

# READING CHALLENGES

We challenge students to READ this school year. Register online to see if you can take down one (or more!) of these challenges. Visit [messengerpl.beanstack.org](https://messengerpl.beanstack.org) or use the Beanstack Tracker app to participate. Printed trackers available at the library.

## Read • Learn • Grow Early Learning Challenge

Ages 0-5. Join Read Learn Grow to encourage a love of reading and learning with your children! Earn prizes for reading books and completing monthly early learning activities.

## 500 Books Before Middle School

Grades K-5. How many books can you read before starting middle school? Log your reading (for fun and for school) to earn badges and free books!



## 100 Books Before Graduation

Grades 6-12. How many books can you read before high school graduation? Log your reading (for fun and for school) to earn badges and free books!



## Monarch, Bluestem, Caudill and Abe Lincoln Award Challenges


August - May

Grades K-12. Read your way through the 2023 award nominee lists this year and earn free books as you go!



## Participate online with Beanstack

### 1. Visit Beanstack

**Mobile App:**  Download the [Beanstack Tracker app](#). Search for and select Messenger Public Library.

**Desktop:**  Visit [messengerpl.beanstack.org](https://messengerpl.beanstack.org) in your browser.

### 2. Sign in or sign up

**If you already have a Beanstack account:** Sign in with your email and password.

**If you are new to Messenger:**

Sign up with your email address.

### 3. Join a challenge

You can use a single Beanstack account (one login) for everyone in your family.

**Add a Reader** for each person who's taking part.

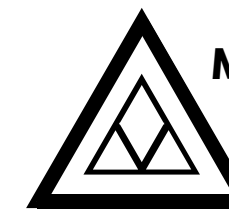
**Register** for one of our many reading challenges!

### 4. Track your progress

Keep track of books, days, or activities completed with the app or online.

## YOUTH & TEEN SERVICES SCHOOL SERVICES

AUGUST-NOVEMBER 2022



MESSENGER PUBLIC LIBRARY  
OF NORTH AURORA

[messengerpl.org](https://messengerpl.org)  
630.801.4340



## Book Recommendations & Librarian Visits

We love to share books! Want a stack of books to review at the library? An email with a list of suggestions? Or a handout ready to print for students? How about an in-person visit to your classroom? Contact us at 630-801-4340 or [ysd@messengerpl.org](mailto:ysd@messengerpl.org) to get started!

## Messenger Public Library is FINE FREE

Tell your students! Tell your friends! Everyone who checks out books or other items at Messenger Public Library will never pay overdue fines! Fees for lost or damaged items still apply. Overdue fines are based on where you check out, so using other libraries may incur fines.

Checkout periods are 28 days for all items. Books, audiobooks, kits, etc. will automatically renew twice if there are no other holds on the item. DVDs may not be renewed.

## SWAN Libraries

Messenger is part of the SWAN consortium, which provides access to books and materials from 100 libraries across Chicagoland. If your personal card is not from a SWAN library (eg. Aurora, Naperville), visit the User Services desk to add your card to our computer system. Download the SWAN Libraries app for easy access to your account, library card number, and to place holds.

## School Teacher Cards

North Aurora principals may apply for staff to use school cards: fine free with extended checkout. The school is responsible for fees for lost or damaged books. Contact us for details.

## Library Cards for Kids and Families

Invite Messenger to your next family event and we will register North Aurora residents for library cards! Parent/guardian must be present with photo ID and proof of residency.

New Illinois legislation ensures all students can get a library card! Most students live within the boundaries of a local library (Messenger, Aurora, etc.). However, a few households do not already pay property taxes to a library and must purchase an annual library card. With the Cards for Kids Act, all students are eligible for a free library card! Call 630-801-4331 for details.

## School Year Reading Challenges

Do your students need extra motivation to read? Do they want free books? Tell them about our reading challenges! K-12 students (or parents) can log in online to join challenges to earn badges and free books. No library card needed. See back page for more info.

## Programs and Activities for All Ages

We invite everyone to attend programs at the library! Programs and activities on a wide variety of topics are available for all ages. Please share these fall school-age programs with your students. Check the Events Calendar at [messengerpl.org](https://messengerpl.org) for adult and early childhood options.

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# KIDS AND FAMILIES

## Lego Club

**Thursdays, September 8, October 13, November 10 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

All ages. Drop by Youth Services to build a Lego creation for display. Register for a reminder email or text.

