshop makerspace
- ◆ Free limited notary services
- ◆ eBooks and audiobooks via hoopla and Libby for all ages
- ◆ Specialized areas such as the Early Literacy Area, LiteZilla Lite Brite display, and our Teen Space
- ◆ Wireless printing, fax, copying, and scanning
- ◆ World Language collection
- ◆ Digital resources with free access to Ancestry, Morningstar, and Consumer Reports

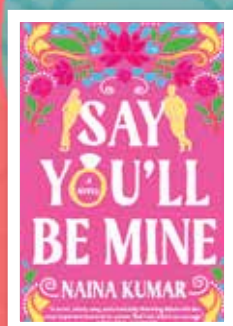
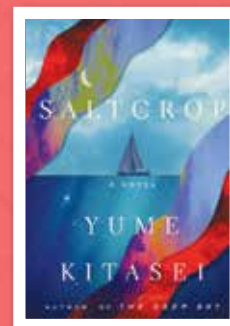
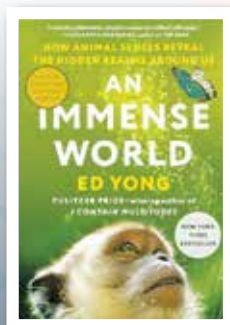
During the month of May, all members who sign up for a Library card will receive a branded Library lunch bag.



Celebrating Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month This May

Palatine Library celebrates the rich culture of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders with the following books and resources that showcase this community's achievements.

Visit our website to check out the following book recommendations and eResources at palatinelibrary.org/spring-2026-booklists.



eResources



Asian Life in America

A collection of primary source documents about the histories and daily lives of Americans of Asian and Pacific Islander heritage—including those of Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, Korean, South Asian, and Vietnamese backgrounds, among others.



Mango Languages

An online language learning tool that offers courses in Cantonese, Mandarin, Japanese, Hawaiian, and more.



Lote4Kids

Discover the magic of books in various languages from the comfort of your own home. Develop your multilingual reading and listening skills with LOTE4Kids.



Ancestry.com

Access to approximately 12.7 billion genealogy records, including census records, military records, probate records, directories, and more. In library use only. Please see a staff member for login.

MARCH

March Book Madness

March

Participate in a bracket-style showdown where favorite books face off. Vote each week and cheer for the top picks. **Drop in.**

Safety Net: Online Security

Wednesday, March 4

3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Feel empowered to navigate the digital world safely and confidently. Learn practical steps to secure your technology and protect yourself from cyber threats like ransomware and social engineering.

Sign up begins 2/18.

Genealogy Assistance Open Hours

Thursdays, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

March 5, May 7

Have a question about genealogy resources at the Library? Do you want to know how to navigate our online databases and physical collection? Stop by to chat with a librarian who is ready to answer your basic genealogy questions. **Drop in. Hybrid presented:**

Zoom and in-person.

This is Really War

Thursday, March 5

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Emily Lucchesi, Ph.D. presents the story of twelve U.S. Navy Nurses who were taken prisoner of war in 1941 in the Philippines by the Empire of Japan. Under the direction of Chief Nurse Laura Cobb, the nurses maintained rank and provided tireless care to thousands of inmates in a civilian concentration camp. **Sign up begins 2/19. Presented: Zoom.**

Spring Spice Club

Mondays

March 9, April 6, May 11

Try a new spice each month with a recipe to try at home. **Pick up from Adult Services Desk while supplies last.**

Tech Assistance Drop-In

Tuesdays, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

March 10, 24

April 14, 28

May 12, 26

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.**

Dungeons & Dragons One-Shot

Thursdays, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

March 12, May 14

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.**

Thai Harmony

Wednesday, March 18

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Discover the harmony of sweet, salty, sour, and spicy that defines Thai cuisine. In this class, we'll create dishes like Thai basil chicken with coconut-lime jasmine rice and finish with a refreshing mango sticky rice for dessert. **Sign up begins 3/4. Presented: Zoom.**



Beyond the Page with Percival Everett

Thursday, March 19

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Industrious, irreverent, humble Percival Everett, like his fiction, defies categorization. His most recent novel, *James*, earned both the Pulitzer Prize for fiction and the National Book Award. Tune in for our conversation with Percival Everett to get a glimpse beyond the page. **Sign up open now. Presented: Zoom.**

The Mystery of Nancy Drew

Thursday, March 26

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Ninety years ago, a plucky detective stepped out of her blue roadster and into the hearts of readers. Nancy Drew proved that a strong heroine with style and bravery could win huge popularity. Join historian Leslie Goddard, Ph.D., to explore the history of America's favorite girl detective.

Sign up begins 3/12. Presented: Zoom.

An Introduction to News Media Literacy

Tuesday, March 31

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

In collaboration with Schaumburg Library, Dr. Michael A. Spikes, of Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism, explores how the blending of professionally produced, user-generated, and now AI-generated content creates a "blurring of the lines" between types of content, making it harder to know what to trust. Gain practical skills for assessing the credibility of information and strategies for building a set of reliable sources you can return to regularly. **Register Here: bit.ly/4rBReJA. Held offsite at Schaumburg Township Library, 130 South Roselle Road, Schaumburg, IL 60193, Presented at Rasmussen Room or on Zoom.**

April is National Financial Literacy Month

With the following programs and book recommendations, we aim to raise awareness in our community for financial education and budgeting habits.



For book recommendations on financial awareness scan here.

