



MESSENGER PUBLIC LIBRARY OF NORTH AURORA NEWSLETTER



Messenger Public Library **SUMMER CHALLENGE** Explore • Discover • Together **June 1-July 31, 2023**

AGES 0-100+ North Aurora, take the summer challenge to read and participate in fun activities! Everyone is invited to join the fun and earn prizes with challenges for every age. Pick up reading trackers at the library and log reading/activities online at messengerpl.beanstack.org or via the Beanstack Tracker app. Stop by the library all summer to enjoy trivia, scavenger hunts, guessing games, the Literacy Investigation Station, special prize drawings, and more!



Summer Challenge Kick-off with Comedy Magic Show **Saturday, June 3** **Families: 11 am** **Adults: 1:30 pm**

Magician Trent James will be here to amaze us with mind-boggling tricks and a side of humor! The family show will be outside (weather permitting), so bring your sunscreen and a blanket. Families, register for a reminder email or text. Adults, reserve your seat by registering online.

Sit On Down: Folk and Fairy Tales from the African Diaspora **Wednesday, June 28** **6:30 - 7:15 pm**

Young, old, and everyone in between are invited to join us for an evening of spellbinding stories with storyteller Kelly Campos. She will be sharing stories from the African diaspora and other lesser known tales, presented in her dynamic, inimitable style. Registration required.



North Aurora Days & DuPage Children's Museum Pop-Up

Friday, August 4 • 6 - 9 pm
Visit Messenger Public Library at North Aurora Days on August 4 and 5! On Friday evening, we're hosting DCM's Amazing Animals play exhibit for children. View the complete activity and concert schedule at northauroradays.org.

Help End Local Hunger!

Look for our collection table in the library entrance. Please check our website for a list of most needed items. We will be collecting needed items for the Aurora Interfaith Food Pantry during the months of June and July. Aurora Interfaith Food Pantry is one of the largest food pantries in Northern Illinois, distributing over 3.6 millions pounds of food per year to those in need.

The Aurora Interfaith Food Pantry also partners with a wide variety of community organizations to help enrich and improve the lives of our neighbors. You can find out more about the Aurora Food Pantry and make a monetary donation by visiting their website: www.aurorafoodpantry.org.

YOUTH SERVICES

Registration for youth and teen programs begins on Monday, May 22 online: messengerpl.org, by phone: 630-801-4340, or in person. For drop-in programs, you may register to receive a reminder email or text. Programs with a **R** require advance registration.

BABIES-PRESCHOOL

Stories in the Sun **R** Wednesdays, June 14-28 & July 12-26 • 10 - 10:30 am Ages 2-5 with caregiver.

Join us outside on the back lawn and listen to stories and songs. Build pre-literacy skills while learning about the world around us!

Baby Storytime **R** Tuesdays, June 13-27 & July 11-25 • 9:30 or 10:15 am Ages 0-24 months with caregiver.

Enjoy stories, songs, and movement to help foster early literacy skills.

Bedtime Stories **R** Tuesdays, June 20 & July 25 6 - 6:45 pm

Ages 2-5 with caregiver. Get ready for bed and enjoy bedtime stories and songs, along with a fun craft!

Superhero Storytime **R**

Mondays, June 5, July 3,
July 17 • 10 - 10:45 am

Ages 3-5 with caregiver. Enjoy superhero stories, songs, and activities! Sponsored by the DuPage Children's Museum and Robert McCormick Foundation.



Read & Play Baby **R** Mondays, June 26, July 24, August 21 • 10 - 11 am

Ages 0-2 with caregiver. Enjoy a short storytime plus playtime with your babies and toddlers.

Sensory Playtime Tuesday, June 6, Friday, July 7 Monday, August 7 • 10 - 11 am

Ages 0-4 with caregivers. Enjoy sensory play experiences with your little ones! Stations are designed to stimulate your child's mind through sensory, discovery, and gross motor activities. Register for a reminder email or text.

Screech Owl at Midnight Hollow **R** Saturday, July 15 • 1 pm

Ages 3-6 with caregiver. Hoot, hoot...you may have heard an owl, but have you seen one up close? Enjoy a story, interactive displays, and see an Eastern Screech owl and a Great Horned owl.

ALL AGES

Family Tie-Dye **R** Saturday, July 8 • 10 - 11:30 am

All ages. You bring a white cotton shirt, shoes, bag, etc. to dye, we will provide the rest! Register for a 15-minute time slot for your family/group.

