

MESSENGER PUBLIC LIBRARY OF NORTH AURORA

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2019

September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month!

All ages. Make sure you have the coolest card of all! A library card! Your library card gives everyone access to books, DVDs, audiobooks, music, newspapers, magazines, ebooks, reference resources, homework help, and more. Visit the Library during September. Register for, renew, or use your library card, and enter a free gift card drawing!



Giddy up to your library, partner!

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**LIBRARY CARD
SIGN-UP MONTH!**

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Ripple Effect

September 11-28, October 9-26, OR November 6-23

Wednesdays • 6:30-7:30 p.m., Thursdays • 5:00-6:00 p.m. OR Saturdays • 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Ages 8-13. Water Street Studios presents a free, 3-week STEAM course at Messenger Public Library. Learn about the Fibonacci sequence and cool spirals found throughout nature and space! Each 3-week session of the course is identical. Students may attend one session per school year. This course, which has a \$75/student value, is generously funded by a Dunham Fund grant. *Registration required. Sign up at WaterStreetStudios.org/ripple-effect.*



Food for Fines November 10-16

For one week, waive \$1.00 in overdue fines for each item of non-perishable food donated, up to a maximum of \$10.00 per library card. Donated food items will be sent to a local food pantry to serve the greater North Aurora and Aurora Community. Out-of-date, damaged or open food items will not be accepted. Fines owed for lost, damaged or missing materials will not be waived. For further information please contact the User Services Desk.

SPOOKY FALL PROGRAMS for KIDS & FAMILIES

Family Escape Room: Back to Reality

Saturday, October 12 • 1:00 p.m., 2:15 p.m. or 3:30 p.m.

Grades 3-8 and caregivers. Do you have the brainpower and teamwork skills to win an Escape Room challenge? Try to solve riddles, decipher clues, and find the key to escape in just 45 minutes. Select a time slot online with your family or friends! *Registration required. Please arrive 15 minutes before your game begins.*

Tween Pumpkin-palooza

Sunday, October 6 • 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Grades 4-8. Celebrate the season with colorful or carved pumpkins! We'll provide all the supplies to create your jack-o'-lantern masterpiece. *Registration required.*



Teen Escape Room: The Infection

Sunday, October 13 • 2:00 p.m. or 3:30 p.m.

Grades 6-12. Do you have the brainpower and teamwork skills to win an Escape Room challenge? Find out when you attempt to solve a series of riddles, decipher clues and find the key to escape in just 60 minutes. Select your time slot online with your friends! *Registration required. Please arrive 15 minutes before your game begins.*

Halloween Storytime

Wednesday, October 30 • 10:00-10:45 a.m.

All ages, aimed at 2-5 year olds. Celebrate Halloween with stories and songs, followed by trick-or-treating around the Library. *Costumes encouraged! Please register each child attending.*

▶ **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.



Tea at Downton Abbey Sunday, September 22 • 2:00-4:00 p.m.

It's the early 20th century and you're an American estate owner. Head cook Mrs. Eaton and butler Mr. Howe will instruct you on the ins and outs of estate owning. Discuss the servants and your next house party over authentic tea and snacks. *Space is limited, so please register in advance.*

ancestry[™] Library Edition

10:00-11:30 a.m.

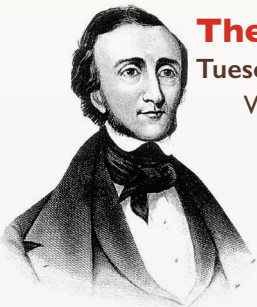
Friday, September 20 | Saturday, October 12

For adults. Discover the basics and hidden secrets of using Ancestry[®] Library Edition. Laptops will be provided. There will be time for questions and some hands-on searching. *Space is extremely limited, so please register in advance.*

Finance 101

Tuesday, October 22 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Learn the basics of budgeting. What does a budget look like? What should you keep in mind while trying to cut expenses? How can you maintain your budget and fulfill your financial goals? Presented in partnership with the Illinois Comptroller's Office via the Smart Consumers program.



The Essential Edgar Allan Poe

Tuesday, October 29 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.

William Pack exhumes the tragic life and remarkable writings of American genius, Edgar Allan Poe. This full biography relies heavily on dramatic readings to bring Poe's disturbing writing (Tell-Tale Heart, The Raven, M. Valdemar) to life.