AARP Tax-Aide Appointments

Mondays

April 6, April 13

Make an appointment to get free tax return preparation assistance at Main Library from AARP tax aides. **Sign up open now, times are available online.**

Budgeting and Savings

Thursday, April 9

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Ryan Decker breaks down the basics of personal finance: budgeting and introductory saving and investment strategies. Learn which factors to consider when, where, and how to save, invest, or aggressively tackle debt. Resources and tools for learning more about these topics will be shared. **Sign up begins 3/26.**

Presented: Zoom.

APRIL

Joyous Japan

Tuesday, April 7, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Japan is the only country among over 60 explored that left world traveler Brian Michalski heartbroken to leave. In retracing this five-week adventure, we journey aboard the famous Shinkansen bullet train, and learn about Japan's unforgettable cuisine, rich history, and vibrant culture. **Sign up begins 3/24. Presented: Zoom.**

Pasta e Dolce

Wednesday, April 8, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Experience the art of handmade pasta with a bright, springtime twist. In this class, we'll create lemon ricotta ravioli with spring pea sauce and lemon mascarpone cups, highlighting the Italian philosophy of la dolce vita—savoring life's simple, delicious pleasures.

Sign up begins 3/25. Presented: Zoom.

Buying a Home**Monday, April 13****7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

Owning a home takes a lot of time, money, and energy, so not only is it important to be educated about the process, but also about home ownership. This course covers what a lender looks for in a loan application, credit basics, down payments, and the players in the home buying process.

Sign up begins 3/30. Presented: Zoom.**Sell Your Stuff Online****Wednesday, April 15****3:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

There are lots of great options for unloading your old possessions, from old favorites like eBay to newer sites like Facebook Marketplace. This program covers them all and offers you sales and safety tips.

Sign up begins 4/1. Presented: Zoom.**Retirement Reality****Tuesday, April 21****7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

Are you thinking about retirement? Does it seem completely out of reach? CBS News Business Analyst Jill Schlesinger, CFP, will join us to walk through the specific steps necessary to get you where you want to go, whether you are just starting off in your career or ready to wind down. **Sign up begins 4/7.**

Presented: Zoom.**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. See page 18 for more details.**

**Cristina Henríquez: Voice, Culture, and Human Connection****Thursday, April 16****7:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

Join critically acclaimed, bestselling author, Cristina Henríquez, for a compelling conversation about her work. Henríquez's newest book, *The Great Divide*, is a moving exploration of the people who lived, loved, and labored during the construction of the Panama Canal. **Sign up open now.**

Presented: Zoom.**Walking Chicago's Coast****Tuesday, April 21****7:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

Michael McColly will share stories from his walk along the shoreline, from Rogers Park to Indiana Dunes National Park. Through his stunning photography, he will explore Chicago's ever-changing landscape, its layered history, and the challenges of environmental degradation and inequality that shape life in the metropolis.

Sign up begins 4/7. Presented: Zoom.**Sourdough Starter 101****Wednesday, April 22, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.**

Your guide to making and maintaining a sourdough starter. Using detailed instructions, Lindsay Combs will guide you through maintaining a long-term active starter. During this class, you will be given starter tips and tricks along with plenty of time to answer all of your questions.

Sign up begins 4/8. Presented: Zoom.

MAY

Bird Watching**Wednesday, May 6****1:00 – 2:00 p.m.**

An expert birdwatcher from Red Hill Birding will guide you through Deer Grove East Forest Preserve. Your guide will work to make sure you see as many local birds as possible, while gaining an understanding of the birds themselves.

Meet at Deer Grove Forest Preserve, 1599 Pepper Tree Dr. Palatine.**Sign up begins 4/22.****French Flavors for Spring****Wednesday, May 6****6:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

Take a culinary journey to the Mediterranean and discover vibrant, healthy dishes inspired by the sun-soaked flavors of the region. Each dish will be packed with fresh herbs, bold spices, and zesty ingredients that will transport your taste buds. **Sign up begins 4/22. Presented: Zoom.**

The Historical Wizard of Oz**Tuesday, May 12****7:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

Just hearing the name "Oz" conjures up fantastic images, adventures, and heartfelt memories. Librarian Laura Keyes uncovers the inspirations behind L. Frank Baum and reveals the lively origins of America's beloved classic fairytale legacy.

Sign up begins 4/28.**Presented: Zoom.****Debating Independence: The American Revolution in 1776****Wednesday, May 13****7:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

Joyce Haworth takes us through how the American colonies, in less than a year, went from the attitude where most Americans agreed they should remain part of Great Britain to being ready to declare independence. **Sign up begins 4/29.**

Presented: Zoom.**Babel-On with R.F. Kuang****Tuesday, May 19****7:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

Join us for a conversation with R.F. Kuang. Her genre-bending fiction broaches ordinarily serious topics from a satirical and fantastical perspective.

Sign up open now. Presented: Zoom.**Great Picnic Cuisine****Wednesday, May 20****7:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

Join Chef Susan Maddox to explore picnic favorites as we mix fresh flavors, simple techniques, and prep ideas that keep outdoor meals exciting.

Sign up begins 5/6. Presented: Zoom.**Quiet Reading Group****Thursday, May 21****1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

Join other like-minded individuals for an afternoon of silent reading together at the Library and enjoy the view over the pond. **Sign up begins 5/7.**

Senior Paint and Sip Tea for Wellness**Friday, May 22****3:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

Curated for ages 60 and up, this uplifting event combines the joy of painting with the comfort of wellness teas. Learn strategies for managing chronic pain and improving your well-being while creating a guided work of art. Presented by Necie Edwards of Fibro Patient Education & Support and Therapy District.