Musical Play with ScribbleMonster **R** Monday, July 31 10:30 am

All ages and families. Bring your dancing shoes and wild imagination for music and play with Jim from ScribbleMonster. Using a mix of kindness, music and humor, ScribbleJim encourages children to play and think in creative ways.



Lego Club Thursdays, June 8, July 13, and August 10 • 6 - 7 pm

All ages. Drop by for Lego building fun at Messenger!



Summer Book Subscription **R**

Ages 0-18. Enjoy a new selection of books every month! Pick up your books on the 10th of June, July and August. Messenger Library card required.

KIDS (AGES 5-12)

Programs with a **R** require advance registration.

Reading Buddies **R**

Tuesdays, June 6 - July 25
(except July 4) • 11:30 am - 12 pm
For readers. Build confidence and fluency by reading aloud with a teen book buddy. Bring a favorite book or come to the library early to choose something new.

Creativity Lab **R**

Wed. June 7 • 11 - 11:45 am
DIY Stamp Art
Mon. July 10 • 6:30 - 7:15 pm
Super Animals
Mon. August 21 • 4 - 4:45 pm
Superhero Movies
Ages 8-12. Art, science, and technology, oh my! Join us for a new hands-on activity every month. Sponsored by the DuPage Children's Museum and Robert McCormick Foundation.

Read with Rover **R**

Sundays, June 18, July 16, August 20 • 2 - 3 pm
For readers. Love reading? Or dogs? Practice reading aloud with a licensed therapy dog from the Fox Valley Therapy Dog Club. Register for a 15-minute time slot.

Drive-In Movie Matinee **R**

Saturday, July 22 • 2 pm
For families. Join us for a family-friendly movie and snacks. Kids can hop behind the wheel of their own "car" for the full drive-in experience.

Junior Library Helpers **R**

Training: Monday, June 12 • 6 pm
Ages 9-11. Too young to be a Teen Volunteer but still want to help around the library? See online calendar for details and expectations.

Family Wonder Camp

Thursdays, June 15 & 29, July 6 & 27 • 10 - 11:30 am

Ages 5-10 with caregiver. Enjoy a summer of superhero science, art and engineering! Each date will feature different activity stations designed for those in grades 1-5. Adult participation encouraged! Sponsored by the DuPage Children's Museum and Robert McCormick Foundation. Register for a reminder email or text.



Early Readers Book Club

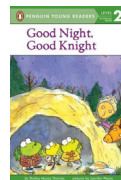
Saturdays • 10 - 10:45 am **R**



June 17: King & Kayla and the Lost Library Book by Dori Hillestad Butler



July 29: Sydney & Taylor Explore the Whole Wide World by Jacqueline Davies



August 19: Good Night Good Knight by Shelley Moore Thomas

Ages 5-7 with caregiver. Just starting to read or exploring early chapter books? Join us to read together, talk about books, and do crafts.

Spoon Man **R**

Monday, June 26 • 2 pm

Families, all ages. The "Spoon Man" offers a hilarious interactive comedy program. He gives a stirring performance. Everyone will eat him up. No bibs required. Enjoy outrageous impressions and a sing-along competition. In addition to spoons, you may even see him play forks and knives. It's a spoonful of family fun!



Birds of Prey **R**

Saturday, July 15 • 2:30 pm

Ages 7-12 with caregiver. Are you intrigued by raptors and birds of prey? Learn about their habitat, the roles they play in nature and in our lives, and how we can work to keep them safe. See live birds!

Family Yum Club **R**

Mondays, June 19, July 17, August 28 • 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Ages 5-10 with caregiver. Explore new places through food! Taste snacks and treats from a different country each month plus learn games and crafts. If food allergies are a concern, proceed with caution.

Foam Party **R**

Friday, July 28 • 11 am

Ages 0-10 with caregiver. Celebrate the end of summer with us at our epic foam party! Wear sunscreen and bring a change of clothes. See online calendar for more details.

TEENS

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Teen Taste Test: We All Scream for Ice Cream! **R**

Wed, June 7 • 3 - 4 pm

Ages 11-18. Ever wondered what is the best ice cream brand? Who gives you the most bang for your buck? Come and try out different ice cream brands and help us crown the best of the best.



