



MESSENGER PUBLIC LIBRARY OF NORTH AURORA

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2020



**Grab
& Go**

Your Library is open with reduced services and hours, and with several changes in place in consideration of public safety and the safety of staff. Limited library service will include browsing and material check out, curbside service, and limited computer access. Patrons over the age of two will be required to wear face masks, everyone must maintain proper social distancing, limit time spent in the Library, keep their interaction with library staff

to under 10 minutes, and take advantage of self-service checkout whenever possible. Study Rooms, meeting rooms, plus some spaces, materials and services will remain unavailable. The book drops will remain open, and our digital resources can be accessed 24/7.

We are continuing to monitor changes related to the pandemic, evaluate risks, and follow the advice of assisting public health entities.

The Library may need to adjust services offered in the near future. For more information, call the Library when open 630-896-0240, or check the website at messengerpl.org.

LIBRARIES ARE WONDERFUL!

**CELEBRATE
LIBRARY CARD
SIGN-UP MONTH
WITH WONDER WOMAN
THIS SEPTEMBER.**



Visit the Library to sign up for a library card! Can't get to the Library?
Go to our website, messengerpl.org to sign up for a digital card.
All the wonders of the Library are available through our digital branch!

Messenger's Little Free Library Is Open!

Please enjoy the Messenger Little Free Library in North Aurora's Riverfront Park. Take a free book or share a book. Search for our Little Free Library at Zip Code 60542 on the Little Free Library map: <https://littlefreelibrary.org/ourmap>, or take a walk to the Park. Hint: It's red.



▶ **SEPTEMBER** ▶ **OCTOBER** ▶ **NOVEMBER**

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Please call, check our online calendar or email askus@messengerpl.org for more information and registration for adult programs.

All programs are on Zoom or YouTube, unless otherwise noted, and registration is required to receive a program link.

Sign up for eNewsletters to discover more programs and updates. Teens over the age of 16 are welcome.

ASL interpreters may be available when requested two weeks in advance.

Latin & South American Cuisine

Thursday, September 24 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Discover the unique cuisine of Latin and South America through an exploration of the wonderful ingredients, culture, and cooking methods of the region. Chef Maddox will illustrate some great cooking “tricks” to make your home dining experience a success.



Strategies for Claiming Social Security Benefits

Tuesday, October 6 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Starting your Social Security benefits may be as simple as filling out a form. But there are many choices to make. Learn rules and strategies for singles and married couples, how other income can affect your Social Security benefits, and special options available to widows and widowers.

INTRODUCING



SIGN UP TODAY!

Now adults can request books without even knowing the title!

Do you like romance, mystery, biography, nonfiction? Large print?

Audiobooks? Just tell us what you have in mind, and we'll pick out

and place holds on three titles for you! There's no limit to how

often you can request titles, and we'll make sure we don't send

you the same Masked Reads title twice.

Secret Chicago

Thursday, October 27
7:00-8:00 p.m.

Think you know Chicago? Join local author Jessica Mlinaric for an evening of weird Chicago trivia from her book *Secret Chicago: A Guide to the Weird, Wonderful, and Obscure* which details 90 unique and unusual places around Chicago, such as a grave in a junkyard and a pool under the Loop.



The Legend of Johnny Cash

Monday, November 16
7:00-8:00 p.m.

Guitarist and vocalist Randy Walker returns, and The Man in Black comes to life with lore from his early days along with songs like *Folsom Prison Blues*, *I Walk the Line*, *Ring of Fire* and *A Boy Named Sue*.



Ask A Librarian

Need help using a computer, electronic resource, or eReader? Schedule a Zoom session in advance with a Librarian for help with eResource questions. Adults - please call or email askus@messengerpl.org. Help is available on Zoom during Library hours, and sessions must be scheduled based on staff and Zoom availability.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS FOR ADULTS

Love to read and discuss books? Join one of the Library's Zoom book groups, and enjoy lively discussions of fiction and non-fiction titles. Whenever possible, most titles will be available on Hoopla, Libby, or Axis360 in eBook and eAudiobook formats, and print and CD audiobook copies may be placed on hold. If you don't have a Messenger Public Library card, and you live in North Aurora, you can get a temporary Digital Library Card that gives you access to all of our Digital Library. *Register in advance for a Zoom link.*

Narrative Nonfiction Book Group

Meets 2nd Monday of the month • 7:00-8:30 p.m.

