

MESSENGER

PUBLIC LIBRARY OF NORTH AURORA

SPRING NEWSLETTER 2018

Audiobooks Aren't Cheating!

Thursday, May 3 • 6:30-7:15 p.m.

Convinced that audiobooks don't really count as reading? Unsure if letting your child or teen listen to a book will help them grow as a reader? In fact, listening to books can help improve fluency, expand vocabulary and increase motivation to read. Come learn more about the benefits of audiobooks as well as the variety of options for listening that the Library offers. Perfect for parents of reluctant readers, avid readers and everyone in between. *Registration requested.*

Ask A Librarian!

You can always schedule a one-on-one session with a reference librarian for assistance with your genealogy, research, software, technology or downloadable eBook questions. Please call in advance to check for librarian availability. *For adults ages 18 and up. Children and teens, please contact the Youth Services Department.*

National Library Week

Food for Fines • April 8-14, 2018



Celebrate Libraries and help your community with Food for Fines week. The Library will waive \$1 in overdue fines for each item of non-perishable food donated, up to a maximum of \$10 per library card. Needed items include: canned vegetables or fruit, baking mixes, rice, beans, soups, spaghetti sauce and pasta. Library staff cannot accept out-of-date, damaged, or open

food items. Donated food items will be sent to a local food pantry to serve the greater North Aurora and Aurora Community. Fines owed for lost, damaged or missing materials will not be waived. *For further information, please contact the Library at 630-896-0240.*

Summer Reading Volunteers

Students entering grades 7-12 are welcome to volunteer at the Library this summer! Applications are available beginning March 1 and due by May 1. Visit Youth Services or messengerpl.org for an application and more details.

“Page-in-Training” Volunteers

Grades 4-6. Join a new volunteer program! Volunteering will involve straightening the books in your assigned section, picking up the play space, and other simple tasks. To qualify, students must complete an application and commit to volunteering a minimum of two times per month for approximately 15 minutes at your convenience.

Historic Recipe Road Show Saturday June 23 • 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 noon ; 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Illustration by Eleanor Hanson



The Culinary Historians of Northern Illinois (CHNI) is sending out a call for handwritten recipes at least 50 years old or older. Look now for Mom's, Grandma's, Auntie or Dad's recipes for the Cookery Manuscript Project as CHNI will be recording these historic recipes and related family culinary memories for their growing archive as a way to study Illinois political and social history. Bring these to the Historic Recipe Road Show and meet with an expert who can tell you more about your family recipes while they're being digitally preserved to become part of CHNI's digitized collection. To register your recipe and your back story prior to the program and for more information go to culinaryhistoriansofnorthernillinois.com.

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PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Please stop in, call, or check our online calendar for more information and registration for adult programs. Registration for adult programs starts on the first of each month preceding a program date.



Illinois at 200: The Storytelling & Trivia Game Show

Thursday, March 22 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Take one part history, one part storytelling, and one part trivia game, add prizes, and what do you get? Join William Pack with this fun and informative, once in 200 years chance to celebrate the bicentennial of Illinois.

Space is limited, so please register in advance. For adults.



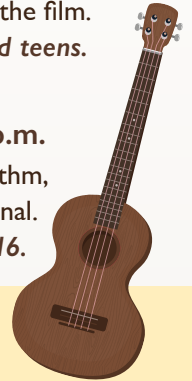
Autism Acceptance Month Film Screening

Saturday, April 7 • 2:00-4:30 p.m.

Join us for a film, discussion, and popcorn as we screen local filmmaker Alyssa Huber's documentary "Through Our Eyes: Living With Asperger's." The film documents the lives of several young people living with Asperger's Syndrome. A short discussion and Q & A will follow the film. Please register in advance. For adults and teens.

Beginning Ukulele Saturday, April 21 • 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! Grass skirt is optional. No experience necessary. Space is very limited, register in advance. For adults and teens over 16.



