



# MESSENGER PUBLIC LIBRARY OF NORTH AURORA

## SPRING NEWSLETTER 2019

### FOOD FOR FINES | April 7-13, 2019

Help our community during National Library Week with a donation of food and also reduce or eliminate existing library fines. For each item of non-perishable food donated, The Library will waive \$1.00 of fines up to a maximum of \$10.00 per library card. Fines incurred for lost or damaged materials will not be waived. Items needed include: canned vegetables or fruit, rice, beans, soups and pasta. Outdated or open food items will not be accepted. Donations will be sent to a local food pantry serving the greater North Aurora and Aurora community. For more information, call or stop by the User Services Desk.

## Libraries=Strong COMMUNITIES

Celebrate  
NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK  
APRIL 7-13, 2019



### Thank You

The North Aurora Lions Club generously donated \$500. These funds purchased a Braille books collection.

Over 50 hats were crocheted or knitted, and donated to the North Aurora Mothers Club and area charities. Winter was made warmer this year, thanks to everyone who participated in our Kid's Kindness Hats program.

### Homebound Service

The Library delivers books, movies and more to homes of those with a long-term or short-term disability. Learn more by contacting [asd@messengerpl.org](mailto:asd@messengerpl.org), call, or stop in at the Help Desk.

### 2020-23 Strategic Plan

The Library Board and Management Team have reviewed the results of a major community assessment report. Long range strategic goals for the Library have been formulated. The resulting plan reflects direct community input about how the Library can impact and assist in creating an even greater community through enhanced programs and services. Further information is available on the Library's website.

### 2019 Consolidated Election

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Three Library Board of Trustees positions will be open during the upcoming election. Mark Saperson, Adrien Aaron and current incumbent and Library Trustee Secretary, Corinn Sparks are slated to appear on the ballot. *Please remember to vote!*

**Coming this summer! Lunch at the Library for children & teens!** See online calendar for details.



Children and teens can pre-register for the Summer Challenge during the month of May to earn a delicious space-themed treat! Download the Beanstack app and log in or create an account.



### Kids Read Storytime

Sunday, March 31 • 2:00-2:45 p.m.

All ages, aimed at Kindergarten-Grade 2 and caregivers. Join us for a fun group reading experience. We will be reading

*Count on Pablo*, educating youth about money management. Each child will go home with their own **FREE** copy of the book!

*Registration required.*

► MARCH ► APRIL ► MAY

# 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. *For adults. Refreshments will be served.*

## Messenger Evening Book Discussion Group

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

March 7: *The Address* by Fiona Davis

April 4: *Crooked Heart* by Lissa Evans

May 2: *Bellewether* by Susan Kearsley



## Morning Coffee Break & A Book

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

March 26: *Educated* by Tara Westover

April 23: *The Girls in the Picture* by Melanie Benjamin

May 28: *O Pioneers!* by Willa Cather



# MONTHLY GROUPS FOR ADULTS

## 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.

## 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.

March 5: *The Adventures of Robin Hood*

- Starring Erroll Flynn & Olivia DeHavilland

April 9: *Rear Window*

- Starring James Stewart & Grace Kelly

May 7: *The Cameraman* - Starring Buster Keaton



## Fox Valley Writers Group

Meets Tuesdays, every 2 weeks  
(check online calendar for dates)  
7:00-8:30 p.m.

For adults. Share positive, constructive feedback with other writers of fiction, non-fiction, and poetry. Plus get some writing done. *For adults.* Contact: [foxvalleywriters@gmail.com](mailto:foxvalleywriters@gmail.com).

## Genealogy Group

Meets 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month  
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.*

*Need help using a computer or eDevice? Ask A Librarian!*

Schedule a session for assistance with your computer, genealogy, research, or downloadable eBook questions. Please call, email [asd@messengerpl.org](mailto:asd@messengerpl.org) or stop in advance to book a time. Children and teens, please contact the Youth Services Department.