Materials provided. Sign up begins 5/8.**For Palatine Cardholders only.**

ADULT PROGRAMS

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Chair Yoga

Wednesdays, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

March 4, 18

April 1, 15

May 6, 20

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

Thursdays, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

March 19, May 14

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>

Wellness Resource Fair

Saturday, April 25

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Join us for a day of family fun while you learn ways to improve your health and overall wellness from local organizations. This event is co-hosted by the United Palatine Coalition and the Buehler YMCA. Held offsite at Buehler YMCA, 1400 W Northwest Hwy, Palatine, IL 60067.



UNITED PALATINE
COALITION

CAREERS

Resume Clinic

Tuesdays, 6:00 – 8:45 p.m.

March 3

April 7

May 5

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

Career Counseling Appointments

Fridays

12:00, 12:35, 1:05, and 1:35 p.m.

March 13

April 10

May 8

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.

CONNECT

ESL Read Together

Wednesdays

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

March 11, 25

April 8, 22

May 13, 27

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 2/18.



ESL Conversation Club

Tuesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

March 3, 17

April 7, 21

May 5, 19

Presented: Zoom.

Tuesdays, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

March 10, 24

April 14, 28

May 12, 26

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.

Path to Citizenship

Thursday, March 12

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Attend this session to learn about the requirements for the citizenship test. Sign up begins 2/12. Presented: Zoom.

Citizenship Class

Thursdays, 6:30 – 8:15 p.m.

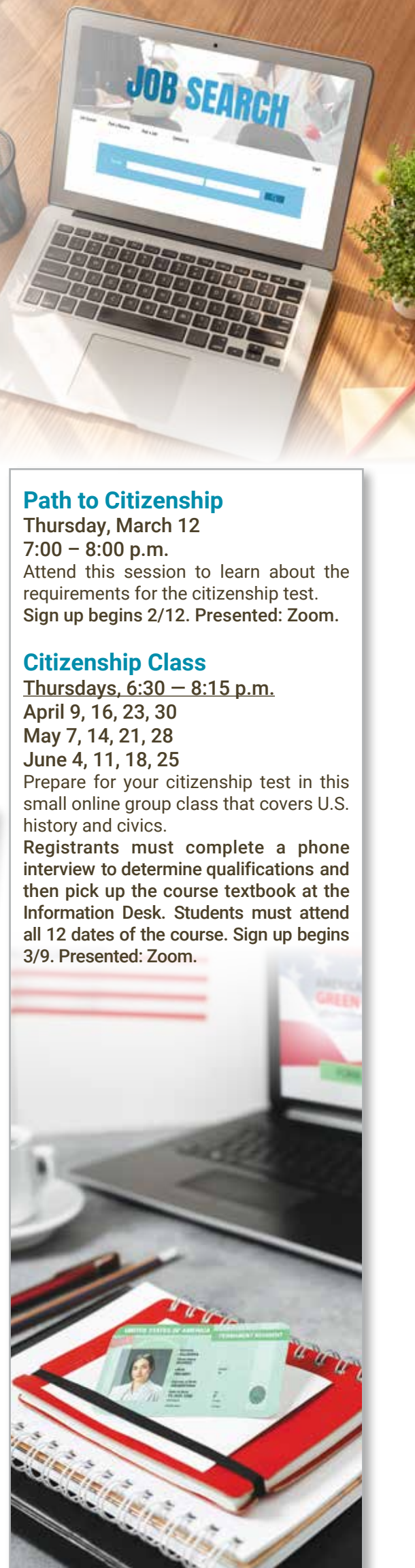
April 9, 16, 23, 30

May 7, 14, 21, 28

June 4, 11, 18, 25

Prepare for your citizenship test in this small online group class that covers U.S. history and civics.

Registrants must complete a phone interview to determine qualifications and then pick up the course textbook at the Information Desk. Students must attend all 12 dates of the course. Sign up begins 3/9. Presented: Zoom.



MARCH



March Snackness

March 1 – 31

Teens can fill out a bracket with what they think will be the winning snack! Visit the Teen Space each week to vote on your favorites. Teens who have chosen the winning snack in their bracket will win a personalized snack pack.

Grades 6 – 12. Drop in.

Tween & Teen Service Projects:

- **Spring Cards**
- Saturday, March 14
- 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- **Puzzle Books**
- Tuesday, March 31
- 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Need service hours? 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.



Middle School Craft Crew

Monday, March 23

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Spend some time crafting in The Workshop. This month's craft is DIY bracelets. Invite a friend! Grades 6 – 8. Sign up begins 3/9.

APRIL

Teen Grab 'n Go Kit: Macrame Star Keychain

Starting April 1

Grab a craft kit from the Teen Space while supplies last. Grades 6 – 12. Drop In.

Tween & Teen Service Projects:

- **Snack Kits**
- Saturday, April 11
- 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- **Pet Treat Snuffle Mats**
- Monday, April 13
- 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Need service hours? 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.

Drop-in Drawing Club

Wednesday, April 15

4:15 – 5:15 p.m.

Celebrate World Art Day by dropping by the Teen Space to practice your drawing skills. We provide the drawing supplies; you provide the creativity! Grades 6 – 8. Drop in.