## Reading Buddies

**Sundays, September 18, October 16, November 20 • 2:00-2:30 p.m.**

Aimed at Grades K-3. Build confidence and fluency by reading aloud with a teen book buddy! Registration required.

## Game Night

**Wednesdays, September 21, October 26, November 16 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

Grades K-2 and families. Do you love playing board games? Join us for an hour of game playing fun! Registration requested.



## InvestiGATORS Graphic Novel Party!

**Saturday, September 17  
10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

For kids and families. Stop by the library to enjoy games, crafts and puzzles inspired by John Patrick Green's InvestiGATORS graphic novel series! Registration requested.

## No School Crafternoon

**Monday, September 19 • 2:30-4:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, November 8 • 2:30-4:30 p.m.**

All ages. Drop by Youth Services for an afternoon of arts and crafts fun! Register online for a reminder email or text.

## Ada Twist Experiment Lab

**Saturdays, September 10, October 8,  
November 12 • 10:30-11:15 a.m.**

Grades 1-3. Spark curiosity and open a world of wonder! Enjoy a hands-on STEAM learning experience inspired by Andrea Beaty's Questioners book series. A new experiment featured each month. Registration required for each date.

Sponsored by the DuPage Children's Museum and Robert McCormick Foundation.

## Graphic Novel Book Club

**Mondays • 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

**October 3: The Witch Boy by Molly Ostertag**

**November 14: El Deafo by Cece Bell**



Aimed at Grades 3-6. Join us to talk about about new and popular graphic novels! The first five to register will receive a free book.



## Egg Drop Challenge

**Monday, October 10**

**Build: 1:30-2:30 p.m. Egg Drop: 2:45 p.m.**

All ages. We're dropping eggs from up high! Can you design and create a safety contraption to protect your egg? Registration requested.

## Aaron Slater's Art Studio

**Mondays, September 26, October 24,  
November 28 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

Aimed at gr. 4-6. Spark curiosity and open a world of wonder inspired by Andrea Beaty's Questioners book series. Each class will focus on a new art project. Register for each date separately.

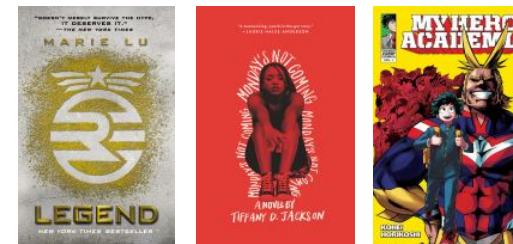


## Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration

**Saturday, October 1 • 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

For all ages. Experience a journey into Mexico's ancient Aztec culture of music, song and dance. Xochitl-Quetzal invites you to a dynamic and vibrant performance honoring the heritage and the tradition of La Danza De Los Concheros. Join us and explore the world of Aztec indigenous ceremonies and rituals. Registration required.

# TEENS GRADES 6-12



## Teen Book Club

**Thursdays • 7:00 p.m.**

**September 29: Legend by Marie Lu**

**October 27: Monday's Not Coming by Tiffany D. Jackson**

**November 17: My Hero Academia V. 1 by Kohei Horikoshi**

Grades 6-12. Love reading new genres? Come join us at book club where we will tackle a new genre each month and read some popular titles. Registration required. The first five to register will receive free copies of the books.

## Teen Taste Test: Fast Food Showdown

**Thursday, September 15 • 7:00 p.m.**

Grades 6-12. Ever wondered which fast food location has the best burgers or fries? Let's figure it out! We are going to taste test local fast food to determine the best of the best. Come hungry! Registration required.

## Teen DIY: Neon Sign

**Thursday, October 13 • 7:00 p.m.**

Grades 6-12. Update your space with a neon sign that you design! Registration is required.

## The Financial Aid Process

**Thursday, November 10 • 7:00 p.m.**

Grades 11-12 + parents. Come hear about your financial aid options for college and get your questions answered from Illinois Student Assistance Commission instructor, Lauren Waitt. Registration required.

## Teen Take Out

**September: Edible Stained Glass**

**October: Easy Sew Ghost Pillow**

**November: NaNoWriMo Writing Kit**

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 1st of the month, so grab one before they disappear! While supplies last.

## Teen Volunteers

**Grades 6-12 and Ages 11-17**

Students are welcome to volunteer at the Library! Visit [messengerpl.org/teenvolunteers](https://messengerpl.org/teenvolunteers) for an application and more details.

Registration required-Register at [messengerpl.org](https://messengerpl.org), by phone at 630-801-4340, or in person.