# 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 15 (with registered adult).* Looking for a fun, artistic opportunity? Each month we'll have an opportunity to explore a different art medium and enhance our artistic spirit. *Beginners welcome! Space is extremely limited. Advance registration is REQUIRED.*

## Crocheted Wire Jewelry

Saturday, March 9 • 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Welcome guest artist Shari Pontillo from Twisted Fiber Studio. Crochet wire, add beads and make your own necklace or bracelet! *All needed tools will be supplied. Basic crochet skills are needed. No jewelry making experience is needed.*

## Easy Watercolor Portraits

Tuesday, March 19 • 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Create bright colored watercolors from a high-contrast digital photo. Work with a provided photo or email your own digital picture to [nwollwert@messengerpl.org](mailto:nwollwert@messengerpl.org) before March 13.

## Milk Jug Butterflies

Saturday, April 13 • 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon or  
Tuesday, April 16 • 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Celebrate Earth Day by repurposing milk jug plastic into colorful butterflies! When finished, these beauties can be used individually as sun catchers, or make a bunch for a mobile.

## Sunset Silhouettes Painting

Saturday, May 11 • 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon or  
Tuesday, May 21 • 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Learn to draw a landscape silhouette with India ink against a vibrant watercolor sunset. Add drama, mood and mystery to your original piece of art.

# PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Please stop in, call, or check our online calendar for more information and registration for adult programs. Registration for adult programs starts on the first of each month preceding a program date.

## **ancestry® Library Edition**

**Fridays: March 8 & May 3 • 10:00-11:30 a.m.**

**Saturday, April 20 • 10:00-11:30 a.m.**

For adults. Discover the basics and hidden secrets of using Ancestry® Library. *Laptops will be provided.*

## **Estate Planning Toolbox**

**Tuesday, March 19 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

In this workshop, you'll become familiar with a range of estate planning tools, what they do, and the terminology used.

In addition to wills, trusts, and powers of attorney, we will discuss the role that insurance, titling of property, and gifting can play. Finally, we'll take a look at how these tools work with our tax system, including estate, income, generation-skipping and gift taxes. *Please register in advance.*

## **Basic Excel**

**Wednesday, April 10 • 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.

*Basic computer knowledge is required. Laptops will be provided. Space is limited, so please register in advance.*



## **Intermediate Excel**

**Wednesday, April 24 • 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.

*Basic computer and Excel knowledge required. Laptops will be provided. Space is limited, so please register in advance.*



## **Smart Driver Safety**

**Wednesday & Thursday, March 27 & 28 • 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 very limited; participants must register in advance through the Library. Refreshments will be provided.*

## **The History of the St. James Forest Preserve | Monday, April 29 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.**

Join lead researcher and Messenger Library Administrator, Kevin Davis, and discover the history of the St. James Farm Forest Preserve in Warrenville, Illinois. Learn about this gem located in nearby Warrenville, Illinois, through historic photos from the St. James Farm collection and take a virtual tour of its' engaging history and current offerings.



## **Smart Medicine**

**Monday, May 13 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.**

Attend this workshop and learn how to be "smart" about all things medication-related!



## **NAMI Mental Health Awareness**

**Thursday, May 16 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.**

NAMI (The National Alliance on Mental Illness-KDK) will share an overview of their programs and services, information on symptoms and resources, facts and statistics, plus how we can end the stigma surrounding mental health conditions.

## **The Science of Climate Change**

**Tuesday, May 21 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.**

The concept of climate change is a hot topic these days. Depending on which side you listen to, it either doesn't exist or the consequences will be catastrophic. In this presentation designed for a science-interested audience, we will put the politics to the back burner and focus, instead, on the science evidence: What does science say is happening? Where does the data come from? What might be in our future?

## **Hmong Food and Culture**

**Wednesday, May 22 • 7:00-8:45 p.m.**

Explore Hmong-American food ways with Dr. Lisa Capps and members of the local Hmong community. Learn their traditions and customs while sampling a variety of foods. This program is being co-sponsored by the Library, The Culinary Historians of Northern Illinois ([culinaryhistoriansofnorthernillinois.com](http://culinaryhistoriansofnorthernillinois.com)) and the First Hmong Alliance Church of Aurora.