MAY

Finals Study Break Sessions:

- **Fuel Your Brain**
- Monday, May 18
- 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- Make a snack while taking a break from studying for finals. Grades 9 – 12. Allergens may be present. Drop in.
- **Therapy Dogs**
- Monday, May 18
- 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
- Need a break from studying for finals?
- Drop into our session with the Alliance of Therapy Dogs for some canine support. Grades 9 – 12. Drop in.

Thank You!

We want to thank our Teen Advisory Board (TAB) during National Volunteer Week. Members brainstorm ideas and provide feedback about Library services. They also volunteer to help with events and other tasks as needed. Our Teen Space wouldn't be the same without all the effort that they put in.



Scan here if you're interested in joining TAB.



New Parent Meetup

Saturday, April 18

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

This group provides a welcoming space for new parents to find support during the early months of parenthood. Licensed social worker Tori Shaw Morawski, MSW, LSW, IICDP, FNAP, shares local resources and covers topics like self-care and resilience. For parents of children ages 2 and under. Sign up begins 4/4.



MARCH

PoeTREE

Submissions open: March 1 – 22

Display: April 1 – 30

Submit one original poem (40 lines max) via our webform by midnight on Sunday, March 22. Look for your work on our PoeTREE display of original poems by local poets during National Poetry Month in April. All ages. See page 4 for more details.

Bookmark Design Contest

March 1 – 31

Show your love of books by designing an original bookmark. Contest entry form and template available on the Library website and at the Youth and Teen Desk beginning 3/1. Winning bookmarks will be available to the community during Children's Book Week, May 4 – 10.

Please submit at:

palatinelibrary.org/form/bookmark-design-contest. Grades K – 8.

Ready, Set, Go!

Friday, March 6

10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

11:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Ready, set, go! Explore a variety of activities with your toddler including balance stones, bean bag toss, and a crawl-through tunnel. Ages 1 – 2.

Sign up begins 2/20.

After School Club:

Sprout Houses

Tuesday, March 10

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Join our Library after school club for STEAM-focused after-school activities. All materials are provided. Grades 1 – 5. Sign up begins 2/24.

Family Breakfast Bingo

Saturday, March 14

10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Roll out of bed and spend Saturday morning playing bingo with your family. Breakfast snacks will be provided.

All ages. Sign up begins 2/28.

The Epic Harmonica

Medley Show

Tuesday, March 24

2:00 – 2:45 p.m.

Enjoy this entertaining and engaging performance by Nashville performer, Bryn Scott-Grimes, as he plays a lively medley of popular songs on harmonica and guitar. All ages. Tickets available 3/10.

La Lotería

Wednesday

March 25

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Learn to play La Lotería, a traditional game of chance played throughout Mexico that most resembles bingo with pictures.

All ages. Sign up begins 3/11.

La Lotería

Miércoles, marzo 25

6:00 a 7:30 p.m.

Aprenda a jugar la lotería, un juego de azar tradicional que se juega a través de México parecido a BINGO con fotos. Para todas las edades. Regístrese a partir del 11/3.

Unforgettable Science!

Wednesday, March 25

11:00 – 11:45 a.m.

1:00 – 1:45 p.m.

This engaging presentation from Discovery Center Museum combines experiments and investigations, making science fun and unforgettable for young minds.

All ages. Tickets available 3/11.

"Drive-in" Movie

Thursday, March 26

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Bring your own box and we'll provide the supplies. Build your own "car" you can sit in while watching *Zootopia 2* on the big screen. Snacks will be provided.

Ages 4 and up. Sign up begins 3/12.

Drop-in LEGO®

Friday, March 27

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Show off your brick building skills with this fun activity. Join other LEGO® fans to share ideas and build freely.

Ages 5 and up. Drop in.

APRIL

PoeTREE

Display: April 1 – 30

Look for your work on our PoeTREE display during National Poetry Month in April.

Poem in Your Pocket

April 1 – 30

Celebrate National Poetry Month with hand-picked words of courage, encouragement and hope. Take home a poem from the basket in the cafe area.

All ages. Drop in.



The Very Hungry Caterpillar for Babies

Thursday, April 2

Saturday, April 4

10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

After a short storytime, craft a hungry caterpillar hat for your baby. Ages 0 – 15 months. Sign up begins two weeks prior to each date.

Fabulous Fairy Tales Puppet Show

Friday, April 3

1:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Join Squint and Melly for a presentation of fun, fabulous fairy tales! All ages.

Tickets available 3/20.

Puppetry Workshop for Kids

Friday, April 3

1:45 – 2:15 p.m.

Join MellyPop as she teaches about the magic of puppetry through storytelling, puppet demonstrations, and hands-on learning. Grades K – 5.

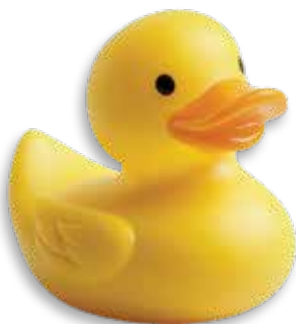
Sign up begins 3/20.

After School Club: Rubber Duck Boats

Wednesday, April 8

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Join our Library after school club for STEAM-focused after-school activities. All materials are provided. Grades 1 – 5. Sign up begins 3/25.



Día del Niño

Wednesday, April 29

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Join us for Día del Niño, a celebration of children. Special guest, Mr. Firu the Magician, will show you mind blowing magic tricks, and then enjoy fun activities and balloon creations!

All ages. Sign up begins 4/15.

• Día del Niño

• Miércoles, 29 de abril

• 6:00 a 8:00 p.m.

