

# MESSENGER PUBLIC LIBRARY OF NORTH AURORA

## SPRING NEWSLETTER 2020

### **Register to Vote!** Vote in Illinois Primary Election, March 17.

All Village of North Aurora residents are encouraged to register to vote. Exercise your rights and participate in your democracy! 2020 is an election year. The Illinois Primary election will be on Tuesday March 17. Library staff can assist in registering voters. The Library polling place will be open from 6:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. for voters to cast their ballots.

Please note: On Election Day the Library's regular library service hours are 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.



### **April 1, 2020 is Census Day!**

All residents of North Aurora are encouraged to complete online their U.S. Census survey form this spring. The Library will be sponsoring programs on the importance of the Census to all citizens of North Aurora. Residents will be receiving a mailing from the Census Bureau and directed to complete the Census Survey online. Residents without access to the internet and without a computer or digital device may come to the Library to use our public computers and laptops free of charge.

For more information or to assist in getting out the count, please visit [illinoiscensus2020.com](http://illinoiscensus2020.com).

### **Davis Receives Lions Club Fellowship Award**

Messenger Library Administrator Kevin Davis was recipient of the Lions Club Foundation Fellowship Award.

The Award was presented to Davis during the Annual Lions Club Award Dinner held on January 28 at Riverside Banquets in Batavia. This award recognizes his leadership of the Library. Davis is a "great friend to Lionism" for services provided to the residents of the Village of North Aurora over the past several years. The North Aurora Lions Club will make a donation in Davis' name to the Lions of Illinois Foundation in the form of a Lions Foundation Fellowship. This endowment fund supports programs such as the vision and hearing testing service vehicle which has been featured at the Library during North Aurora Days each summer.

### **North Aurora Mothers Club Book Drive**

March 15-April 15

Do you have extra new or like-new children's books? Donate them at the Library or NAMC book drive sites around town. Donations will be shared with North Aurora elementary students, who each choose a book to kick start their summer reading. For more info or to make a monetary donation, visit [namothersclub.org/book-drive](http://namothersclub.org/book-drive).



### **Little Free Library Is Open!**

Please enjoy the Messenger Little Free Library in North Aurora's Island Park.

Take a free book, share a book with us on Saturday, May 23 at 2:00 p.m.

Search for us at Zip Code 60542 on the Little Free Library map [littlefreelibrary.org/ourmap](http://littlefreelibrary.org/ourmap).

### **Food for Fines April 19-25**

During National Library Week, April 19-25, the Library will waive \$1.00 in overdue fines for each item of non-perishable food donated, up to a maximum of \$10.00 per library card. Examples of items that can be donated: canned goods, baking mixes, rice, beans, soups, spaghetti sauce and pasta. Out-of-date, damaged or open food items cannot be accepted. Donated food items will be sent to a local food pantry. Fines owed for lost, damaged or missing materials will not be waived.

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

Visit the Library and use a quiet, private study room and Library laptop to complete your taxes online! Or, Messenger cardholders can check out an Internet Hotspot to file your taxes online at home, even if you don't have an Internet service. Visit the Help Desk for a listing of VITA and AARP tax assistance sites. The Library will also have a limited number of forms for distribution, and you can ask to have blank forms printed.

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# 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.



## Susan B. Anthony, You Can't Vote

Saturday, March 28 • 2:00-3:00p.m.  
Historical reenactor Lynn Rymarz returns! More than anything else in the world Susan Brownell Anthony wanted to vote, but she couldn't. The law of the land said women were not allowed to vote, only men could vote! Susan B. Anthony spent her lifetime fighting for equality for women and the

right for women to vote. Hear the story of how one woman's dedication and determination made a difference in helping to change history.



## Secret Chicago

Thursday, May 14 • 7:00-8:00p.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.

## Greener Cleaners

Thursday, April 16 • 7:00-8:00p.m.

Chicagoland's fourth greenest person leads this hands-on workshop to make and take green household cleaning products using common, inexpensive, non-toxic ingredients. Participants will take home samples of cleaning products along with recipes for these and other "tried and true" DIY green cleaning products. *All materials provided.*

## Seed Starting Tuesday, May 5 • 7:00-8:00p.m.

This class will teach you how to grow plants from seed that you can transplant into your containers or garden. We will show you how to select non-GMO, organic seeds and grow them under lights in your home. You can grow anything you want! You'll find out how to save money on gardening and make the process very easy. Join us for an interactive and fun seminar!

