



# MESSENGER PUBLIC LIBRARY OF NORTH AURORA

## WINTER NEWSLETTER 2019-20



**Read, Listen, Look, Learn**  
*Winter Reading for Adults is fun  
at the Library*

**Sunday, December 1 - Saturday, February 29**

Read a print or eBook, watch a DVD or stream a video on Kanopy, learn a new language on Mango, attend a Library program, and more. Enter weekly for grand prize drawings. Call us or stop by the Help Desk for details.

**Reading & Learning Challenges:**  
**1000 Books Before Kindergarten,  
Skills for Stickers & School Year Challenge**

Want to participate in one of our challenges for children and teens? Ask for details at the Youth Services desk or join online with Beanstack (download the app or visit [messengerpl.beanstack.org/reader365](http://messengerpl.beanstack.org/reader365)). A Messenger Public Library Card is required for 1000 Books and the School Year Challenge.

### **Holiday Open House**

**Sunday, December 1 • 1:30-4:00 p.m.**

The Library Board and Staff invite everyone to join us for holiday entertainment, activities and fun! Come enjoy live music, a piano recital, and a visit from Santa. Don't forget to bring a camera! Celebrate with a Treasure Hunt in the Stacks, Used Book Sale, and more. Lots of fun for all ages, plus conversation with the Library Board, Staff, Family and Friends. Enter our Gingerbread Contest (Judging on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Call or stop by the Help Desk for more information and an entry form).

### **North Aurora Mothers Club Operation Christmas Giving Tree**

**Wednesday, November 20 - Tuesday, December 17**

The Library will host an Operation Christmas Giving Tree on behalf of the North Aurora Mothers Club. Pick up a gift tag for one of the sponsored families in need, and return gifts to the User Services Desk. The Giving Tree gift tags will be on display the week before Thanksgiving, and gifts will need to be brought to the Library by Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> to ensure timely delivery to families for the holiday season. For further information, visit our website or the North Aurora Mothers Club website at [namothersclub.org](http://namothersclub.org).

### **Tax Time 2020 - the Library Can Help!**

Visit the Help Desk for updates and an appointment for local VITA tax preparation assistance for low-income individuals and seniors. The Library will also have a limited number of forms for distribution, and you can ask to have blank forms printed.



All residents of North Aurora are encouraged to complete their U.S. Census forms this coming spring. The Library will be sponsoring several programs on the importance of the Census to all citizens of North Aurora.

Details on spring programs will be posted on the Library website [messengerpl.org](http://messengerpl.org). For more information or to assist in getting out the count please visit: [illinoiscensus2020.com](http://illinoiscensus2020.com).

### **Create a Kids Kindness Hat**

***Brr! It's Getting Cold Outside***  
**November 1 - January 31**

For adults and teens ages 15 and up. Knit or crochet a warm children's hat, to be donated to local charities. Stop by the Adult Help Desk starting November 1 to check out a kit with yarn, needles and patterns, or use your own materials.

Please bring completed hats back to the Library by January 31.



### **Our Valentine to you!**

During the month of February, 2020, all items returned to the Library will be checked in fine free!

▶ **DECEMBER** ▶ **JANUARY** ▶ **FEBRUARY**

# PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Please stop in, call, or check our online calendar for more information and registration for adult programs. Space is limited. Registration is required. Registration starts on the first of each month preceding a program date. Teens over the age of 15 are welcome, with registered adult. ASL interpreters may be available with 48 hours advance request.

## The Codebreaker and the POW

Monday, January 27 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.

In 1942, one of the darkest years of World War II, Lt. Charles Baugh became a Navy codebreaker, while his father, Richmond Baugh, was taken prisoner on Corregidor Island and spent 2.5 years in a Japanese POW camp. In this gripping family saga, Ms. Sue Baugh recounts the heroic work of military codebreakers and the brutal struggle it took to liberate the Philippine Islands.

## **ancestry** Library Edition & HeritageQuest Online @ the Library

Thursday, January 23 • 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 8 • 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

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

## Motown: The Music that Moved the World

Monday, February 17 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.

In Detroit in the 1960's Motown Records produced hits as efficiently as the Ford Motor Company produced automobiles - 110 Top Ten hits to be exact! Using audio and visual content we'll trace the amazing musical journey from the power soul of "Dancing in The Streets" and "I Heard It Through the Grapevine" to the psychedelic soul of "Cloud Nine" and "What's Going On" to the pop soul of The Jackson 5.

## Chef Linda Maddox: Rustic Italian Cooking

Monday, February 24 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.