September 14: *The Splendid and the Vile: Churchill, Family, Defiance and the Blitz* by Erik Larson

October 12: *Modoc: The True Story of the Greatest Elephant Who Ever Lived* by Ralph Helfer

November 9: *Dorito Effect: The Surprising New Truth About Food and Flavor* by Mark Schatzker

Tuesday Morning Book Group

Meets 4th Tuesday of the month • 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

September 22: *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummings

October & November: No meetings

Romance Online Book Club

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month • 7:00-8:00 p.m.

September 9: *Cold Hearted Rake* by Lisa Kleypas

October 7: *The Hating Game: A Novel* by Sally Thorne

November 11: *Chill Factor* by Sandra Brown

Midweek Murder Mystery Club

Meets 3rd Wednesday of the month • 2:00-3:00 p.m.

September 16: *Wine of Violence: A Medieval Mystery* by Priscilla Royal

October 21: *The Secret, Bone & Scone Society* by Ellery Adams

November 18: *What the Dead Leave Behind* by Rosemary Simpson



Thursday Evening Book Discussion Group

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

September 3: *The Queen's Secret* by Karen Harper

October 1: *Afterlife* by Julia Alvarez

November 5: *Euphoria* by Lily King

MONTHLY GROUPS FOR ADULTS



Fox Valley Writer's Group Presents – Live!

Friday, October 16 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.

The Fox Valley Writers present stories, poems, and memoirs from their recent writings and publications. Each author will read and take questions from the audience.

Register in advance for a Zoom link to the event. The group meets regularly on Facebook. For more information, email foxvalleywriters@gmail.com or find them on Facebook.

Art Club for Grownups

Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month: September 15, October 20, November 17 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Check our calendar for project information

Beginners welcome! Follow along from home on Zoom. Supplies will be available for the first 20 registrants.

Register in advance. We'll send you a link to the program.

Genealogy Toolbox

Meets on the 3rd Saturday of the month • 2:00-3:30 p.m.

September 19: **City Directories & Sanborn Maps**

October 17: **Cookbooks, Autograph Albums & Scrapbooks**

November 21: **Using HeritageQuest**

Each month we'll explore a different aspect of family history and genealogy, and then have time to share your family research questions.

Register in advance to receive a Zoom link to our meeting. Need to get started researching your family? Login online from home and use HeritageQuest.

TEENS

Register for teen programs online at messengerpl.org or by phone, (630) 801-4340.



Murder Mystery Monday (Zoom)

Mondays @ 7:00 p.m.
September 14, October 5, November 9

Grades 6-12. 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! *Registration is required to receive Zoom link.*

Teen Take Out

Stop by the Library 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 the month, so grab one before they disappear!

While supplies last.

BOOK BOX SUBSCRIPTIONS

Kindergarten - Grade 12

Pick-up dates: Monthly starting on the 10th

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 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.

*Numbers are limited; registration required.
For Messenger Public Library cardholders only.*



NEW RESOURCE CENTER @ messengerpl.org/learning

Tutoring

We're creating a tutor database!

If you tutor and would like to be included, please fill out the interest form online. If you are looking for a tutor, we'll have a database of local options available.

** Messenger Public Library is neither recommending, nor evaluating, tutors for quality or pricing; please visit messengerpl.org/learning for resources on how to select a tutor.*

Skills & Subject Help

Looking for free homework help?

Visit messengerpl.org/learning for resources compiled and suggested by Messenger librarians. Topics include everything from phonics and learning to read, to college test prep.

2020-21 School Year Challenges

We challenge you to READ this school year. Register online to see if you can take down one (or more!) of these challenges. Visit messengerpl.beanstack.org or use the Beanstack Tracker app to participate.

Fall Challenge (All Ages): **Read Woke**

Activity Challenge (Pre-K): **Every Child Ready to Read**

Kindergarten-Grade 12: **Monarch, Bluestem, Caudill & Abe Lincoln Award**



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. Pick up a 1000 Books packet from Youth Services and track your progress via messengerpl.beanstack.org or the Beanstack Tracker app.

KIDS & FAMILIES

Register for kids programs online at messengerpl.org or by phone, (630) 801-4340.

Family Storytime (Zoom)

Thursdays • 10:00-10:30 a.m.