## HeritageQuest Online @ the Library

Saturday, April 11 • 2:00-3:00p.m.

For adults. Discover the basics and hidden secrets of using this online resource for genealogy research, available to use in the Library or at home. Laptops will be provided. There will be time for questions and some hands-on searching.

*Space is extremely limited, so please register in advance.*

## PowerPoint Basics

Monday, April 27 • 6:30-8:30p.m.

Review the basics of PowerPoint, including keyboard shortcuts, creating a presentation with slide transitions and animation, adding tables, inserting charts and pictures, using SmartArt graphics and WordArt text effects.

## Making LinkedIn Work for You Thursday, May 28 • 7:00-8:00p.m.

For this program, we will discuss best practices for using LinkedIn to improve your personal online presence and to elevate the marketing strategy for your business. Learn about the do's and don'ts as well as a variety of tips and tricks to leverage LinkedIn to best fit your needs.

## Preventing Identity Theft and Scams

Saturday, April 25 • 10:00-11:00a.m.

You will learn how to identify potential scams/fraud, protect yourself against identity theft, and address some concerns about being a victim of identity theft. In addition, you will be able to understand the importance of securing your personal information. Presented by the Illinois Comptroller's office for their Smart Consumer's program.

## Genealogy Toolbox: Using City Directories

Thursday, April 30 • 7:00-8:00p.m.

Discover how to use online and local collections of annual city directories to find your ancestor's names, occupations, addresses, family members, and more. Originally created for salesmen long before there were phone books, learn a new way to expand your history and genealogy research.

## Marketing Your Small Business Using Meetup Groups

Saturday, May 9 • 2:00-3:00p.m.

Meetup is not a dating service! Discover how to use the online Meetup site for live networking that reaches and attracts targeted prospects for your business or cause.

**¡GRATIS!**

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

Mondays: March 2 & 16, April 6 & 20, May 4 & 18 • 7:00-8:00p.m.

lunes: marzo 2 & 16, abril 6 & 20, mayo 4 & 18 • 7:00-8:00pm.

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.*

## 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.

### Evening Book Discussion Group

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

March 5: *The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion* by Fannie Flagg

April 2: *The Mystery of Edwin Drood* by Charles Dickens

May 7: *The Quintland Sisters* by Shelley Wood

### Morning Coffee Break & A Book

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

March 24: *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens

April 28: *Inheritance* by Dani Shapiro

May 26: *The Hundred Foot Journey* by Richard C. Morais

### Nonfiction Book Discussion Group

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

March 4: *The Fall of Richard Nixon: A Reporter Remembers Watergate* by Tom Brokaw

April 1: *Lost Connections: Uncovering the Real Causes of Depression and the Unexpected Solutions* by Johann Hari

May 6: *Queens of Animation: The Untold Story of the Women Who Transformed the World of Disney and Made Cinematic History* by Nathalia Holt

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

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

March 10: *H.H. Holmes: The True History of the White City Devil* by Adam Selzer

April 14: *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI* by David Grann

May 12: *Hell's Princess: The Mystery of Belle Gunness, Butcher of Men* by Harold Schechter

## MONTHLY GROUPS FOR ADULTS

### The Fiber Gathering

Mondays: March 2 & 16; April 6 & 20; May 4 & 18  
2:00-3:30 p.m.

All Knitters, crocheters, cross-stitchers, and newbies welcome. Start or finish a project. *Supplies will not be provided.*

### Game Night for Grownups

Mondays: March 9, April 13, May 11 • 6:00-8:30 p.m.

For adults. Beginners and geeks welcome. Join us as we play board games such as *Purlock Holmes*, *Pandemic* and *King of Tokyo*. A different game will be featured each month, or feel free to showcase your favorite game from your collection. Bring snacks! Drop in or register on our Games Meetup group. [meetup.com/North-Aurora-Games-Meetup/](https://www.meetup.com/North-Aurora-Games-Meetup/)

### Classic Cinema

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

For adults. We'll provide the popcorn, good company, laughs and some of Hollywood's greatest hits.