• Acompáñenos para el Día del Niño, un día para celebrar a los niños con nuestro invitado especial, Mr. Firu el Mago, divertidos globos y actividades.

• Para todas las edades.

• Regístrese a partir del 15/4.

MAY

Hundred Acre Wood Scavenger Hunt

May 1 – 31

Celebrate 100 years of Winnie the Pooh with us! Complete the scavenger hunt and turn it in for a prize sweeter than honey.

Baby Singalong

Thursday, May 14

Saturday, May 16

10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Join us for classic songs and nursery rhymes with your baby.

Ages 0 – 15 months. Sign up begins two weeks prior to each date.

Re-Crafted Creations

Thursday, May 21

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Grades K – 3

2:15 – 3:15 p.m. Grades 4 – 6

Bring your creativity and make unique projects using repurposed items from our local creative reuse shop, Greener Good.

Sign up begins 5/7.

Drop-in Board Games

Friday, May 22

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Challenge your friends or family to a new board game! Games provided or bring your own. All ages. Drop in.

Ice Cream Social

Saturday, May 30

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

I scream, you scream, we all scream (in our inside, library voices) for ice cream! Enjoy frozen treats and family activities. All ages. Drop in. While supplies last.



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

• Sucursal Rand Road:

• 10:00 a.m. a 5:30 p.m.

• Sucursal 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.



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:
4/2, 4/30, 5/14

Toddler Storytime

Ages 1 – 2
Mondays, 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.
Fridays, 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.
No Toddler Storytime:
3/6, 5/25

Preschool Storytime

Ages 3 – 5
Tuesdays, 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.
No Preschool Storytime:
3/17, 3/24, 4/14, 5/19, 5/26

Afternoon

Preschool Storytime

Ages 3 – 5
First Tuesday of the month
1:30 – 2:00 p.m.
March 3
April 7
May 5

SPECIAL STORYTIMES

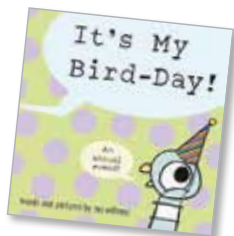


Busy Bugs

Tuesday, March 24
10:00 – 10:45 a.m.
Learn about different insects with a short storytime followed by hands-on activities and crafts. Ages 3 – 6. Sign up begins 3/10.

Happy Bird-Day, Pigeon!

Tuesday, April 14
10:00 – 10:45 a.m.
Thursday, April 16
4:30 – 5:15 p.m.
It's Pigeon's birthday! Make crafts, play games, and read Mo Willems' newest book, *It's My Bird-Day*. Ages 3 – 7. Sign up begins two weeks prior to each date.



Big Trucks Storytime

Thursday, April 30
4:30 – 5:00 p.m.
Join us for a short storytime followed by hands-on activities. Ages 2 – 6.
Sign up begins 4/16.

Storytime at Hoffman Estates Park District

Tuesday, May 19
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.
Gather at Willow Park for a special storytime. All Ages. Drop in.
Held offsite at Willow Park
3600 Lexington Drive, Hoffman Estates.

Storytime at Palatine Park District

Tuesday, May 26
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, May 28
6:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Bring a blanket for this special storytime at Maple Park. All Ages. Drop in.
Held offsite at Maple Park
316 North Winston Drive, Palatine.

BILINGUAL STORYTIME



Ukrainian Storytime

Tuesday March 10
7:00 – 7:45 p.m.
This bilingual storytime includes songs, rhymes and a reading of *Doggie Gav*, *Nightingale*, *Bumblebee* and *Two Acorns* by Vasyl Shkliar. All ages.
Sign up begins 2/24.

Українська година казок

Вівторок, 10 березня
7:00 – 7:30 вечора
Ця двомовна година казок включає пісні, віршики та читання книжки "Песик Гав, Соловейко, Джмелик і Два жолуді" Василя Шкляра. Для всіх вікових категорій.
Реєстрація починається 24 лютого.



Japanese Storytime – Children's Day Celebration

Saturday, April 25
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.
Celebrate Children's Day in Japan with traditional songs, stories and a craft. Presented in English and Japanese.
All ages. Sign up begins 4/11.

日本の童話 朗読会 – こどもの日を祝う

日時 4月25日 土曜日
時間 午前10:00~10:30
こどもの日を祝い、日本の童話を歌い、童話の読み聞かせと
工作を催します。日本語と英語で対応致します。年齢 子供~大人。
予約 4/11~。

Spanish Storytime for Babies

Thursday, April 30
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.
Join us for stories, songs, and fun in Spanish and English. Ages 0 – 12 months.
Sign up begins 4/16.

Cuentacuentos para Bebés

Jueves, 30 de abril
10:00 a 10:30 a.m.
Acompáñenos para cuentos, canciones y diversión en español e inglés!
Para edades de 0 – 1.
Regístrese a partir del 16/4.

St. Patrick's Day Storytime & Scavenger Hunt

Monday, March 16
6:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 17
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.
Dress in a bit o' green and join us for festive stories and a scavenger hunt.
Ages 3 – 6. Sign up begins two weeks prior to each date.



All Ages

Wicked Fan Fest

Tuesday, March 10

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Join us for a *Wicked*-themed Fan Fest packed with pink and green fun. Whether you're Team Elphaba or Team Glinda, come celebrate the magic with crafts, games, photos, and more. Costumes are encouraged. All ages. Sign up begins 2/24.

Coaster Art

Friday, May 15

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Join us for pouring coaster art and get creative with the whole family! All ages. Sign up begins 5/1.