¡GRATIS! Inglés Conversacional para Hispanohablantes! Conversational English for Spanish Speakers

Meets every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month

Mondays, March 5 & 19 | April 2 & 16 | May 7 & 21 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.

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Le damos la bienvenida para que vayan a nuestro grupo y para mejorar sus habilidades de hablar Inglés. Por favor, regístrese con anticipación @ messenger.pl.org o por teléfono. Se proporcionarán bebidas.

Para adultos y adolescentes de 16 o más.

We welcome you to come to our group and improve your English speaking skills. Please register in advance, online or call (639) 896-0240. Refreshments will be served.

ADULTING 101: Programs for ADULTS & TEENS

Being an adult can be tough, whether you are just starting out or you've been doing it for a while. The Library is here to help! Join one or all of our Adulting 101 classes, and take your grownup skills to the next level. Suitable for ages 15 to 150. Space will be limited, so please register in advance.

Getting Comfy in the Kitchen

Saturday, March 24 • 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Lost in the kitchen? We can help! Chef Che' of N'Awlins Edibles will be showing us a few easy kitchen hacks: how to pick out produce, the essentials of meal prep, how to season a cast iron skillet, and more.

Basic Finance 101

Saturday, April 28 • 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Re-learn the basics of how to manage your personal finances. Identify the terminology and methods of budgeting and credit. You will acquire the tools to set goals, create savings plans, and learn how to maintain a personal budget. Explore types of loans, learn how to pay off debt, and delve into the differences between credit reports and credit scores.



Self Defense 101

Saturday, May 19 • 2:00-4:00 p.m.

You don't need a black belt to know how to protect yourself. Come to the Library and learn the basics of self-defense. Experts from World Martial Arts Academy USA will teach you some easy techniques. Please wear comfortable clothes, as you'll be moving around a lot for this program.

Crushing the Job Interview

Saturday, June 23 • 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Wish you knew the secret to crushing your next job interview? Bob Schlacks has the answer. With 22 years of HR experience, Bob will share what to do before, during, and after the interview, plus so much more. This program is geared towards anyone looking for a job, whether it is a summer job between semesters, your first full-time job, or getting back into the workforce.

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. *For adults. Refreshments will be served.*

Messenger Evening Book Discussion Group

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



March 1: *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng

April 5: *The Orphan's Tale* by Pam Jenoff

May 3: *The Child* by Fiona Barton

Morning Coffee Break & A Book

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



March 27: *The News of the World* by Paulette Jiles

April 24: *The Radium Girls* by Kate Moore

May 22: *The Silent Sister* by Diane Chamberlain

MONTHLY GROUPS FOR ADULTS

Games for Grownups

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

Welcome to the world of board games! Join us as we play games such as *Ticket to Ride* and *King of Tokyo*. A different game is featured each month, or we'll host open gaming. *Beginners welcome. For adults.*

Classic Cinema

Meets 1st Tuesday of the month

Starts promptly at 2:00-4:00 p.m.

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

March 6: *West Side Story* - Starring Natalie Wood

April 3: *All About Eve* - Starring Bette Davis

May 1: *Pillow Talk* - Starring Doris Day
& Rock Hudson

Fox Valley Writers Group

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



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



ASL Conversations

Meets every Wednesday
7:00-8:00 p.m.

For older teens and adults. Drop-in to practice your American Sign Language skills. This is an informal group. You don't need to come every week.

Beginners are welcome, but no instructor will be present.

Genealogy Group

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

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. For adults.

ART CLUB FOR GROWNUPS

2nd Saturday of the month

Starts promptly at 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

For adults and teens over 13 (with registered adult). Looking for a fun, artistic opportunity? Look no further! Art Club programs provide an opportunity for adults to explore their artistic spirit. Each month we explore a different art medium. *Beginners welcome! Advance registration required, space is very limited. All materials will be provided.*

March 10: Paper Quilling

Artist Karina Guico teaches the art of paper quilling. Also known as paper filigree, paper quilling is the art of rolling strips of paper and pinching or arranging the coils or strips into shapes and designs. Learn the different quilling techniques to create fun designs.