March 3: **Top Hat** -starring Fred Astaire & Ginger Rogers

April 7: **The Big Sleep**  
-starring Humphrey Bogart & Lauren Bacall

May 5: **On the Town**-starring Gene Kelly & Frank Sinatra



### Fox Valley Writers Group

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

For adults. Share positive, constructive feedback with other writers of fiction, non-fiction, and poetry.  
[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.*

### Adventures in Pointillism Painting

Saturday, March 7 • 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

No Tuesday Art Club in March

Taking inspiration from Georges Seurat and the Neo-Impressionists, paint a small scene made entirely of dots of paint.

### Wire Woven Rings

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

Wrap and weave a stunning bead rosette ring with the author of the book, *Inventive Wire Weaving*, Susan Barzacchini. Learn basic wire manipulation and ring sizing. Bring reading glasses if needed, as the wire we will be working with is as thin as a piece of hair.

### Tree of Life Branch Weaving

Tuesday, April 21 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Try your hand at weaving on a small scale. Using branches from nature, yarn and other textiles, your finished piece will make a great addition to your home décor.

### Sculpted Clay Beach Scene

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

Tuesday, May 19 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Join us as we roll up our sleeves and create a scenic clay relief project. Using air-dry clay, we will create a small plaque exploring the color, texture and serenity of the seashore.

# KIDS & FAMILIES

Registration begins Monday, February 24. 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 March 4-21 OR April 1-18

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).

## Painting Studio with Ms. Kate

Tuesdays, March 10 & May 5 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Grades 3-8. Explore color, tools and painting styles while learning about art history! *Registration required.*

## Time for Kids

Mondays, March 23 & April 27 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.

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

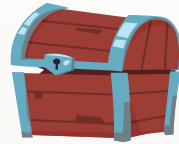
*Registration required.*

## Watercolor Workshop: DIY Bookmarks

Monday, March 30 • 6:30-7:15 p.m.

Grades 3-5. Celebrate Youth Art Month with watercolors! We'll practice watercolor techniques before designing our own bookmarks.

*Registration required.*



## Family Escape Room: The Lost Pirate Treasure

Saturday, April 4 OR Sunday, April 5  
1:45-3:00 p.m. OR 3:15-4:30 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 or friends!

*Registration required.*

## Beasts at Bedtime

Thursday, May 7 • 6:30-7:15 p.m.

All ages, aimed at ages 3-8 and families. Who's awake after bedtime? Nocturnal animals! Hickory Knolls Discovery Center will share bedtime stories, hands-on nature items, and milk and cookies. *Registration required.*



# TEENS

## Teen Volunteers

Students in grades 6-12 are welcome to volunteer at the Library! Help with programs, special projects, or around the Library. Applications are available online or at the Youth Services Desk.

## Teen Job & Volunteer Fair @ Batavia Public Library

Saturday, March 7 • 1:00-3:00 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.*

## Volunteer This Summer!

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

## College 101

Wednesday, April 15 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.

All ages. Typically people hear "college" and assume it means living away from home to attend a 4-year university. This presentation covers detailed information about post-secondary options and why it is important to start thinking about life after high school. *Registration required.*

**Teen Take Out** 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 the month, so grab one before they disappear! While supplies last.

March: **Friendship Bracelets**

April: **DIY Bookmarks**

May: **Finger Knitting**



## Support Group Monday, March 9, April 13, & May 11 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Grades 6-12. Avengers Assemble! Marvel comic nerds, movie nerds, and wanna be nerds, discuss your favorite Marvel moments over tasty snacks. *Register for a reminder email or text.*

## Teen DIY: Book Folding

Wednesday, March 18 • 4:00-5:15 p.m.

Grades 6-12. Want to see an old book turned into something new? Join us to learn how to fold a book into something wonderful!

*Register for a reminder email or text.*

## Teen Taste Off: Oreo Edition

Wednesday, April 1 • 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Grades 6-12. Join us for the ultimate Oreo taste-off. We'll have multiple flavors of Oreo cookies on hand to taste and rate, from best to worst flavors. We'll provide the cookies (and milk)! *Registration required.*



# KIDS & FAMILIES

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

## Celebrate @ the Library!

March: Youth Art Month Gallery  
March Madness

April: Poetry Month Scavenger Hunt  
April 26: The Library Strikes Back Party

May: LEGO MAY-nia

May 3: May Flowers Gardening & Crafts

May 15-31: Summer Challenge Pre-Registration

### 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.

March 17: March Math Madness

April 21: Earth Day Celebration

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



Thursdays: March 12, April 9 & May 14 • 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 20: Wind Ways

April 17: Ice Cream Science

May 22: End of the Year Expo!

