

# MESSENGER PUBLIC LIBRARY OF NORTH AURORA

## AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2021

September is **LIBRARY** ALA American Library Association  
**CARD SIGN-UP MONTH**

Celebrate with  
**Marley Dias!**



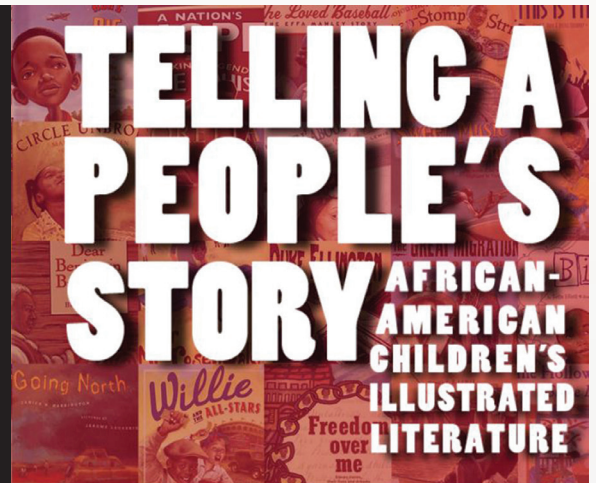
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Did you know that with a library card you can check out books, DVDs, use eResources and more? Your library card also provides access to technology, multimedia content and educational programming that transforms lives and strengthens our community.

Marley Dias, founder of #1000BlackGirlBooks, author, and executive producer is taking on a new role as honorary chair of Library Card Sign-Up Month. This September, Dias will join the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries nationwide in promoting the power of a library card.

**Panel Exhibition: October 9 - December 1**  
**Opening: Saturday, October 9**

For the first time, African-American children's illustrated literature is the focus of an exhibition featuring art produced for book illustrations. The presentation of this genre offers a lens into the cultural, historical, and social makeup of African-American cultural identity, while also shedding light on the long-neglected world of African-American authors and illustrators in the pantheon of children's literature.



### Page Turners: School Year Challenge

Kindergarten-Grade 12

Beginning September 1, join Page Turners to explore new worlds, genres, formats and more! Pick up a tracker at the library or participate via [messengerpl.beanstack.org](https://messengerpl.beanstack.org) or download the Beanstack Tracker app.

**Page Turners Party:** Monday, October 11 @ 2:00 p.m.

### StoryWalk® Week

November 15-19

All ages. It's time to stroll along a story!  
Stop by to enjoy Messenger Library's first StoryWalk®, a wonderful way to promote literacy and encourage movement.  
*No registration required.*



Keep track of all the books you and your little ones are reading and get prizes before Kindergarten!

*Register on Beanstack to get started or pick up where you left off.  
Messenger Public Library Card Required.*



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

# PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Call or check our online calendar for more information and registration for adult programs. Register in advance to receive a Zoom link. Teens are always welcome, except for our Art Club which requires a registered adult as well as teen.

## **Roving the Red Planet** Tuesday, September 7 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Join Director for Public Observing in the Adler Planetarium Michelle Nichols-Yehling to cover the past, present, and future of Martian exploration, plus discover highlights of the current mission of Mars' newest visitor, the Perseverance rover. *Register for the Zoom link.*

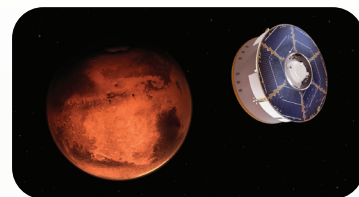


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1926 portrait by Guillermo Kahlo



## **Frida Kahlo & the Mexican Revolution**

Monday, September 20 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.

John Paris, College of DuPage Professor of History and Latin American Studies, will discuss the social and political consequences of the Mexican Revolution, how it sparked the Constitution of 1917, and its impact

on members of Mexico's art community, including Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo. *Register to join the Zoom link.*

## **Crime of the Century: The Dawn of Celebrity Trials**

Monday, October 4 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Join us on Zoom to be fascinated as spellbinding storyteller Barry Bradford unravels a mesmerizing story of murder and madness, sex and celebrity at the dawn of the twentieth century. *Register for the Zoom link.*



Illustration: Evening Telegram

## **The Haunted Page: Tricks and Tales**

Wednesday, October 20 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Magician, storyteller, and author William Pack returns on Zoom with an all new spellbinding stories and spine-tingling magic show of performance and storytelling. *Register for the Zoom link.*



## **White Resistance: Understanding the Obstacles to Change**

Monday, November 1 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.