# KIDS & TEENS

For youth and teen programs, registration begins Monday, February 25. Registration required for all programs, unless noted. Please register at [messengerpl.org](http://messengerpl.org), (630) 801-4340, or in person.

## Caudill Book Club

Mondays • 6:30-7:30 p.m.

March 18: *One Half from the East* by Nadia Hashimi

April 15: *Lily and Dunkin* by Donna Gephart

Grades 4-8. Join us for snacks, conversation and activities! The first five to register will receive a free copy of the book. *Registration required.*

## Books & Bites

Tuesdays • 4:30-5:15 p.m.

March 12: *Game Changer* by John Coy

April 9: *The Secret Subway* by Shana Corey

Grades 3-5. Read Bluestem books, try out new activities, and enjoy sweet treats! See online calendar for more details. *Registration required.*

## Curious Kids

Tuesdays: March 19 & April 16 • 4:15-5:00 p.m.

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

## Furry Friends

Wednesdays: March 6 & 20, April 3 & 17, May 1 & 15

For beginning readers. Read aloud to a trained therapy dog! Bring a book to share with a furry friend. Visit the online sign up to register for a 15-minute slot from 4:00-5:00 p.m. *Space is limited. Registration required.*

## Teen Resume Workshop

Wednesday, March 13 • 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Grades 9-12. Looking for a summer job and need help with your resume? Andrea from ISAC will help you get your resume ready for those upcoming job applications. *Registration required.*

## How to Pay for College Without Going Broke

Wednesday, March 20 • 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Grades 9-12 and caregivers. Learn new strategies available to families to plan, save, and pay for college that could save you thousands of dollars. Presented by My College Planning Team. *Registration required.*

## Helping Hearts

Wednesday, April 24 • 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Grades 6-12. Enjoy working on projects? Love giving back to the community? Need service hours? Come make projects to give away to local shelters, nursing homes, and more to help make the world a better place. *Registration requested.*

## Write It Up!

Thursdays: March 7, April 4 & May 2  
4:30-5:15 p.m.

Grades 3-7. Enjoying writing your own stories? Looking for new ideas? Come join our new writers' club! We will play fun writing games and write short stories! *Snacks will be provided. Registration required.*



Thursdays: March 14,  
April 11 & May 9  
6:30-7:30 p.m.

All ages. Build a creation to display at the Library! *Register online for a reminder via email or text.*

## Homeschool Fun!

Fridays • 10:00-10:45 a.m.

March 22: **Magnets!**

April 26: **Time to Grow Plants!**

May 24: **Science Fair!**

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

## Spring Teen Space Events

Hangout and participate in a fun activity!

MARCH

March Madness

APRIL

Blackout Poetry

MAY

De-Stress Fest

## Teen Job & Volunteer Fair @ Batavia Public Library

Saturday, March 30 • 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Grades 6-12. Teens learn about volunteer and paid job opportunities for the summer and beyond in Batavia, Geneva, North Aurora, and St. Charles. Held at the Batavia Public Library. *Register for a reminder email or text.*

## Teen Volunteers

Students entering grades 6-12 are welcome to help around the Library with programs and special projects.

### Volunteer This Summer!

Students entering grades 7-12 are welcome to volunteer at the Library this summer! Applications available March 1. Visit [messengerpl.org](http://messengerpl.org) for an application and more details.



# TWEENS, TEENS & FAMILIES

## FORTNITE Free Play

Monday, March 25 • 3:00-4:00 p.m.

All ages. Come to the Library and play Fortnite with your friends! Reserve a library laptop online or bring your own device. Registration required.

## FORTNITE Dance Challenge

Tuesday, March 26 • 3:00-4:00 p.m.

All ages. Can you Floss? Are you obsessed with the Fortnite dance moves? Come with your friends and try to master this dance challenge. Register for a reminder email or text.

## Smash Bros WiiU Tournament

Saturday, April 6 • 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Grades 4-12. Do you have what it takes to be the champion? There can only be one.