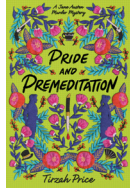
Teen Building Challenge

Thursday, June 15 • 7 pm **R**

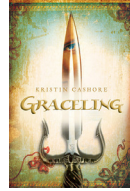
Ages 11-18. Complete building and engineering challenges using everyday objects like Lego and spaghetti. Test your skills and creativity with friends!

Teen Book Club **R**

Thursdays • 7 pm



June 29:
*Pride and
Premeditation*
by Tirzah Price



July 27:
Graceling
by Kristin Cashore

Ages 11-18. Join us for snacks and a lively discussion on each month's book. Registration required. The first five to register will receive free copies of the books.

Murder Mystery Monday: Bakers Dozen **R**

Mondays, July 10 & 17

3 - 4:30 pm

Ages 11-18. Do you have what it takes to solve a mystery? Help look through clues and examine evidence to figure out who the culprit is. Better come with your thinking cap on!

Sewing Basics Boot Camp **R**

Thursdays • 3 - 4 pm

July 6: *Sewing Basics*

July 13: *Mending Basics*

July 20: *Embroidery Fun*

Ages 11-18. Take Reduce, Reuse, Recycle to the next level by learning how to mend old clothes or add a bit of color to a drab garment! This three-part program will teach you the basics of hand sewing and embroidery, as well as how to use those skills. Space is limited.



TEEN VOLUNTEERS

Students ages 12-18 are welcome to volunteer at the Library! Visit messengerpl.org/teenvolunteers for requirements and applications.

**Volunteer
Midsummer Party**
Thursday, June 27 • 3 pm

Teen Volunteer Party
Thursday, August 3 • 7 pm

Teen Tie-Dye **R**

Saturday, July 22 • 11 am - 12 pm

Ages 11-18. Create with your friends this summer! Get your creativity on with tie-dye. Bring a white cotton shirt, shoes, bag, etc. to dye, we will provide the rest. Tie-Dye will be outdoors, weather permitting.

Terror in the Woods Escape Room **R**

Saturday, August 26

11 am (teens only: ages 11-18)

OR 1 pm OR 2:30 pm

Sunday, August 27

1:30 pm OR 3 pm

Age 14 and older. You are enjoying a late summer camping trip when you discover that you are not alone in the woods. Someone is hunting you and you can't find your car keys! Using nothing but your wits, solve the puzzles and you and your friends will escape the room and live to camp again.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Call or check our online Events calendar for more details, up-to-date information, and registration for adult programs. All programs are in the library, unless otherwise noted. Programs with a **R** require advance registration. Teens over the age of 16 are always welcome to register. Please note that Art Club requires a registered adult with any teen.

12 Things That Make Life on Earth Possible **R**

Monday, June 12 • 7 - 8 pm

Michelle Nichols, Astronomy and Science educator returns. Earth has sustained life in many different forms for more than 3 billion years. We'll highlight an (incomplete) list of 12 things that make our planet special.

North Aurora 101: A Living History **R**

**Wednesday, August 2
6 - 7 pm**

Join us for a community conversation about North Aurora's history. Landmarks like the Fox River Trail, Lincoln Highway, and Messenger Public Library all contain stories of the Village's progress through the decades. Share your perspective of North Aurora's past and perhaps gain appreciation of the living pieces of history all around us.

Kane County Law Library **R**

Monday, July 24 • 6 - 7 pm

Have a legal issue? Hallē Cox, Director of the Kane County Law Library & Self Help Legal Center will discuss local legal information resources as well as the ins and outs of basic legal research.



Finding Your House's History **R**

Saturday, August 19 • 2 - 3 pm

Was your home moved, damaged by fire, or enlarged to accommodate a growing family? Tina Beaird will provide strategies for researching the history of your home by using government records, newspapers, phone directories, maps, and other resources.

Crafting with PRIDE **R**

Monday, June 19 • 7 - 8:30 pm

Join us for a casual evening of LGBTQIA+ themed crafting and hanging out. We will be decorating blank books and making buttons and magnets, listening to music, and vibing. All are welcome!

Italian-Inspired Summer Cuisine **R**

Wednesday, July 12 • 7 - 8 pm

Chef Susan Maddox returns to the Library, bringing a touch of Italian warmth and sunshine to your own summertime table with delicious simple cooking. Patrons will enjoy some inspiring recipes to remake at home for family & friends.