From the attempted coup on January 6, to decreased support for Black Lives Matter, to new limits on the discussion of race in classrooms, we are experiencing a wave of White resistance to racial equality. This Zoom talk with Michael Moorehead of College of DuPage will explore this resistance and offer sociological analyses to help us better understand where we are, how we got here, and how we can move forward. *Register for the Zoom link.*

## **Movie Music Romance II**

Monday, November 15 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Join us for a Zoom presentation of sensational songs and dances from the past 100 years of film history as John LeGear showcases more of the most creatively conceived movie scenes, love songs and dance pairings ever seen on the silver screen. *Register for the Zoom link.*

# IN-PERSON PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

## **Spiral Bound: Sharing Recipes the Community Way**

Thursday, October 21 • 7:00-9:00 p.m.

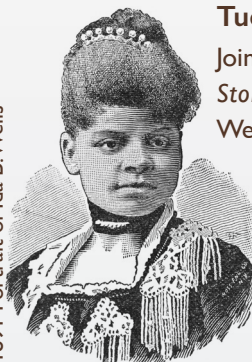


Join the Culinary Historians of Northern Illinois, in person or on Zoom, for an evening

centered on the community cookbook and its far-reaching contributions.

For more information, call the library to contact Library Administrator and CHNI Liaison, Kevin Davis, or email [gkdavis@messengerpl.org](mailto:gkdavis@messengerpl.org).

1891 Portrait of Ida B. Wells



## **Documentary Screening: Chicago Stories: Ida B. Wells**

Tuesday, October 26 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Join us in person for a screening of the *Chicago Stories'* special, *Ida B. Wells*. Born a slave, Ida B. Wells was physically dragged out of a white ladies only train car at 21, which sparked a life-long fight for justice.

*Seating for this program is very limited, so please register in advance for a spot.*

## DISCUSSION GROUPS FOR ADULTS

Love to discuss books and ideas? Join one of the library's book groups on Zoom, and enjoy lively discussions of fiction and non-fiction titles. Register in advance for a Zoom link and more information. Will we ever meet in-person? Check the website to see if we can meet outside this fall. EBooks and eAudiobooks may be available on Hoopla, Overdrive, Libby, or Axis360. Print copies and audiobooks may be available for checkout. Contact the Help Desk for assistance.

### Narrative Nonfiction Book Discussion Group

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month • 7:00-8:00 p.m.

September 13: *Aloha Rodeo: Three Hawaiian Cowboys, the World's Greatest Rodeo, and a Hidden History of the American West* by David Wolman and Julian Smith

October 11: *The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration* by Isabel Wilkerson

November 8: *Packing for Mars: The Curious Science of Life in the Void* by Mary Roach

### Midweek Murder Mystery Club

Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month • 2:00-3:00 p.m.

September 15: *The Woman in the Green Dress* by Tea Cooper

October 20: *The Glass Ocean* by Beatriz Williams, Lauren Willig & Karen White

November 17: *Turkey Day Murder* by Leslie Meier

### TED Ideas worth spreading Talks

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month • 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Join us each month as we watch and discuss two Ted Talks related by theme.

September 8: **Books:**

- *How books can open your mind*
- *My year reading a book from every country in the world*

October 13: **Curiosity and Understanding:**

- *How language shapes the way we think*
- *How to get better at things you care about*

November 10: **Innovation:**

- *What a digital government looks like*
- *The playful wonderland behind great inventions*

### Messenger Evening Book Discussion Group

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

September 2: *Leaving Coy's Hill* by Katherine A. Sherbrooke

October 7: *The Jane Austen Society* by Natalie Jenner

November 4: *The Gown* by Jennifer Robson

## ARTS & CRAFTS FOR ADULTS

### Art Club for Grownups (Zoom) 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month • 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Art Club programs provide an opportunity for adults to explore their artistic spirit. Each month we explore a different art medium. *Beginners welcome! Space is limited. Register in advance to receive a Zoom link. Most supplies will be available to pick up before class. For adults and teens over 16 (with registered adult).*

September 11

**Paper Quilled Fall Leaves**

Register beginning August 1.