September 3 & 17, October 1 & 15, November 5 & 19

Aimed at ages 2-5 and caregivers. Enjoy stories and songs with your little ones.

Registration required to join us via Zoom.

Caregiver Chat (Zoom)

Thursdays @ 1:00 p.m.

September 10, October 8, November 12

Do you miss Lapsit Storytime and Read & Play Baby as much as we do? We know these gatherings are just as important and helpful for caregivers as they are for babies and toddlers. Reconnect to share some adult conversation and tips.

Registration required to join us via Zoom.

TAKE HOME KITS

Storytime & Craft Kit

For ages 2-5 and families. Explore and create with books, crafts and activities perfect for an interactive DIY storytime.

See the online calendar for topics and to reserve a kit.

Registration required.

Curious Kids

Kindergarten-Grade 5. Explore and learn with monthly Curious Kids take home activities and books.

See the online calendar for topics and to reserve a STEAM kit. Registration required.

Super Stolie ¡Guacamole!

Premiere: Saturday, September 19 • 10:00 a.m.

For families. Join Super Stolie on a virtual adventure to México, celebrating the influences of Hispanic culture through sights and sounds, foods, traditions and dances of our neighboring country to the South! Stolie gives instruction, sings and reads in both English and Spanish, highlighting key words that you can then integrate into your child's daily routine, as well as activities to try at home!

The recording will be available on the Library's YouTube channel throughout Hispanic Heritage Month until October 15. Registration is required to receive performance premiere link via email.



Graphic Novel Lovers Party (Zoom)

Saturday, September 26 • 1:00 p.m.

For grades 4-8. Do you love comics and graphic novels? Want to share your favorites, discover new series, and enjoy some comics-inspired fun?

Participants will pick up a party kit from Youth Services with supplies to use during the party. Registration required.



How to Draw a Dragon (Facebook Event) • November 14-20

For ages 7-18. Come join us and learn about these amazing fantasy creatures and how to draw them. First we'll warm up by drawing a dragon eye. Then art teacher Christine Thornton will demonstrate how to draw a whole dragon, and you'll create your own with lots of resources to guide you.

We'll use simple drawing supplies like pencil, eraser, colored pencils and thin sharpies for outlining. Whatever you have at home, we'll make it work! This online class includes an instructional video, and a chance to connect with the teacher and classmates on Facebook. Registration required.



Costume Party (Zoom)

Friday, October 30 • 10:00 a.m.

For ages 2-5 and families. Join us online for some spooky stories, a craft and a costume show and tell!

Participants will pick up a party kit from Youth Services with supplies to use during the party. Registration required.

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LIBRARY HOURS

Monday & Friday
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday
1:00-7:00 p.m.

Saturday
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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CURBSIDE PICKUP HOURS

Tuesday: 1:00 -6:30 p.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Wednesdays & Sundays:
Closed

Late Opening: 10:00 a.m.
Friday, September 4

Labor Day Holiday
Sunday, September 6
Monday, September 7

Election Day
Tuesday, November 3
**Open for polling:
6:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.*

Staff Training Day
Friday, November 20

Thanksgiving Holiday
Thursday, November 26

RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER

ELECTION DAY: NOVEMBER 3, 2020

Register & Vote!

Make sure you're ready for Tuesday, November 3 to vote in the local, state, federal and presidential election! Double check your voter registration status at:

kanecountyclerk.org/Elections/Pages/Voter-Search.aspx.

For more information about registration, voting and locations, visit kanecountyclerk.org/Elections.

Important Dates, Election 2020

- Register to vote by mail until October 6.
- Register online until October 18 at ova.elections.il.gov.
- Register to vote in person until November 3.
- Request to vote by mail-in ballot now until October 29.
- Early voting begins September 24 (Kane Co. Clerk's offices).
- Additional polling places open October 19.

Trustee Election Spring 2021

If you are interested in serving on the Messenger Public Library Board of Trustees, the terms for four seats on the Board will be expiring in April 2021. Deadlines for filing to be a candidate are approaching this fall. Contact Kevin Davis, Library Administrator, at 630-896-0240 for information on filing both your intention to run and petitions to have your name on the ballot in the April 2021 Consolidated Election.

Homebound Delivery

Are you unable to, or know someone who can't, 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 a temporary or permanent disability or extended illness. Receive full access to books, DVDs, audiobooks and more. Call User Services, or email askus@messengerpl.org for an application.

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