Family

Wendy & DB Concert

Friday, March 27

1:00 – 1:45 p.m.

Grammy-nominated and Award winning Wendy and DB are pioneers of family blues music. Wendy and DB use folk-lore, finger-plays and songs with their high-energy and immersive original kids music. With a fresh spin on blues and pop songs about nature, animals, love, community, science and themes that will get the whole family excited.

Children's Programs

Crafty Kids

Thursdays

See page 10 for more details.



Monthly Scavenger Hunt

March – Bloom Detectives

April – Explore the Earth

May – Finding Feelings

Spot all of the hidden images located inside. Drop in.

Bookmark Design Contest

Sunday, March 1 –

Tuesday, March 31

Show your artistic talent by designing an original bookmark. Contest entry form and template available on the Library website and at the Branches beginning March 1. Winning bookmarks will be available to the community during Summer Reading. Grades K – 8.

Movie at the Branch: *How to Train Your Dragon (2025)*

Friday, April 10

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Bring a blanket as you enjoy a viewing of *How to Train Your Dragon (2025)*.

All ages. Snacks will be provided.

Tickets available 3/27 for

Palatine cardholders only.

Adult Programs

Chair Yoga

Wednesdays, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

March 11

April 8

May 13

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.

Cricut Activity: Personalized Tumblers

Wednesday, March 25

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 26

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Materials Provided.

Sign-up begins two weeks prior to each date.

For Palatine cardholders only.



Cricut Activity: Nature Bracelets

Monday, April 6

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Make a layered faux-leather bracelet with a nature-inspired design using Cricut. Materials Provided. Sign up begins 3/23.

Galaxy Rings

Friday, April 17

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Learn different wire and bead wrapping techniques to create your unique ring. Materials Provided. Sign up begins 4/3 for both classes.

Cricut: Spring Pots

Tuesday, May 5

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 7

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Materials Provided.

Sign-up begins two weeks prior to each date. For

Palatine cardholders only.



Book Discussions

Titles are available in eBook format in hoopla or Libby.

Print copies are available at the Information Desk. Book Discussion is in person.

Thursday, March 19

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Willow Recreation Center Meeting Room



The River is Waiting

by Wally Lamb

Corby Ledbetter is struggling. New fatherhood, the loss of his job, and a growing secret addiction have thrown his marriage to his beloved Emily into a tailspin. And that's before he causes the tragedy that tears the family apart.

Thursday, May 28

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Willow Recreation Center Meeting Room



Sandwich

by Catherine Newman

For the past two decades, Rocky has looked forward to her family's yearly escape to Cape Cod. This year promises to be just as delightful as summers past, then a chain of events sends Rocky into the past, relieving both the tenderness and sorrow of a handful of long-ago summers.

LITTLE LUNAS



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Friday, March 27

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Get ready for the Luna Blues Machine! Join us for an unforgettable, high-energy musical journey that delivers a powerful bilingual performance that you won't want to miss. Tickets available 3/13 for Palatine cardholders only.

LUNAS PEQUEÑAS

Viernes, 27 de marzo

12:00 a 1:00 p.m.

¡Prepárense para Luna Blues Machine, una banda de Chicago que toca hip-hop acústico, música latina y folk-soul! Acompáñenos en un viaje musical inolvidable lleno de energía y con una actuación poderosa bilingüe que no se van a querer perder.

Boletos estarán disponibles para el 13/3 para tarjetahabientes de Palatine solamente.

All Ages

Para todas las edades

Coaster Art

Monday, March 23

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Join us for pouring coaster art and get creative with the whole family! All ages. Sign up begins 3/9.

Arte en Posavastos

Lunes, 23 de marzo

12:00 a 1:00 p.m.

¡Acompáñanos a usar arte fluida para crear posavastos artísticos y demostrar la creatividad de toda la familia!

Para todas las edades.

Regístrese a partir del 9/3.

Wicked Fan Fest

Monday, April 6

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Join us for a *Wicked*-themed Fan Fest packed with pink and green fun. Whether you're Team Elphaba or Team Glinda, come celebrate the magic with crafts, games, photos, and more. Costumes are encouraged. All ages.

Sign up begins 3/23.

Fiesta Para

Fanáticos de Wicked

Lunes, 6 de abril

4:00 a 5:00 p.m.

Acompáñanos en una fiesta llena de diversión de color rosa y verde con la temática de *Wicked*. Sea que estés de parte del equipo Elphaba o del equipo Glinda, ven y celebra la magia con manualidades, juegos, fotos y más. Se recomienda venir disfrazado.

Para todas las edades.

Regístrese a partir del 23/3.



Bookmark Design Contest

Sunday, March 1 –

Tuesday, March 31

Show your artistic talent by designing an original bookmark. Contest entry form and template available on the Library website and at the Branches beginning March 1. Winning bookmarks will be available to the community during Summer Reading. Grades K – 8.

Children's Programs

Programas para Niños

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.

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Búsqueda de

Tesoros Mensual

Marzo – Detectives de Flores

Abril – Explora el Planeta Tierra

Mayo – Encuentra Sentimientos

Encuentren todas las imágenes

escondidas. Entrada libre.

La Lotería

Tuesdays, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

March 10

April 28

May 12

Learn to play La Lotería, 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 martes, 6:00 a 7:30 p.m.

10 de marzo

28 de abril

12 de mayo

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. Inscripción inicia dos semanas antes de cada fecha.