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.

### Family-Friendly Movies Sundays • 2:00 p.m.

March 22: Born Free

April 19: Frozen 2

May 17: Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella

All ages. Enjoy popcorn and a movie on the big screen! Register online for a reminder email or text.

### Tween DIY March: Emoji Optical Illusions April: Origami Butterflies May: LEGO MAY-nia

Grades 3-6. Visit the Youth Services Desk for a DIY project! Available each month while supplies last.

# BABIES & PRESCHOOL

## SPRING STORYTIMES

March 17 - April 23

Lapsit Storytime	0-24 months (with caregiver)	Tuesdays	10:00-10:30 a.m.	Registration Required
Read & Play Baby	0-24 months (with caregiver)	Thursdays	10:00-11:00 a.m.	No Registration
Toddler Time	18 months-3 years (with caregiver)	Wednesdays	10:45-11:15 a.m.	Registration Required
Preschool Pals	3-5 years	Wednesdays	10:00-10:30 a.m.	Registration Required
Family Storytime & Craft	All ages. (aimed at ages 3-6)	Mondays: March 16 April 20 & May 18	6:30-7:15 p.m.	Registration Required

### Stuffed Animal Storytime and Sleepover Thursday, April 2 • 4:00-4:30 p.m.

All ages. For this special storytime, you can bring your stuffed animals and loveys for a Stuffed Animal Sleepover at the Library! The storytime is Thursday afternoon, and then you can pick up your stuffed animals on Friday, April 3. Aimed at ages 2-7 years. Registration required. One stuffed animal per child.

## PLAY APLENTY!

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

Baby & Tot Playtime	Tuesdays & Thursdays: March 3-12 & April 28-May 28	10:00-11:00 a.m.
Sensory Playtime	Wednesdays, March 4 Mondays: April 6 & May 11	10:00-11:00 a.m.
Raising a Reader Playgroup	Wednesdays: March 11, April 29-May 27	10:00-11:00 a.m.

Register online for reminders via email or text.

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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.

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# RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER

## LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Late Opening  
Friday, March 6  
Open: 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Spring Holiday  
(Easter Sunday)  
Sunday, April 12

Memorial Day Holiday  
Sunday, May 24  
Monday, May 25

## LIBRARY ADMINISTRATOR

G. Kevin Davis

## OFFERED @ YOUR LIBRARY

**You're the Expert!** We're looking for community members to share their culture, traditions or expertise!

If you're interested in helping run a children's, family or adult program, or want to serve as a resource for staff planning cultural activities, please get in touch. For youth and family programs, contact Youth Services at 630-801-4340 or [ysd@messengerpl.org](mailto:ysd@messengerpl.org). For adult programs, contact Head of Adult Services Jessie Affelder at [jaffelder@messengerpl.org](mailto:jaffelder@messengerpl.org). Contact us by March 15 for inclusion in the summer newsletter (June-August).

### Fox Valley Writer's Group Presents Sunday, March 1 • 2:00-4:00 p.m.

MPL's own Fox Valley Writers present stories, poems, and memoirs from their recent publications. Each author will read and take questions from the audience. There will be book giveaways, light refreshment, and a chance to meet some of the area's local literary voices.

### Teen & Adult Escape Room: Trapped in the 80s

Saturday, May 16 OR Sunday, May 17 • 1:30 p.m. or 3:00 p.m.

For adults and teens grades 6-12. Escape the 1980s in this fun, interactive escape room. Solve puzzles and complete challenges to return to 2020 and exit the room. 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.*

### Check Out A Game

Use your Messenger Library card to check out a game from our large collection of table games such as *King of Tokyo*, *Small World*, *Settlers of Catan*, *Yahtzee*, *Chess*, *Sorry!* and more. You'll find something for all ages to enjoy. Don't miss our Game Night for Grownups, or check the Library newsletter or calendar for youth and family game programs.



### Service For Homebound Patrons

We provide home delivery of library items to North Aurora residents of any age, who are unable to visit the Library due to a temporary or permanent disability or extended illness. With this program, you can have full access to books, DVDs, audiobooks and more. Call Adult Services for more information and an application.

### Greater Computer Access!

It has gotten easier than ever to use our public computers. Starting January 1, the Library allows users from all SWAN consortium libraries and Aurora Public Library to use their library card to log into our public computers. No fees, no guest passes, no hassle. Simply register your library card.