Beginning Ukulele

Saturday, November 23 • 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Join Hix Bros. Music for a fun hands-on introduction to the ukulele. Learn basic chords, rhythm, a little ukulele history, and have lots of fun. We'll supply the loan of the ukuleles! *No experience necessary. Space is very limited, register in advance. For adults and teens over 16.*



Healthy Living for Your Brain & Body

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

Learn about research in diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement. Get tips on tools to help you incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging.

Yoga for Stress Relief

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

Join us as we welcome back Yoga instructor Pamela O'Brien. This gentle yoga/meditation-based class will help one learn to quiet the mind, cope with stress and sharpen one's focus. *All levels welcome. Please wear loose clothes. Bring a mat and blanket for sitting! Space is very limited, please register in advance.*

eBay Mobile

Saturday, September 28 • 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Sell with your smart phone or tablet! Learn the basics of using your smart device along with the eBay mobile app so that you can make some extra money from home—or while on the go! *Space is extremely limited, please register in advance.*

Kindle Direct Publishing

Thursday, November 21 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.

This is a colorful, easy-to-comprehend explanation on how to self-publish at no cost using Kindle Direct Publishing. The slides depict the real-life, step-by-step process of publishing first an ebook through KDP, and then publishing that same book as a paperback through KDP (or vice versa).

Computer Basics

Monday, November 25 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Learn basic computer terminology, computer equipment, and how to create and rename files on a Windows computer. *Space is extremely limited, so please register in advance.*



Smart Driver Safety

Wednesday, November 13 & Thursday, November 14 • 12:30-4:30 p.m. (8-hour course, 2 sessions)

Refresh your driving skills, learn to adjust to age-related changes, and find out how to operate vehicles more safely in today's increasingly challenging driving environment. This classroom style program is 4 hours each day, and both sessions must be completed to qualify for your insurance carrier's discount.

Cost: \$20 (AARP Members: \$15). AARP members, please bring membership number on first day of class. Cash or check made out to AARP due on first day of class. Arrive 15 minutes early for registration. Class size is limited; Register in advance.

Registration opens July 1. Refreshments will be provided.

ART CLUB

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 16 (with registered adult). Each month we'll explore a different art medium to enhance our artistic spirit. *Beginners welcome! Space is extremely limited. All supplies will be provided. Advance registration is REQUIRED. Registration opens on the first day of the month preceding the program.*

DIY Cactus Garden

Saturday, September 14 • 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon OR

Tuesday, September 17 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Create your own miniature cactus garden. It never needs water! We will decorate a pot and fill it with painted rock cacti.

Painting a Colorful Autumn Forest

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

Learn to paint a beautiful autumn scene. Guest artist Christine Thornton will teach you some fun, easy techniques using watercolor pencils, brushes, and stamping with plastic wrap. *Beginners welcome!*



Day of the Dead Sugar Skulls

Tuesday, October 15 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Back by popular demand! Celebrate the Day of the Dead (Dia de Muertos), a holiday celebrated throughout Mexico and other countries around the world. Skulls will be embellished with folk art flowers and flourishes.

DIY Wrap Bangles

Saturday, November 9 • 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon OR

Tuesday, November 19 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Transform plain bangle bracelets with embroidery floss, jump rings and charms.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

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

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

September 5: *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult

October 3: *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek*
by Kim Michele Richardson

November 7: *Bellewether* by Susanna Kearsley

Morning Coffee Break & A Book

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

September 24: *The Amazing Adventures of Aaron Broom*
by A. E. Hotchner

October 22: *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann

November 26: *Gone So Long* by Andre Dubus III

Nonfiction Book Discussion

Meets 1st Wednesday of the month • 10:30-11:30 a.m.

September 4: *The Queen: The Forgotten Life Behind an American Myth* by Josh Levin

October 2: *Grandma Gatewood's Walk: The Inspiring Story of the Woman Who Saved the Appalachian Trail*
by Ben Montgomery

November 6: *Rough Magic: Riding the World's Loneliest Horse Race* by Lara Prior-Palmer

MONTHLY GROUPS FOR ADULTS

Games for Grownups

Meets 2nd Monday of the month • 6:30-8:30 p.m.