The weather outside is chilly but it is nice and warm in the kitchen. Chef Susan Maddox will present great "Rustic Italian Cooking", cuisine that makes for great dining and easy clean up. Friends and family will enjoy these tasty and delectable dishes that require minimal work. A nice evening to learn some great recipes without having jet lag as Susan explores the wonderful regions of Italy.

## TECHNICAL SKILLS & THE WORKPLACE

### Beginning Excel

Tuesday, December 3 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Learn the basic functions of Excel 2016 through hands-on instruction: navigating a worksheet, designing and formatting a worksheet, entering data and calculations, correcting errors, copying data, creating simple charts, and printing.



### Intermediate Excel

Tuesday, December 10 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Learn the following features of Excel 2016 via hands-on instruction: sorting and filtering data, conditional formatting, the Subtotal command, creating charts, creating PivotTables, and using the IF function. You must take the Beginning Excel class before you take this class.

### Finding the Work You Love, Loving the Work You Have

Saturday, January 11 • 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Want to make a career change or find a new job? Not sure about where to go to college or what to major in? During this workshop you will learn a seven step process to confidently go forward to achieve your goals and change your life.

## HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

### Community Fair

Monday, December 9 • 3:00-5:00 p.m. OR 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Participate in free health screenings and registrations - Life Goes On Organ/Tissue Donor Drive, Oral Cancer Screening, register to vote, and more. Every participant gets a free book!

### Cannabis in Your Community

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

This program will explore the history and the how-tos of medical marijuana. It will also cover the new Illinois laws for recreational cannabis and its impact on our community, as well as the difference between medical and recreational cannabis. A representative of Verilife Dispensaries will describe products, dispensary locations, and services of their dispensaries.

### Know the 10 Signs of Alzheimer's: Early Detection Matters

Saturday, January 25 • 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Learn to separate myth from reality and address commonly-held misconceptions about Alzheimer's. Hear from people who have the disease, find out how to recognize the warning signs in yourself and others, and learn why early detection matters.

### Living with Cancer

Tuesday, February 4 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.

This presentation has been designed to increase knowledge and education about the various psychological, social, emotional and spiritual effects that one faces when receiving a cancer diagnosis and subsequent cancer treatment.

## 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. Refreshments will be served.

### Messenger Evening Book Discussion

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

December 5: *A Christmas Story* by Jean Shepherd

January 2: *Where the Crawdad Sings* by Delia Owens

February 6: *Night of Miracles* by Elizabeth Berg

### Morning Coffee Break & A Book

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

December 17: *Alaskan Holiday* by Debbie Macomber

January 28: *An Unwanted Guest* by Shari Lapena

February 25: *The Editor* by Steven Rowley

### Nonfiction Book Discussion

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

December 4: *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah

January 8: *Ladysitting* by Lorene Cary  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday due to New Year's holiday!)

February 5: *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates

### **New!** True Crime Book Club

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

December 10: *Furious Hours* by Casey Cep

January 14: *I'll be Gone in the Dark* by Michelle McNamara

February 11: *The Ghosts of Eden Park* by Karen Abbott

## MONTHLY GROUPS FOR ADULTS

### **New!** The Fiber Gathering

Mondays, January 6 & 20; February 3 & 17 • 2:00-3:30 p.m.

This is a casual group, and no instructor will be present. All knitters, crocheters, cross-stitchers, and newbies are welcome. Start or finish a project, and have some fun while you're at it. The Library has some yarn, plus knitting needles and crochet hooks that can be checked out with your library card, or you can bring your own supplies.

### Game Night for Grownups

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

For adults. Beginners and geeks welcome. Join us as we 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. Feel free to bring some snacks. Register with the library, or join our Games Meetup group, just so we'll know you're coming.

### Genealogy Group

Saturdays: December 7, January 25, February 1 & 15 • 2:00-4:00 p.m.

For adults. Get together with other genealogy enthusiasts. Beginners are always welcome. Register in advance, and let the group know your areas of interest. Or call the Help Desk to schedule an appointment for a one-on-one session.

### Classic Cinema

Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month • 2:00-4:00 p.m.

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

December 3: *White Christmas*

starring Bing Crosby and Rosemary Clooney

January 7: *The Shop Around the Corner*

starring Margaret Sullivan and James Stewart

February 4: *North by Northwest*

starring Cary Grant and Eva Marie Saint

### Fox Valley Writers Group

Meets Tuesdays, every 2 weeks • 7:00-8:30 p.m.

(check online calendar for dates)

For adults. Share feedback with other writers of fiction, non-fiction, and poetry. Contact [foxvalleywriters@gmail.com](mailto:foxvalleywriters@gmail.com).

