

MESSENGER PUBLIC LIBRARY OF NORTH AURORA

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2018

GET A LIBRARY CARD AND CHECK OUT SOMETHING

INCREDIBLE!

September is Library Card Sign-up Month!



All ages. Exercise your super powers with *The Incredibles*, and make sure you have the coolest card of all! A *Library Card*! A library card gives you access to books, DVDs, audiobooks, music, newspapers, magazines, ebooks, reference resources, homework help, and more.

This September, register for or renew your library card, participate in weekly challenges, and enter to win prizes!



Fall Reading Challenge: Read with Rusty

October-November

Ages 0-14. Go on a reading power play with the Chicago Steel Hockey Team! Reach your reading goals to earn a complimentary ticket to a Chicago Steel Hockey Game (USHL) at the Fox Valley Ice Arena in Geneva. At the game, kids will read with Rusty, receive a Chicago Steel gift, and participate in a player autograph signing. *Visit Youth Services to pick up your reading tracker.*

Books & Pucks: Hockey Storytime

Sunday, October 14 • 2:00 p.m.

All ages. Aimed at Pre-K-Grade 5 & families. Join us for a hockey-themed storytime and craft with players from the Chicago Steel. *Please register each child attending.*

Strategic Planning & Focus Groups We need your input!

The Messenger Public Library of North Aurora invites all members of the community to participate in its upcoming community survey and focus groups as part of our strategic planning process this fall! We want to hear directly from our community about how we can best serve you in the future. Our survey will be available online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/messengerlibrary or in-person at the Library. A series of focus groups will be held in November. Watch for more information to come, and contact the Library if you are interested in participating in a focus group!

Contact by phone: 630-896-0240; email: director@messengerpl.org; or see the website: messengerpl.org.

2019 Library Trustee Election Candidate Reminder

On April 2, 2019, during the Illinois Consolidated Election, three Trustees currently serving on the Messenger Public Library Board of Trustees will have terms expire. The seats are for a full four year term of office.

Key dates for residents who wish to run for office are:

Tuesday, September 18, 2018: 1st day to circulate Library Board of Trustees nominating papers.

Monday, December 10 - Monday, December 17, 2018: Time period to file nomination papers.

A candidate's packet is available on the Illinois Election Committee website. For further information, please contact Kevin Davis, Library Director, at 630-896-0240 or via email director@messengerpl.org.

▶ **SEPTEMBER** ▶ **OCTOBER** ▶ **NOVEMBER**

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Please stop in, call, or check our online calendar for more information and registration for adult programs. Space is limited and registration is required. Teens over the age of 15 are welcome, with registered adult. Registration for adult programs starts on the first of each month preceding a program date.

ancestry™ Library Edition

Fridays: September 14 & October 19

10:00-11:30 a.m.

Learn the basics of using Ancestry Library Edition. Learn some tricks, and try your hand at searching. Laptops will be provided. A general knowledge of computers is needed. *Space is very limited. Registration required.*

Getting Started in Genealogy

Wednesday, October 17 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.

For adults. Itching to explore your family history after you've seen those celebrity genealogy shows? Get off on the right foot with the help of award-winning author and researcher Grace DuMelle. She'll explain the top 10 concepts such as working backwards, talking to relatives, using the census, three building blocks, and more. *Please register in advance.*

The Trials of Mrs. Abraham Lincoln

Saturday, September 15 • 2:00-3:00 p.m.

For adults. Historical storyteller Lynn Rymarz will delight as she re-enacts Mary Todd Lincoln's joys and trials, taking her from her days in Springfield, Illinois, where she met and married Abraham Lincoln, became a mother to four sons, and on to the White House. Her life's journey then leads her to an insane asylum in Batavia, Illinois. *Space is extremely limited, and advance registration is REQUIRED.*

Paranormal 101 with TnT Paranormal Investigators

Tuesday, October 30 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.

For adults. Join us as we discuss methods used to find answers and investigate evidence of any alleged cases of paranormal or unexplained activity. The discussion will include methods for gathering data during an investigation, how the data is reviewed to determine if any paranormal evidence was captured, or if these experiences are natural/environmental, man-made, or indeed paranormal. *Space is extremely limited. Advance registration is REQUIRED.*



Identity Theft Workshop

Saturday, September 29

10:00-11:00 a.m.

For adults. Learn about the many ways thieves can steal your financial and confidential information, and what you can do to protect yourself. This program is part of a series designed to assist Illinois residents in regaining their financial footing.

Social Media and the Brain

Wednesday, November 14 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.

For adults. Dr. Kenneth Gray from the College of DuPage will trace the history of the development of computer social networks and the positive and negative psychological effects, focusing on the effects to human psychology and brain processes.