April 14: Magazine Strip Silhouettes

April is National Recycling Month, so celebrate with us by creating beautiful works of art using discarded magazines. We will start with colorful magazine strips, and then silhouette with black paper in the shape of an animal of your choice. *All supplies will be provided.*

May 12: DIY Sun Catchers

Here comes the sun! This month we will create one-of-a-kind sun catchers using Mason jar lids, coloring book pages, permanent markers, colorful glass beads and clear plastic. *Bring your creativity, and we will provide all the supplies!*

KIDS & FAMILIES

For youth and teen programs, registration begins Monday, February 26. Registration required for all programs, unless noted. Please register at messengerpl.org, (630) 801-4340, or in person.

Caudill Book Club

Mondays • 6:30-7:30 p.m.

March 19: *Hour of the Bees* - by Lindsay Eager

April 16: *The Boy on the Wooden Box*
- by Leon Leyson

May 21: *Goodbye Stranger* - by Rebecca Stead

Grades 4-8. Enjoy snacks and conversation about each month's book. The first five to register at the Library will receive a free copy of the book.

Registration opens at the previous book discussion.

Homework Help

Tuesdays when SD129 has school • 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Kindergarten-Grade 5. Teen volunteers help students with homework, read together, or practice flash cards.

No registration is necessary, but you may register online for a reminder email or text.

Curious Kids

Tuesdays: March 20 & April 17 • 4:00-4:45 p.m.

Kindergarten-Grade 3. Explore art, nature, and science with stories and activities. *Dress to get messy!*
Registration required.



Thursdays: March 8,
April 12 & May 10
6:30-7:30 p.m.

All ages. Build a creation to display at the Library!
Register online for a reminder via email or text.

Homeschool Fun

Fridays: March 23, April 27 & May 18
10:00-11:00 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.*

TWEENS & TEENS

Abe Lincoln Book Club

Wednesdays • 7:00-8:00 p.m.

March 7: *Highly Illogical Behavior* - by John Corey Whaley

April 4: *Salt to the Sea* - by Ruta Sepetys

May 2: *When We Collided* - by Emery Lord

Grades 8-12. Enjoy snacks and conversation about each month's book. The first five to register at the Library will receive a free copy of the book.

Registration opens at the previous book discussion.

Teen Hangout

Wednesdays: March 28, April 25 & May 30
6:30-8:00 p.m.

Grades 6-12. Come to the Library and hang out with your friends. We'll have the Wii U out to play games, craft supplies, or you can simply chill. Register for a reminder email or text.

De-Stress Fest

Monday, May 14 - Monday May 21

Grades 9-12. Need a break from studying? We have both quiet places to study and activities to help you de-stress! Stop by the Teen Space throughout the week to find new ways to relax. Visit the Tinker Room for some snacks and hot chocolate. Happy studying!



WiiU Tournaments

Sunday, April 22
2:30-4:00 p.m.
Grades 4-12

Do you have what it takes to be the champion?
There can only be one.

Register to be assured a spot in the tournament.

COLLEGE PREP

Financial Aid Award Letter Appointments

 Wednesday, March 21 • 6:00-8:00 p.m.

All ages. Schedule an appointment to review your financial aid award letters with a trained ISACorps member.

These near-peer mentors can offer one-on-one assistance on financial aid and transitioning to college.

Registration required at 630-801-4340 or in person at the Youth & Teen Services desk.



Financial Aid 101

 Wednesday, April 18 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.

All ages, especially grades 10-11 and parents. 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.*

KIDS & FAMILIES

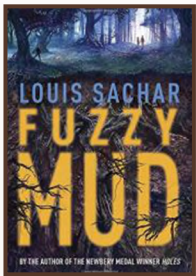
For drop-in programs, you may register online at messengerpl.org for a reminder email or text. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult while in the Library.