October 9

**Paint Like Frida**

Register beginning September 1.

November 13

**Doodle & Paint Animal Portraits**

Register beginning October 1.

### Monthly Take-Home Craft

Pick up supplies each month for a small craft. Kits are available beginning on the first day of each month, while supplies last. *One kit per person, no registration necessary. For adults and teens over 16.*

September 1: **Animal Corner Bookmarks** October 1: **Mod Podge Bookish Skulls** November 1: **Macramé Key Chains**

### Family History Help (One-on-one; On Zoom or in the library. You decide!)

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month: September 18, October 16, November 20 • 2:00-3:00 p.m. OR 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Focus on your specific genealogy questions, or get started with your family history research.

*Register in advance for one of two sessions in each or every month, and let us know if you wish to meet in person or on Zoom. Let us know what topic interests you, and we will prepare resources to share. Beginners welcome!*

# TEENS

Register for teen programs online at [messengerpl.org](http://messengerpl.org) or by phone, (630) 801-4340.

**Art & Chill Outside** Wednesdays • 6:00-7:30 p.m. • September 15, October 6, November 17  
Grades 6-12. Wishing to socialize while you create? Come hang out in the library's backyard and do just that!  
Work on your current project or try one of ours. *We will meet outside, weather permitting. Registration recommended.*

## Halloween Movie Night

Wednesday, October 27 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Grades 6-12. Watch a fun Halloween movie under the stars.  
Bring a chair and blanket. We'll provide the popcorn and drinks.  
Follow us on Instagram to help us select which movie to watch.  
*Registration recommended.*

## Teen Escape Room: Escape from Greece

Monday, November 8 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Grades 6-12. Solve riddles, decipher clues and find the key to escape in just 60 minutes!  
*Registration Required.*



## Teen Game Night: Jackbox Games

 Wednesday, September 22 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Grades 6-12. Come play your favorite Jackbox Games on the big screen outside!  
*Be sure to bring a charged device. If the weather is poor, we will move the party inside. Registration recommended.*

## FAFSA Workshop

Wednesday, November 3 • 6:00-8:00 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. *Registration required.*

## Teen Volunteers

Students entering grades 6-12 are welcome to volunteer at the library! Help with programs, special projects, or around the library.

Applications are available at [messengerpl.org/teenvolunteers](http://messengerpl.org/teenvolunteers).

# KITS FOR TEENS, KIDS & FAMILIES

## Fall Book Subscriptions

PICTURE BOOK BAGS (Ages 0-8)

ELEMENTARY BOXES (Kindergarten-Grade 5)

TEEN BOXES (Grades 6-12)

Pick up a box/bag every month with books chosen just for you plus some treats for you to keep. Turn in your box/bag each month to be eligible for the next month's books.

*Limited supply; registration and Messenger Library card required.*

## STEAM Activities

Ages 0-5 and kids in kindergarten-grade 5. Pick up a new take-home craft, scavenger hunt, or other activity, available every Monday.

*While supplies last. Register for a reminder email or text.*

## Teen Take Out

### FEATURED KITS

September 27: **Inktober Kit**

November 1: **NaNoWriMo Kit**

Grades 6-12. Stop by every Monday to pick up a take home kit.

*Available while supplies last.*



## Family Storytime & Craft Kits

September 15: **Celebrate Fall**

October 15: **Bats**

November 15: **I Am Thankful**

Ages 2-5 and families. Reserve a kit with books, crafts and activities perfect for an interactive DIY storytime.

*Register online to reserve a kit.*

## Fall Craft Kits

October 23: **Thankful Jar Craft**

November 13: **Pumpkin Turkey Craft**

Kindergarten-grade 5. Pick up a fall craft kit to make at home.  
*Register online to reserve a kit.*



## Teen Creativebug Kit

September 15: **Japanese Side Sewn Sketchbook**

October 15: **Leather Wrap Bracelet**

November 15: **Six Pocket Keepsake Book**

Grades 6-12. Learn a new skill while completing a fun craft kit. Creativebug is a craft database that you can access online for free through the library! *Register to reserve a kit.*

# KIDS & FAMILIES

Register for kids programs online at [messengerpl.org](http://messengerpl.org) or by phone, (630) 801-4340. Programs will be in-person and outside (weather permitting), unless noted. Registration required.