For adults. Beginners and geeks welcome. 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 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.

(check online calendar for dates)

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, laughs and some of Hollywood's greatest hits.

September 3: **King Kong** starring Fay Wray

October 1: **Bell, Book, and Candle**
starring Kim Novak & James Stewart

November 5: **The Lady Eve**
starring Barbara Stanwyck & Henry Fonda



Volunteer Income Tax Assistance | Volunteers Wanted!

Learn to prepare taxes free of charge for qualifying individuals through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.

Receive training either online or in the classroom, and then volunteer during tax season. Interested? There are a variety of ways to volunteer. For more details visit <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/irs-tax-volunteers>, or contact Jessie Affelder, Head of Adult Services, jaffelder@messengerpl.org. It's a rewarding way to give back to our community.

Registration begins Monday, August 26. 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.

TEENS



Support Group Mondays: September 16, October 21, November 18 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Grades 6-12. Avengers Assemble! Marvel comic nerds, movie nerds, and wanna be nerds, discuss your favorite Marvel moments over tasty snacks. *Register for a reminder email or text.*

Teen DIY: Vinyl Sticker Design

Wednesday, September 11 • 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Grades 6-12. Learn how to design and create vinyl stickers to use on your phone, laptop, wall, etc. Stickers will be cut out using our Cricut Maker. *Register Required.*

Teen 3D Printing Club

Sunday, November 3 • 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Grades 6-12. Learn the basics of Tinkercad and start working on your own 3D design that can be printed on the 3D printer! *Register required.*

How to Pay for College: A Parent's Guide

Thursday, September 26 • 6:30-8:00 p.m.

For parents and students. Learn little-known strategies for planning, saving, or paying for college that can save you thousands of dollars while prioritizing the best-fit colleges for your child. This seminar is presented by experts from My College Planning Team. *Registration required.*

FAFSA Workshop

Wednesday, October 23 • 6:30-8:00 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).*

KIDS & FAMILIES

Birds of Prey Saturday, October 26 • 2:00 p.m.

All ages. What makes a raptor a raptor? Come learn all about birds of prey and meet some of these awesome animals! *Registration required. Please register each person attending.*



Family-Friendly Movies

Sundays • 2:00 p.m.

September 29, October 20, November 17

All ages. Enjoy popcorn and a movie on the big screen! Visit Youth Services to vote and help choose each month's movie. The winner will be posted a week before each movie. *Register for a reminder email or text.*

Time For Kids Mondays • 7:00-8:00 p.m.

September 9: **Science Stations**

October 14: **Art**

November 11: **Escape Room Jr.**

Kindergarten-Grade 3 with caregiver. Enjoy time with your child while exploring technology, games, crafts, experiments and art. *Registration required.*

Curious Kids Tuesdays • 4:15-5:00 p.m.

September 17: **Super Spinners**

October 15: **Puzzle Play**

November 19: **Dinosaurs**

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

Furry Friends

Wednesdays: September 4 & 18, October 2 & 16,
November 6 & 20

Sign up for one 15-minute slot between 4:00-5:00 p.m.

For beginning readers. Read aloud to a trained therapy dog! Bring a book to share with a furry friend. Visit the Furry Friends Sign Up online to register. Space is limited. *Registration required.*



Thursdays: September 12,
October 10, November 14
6:30-7:30 p.m.

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

Homeschool Fun! Fridays • 10:00-10:45 a.m.

September 20: **Mini Makerspace**

October 18: **Float Your Boat**

November 22: **Bubble Science**

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

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School-Year Challenge September 1 - May 31

Kindergarten-Grade 12. Track your reading during the school year and earn prizes along the way! Register online or pick up a reading log at the Library.

Tween DIY September: Forky October: Kitty November: Dinos

Grades 3-6. Visit the Youth Services Desk to grab a DIY project kit to go! Available each month while supplies last.

Teen Take Out September: DIY Pencil Case October: Yarn Pumpkins November: Origami

Stop by the Teen Space each month to pick up a fun craft or activity you can take home and make on your own time. New kits debut on the first of every month, so grab one before they disappear! While supplies last.

Page-in-Training Grades 4-6

A first chance to volunteer at the Library! Commit to volunteer for at least two 15-minute sessions a month.

Teen Volunteers Grades 6-12

Help with programs or special projects. Applications online or at the Library.

