



MESSENGER PUBLIC LIBRARY OF NORTH AURORA

SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2020

Explore, discover, and grow with the Library this summer – in person or online! We challenge you to read, listen, look, and expand your horizons. Enter to win prizes with a local flavor. Visit the Library or our website to learn about additional programs and activities that we have planned for the summer.

We encourage all families, adults and community members to explore a new topic each week! We'll share plenty of suggestions to dig into everything from sports and the arts to your neighborhood and the world. Pick up a Challenge Passport at the Library or log into your Beanstack account to track daily reading and find ideas to help you explore, discover, and grow this summer.



Participate Online With Beanstack!

Accept the Summer Challenge from anywhere by visiting messengerpl.beanstack.org or downloading the Beanstack Tracker app. Log in to update your account, join the Summer Challenge, log your daily reading, and complete activities to earn badges, books, prizes, and digital drawing tickets.

If your child or teen has participated in Summer Reading, Winter Reading, 1000 Books Before Kindergarten, or the School Year Challenge, your family has Beanstack accounts! Adults, you may have a Beanstack account if you've participated in recent reading programs. If you don't remember your login or password, click the 'forgot password' button or contact Youth Services to reset your account.



JUNE ► JULY ► AUGUST

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LIBRARY!

While the Library was temporarily closed, we've been working behind the scenes to bring you more useful resources and fun programs. Do you want to receive regular Library eBlasts and eNewsletters to keep you posted with upcoming virtual programs and Library events? Do you want suggestions for books, DVDs and streaming video, eBooks and eAudiobooks? Sign up to receive suggestions in your in-box.

Please stop in, call, or check our website and online calendar for more information and program registration.

NextReads
Find your next read



Book Newsletters Are you looking for a few good books to read? Recommendations for new books, old favorites and buried treasures can be delivered straight to your email inbox. Choose from more than 25 genres, interests, and age groups to receive exactly what fits your interests. Each book featured in a newsletter has a direct link to the catalog, so you'll be able to check immediately whether the items are available at Messenger Public Library and place a hold. Visit bit.ly/MPLNextReads to sign up.

LED Interior Lights Conversion

In January, the Library Board approved expenditure of over \$24,000 from the Capital Facility Project account for the conversion of all the current Library interior fluorescent lighting to more efficient LED lighting. Once completed, the project will provide savings for the taxpayers of the Village of North Aurora, realized through lesser need for maintenance and lower operating costs due to the lower energy consumption of the LED lights. The project was completed via a partial grant from Commonwealth Edison. Frost Electrical Company has been working on the project during the Library shutdown and the project will be completed by the end of May.

Personalized Book Selection Services!

Fill out our new online form to have Library staff choose books just for you and your family. Staff will put together a selection of suggestions and place them on hold for you. Once notified everything is ready for you, just pop by the Library to pick up your items and check them out. If there are specific titles you want, place a hold through the SWAN Libraries app or search the catalog from our website messengerpl.org. Visit messengerpl.org/get-book-recs to get started.

Check Out Games From Messenger Public Library!

Use your Messenger Library card to check out a game from our large collection of table games, such as *King of Tokyo*, *Small World*, *Settlers of Catan*, *Yahtzee*, *Chess*, *Sorry!* and more. You'll find something for all ages to enjoy.



COMMUNITY MATTERS

Show Your Gratitude

Join us in thanking our local first responders and essential service providers for their continued efforts to protect and care for our community. We want to package and distribute thank you gift baskets from the community of North Aurora. Help support local businesses, too! Gift certificates for local businesses are also appreciated. To participate, drop off thank you and/or gift cards at the Library before July 1st.



Homebound Delivery

Are you unable, or know someone who is unable, to come to the Library? We provide home delivery of library items to North Aurora residents of any age, who are unable to visit the Library due to a temporary or permanent disability or extended illness. With this program, you can have full access to books, DVDs, audiobooks and more.

Email asd@messengerpl.org or call Adult Services for more information and an application.

You're the Expert!

We're looking for community members to share their culture, traditions or expertise! If you're interested in helping run a children's, family or adult program, or want to serve as a resource for staff planning cultural activities, please get in touch.

For youth and family programs, contact Youth Services at ysd@messengerpl.org.

For adult programs, contact Adult Services at asd@messengerpl.org.

Trustee Election Spring 2021.

If you are interested in serving on the North Aurora Library Board of Trustees, there will be four Board seats whose terms will be expiring in April 2021. For further information on filing your intention to run and petitions to have your name on the ballot for the April 2021 Consolidated Election contact the Library Administrator Kevin Davis at 630-896-0240.

**Census
2020** 
MAKE SURE ILLINOIS COUNTS.

Now more than ever, your participation in the Census 2020 can economically benefit North Aurora and Kane County. Take advantage of the opportunity to make sure North Aurora counts by filling out your Census 2020 form online, by phone, or paper.

www.illinoiscensus2020.com

844-330-2020 • Spanish: 844-468-2020 • TTD: 844-467-2020

Register to Vote!