Register to be assured a spot in the tournament.

## THE LIBRARY STRIKES BACK!

Sunday, April 28 • 2:00-3:30 p.m.

All ages. Are you ready for May the Fourth Be with You? Celebrate all things Star Wars with activities, games and photo ops. Register for reminder email or text.



## “Page-in-Training” Volunteers

Grades 4-6. A first chance to volunteer at the Library! Help straighten the books in your assigned section, pick up the play space, and do other simple tasks. Complete an application available in Youth Services and commit to volunteer for at least two 15-minute sessions/month.

## Use the Force Escape Room!

Sunday, May 5 • 2:00-3:15 p.m.

All ages. Help! BB-8 has been kidnapped by the First Order! Join friends or family to find the necessary clues to rescue him? Select your time slot online. Registration Required. Please arrive at least 15 minutes before your game begins.

# BABIES & PRESCHOOL

## Stories on the Big Screen!

Wednesday, March 6 • 10:00-10:30 a.m.

Watch the video version of some of our favorite books! Parents, get an introduction to BookFLIX, a free online database full of fun picture book videos for kids.

## Family Storytime + Craft

Mondays: March 25 & April 22 • 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.

### SPRING STORYTIMES

March 26 - May 2

<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

## Miss Anna’s Children’s Concert

Wednesday, March 20 • 10:00 a.m.

For 6 months-5 years with caregiver. A lively session of musical fun and games. Participants who completed the Winter Challenge earned entry to this concert. Registration required for any additional spots available.

## Ramps & Rollers

Thursday, April 25 • 10:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

All ages, aimed at ages 3-8 with caregiver. Learn about gravity, inclined planes, friction, and the application of simple machines to do work. Construct using wooden blocks with rollways, tunnels, and bridges from the DuPage Children’s Museum.

### PLAY APLENTY!

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

<b>Sensory Playtime</b>	Mondays: March 11 & April 8	10:00-11:00 a.m.	Registration Required
<b>Drop-in Playtime</b> (when storytime isn’t in session)	Tuesdays & Thursdays: March & May	10:00-11:00 a.m.	No Registration
<b>Pre-K Play</b> (when storytime isn’t in session)	Wednesdays: March & May	10:00-11:00 a.m.	No Registration

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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 Development

Friday, March 22

Spring Holiday

(Easter Sunday)

Sunday, April 21

Memorial Day Holiday

Sunday, May 26

Monday, May 27

**LIBRARY  
ADMINISTRATOR**

G. Kevin Davis

## PROGRAMS OFFERED IN BOTH ENGLISH & SPANISH!

**Inglés Conversacional para Hispanohablantes!**

**Conversational English for Spanish Speakers**

Meets every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month

Mondays, March 4 & 18 | April 8 & 22 | May 6 & 20 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.

lunes, marzo 6 & 18 | abril 8 & 22 | mayo 6 & 20 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.

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.*

We welcome you to come to our group and improve your English speaking skills.

Please register in advance, online or call (630) 896-0240.

**¡GRATIS!**

## Reconocer y Abordando la Violencia Doméstica

Sábado, 9 de marzo • 3:30-4:30 p.m.

¿Cómo se ve el abuso? Aprenda a reconocer las señales de violencia doméstica, cómo brindar apoyo para ayudar a un amigo o miembro de la familia y qué tipo de preguntas hacer.

Los intermediarios de la comunidad a Megan Sobotka y Raquel Hernández de Family Shelter Service estarán aquí para brindarle las herramientas necesarias para apoyar a aquellos en una relación abusiva y disipar los mitos sobre el abuso doméstico.

## Recognizing and Dealing with Domestic Violence

Saturday, March 23 • 2:00-3:00 p.m.

What does abuse look like? Learn to recognize the signs of domestic abuse, how to provide support to help a friend or family member and what kind of questions to ask. Safe community advocates Megan Sobotka and Raquel Hernandez of Family Shelter Service will be here to give you the tools to support those in an abusive relationship and dispel the myths around domestic abuse.

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