Concurso de Diseño de Marcapáginas

Domingo, 1 de marzo

a martes, 31 de marzo

Demuestren su amor a los libros diseñando un marcapáginas original. El formulario de inscripción al concurso y la plantilla del marcapáginas estarán disponibles en la página web de la Biblioteca y en las sucursales a partir del 1/3. Los marcapáginas ganadores estarán disponibles para la comunidad durante la Semana del Libro Infantil, del 4 al 10 de mayo. Grados K – 8.

Movie at the Branch:

Zootopia 2

Friday, May 8

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Bring a blanket as you enjoy a viewing of Zootopia 2. All ages. Snacks will be provided. Tickets available 4/24 for Palatine cardholders only.

• Película en la Sucursal:

• Zootopia 2

• Viernes, 8 de mayo

• 1:00 a 3:00 p.m.

• Traigan su cobija para disfrutar ver la película Zootopia 2. Para todas las edades.

• Bocadillos serán provistos.

• Boletos estarán disponibles 24/4 solo para tarjetahabientes de Palatine.

Adult Programs

Programas para Adultos

Cricut: Personalized Tumblers

Wednesday, March 4

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 5

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Materials Provided. Sign-up begins two weeks prior to each date. For Palatine cardholders only.

• Cricut: Vasos Personalizados

• Miércoles, 4 de marzo

• 2:00 a 4:00 p.m.

• Jueves, 5 de marzo

• 11:00 a.m. a 1:00 p.m.

• Materiales serán provistos. El registro comienza dos semanas antes de cada fecha. Solamente para tarjetahabientes de Palatine.

Galaxy Ring

Friday, April 10

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Learn different wire and bead wrapping techniques to create your unique ring. Materials Provided. Sign up begins 3/27.

• Anillo Galaxia

• Viernes, 10 de abril

• 1:00 a 3:00 p.m.

• Aprenda nuevas técnicas de envoltura con alambre y cuentas para crear un anillo único. Materiales serán provistos.

• Regístrese a partir del 27/3.

Cricut: Spring Pots

Tuesday, April 21

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 23

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Materials Provided. Sign-up begins two weeks prior to each date. For Palatine cardholders only.

• Cricut: Masetas

• de Primavera

• Martes, 21 de abril

• 11:00 a.m. a 1:00 p.m.

• Jueves, 23 de abril

• 3:00 a 5:00 p.m.

• Materiales serán provistos. Registración comienza dos semanas antes de cada fecha. Para tarjetahabientes de Palatine solamente.

Cricut Activity: Nature Bracelets

Friday, April 24

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Make a layered faux-leather bracelet with a nature-inspired design using Cricut. Materials Provided. Sign up begins 4/10.

• Actividad con Cricut:

• Pulseras Naturales

• Viernes, 24 de abril

• 1:00 a 2:00 p.m.

• Crea una pulsera de cuero sintético con capas y flores con un diseño inspirado en la naturaleza usando la cortadora Cricut. Materiales serán provistos.

• Regístrese a partir del 10/4.



Check out our **world language collection** at **Rand Road Branch**, featuring materials in **Spanish**, **Ukrainian**, and **Russian**.

Stop in and grab some titles today.



Scan here for more book recommendations.

The Workshop



Discover what you can create
in The Workshop today!

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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.

Plan Ahead, Celebrate Better

Big event coming up? Stop by during drop-in hours to talk with Workshop staff about your ideas and what's possible in The Workshop. Whether you're planning a birthday, wedding, or other special celebration, we can help you explore project options, materials, tools, and timelines so you can get started with confidence. Can't make it in? Contact us via email at theworkshop@palatinelibrary.org or give us a call.

Pop-Up Portrait Studio

Mondays, 3:00 – 8:00 p.m.

March 9

April 27

May 4

Join us to get a professional headshot or a family portrait taken. Sign up begins two weeks ahead of each date.

Workshop Clubs

Stitch n' Sew

Wednesdays, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

March 11

April 8

May 13

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

Photo Club

Thursdays, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

March 12

April 9

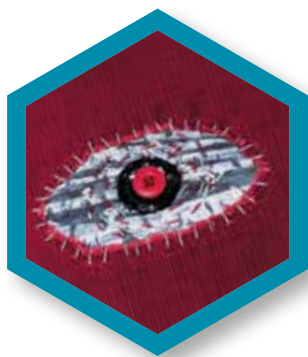
May 14

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.



Style Lab: Visible Mending and Embellishments

Monday, March 16
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Bring a friend and learn about a variety of repair hacks and visible mending on your own clothing. Come with clothing that could use an update. A mending and embellishment bar of various trims, buttons, and applique materials will be provided. Sign up begins 3/2.



Crochet for Beginners

Wednesdays, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

March 18

March 25

Cover crochet basics in this two-part class led by Carol Leeson. Materials provided. Sign up begins 3/4.

Laser Activity: Stencils

Friday, March 27

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Learn how to design and cut a simple reusable stencil for journaling, sewing, painting, or baking with the laser cutter. Materials provided. Sign up begins 3/13.

Designing in TinkerCAD

Monday, March 30

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Learn how to use TinkerCAD, a free online software, to model your own designs that can be used on the 3D Printer. Sign up begins 3/16.