Volunteer at the Library

There are year-round opportunities for adults to volunteer at the Library. Help us at one or both of our annual book sales or assist with a variety of projects tailored to need, your talents, and time. Stop in, call or visit our website.

Inglés Conversacional para Hispanohablantes! Conversational English for Spanish Speakers

Mondays: September 17, October 1 & 15, November 5 & 19 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.

lunes: septiembre 17, octubre 1 & 15, noviembre 5 & 19 • 7:00-8:00 pm.

Le damos la bienvenida para que vegan a nuestro grupo y para mejorar sus habilidades de hablar Inglés. Por favor, regístrese con anticipación @ messengerpl.org o por teléfono. Se proporcionarán bebidas. *Para adultos y adolescentes de 16 o más. (639) 896-0240.*

Kindness Rock Painting

September 24th-September 30th • 3:00-7:00 p.m.

Adults & teens 15 years & up. Transform river rocks into tiny works of art. Keep them for yourself or give as a gift. We'll supply the rocks and paint, you'll just need to supply the kindness and creativity.



Celebrate our Illinois Bicentennial

For adults. Throughout the month of October, enter weekly Illinois trivia drawings and win a chance at fun prizes. Visit our website or stop at the Help Desk for more information.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS FOR ADULTS

Love to read and discuss books? Join one of the Library's book groups, and enjoy lively discussions of fiction and non-fiction titles. Copies of the books will be available at the Checkout Desk. Refreshments will be served.

Messenger Evening Book Discussion Group

Meets 1st Thursday of the month
Starts promptly 7:00-8:30 p.m.



September 6: *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate

October 4: *Year of Yes* by Shonda Rhimes

November 1: *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi

Morning Coffee Break & A Book

Meets 4th Tuesday of the month
Starts promptly 10:30-11:30 a.m.

September 25: *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane*
by Lisa See

October 23: *The Death of Mrs. Westaway*
by Ruth Ware

November 27: *Anything is Possible* by Elizabeth Strout



MONTHLY GROUPS FOR ADULTS

Games for Grownups

Meets 4th Monday of the month • 6:30-8:30 p.m.

For adults. Beginners and geeks welcome. Join us as we play games such as *Ticket to Ride* and *King of Tokyo*. A different game will be featured each month, or we'll host open gaming.



Fox Valley Writers Group

Meets Tuesdays, every 2 weeks
(check online calendar for dates)
7:00-8:30 p.m.

For adults. Share positive, constructive feedback with other writers of fiction, non-fiction, and poetry. Plus get some writing done. Contact: foxvalleywriters@gmail.com.



Classic Cinema

Meets 1st Tuesday of the month
Starts promptly at 2:00-4:00 p.m.

For adults. Enjoy popcorn, good company, and some of Hollywood's greatest hits.

September 4: **A Streetcar Named Desire**
starring Marlon Brando & Vivien Leigh

October 2: **The House on Haunted Hill**
starring Vincent Price

November 6: **High Noon**
starring Gary Cooper & Grace Kelly

Genealogy Group

Meets 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month • 2:00-4:00 p.m.

For adults. Get together with other genealogy enthusiasts. Get started with your family history research, decide which DNA test is the best for you (and what to do with the test results when you have them), share your exciting finds, explore new resources, and discuss topics of interest. *Beginners are always welcome. Register in advance, and let the group know your areas of interest.*

Art Club for Grownups

2nd Saturday of the month • 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

3rd Tuesday of the month • 6:30-8:30 p.m.

For adults and teens over 15 (with registered adult).

Looking for a fun, artistic opportunity? Each month we'll have an opportunity to explore a different art medium and enhance our artistic spirit. *Beginners welcome! Space is extremely limited. Advance registration is REQUIRED.*

"Selfie" Portraits

Saturday, September 8 • 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Join us in welcoming artist Dana Bloede! Participants will use reference photos of themselves (selfies) to paint a portrait using acrylic paints and a variety of collage images. A demonstration of color theory and painting facial features, as well as other tips, will be provided by the artist.

Galaxy Watercolor Effects

Tuesday, September 18 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Taking inspiration from the stars, we will explore techniques to paint a watercolor galaxy.

No experience necessary, all materials will be supplied.

3D Scrapbook Paper Pumpkins

Saturday, October 13 • 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon OR

Tuesday, October 16 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Learn two different methods for making pretty pumpkins out of scrapbook paper for your fall and Halloween decorating! *All materials will be supplied, just bring your creativity.*

Altered Washer Pendants

Saturday, November 10 • 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon OR

Tuesday, November 20 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Craft a beautiful pendant using washers and alcohol ink. You will create a unique, reversible, artistic piece guaranteed to brighten your wardrobe. *All materials will be supplied.*



KIDS & FAMILIES

Registration begins Monday, August 27th. Registration required for all programs, unless noted. Please register online, by phone: (630) 801-4340, or in person. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult while in the Library.