## Curious Families

Saturdays, September 4 & October 2 • 10:00 a.m.  
November Kit Pickup begins Saturday, November 6  
Kindergarten-Grade 5 and families. Explore all things STEAM!  
*If cancelled due to weather, take-home kits will be available.*  
Register as a family/group, entering how many will need supplies.

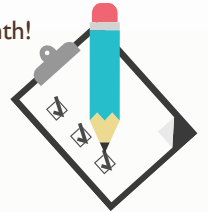
## Scavenger Hunts

All ages. A new scavenger hunt every month!

September: **Animals**

October: **Monster**

November: **Dinovenember**



## STORYTIMES

Wednesdays • 10:30-11:00 a.m.

Aimed at ages 2-5 and caregivers. Join us to sing songs and read stories featuring characters and creators from a wide variety of backgrounds, highlighting historically underrepresented races, religions, individuals, and families.

### Storytime in the Sun (Library Back Lawn)

September 8, 15 & 22, October 6 & 13

### Family Storytime (Zoom)

September 29, October 20, November 3 & 17

## Pumpkin Painting

Saturday, September 25 • 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Grades 3-5. Getting ready for Halloween?  
Join us for Pumpkin Painting. Each participant will receive a pumpkin and paint.



## Be Part of the Story: Book Character Dress Up

Sunday, October 24 - Sunday October 31

Calling all book lovers! Visit the library dressed as your favorite book character, and pick up a fun prize. Can't come in to the library? Share your photo on our Facebook page.  
[#messengerlibrary](https://www.facebook.com/messengerlibrary)

## Monster Mash Storytime

Thursday, October 28 • 10:30 a.m.

Aimed at ages 2-5. Celebrate the season of scares with a Monster Mash! Join us on the library's back lawn for stories and songs about monsters. Wear your costumes, too!  
*We will move to Zoom if needed due to weather.*  
Registration required.

## Halloween Weekend Activities

Thursday, October 28 through Sunday, October 31

Stop by the library for some Halloween themed fun and activities all weekend long! We will have crafts, games, and much more. Come in costume and bring your sweet tooth!

## Family Bingo **No School!**

Monday, September 20 • 2:00 p.m.

All ages. Come play Bingo with us!  
Please register as a family and let us know how many people will attend with your group.

## Outdoor Family Movie Night

Thursday, October 14 • 6:00 p.m.

All ages. Join us for a spooky movie on the big screen outside! Bring a blanket and chairs, we will provide the popcorn.  
Stop by the library to vote on what we should watch!

## Mystery Adventure Club #3

Saturday, September 11 • 10:00 a.m.

**OR** Monday, September 13 • 4:00 p.m.

## Mystery Adventure Club #4

Saturday, October 9 • 10:00 a.m.

**OR** Monday, October 11 • 4:00 p.m.

Grades 4-6. There will be puzzles to solve and codes to decipher.



## Family Escape Room: Dinovenember

Saturday, November 6 • 10:00 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:00 p.m.

**OR** Sunday, November 7 • 1:30 p.m., 3:00 p.m.

Grades 3-8 and caregivers. Do you have the brainpower and teamwork skills to solve riddles, decipher clues and find the key to escape in just 45 minutes? Select your time slot online with your family or friends!

*Only one family per time slot, recommended for groups of at least four people.*

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1:00-5:00 p.m.

## LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Labor Day Holiday  
Sunday, September 5 &  
Monday, September 6

Thanksgiving Holiday  
Wednesday, November 24  
Open: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
Thursday, November 25

## COMMUNITY OF NORTH AURORA



National Alliance on Mental Illness

A public service announcement from Antonita Toni King,  
Community Outreach Liaison for the National Alliance  
for the Mentally Ill of Kane & DuPage County

What does a support system look like to you? Do you have your parents, siblings or even your dear children as your support? Or, do you have clinicians or mental health experts as your "go to" in times of sorrow, sadness, or deep depression? Consider this; you can have your support system in your life and go to them even on your good days. What does a good day look like to you? Wrapped under a warm blanket while you read a book on history, science, or art? Or is solitude your choice for a good day? See yourself inviting others to enjoy your good days with you. Did you know that NAMI KDK can serve as your support and even a refuge? You may wonder...how? How can an affiliate that advocates and educates you on mental health programs serve as a support to you?

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