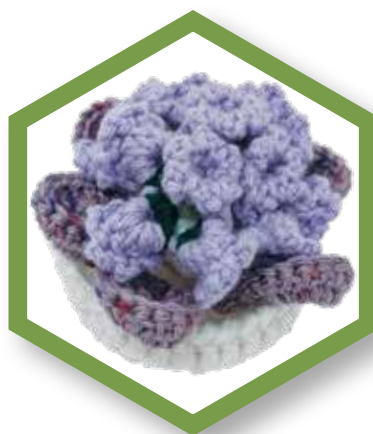
Painted Pottery Vase

Monday, April 13

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Paint a vase brought to us by Clay Monet. Materials provided. Sign up begins 3/30.



Floral Crochet Coaster

Wednesday, April 15

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Carol Leeson guides us through making a floral crochet coaster. Participants must have experience with completing the single crochet stitch. Materials Provided. Sign up begins 4/1.

Hemming 101

Thursday, April 16

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 27

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Learn the basics of hemming in this beginner friendly class. We'll show you how to shorten pants, skirts, or sleeves using a sewing machine. Bring clothing to alter. Sign up begins two weeks ahead of each date.



Dangle Earrings

Monday, April 20

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Friday, May 8

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Learn different wire and bead wrapping techniques to create unique earrings. Materials provided. Sign up begins two weeks before each class begins.

Embroidery Activity: Monogram Tote Bag

Monday, May 11

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

In this guided activity, we'll show you how to design, hoop, and stitch out a monogram using our embroidery machines. Materials provided. Sign up begins 4/27.

Activity: Nature Bracelets

Friday, May 15

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Make a layered faux-leather bracelet with a nature-inspired design using Cricut. Materials provided. Sign up begins 5/1 for both classes.



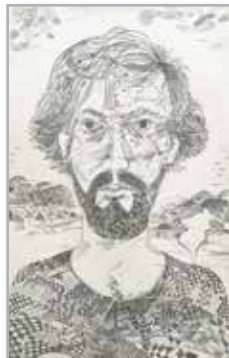
Evening Art Walk:

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.**

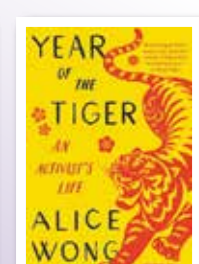
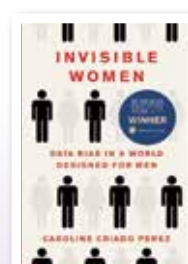
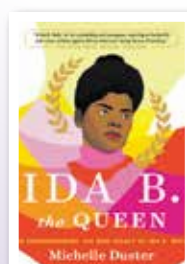
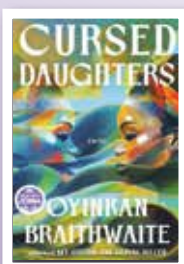
Here's a sneak peek at what artwork will be displayed here at the Library.



Women's History Month

Book Suggestions

March is recognized as Women's History Month, celebrating the great contributions of women in history and society. These book suggestions have been handpicked by our women selectors here at the Library. Visit our website to place a hold on these book recommendations at [palatinelibrary.org/spring-2026-booklists](https://www.palatinelibrary.org/spring-2026-booklists).



March 11

by Brendan Slocumb

April 8

by Katie Williams

May 13

by Allen Eskens

April 28

by Sosuke Natsukawa

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSIONS

MONDAY EVENINGS

March 16

by Rebecca Nagle

April 20

by Alison Espach

May 18

by Marjan Kamali

FRIDAY MORNING

March 6

by Alison Espach

April 3

by Marjan Kamali

May 1

by Marie Bostwick

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Sunday, April 5

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

Sunday, May 24

MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 25

New Catalog

An improved catalog experience is coming this May. The new catalog will feature better search functionality, a modern interface, and will be more user-friendly. Check our website for more information.

Free Comic Book Day

Saturday, May 2

Starting at 1:00 p.m.

Stop by the Main Library to get a free comic. While supplies last. See our website for more details.



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Collection Drives

March

Sunday, March 1 –

Tuesday, March 31

During the month of March, donate items to Hopeful Beginnings! Donations accepted are: baby wipes, baby shampoo and lotion, new or gently used clothing sizes preemie – 3T, diaper cream, pacifiers, bottles and sippy cups, Enfamil baby formula, or any size of diapers.

April

Wednesday, April 1 –

Thursday, April 30

During the month of April, donate items to Clean Up Give Back Palatine. Items accepted are grocery bags, bread bags, bubble wrap, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, ice bags, plastic shipping envelopes, zip lock/food bags, plastic wrap and stretch film, pallet covering film, produce bags, and outside plastic casing of toilet paper, water bottles, and paper towels.

May

Friday, May 1 –

Sunday, May 31

During the month of May the Teen Advisory Board will be making snack bags for JOURNEYS | The Road Home. Donations accepted are: individually wrapped granola and protein bars, snack crackers, fruit and applesauce cups, fruit leather, snack cookies, single serving cups or packets of peanut butter, oatmeal cups (not packets), juice boxes, alcohol-free hand sanitizer, lunch-size paper bags, and individually packaged spoons.



**Palatine Library District
Main Library
700 N. North Court
Palatine, IL 60067
847-907-3600**

Mon – Thurs: 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Fri: 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sat: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sun: 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.



**North Hoffman Branch
3600 Lexington Drive
Hoffman Estates, IL 60192
847-934-0220**

Mon – Thurs: 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Fri: 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sat: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Sun: Closed



**Rand Road Branch
1585 Rand Road
Palatine, IL 60074
847-202-1194**

Mon – Thurs: 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Fri: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Sat: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Sun: Closed

**Scan QR code for
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hours at both
Branches.**



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The Board meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

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