Ready, Set, Draw!

Thursdays: September 6, October 4, November 1
4:00-4:45 p.m.

Grades 3-5. Learn brand new drawing skills and practice your technique. Each class will be dedicated to a different art medium. *Please register for each individual session.*



Thursdays: September 13,
October 11, November 8
6:30-7:30 p.m.

All ages. Drop-in for Lego® building fun at Messenger!
Register online for a reminder email or text.

Caudill Book Club

Mondays • 6:30-7:30 p.m.

September 17: **The Goldfish Boy** by Lisa Thompson

October 15: **Upside Down in the Middle
of Nowhere** by Julie Lamana

November 19: **Moo** by Sharon Creech

Grades 4-8. Join us for snacks, conversation and activities about the Caudill Award nominees. The first 5 to register at the Youth Services Desk will receive a free copy of the book. *Registration required.*

Curious Kids

Tuesdays: September 18, October 16, November 20
4:00-4:45 p.m.

Kindergarten-Grade 2. Explore art, nature, and science with stories and activities. *Dress to get messy!*
Registration required.

Homeschool Fun!

Fridays: September 28, October 26, November 30
10:00-10:45 a.m.

All ages and families. Drop in to meet local homeschool families, learn about library resources and research, and enjoy activities or crafts. *Registration required.*



Unicorn Party

Sunday, September 30
2:00-3:30 p.m.

All ages. Come bask in the magic of unicorns! Get your sparkle on with unicorn crafts, games, and colorful snacks! Horn-wearing optional. *Register for a reminder email or text.*

Family Movie Matinee

No School!

Tuesday, October 9 • 2:00-4:00 p.m.

All ages. Join us to watch a PG-rated movie on the big screen! *Snacks provided. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Register if you want a reminder email or text.*

Squishy Circuits

Sunday, October 21 • 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Grades 4-8. Electricity + Play dough = LIGHTS!
Come learn, explore and play with our squishy circuits. *No experience needed.*

Fall Feathered Friends Cupcake Decorating

Saturday, November 10 • 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Grades 2-5. Come learn festive piping and decorating techniques from a professional cake decorator. Create a turkey and cute owl fondant topper for your cupcakes. Frosting, supplies, modeling tools and two cupcakes will be provided for each participant. *Registration required.*

T-Rexplorers!

Sunday, November 18 • 2:00-3:30 p.m.

All ages, aimed at Pre-K & up. Are you dino-obsessed? Learn all about paleontology from real-life dinosaur hunters, the T-Rexplorers. Enjoy a fact and fun-filled presentation as well as opportunities to touch real dinosaur bones!
Please register each child attending.

COLLEGE PREP

Financial Aid Presentation

Wednesday, September 12 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Grades 9-12 and Adults. ISACorps members are experts at simplifying the world of financial aid. Learn about average college costs, types of financial aid, how to apply for financial aid, financial aid award packages, and other important information. *Registration required.*

FAFSA Workshop

Wednesday, October 10 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Bring all documents needed to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and an ISACorps member will guide you through the application. See our website for more information. *Registration required. Bring your own laptop or reserve one of ours (limited quantity).*

Finding the Best Fit College & How to Pay For It

Wednesday, September 19 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Grades 9-12. My College Planning Team will guide you through some action steps you can take to reduce college costs and still attend the college of your choice. Discover creative, little-known financial and academic strategies to reduce college costs while finding the best-fit college for you. *Registration required.*

BABIES & PRESCHOOL

Registration begins Monday, August 27th. Registration required for all programs, unless noted.
Register online, by phone: (630) 801-4340, or in person. Please register all children attending in a family.
Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult while in the Library.

Sensory Playtime

Mondays: September 10, October 8, November 12
10:00-11:00 a.m.

Babies-Preschool and caregivers. Enjoy a variety of sensory play experiences and stations with your little ones. Stations are designed to stimulate your child's mind through sensory play, discovery and gross motor activities.

Family Storytime + Craft

Mondays: September 24, October 22, November 26
6:30-7:15 p.m.

All ages. Join us for stories and a craft aimed at ages 3-6.

Little Kids Build!

Thursday, September 20 • 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Friday, September 21 • 10:00-11:00 a.m.

All ages, aimed at ages 2-6. Too little for Lego® bricks or just want to build BIG? We'll bring out a variety of building blocks for an hour of free play and building fun!

Parachute Playtime

Thursday, October 18 • 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Friday, October 19 • 10:00-11:00 a.m.

All ages. Aimed at ages 2-6. Join us for songs, rhymes and a whole lot of play with our giant parachute!