Secretary of State's Mobile DMV Event

Friday, August 25 • 10 am - 2 pm

Services available include: Driver's License/State ID Card (Renewal, Replacement, Correction), Vehicle Sticker Sales (License Plate), Organ/Tissue Donor Information and Registration, Motor Voter-Registration with Driver's License/ID Renewal. Visit The Illinois Secretary of State website for fees and required documentation. Cash will NOT be accepted. Real ID applications and driver's tests will NOT be administered. The services will be offered on a first come, first serve basis.



Fire Safety Presented by the North Aurora Fire Department **R**

Thursday, July 20 • 6 - 7 pm

Learn about current safety best practices and tips from our own North Aurora Fire Department. Don't miss the opportunity to meet with them during this informal resource sharing session. They welcome any questions you may have from latex paint disposal to smoke detector installation, and more!

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Wits Workout **R**

Fridays • 10:30 - 11:30 am

June 9: *Savor the Seasons* (diet)

July 14: *Star Gazing* (sleep)

August 11: *The Best Medicine*
(stress management)

Wits Workout is an engaging, interactive, and educational brain health program designed especially for seniors. Learn about brain health and participate in activities to strengthen your memory and increase your brain power!

ART CLUB FOR ADULTS

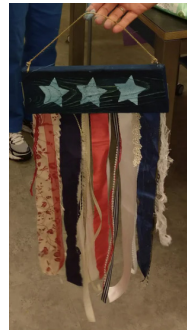
Beginners welcome! Programs with a **R** require advance registration. For adults and teens over 16 (with registered adult).

Rustic Flags **R**

Saturday, June 10

10 am - 12 pm

Shari Pontillo from Twisted Fiber Studio is coming back to Messenger! Bring this lovely flag into your own home... the design is yours! Made of wood, stain or paint and ribbons, it will add grace and beauty to any room. All supplies provided. *Registration starts May 1.*



No Sew Fabric Bowls **R**

Tuesday, June 20

6:30 - 8:30 pm

Transform strips of fabric into a one-of-a-kind, sturdy bowl. Each one will be unique in color and shape, limited only by your imagination. *Registration starts May 1.*

Leaping Lizards Pot Hugger **R**

Saturday, July 8

10 am - 12 pm

OR Tuesday, July 18

6:30 - 8:30 pm

Learn basic sculpting techniques while creating a whimsical lizard pot hugger from polymer clay. Sculptures will be baked at home in the participant's oven to harden.

Decorative Beehive **R**

Sat, August 12 • 10 am - 12 pm

OR Tue, August • 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Learn how to make a beautiful decorative beehive to complement your summer decor. *Registration starts July 1.*

Music @ Messenger

6:30 - 8 pm

The Music @ Messenger summer concert series

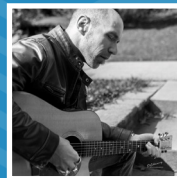
returns for a second season, with even more shows highlighting the talents of local Fox River Valley artists. Bring your lawn chair and picnic for an outdoor show on the rear lawn of the Library, all ages are welcome. All shows are outdoors as weather allows.



Padilla Duo

Tuesday, June 6

A little funk, a little heartfelt vocals, a little groove will infuse your night with unique music.



Noah Gabriel

Tuesday, June 20

One of the legendary voices of this region is known for a roots and rock vibe with heartfelt guitar.



Michael Cleghorn

Tuesday, July 18

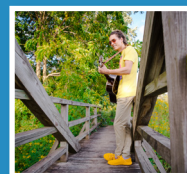
"Cleggie" is inspired by indie folk acts like the Lumineers, and plays a range of originals with an upbeat guitar.



Barrelhouse Blend

Tuesday, August 8

Guitar, honkey-tonk piano and congas blend with incredible vocals from classically trained musicians.



Brent Brown

Tuesday, August 29

With live looping, a twisty take on lyrics, and an upbeat attitude, Brent brings a variety of country, pop, and rock songs to his audience.

ADULT DISCUSSION GROUPS

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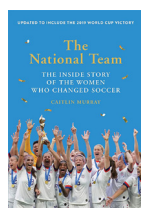
Digital copies of book discussion titles may be available on hoopla, Libby, or Axis360. Print copies are available for checkout at the User Services Desk.