## ART CLUB FOR GROWNUPS

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month • 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon | 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month • 6:30-8:30 p.m.

For adults and teens over 16 (with registered adult). Looking for a fun, artistic opportunity? Each month we'll explore a different art medium and enhance our artistic spirit. *Beginners welcome! All supplies will be provided. Space is extremely limited. Advance registration is REQUIRED. Registration opens on the first day of the month preceding the program.*

### Pom Pon Gnome Holiday Ornaments

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

Tuesday, December 17 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Bring a touch of Scandinavia to your holiday decorating! Craft charming gnome ornaments using yarn, felt, and basic embroidery.

### Mason Jar Luminaries

Saturday, January 11 • 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Join us in welcoming back Shari Pontillo, with whom we'll be making an adorable luminary for our home using mason jars, glass beads and more. *All materials will be provided.*

### Valentine's Puzzle Wreath

Tuesday, January 21 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Craft an adorable Valentine's Day wreath just in time for the holiday! We will repurpose old puzzle pieces with paint and glue into a heart-shaped wreath.

### Book Page Bird Cage

Saturday, February 8 • 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon OR

Tuesday, February 18 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Join us to recycle old books into charming bird cage centerpieces. You supply the creativity; we will supply books and embellishments!

# KIDS & FAMILIES

Registration begins Monday, November 25. Registration required for all programs, unless noted. Please register at [messengerpl.org](http://messengerpl.org), (630) 801-4340, or in person. For drop-in programs, register online for a reminder email or text.

## **Ripple Effect** December 4-21, January 8-25, OR February 5-22

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](http://WaterStreetStudios.org/ripple-effect).*

## **Gingerbread House Decorating**

Presented by  **State Farm**<sup>™</sup>

Danielle Rouille Insurance Agency • 630-895-2280

Saturday, December 7 • 12:00-1:15 p.m. OR 1:30-2:45 p.m.

All ages. Join us for some gingerbread fun! Each family will receive a house to decorate and take home. Enjoy a reading of *The Gingerbread Boy*, too! *Registration required.*

## **Winter Break Block Party!**

Friday, December 27 • 10:00-11:30 a.m. & 2:00-4:00 p.m.

All ages. Enjoy a BLOCK party at the Library! We'll have blocks and building materials for all ages, from mirror blocks for the littlest to Legos for school-age builders.

*Register online for a reminder email or text.*

## **Family Escape Room: Raiders of the Lost Locker**



Saturday, January 4 • 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:15 p.m., 2:30 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 & friends! *Registration required.*

## **Juggling Funny Stories!**

Sunday, January 26 • 2:00 p.m.

All ages and families. Enjoy an interactive performance with Chris Fascione that combines comedy, mime, juggling, and (of course) storytelling!

*Register each child attending. Please, no strollers!*



## **Tween Pie Wars**

Monday, February 17 • 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Grades 3-8. Compete to create the most delicious and attractive mini no-bake pies using a variety of fun fillings and toppings.

Who will win? *Registration required.*

## **Leap Year Party**

Saturday, February 29 • 2:00-3:30 p.m.

All ages. Leapin' lizards, it's Leap Day! Celebrate in style with games, activities, and crafts. This party only comes once every four years. Don't miss out! *Register for a reminder text or email.*

# TEENS

## **Teen Take Out** December: Paper Boxes January: Flextangles February: Origami Lucky Stars

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.*

## **Teen Holiday Party**

Sunday, December 8 • 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Grades 6-12. On the eighth day of December, the Library planned for you: a day filled with games, Jackbox TV, crafts, snacks, and fun with friends! *Registration required.*

## **Marvel Support Group**

Mondays: December 16, January 20, February 17  
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Grades 6-12. Avengers Assemble! Calling all Marvel comic nerds, movie nerds, and wanna be nerds. Come discuss your favorite Marvel moments over tasty snacks.

*Register for a reminder email or text.*

## **Teen 3-D Printing Club**

Wednesday, January 8 • 4:00-5:30 p.m.

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



## **All About Scholarships**

Thursday, January 23 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.

All ages, especially grades 11-12. An introduction to applying for scholarships, including the basics of a scholarship application with tips from successful applicants and reputable sources of information. Presented by a trained ISACorps member. *Registration required.*

## **Teen Escape Room: Zombie Apocalypse** Sunday, February 2 • 1:45-3:00 p.m. or 3:15-4:30 p.m.

Grades 6-12. Do you have the brainpower and teamwork skills to solve riddles, decipher clues and find the key to escape in just 60 minutes? Select your time slot online with your friends! *Registration Required.*



# KIDS & FAMILIES

Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult while in the Library.