BABIES & PRESCHOOL

Family Storytime + Craft

Mondays • 6:30-7:15 p.m.

September 23, October 28 & November 25

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

Please register each child attending.

Raising a Reader

Wednesdays, October 16 & 23 • 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Ages birth-5 years with caregiver. Raise a child who loves to read! Join us in between storytime sessions to learn about early literacy and explore free resources you can use to build your child's brain power. Toys and activities will be available for an open playtime after a brief introduction for caregivers.

FALL STORYTIMES

SESSION 1: September 10 - October 10

SESSION 2: November 5 - December 5

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

Tiny Dancers

presented by Motif Dance Studio

Saturday, October 5

Ages 3-5 (Preschool-Kindergarten) • 10:00-10:45 a.m.

Ages 6-8 (Kindergarten-Grade 2) • 11:00-11:45 a.m.

New to dance? Come sample a Ballet and Jazz class, taught by a Motif Dance Studio instructor, that is specifically designed for preschool and early elementary age students.

Musical Explorations for Kids

Monday, October 14

Ages 3-5 (Preschool-Kindergarten) • 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Ages 6-8 (Kindergarten-Grade 2) • 2:00-2:45 p.m.

Join us for a spooky Halloween-themed class where participants get to create spooky sounds, play rhythmic games, and color while listening to Berlioz's ghoulish Symphonie Fantastique! Fun, interactive and beginner friendly!

PLAY APLENTY!

A variety of play options for our littlest patrons. See online calendar for program descriptions.

Sensory Playtime	Mondays: September 16 October 14 & November 11	10:00-11:00 a.m.	Registration Required
Baby & Tot Playtime (when storytime isn't in session)	Tuesdays & Thursdays: September & October	10:00-11:00 a.m.	No Registration
Pre-K Play	Wednesday, September 4	10:00-11:00 a.m.	No Registration



Dinosaur Party! Sunday, November 10 • 2:00-3:30 p.m.

All Ages. Love dinos? Come to our prehistoric celebration! We will have games, activities, and crafts for all ages. It will be a roaring good time! Register for a reminder email or text.

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LIBRARY HOURS

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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 1

Monday, September 2

Staff Training Day

Friday, November 15

Thanksgiving Holiday

Wednesday, November 27

Open: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 28

LIBRARY ADMINISTRATOR

G. Kevin Davis

MESSENGER PUBLIC LIBRARY UPDATE

Parking Lot Resurfacing: The Library's entrance driveway and the parking lot will be resurfaced and then repaved this September. Portions of concrete curbing and sidewalks will be replaced to meet safety codes. The Library will need to close on certain days. Specific days will be dependent upon the weather. The Crossroads Fox Valley Church parking lot may be used when there are not enough parking spaces in the Library's main patron lot. Check the Library website for closing dates/times and accessibility during the project.

SWAN Library Services App

Never forget your library card again!

A new mobile app is available for iOS and Android devices. Download the "SWAN Library Services" app and log in with your library card. Manage your account and link family library cards, scan barcodes to search the catalog, find digital and physical items, and view our program calendar all within a single app. For help, contact the Library at 630-896-0240 or visit bit.ly/SWANapp.

WiFi Hotspots

Check-Out the Internet!

No internet access while on the road for work or a vacation? Perhaps you have no internet access at home? The Library rents portable WiFi hotspots. They can be checked out with your Messenger Library Card if you are a North Aurora resident. For further information contact the Library at 630-896-0240.

¡GRATIS!

Inglés Conversacional para Hispanohablantes! Conversational English for Spanish Speakers

Mondays: September 16, October 7 & 21, November 4 & 18 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.

lunes: septiembre 16, octubre 7 & 21, noviembre 4 & 18 • 7:00-8:00 pm.

Le damos la bienvenida para que vengas a nuestro grupo y para mejorar sus habilidades de hablar Inglés.

Por favor, regístrate con anticipación @ messengerpl.org o por teléfono.

Para adultos y adolescentes de 16 o más. (630) 896-0240.

Homebound Service: Do you know someone who can't come to the Library? The Library can bring books, movies, and more to North Aurorans with a long-term or short-term disability. Learn more by contacting asd@messengerpl.org, call, or stop in at the Help Desk.