Narrative Nonfiction Book Group **R**

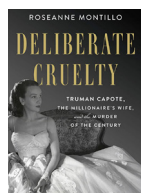
Mondays • 7 - 8 pm



June 12
The Women with Silver Wings by Katherine Sharp Landeck



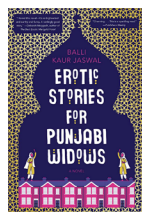
July 10
The National Team: The Inside Story of the Women Who Changed Soccer by Caitlyn Murray



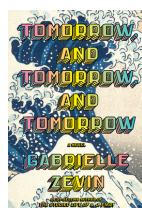
August 14
Deliberate Cruelty: Truman Capote, the Millionaire's Wife and the Murder of the Century by Roseanne Montillo

Morning Book Discussion Group **R**

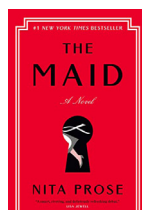
Wednesdays • 10:30 - 11:30 am



June 7
Erotic Stories for Punjabi Widows by Balli Kaur Jaswal



July 5
Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow by Gabrielle Zevin



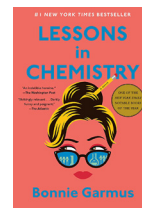
August 2
The Maid by Nita Prose

Evening Book Discussion Group **R**

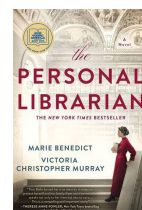
Thursdays • 7 - 8 pm



June 1
The Victory Garden by Rhys Bowen



July 6
Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus



August 3
The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict

Yum Club **R**

Tuesdays • 7 - 8 pm

June 27 (Reg. opens May 1)

July 25 (Reg. opens June 1)

August 22 (Reg. opens July 1)

Do you have an adventurous palate? Do you want to travel the world without leaving the library? Join us for the Yum Club, where foodies join together to taste snacks and treats from a different country each month. Those with food allergies are

advised that we don't know the ingredients of every snack, so proceed with caution.



NORTH AURORA Community Group MEETINGS

Fox Valley Writers Group

Alternating Tuesdays • 6:45 pm
Contact: foxvalleywriters@gmail.com

North Aurora Garden Club

First Monday of each month • 6:30 pm
Contact: Gail Wilke (630) 618-6467

North Aurora Lions Club

Second Tuesday of each month • 7 pm
Contact: northauroralions@gmail.com

Toastmasters: Timely Talkers

1st, 3rd & 4th Wed. of each month
7 - 8:30 pm
4th Wednesday is on Zoom only

Toastmasters: Advanced Expressives

Fourth Saturday of each month
10:15 am - 12 pm
Contact: John Jerrard (630) 688-8438



Thank you to the **North Aurora Lions Club** for a generous donation to fund technology purchases for our meeting room spaces. We will purchase a laptop available for community meeting room use, to work in conjunction with our OWL camera for remote meeting attendance.



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LIBRARY HOURS

Monday-Thursday
9 am - 9 pm

Friday-Saturday **Sunday**
9 am - 5 pm 1 - 5 pm

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mark Saperston, President
Mary Steed
Tanya Berley
Peggy Carlson
Elizabeth Cranford
James R. Hicks
Pending Position

The Library will be closed on the following dates:

Sunday, May 28 and Monday, May 29
Memorial Day
Saturday, June 24 •
Staff Development Day Conference
Tuesday, July 4
Independence Day



DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Ta-da! Though the Library has been in existence for over 85 years, in 2023 we will celebrate 20 years of service in our current building located at 113 Oak Street. It's a nice time to refresh our image and make a few changes.

In this edition of our newsletter, you will notice our new logo, one that honors our past, our location and our tradition of service. The seven triangles are a nod to our prior logo and represent the usage of this frequently used shape in our facility. The triangle, in both philosophy, architecture and theology represents past/present/future, karma, the Trinity, mind/body/spirit, enlightenment, yantras, and even a Native American symbol for "home." The waves in our logo are a tie-in to our collaborative mindset with North

Aurora, and our placement along the beautiful Fox River. The colors used are natural ones, with the browns

honoring the natural tones of our building. All options used are meant to partner with our other communication pieces, including print, web presence, and social media. Our new web page is in development, and should be launched in short order this summer.

We are excited about our next decade of service, and hope you visit soon.

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