Family Movie Matinee

Monday, March 26 • 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 while in the Library.

Register if you want a reminder email or text.



Fuzzy Mud Slime Party

Thursday, March 29 • 3:30-4:30 p.m.

All ages, aimed at Grades 3-8 and families. Have you read *Fuzzy Mud* yet? Love slime? Join us to make fuzzy slime and more in honor of the bestselling book!

Registration required.

Super Circuits

Sunday, April 8 • 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Grades 3-8. It's electric! Power up lights and games using circuits that snap, squish and more!

Funded by the North Aurora Mothers Club.

Registration required.

THE LIBRARY STRIKES BACK!

Sunday, April 29 • 2:00-4:00 p.m.

All ages. Are you ready for May the Fourth Be with You? Celebrate all things Star Wars with activities, games and photo ops. Register for a reminder email or text.



BABIES & PRESCHOOL

Let's Pretend!

Mondays: March 12 & April 9 • 10:00-11:00 a.m.

All ages, aimed at ages 2-5 with caregiver. Come enjoy an assortment of toys with your child for an opportunity at dramatic play. Dramatic play encourages kids to work together, imagine unfamiliar situations and is a stepping stone to literacy. Each session will feature a different theme and a variety of activities.

Family Storytime + Craft

Mondays: March 12, April 9, May 14
6:30-7:15 p.m.

All ages. Join us for stories and a craft aimed at ages 3-6. Please register each child attending.



Sensory Playtime

Mondays, March 26 & April 23 • 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Babies-Preschool and caregivers. Come 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. Registration for each child attending is requested.

Messy Hands

Thursdays: March 15 & April 19 • 6:30-7:15 p.m.

All ages, aimed at ages 2-5 and families. "It's the process, not the product." Enjoy stories followed by a variety of hands-on art experiences and sensory activities. Dress to get messy! Registration required for each week.

SPRING STORYTIMES

March 20 - April 26

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



Storytime with Friends!

Clifford: Saturday, March 24 • 3:00 p.m.

Curious George: Friday, April 20 • 11:00 a.m.

All ages. Enjoy stories and songs with some of our favorite characters! Don't forget your camera!

Please register each child attending.



1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Babies-Preschool and caregivers. Read 1000 books with your children before kindergarten! Reading together every day encourages learning, healthy brain development, and family bonding. Any child who has not yet entered kindergarten and has a Messenger Public Library card can participate. Visit messengerpl.org/1000books to create your account and get started!

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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

Spring Holiday
(Easter Sunday)
Sunday, April 1

Staff Development
Friday, March 16
Closed: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Open: 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Memorial Day Holiday
Friday, May 25 through
Monday, May 28

LIBRARY ADMINISTRATOR

G. Kevin Davis

MESSENGER PUBLIC LIBRARY UPDATE



SWAN (System Wide Automated Network) is coming May 2018

Messenger Library is joining SWAN, (System Wide Automated Network www.swanlibraries.net), a nonprofit that serves over 130 libraries throughout the Chicagoland area, including Batavia, Geneva, St. Charles, and Sugar Grove Public Libraries. By working together, the Library will be able to share an online public access catalog and more than 8 million items available for use. (The online catalog allows you to browse, place holds, and check out books, DVDs, and more.) Stay tuned for more information as we near the date.

Illinois Primary Election Registration & Early Voting Information



2018 Primary Election: Tuesday, March 20, 2018

Last Day to Register to Vote: Tuesday, February 20, 2018



EARLY VOTING PERIOD

(ONLY at the Kane County Elections Main Office)

Starts: Thursday, February 8, 2018

Ends: Monday, March 19, 2018

GRACE PERIOD VOTER REGISTRATION

(ONLY at the Kane County Elections Main Office)

Starts: Wednesday, February 21, 2018

Ends: Tuesday March 20, 2018

For more information and a sample ballot, visit the Kane County Elections website: kanecountyelections.org

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