**Tween DIY** December: **Photo Mobile Ornament** January: **Snowflake Tinker Tray** February: **Pop-Up Valentines**  
Grades 3-6. Visit the Youth Services Desk to pick up a DIY project kit to go! *Available each month while supplies last.*

## Family-Friendly Movies

Sundays: December 22, January 19, February 16 • 2:00 p.m.

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 online for a reminder email or text.*

## Time for Kids

Mondays • 7:00-8:00 p.m.

December 9: **Family Game Night + Snacks**

January 13: **Amazing Race Jr.**

February 10: **Legos, Snap Circuits, and Little Bits**

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

*Registration required.*

## Take & Make Puppets

Kindergarten-Grade 2. Visit the Youth Services Desk at the beginning of each month to pick up a new puppet craft.

*Available while supplies last.*

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

December 17: **Snow Much Fun!**

January 21: **Penguin Play**

February 18: **Innovative Inventions**

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



Thursdays: December 12,  
January 9, February 13  
6:30-7:30 p.m.

All ages. Drop-in for Lego building fun at Messenger!

*Register for a reminder email or text.*

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

January 24: **STEAM Challenges**

February 21: **Food Science**

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

# BABIES & PRESCHOOL



## WINTER STORYTIMES

January 14 - February 20



<b>Lapsit Storytime</b>	0-24 months (with caregiver)	Tuesdays	10:00-10:30 a.m.	Registration Required
<b>Read &amp; Play Baby</b>	0-24 months (with caregiver)	Thursdays	10:00-11:00 a.m.	No Registration
<b>Toddler Time</b>	18 months-3 years (with caregiver)	Wednesdays	10:45-11:15 a.m.	Registration Required
<b>Preschool Pals</b>	3-6 years	Wednesdays	10:00-10:30 a.m.	Registration Required

## Super Snowy Puppet Show

Wednesday, December 11 • 10:30-11:15 a.m.

All ages. Celebrate winter with Mister Kipley's hilarious and interactive magic and puppet show! Please register each child attending.

## Family Storytime + Craft

Mondays: December 23, January 27 & February 24  
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.

## PLAY APLENTY!

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

<b>Sensory Playtime</b>	Wednesday, December 18 Mondays: January 13 & February 10	10:00-11:00 a.m.	Registration Required
<b>Baby &amp; Tot Playtime</b>	Tuesdays & Thursdays (when storytime isn't in session)	10:00-11:00 a.m.	No Registration
<b>Raising A Reader Playgroup</b>	Wednesdays: January 8 & February 26	10:00-11:00 a.m.	Registration Required

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## LIBRARY HOURS

Monday-Thursday

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.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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# RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER

## LIBRARY CLOSINGS

**Staff Training Day**

Friday, November 15

**Thanksgiving Holiday**

Wednesday, November 27

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

Thursday, November 28

**Christmas Eve & Day**

Tuesday, December 24

Wednesday, December 25

**New Year's Eve & Day**

Tuesday, December 31

Wednesday, January 1, 2020

**LIBRARY  
ADMINISTRATOR**

G. Kevin Davis

## PROGRAMAS EN ESPAÑOL | PROGRAMS IN SPANISH

**Viviendo con Cáncer** Tuesday, January 28 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Esta presentación ha sido diseñada para aumentar el conocimiento y educación sobre los varios efectos que uno enfrenta al recibir el diagnóstico de cáncer y al proceder con tratamiento en áreas psicológicas, sociales, y espirituales. Esta presentación es para personas impactadas por cáncer directamente y para familiares de personas impactados por cáncer.

**¡GRATIS!**

### Inglés Conversacional para Hispanohablantes! Conversational English for Spanish Speakers

Mondays: December 2 & 16, January 6 & 20, February 3 & 17 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.

lunes: diciembre 2 & 16, enero 6 & 20, febrero 3 & 17 • 7:00-8:00 pm.

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

Por favor, regístrese con anticipación @ messengerpl.org o por teléfono. *Para adultos y adolescentes de 16 o más. (630) 896-0240.*



### Smart Driver Safety

Wednesday & Thursday, February 19 & 20 • 12:30-4:30 p.m. (8-hour course, 2 sessions)

*For adults.* 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). Cash or check made out to AARP, due on first day of class. AARP members please bring membership number on first day of class. Please arrive 15 minutes early for registration. Class size is limited; participants must register in advance through the Library. Registration opens January 1<sup>st</sup>. Refreshments will be provided.*

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