Cat in the Hat Halloween Storytime

Friday, October 26 • 11:00-11:45 a.m.

All ages, aimed at 2-5 year olds. Celebrate Halloween with a visit from the Cat in the Hat! There will be stories and songs, followed by trick-or-treating around the Library.
Costumes encouraged!

Alphabet Playtime

Friday, November 23 • 10:00-11:00 a.m.

All ages, aimed at ages 2-6. Come join us and play with letters! We'll have a variety of activities and toys that explore the alphabet in fun and exciting ways.



FALL STORYTIMES

SESSION 1: September 4-October 4

SESSION 2: October 30-November 29

Lapsit Storytime	0-24 months (with caregiver)	Tuesdays	10:00-10:30 a.m.	Registration Required
Read & Play Baby	0-24 months (with caregiver)	Thursdays	10:00-11:00 a.m.	No Registration
Toddler Time	18 months-3 years (with caregiver)	Wednesdays	10:45-11:15 a.m.	Registration Required
Preschool Pals	3-6 years	Wednesdays	10:00-10:30 a.m.	Registration Required

TEENS

Teen Movie Matinee

Saturday, September 22 • 1:30-4:00 p.m.

Grades 4-12. Join us to watch the latest superhero movie on the big screen! Snacks and drinks provided.

Register if you want a reminder email or text.

Wearable Circuits for Teens

Saturday, October 6 • 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Grades 6-12. Fuse fashion with technology for a unique art experience. Learn how to create simple and complex electrical circuits and apply them to wearable art such as an armband, bow tie or necklace. *Registration required.*

Helping Hearts

Wednesdays: September 26 & November 28

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Grades 6-12. Enjoy working on projects? Love giving back to the community? Need service hours? We have you covered. Come to Helping Hearts where we make projects to give away to local shelters, nursing homes, and other organizations to help make the world a better place. *Registration requested.*



Teen Escape Room: Halloween!

Saturday, October 27 • 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Grades 6-12. Does your team have the brainpower and skills to win? Solve a series of riddles, decipher clues, find the key and escape in just 45 minutes. Select your time slot online with your friends! *Registration Required.*

Teen Pastry Boot Camp: Mystery Pizza Cake

Saturday, November 10 • 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Grades 6-12. Is it a pizza? Is it a cake? Learn to disguise your own sweet mini cake as a pizza! A professional cake decorator will show you how to crumb-coat, drape fondant and create toppings. *Registration required.*

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Monday-Thursday
9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

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

Sunday
1:00-5:00 p.m.

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LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Labor Day Holiday
Sunday, September 2nd
Monday, September 3rd

Staff Training Day
Friday, November 16th

Thanksgiving Holiday
Wednesday, November 21st
Open: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 22nd

LIBRARY ADMINISTRATOR

G. Kevin Davis

VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE!

Monday, September 17 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.

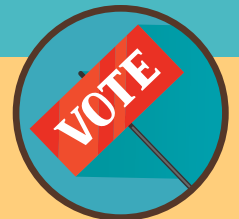
Tuesday, September 18 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Friday, September 21 • 9:30-11:30 a.m.
3:00-5:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 29 • 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Sunday, September 30 • 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Monday, October 1 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.



Visit Messenger Public Library to register to vote in the general election on November 6, 2018 and the spring 2019 state and local elections. Volunteers from Kane County Clerk's Office and League of Women Voters will register new voters, help update voter information, and train voters to use the county's voting equipment (new equipment to all Aurora residents). To update or register, make sure you bring two forms of ID, one with current address. See bit.ly/votekane for more info.

North Aurora Mothers Club Operation Christmas Giving Tree

Monday, November 19 - Tuesday, December 18

The Library will host a Giving Tree on behalf of the North Aurora Mothers Club. Pick up a gift tag for one of the sponsored families in need, then bring gifts to the User Services Desk. The Giving Tree gift tags will be on display the week before Thanksgiving. Gifts will need to be brought to the Library by Tuesday, December 18th to ensure timely delivery to the families for the holiday season. For further information, visit our website or the North Aurora Mothers Club website at namothersclub.org.

Holiday Open House

Sunday, December 2 • 1:30-4:00 p.m.

The Library Board and Staff invite everyone to join us for holiday entertainment, activities and fun! Come enjoy live music and a visit from Santa. Don't forget to bring a camera! Celebrate with a Gingerbread Contest, a Treasure Hunt in the Stacks, Used Book Sale, and more. Lots of fun for all ages, plus conversation with the Library Board, Staff, Family and Friends.

Holiday Gingerbread Contest

All ages. Make a gingerbread house at home, bring it in to the Library on Saturday, December 1st; and enter our Gingerbread House contest. Winners will be selected at our Holiday Open House on December 2nd. Ask for an entry form or information.

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