All North Aurora residents are encouraged to register to vote. Exercise your rights and participate in your democracy! 2020 is an election year. Library staff can provide information and register voters online.



DIGITAL BRANCH

Enjoy the Library from Anywhere!

Have you visited Messenger's Digital Branch? It's open 24/7! You can always find something new to read, enjoy, or learn with the online resources available at the Digital Branch.

Temporary Library Cards

Don't have a Messenger Library card? No time to visit the Library? On our website, you can now register for a temporary digital library card! Gain access to eBooks, eAudiobooks, streaming services and electronic databases for research, learning and fun. You must be at least 13 years of age to register online. Use all the great resources available in our Digital Branch until you can visit us for a full access card.

Chat Service Available On MPL Website!

Patrons of the Messenger Public Library may now interact live with Library staff to answer your questions. Check our website for hours of availability.

eBooks, eAudiobooks, Streaming Movies and More!

So many choices! You can checkout eBooks and eAudiobooks with your Messenger Library card with OverDrive and Axis360. We like the Libby app to access OverDrive books on your phone or tablet. Stream films, documentaries and tons of kids' shows with Kanopy – on your computer, or download the app to your smart TV.



Available to Messenger Public Library until August 31. No login or authentication necessary.

TumbleBooks has something for everyone: picture books and more on TumbleBookLibrary and TumbleBookMath for Kindergarten - Grade 6, TeenBookCloud for grades 7 - 12, AudioBookCloud for all ages, and the RomanceBookCloud for adults. The sites are easy to use and feature unlimited access from home!

Available through August 31!

You can read as many books as you want, when you want, and on any device. There are no check-outs, holds, or downloads. Books are available instantly!

Virtual Programming

Check our online calendar for all activities, from DIY storytimes to live and interactive events. *Register online for reminders.*

Family Game Night

Mondays, June 8 - July 27 @ 6:30 p.m.

Teen Game Night

Wednesdays, June 10 - July 29 @ 7:00 p.m.



Family Concert Online

June 1-7

Kick off summer fun with a lively concert from one of our favorite children's musicians! Jim Gill concerts encourage the whole family to participate in fun songs and games.

Register on our online calendar and you'll receive a link to enjoy a concert just for Messenger Public Library families. Registration required.

Free Breakfast & Lunch @ Messenger Public Library

June 8 - August 14

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays • 11:00-11:30 a.m.

For children and teens, 18 and younger. All families are welcome to pick up a boxed lunch and tomorrow's breakfast at the Library. Follow curbside pickup instructions for no contact pickup. Contact the Library for details on menus and current meal distribution rules.



Book Box Subscriptions

NEW!

Kindergarten - Grade 12

Pickup dates: Monthly from the 10th-12th

Kindergarten - Grade 12. Answer a few questions about what you like to read, and we'll select a book for you! Each box also includes some treats for you to keep. Turn in your box, including the book, each month to be eligible for another box. After registering on the online calendar, participants will receive confirmation and a survey to fill in personal preferences. Boxes generously sponsored by the North Aurora Mothers Club. *Numbers are limited; registration required.*

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Through May 30

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confirm reopening date.

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LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Independence Day Holiday

Saturday, July 4

Sunday, July 5

Labor Day Holiday

Sunday, September 6

Monday, September 7

LIBRARY ADMINISTRATOR

G. Kevin Davis

MESSENGER PUBLIC LIBRARY UPDATE

Summer Fun @ the Library June 1 - July 31

When the Library is open, we encourage you to visit weekly! We'll have a variety of activities to enjoy during your library visit to check in for the Summer Challenge and stock up on books and DVDs. Watch streaming video, check out ebooks and enjoy our virtual programs from home. Explore the Library at your own pace, test your trivia knowledge (or research skills), and pick up activity kits to take home to enjoy. Weekly activities will be updated every Monday.

While the Library is temporarily closed, we'll continue to offer weekly scavenger hunts and trivia contests online! Visit the Library, our website, or our social media channels to learn about additional activities that may be available this summer, or if activity adjustments are needed to keep the community safe and healthy.

Scavenger Hunts

Do you have the eagle eye needed to hunt down hidden treasures? Check with Adult and Youth Services to participate and see how quickly you can find everything.

Trivia Contest

Ready to test your trivia skills to win gift cards to local businesses? Submit your answers to each week's trivia questions and you may just be one of our winners!

STEAM Activity Kit

Visit the Library to pick up each week's take-home activity kit! We'll have four kits to choose from, aimed at:

- Families (With Young Children)
- Growing Readers (Early Elementary)
- Independent Readers (Late Elementary)
- Teen Take Out

New kits available each Monday, while supplies last.