



MESSENGER PUBLIC LIBRARY OF NORTH AURORA

SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2019

FREE LUNCH @ Messenger Public Library!

June 3 - August 9

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays • 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Ages 0-18. All children and teens are invited to enjoy free boxed lunches at the Library! See online calendar for activities before or after lunch. Lunches must be eaten in the Tinker Room. First come, first served. Sponsored by the USDA and Northern Illinois Food Bank. *No registration is required.*



A UNIVERSE OF STORIES

Summer Challenge June 1 - July 31

All ages. Explore a universe of stories and activities at Messenger Public Library this summer!

Adults can pick up a challenge log at the Help Desk.

For babies-teens, update or create your Beanstack account to start earning badges and prizes. Download the Beanstack app from Google Play or the App Store.

Summer Kick-Off Family Party

Sunday, June 2 • 2:00 p.m.

All ages. Come join us for games, crafts, moonwalk bouncing, squirt gun painting and more! Help us kick off the season and celebrate the start of the Summer Challenge: A Universe of Stories! *Register for a reminder email or text.*

Summer Challenge Activities!

June 3 - July 26

Sundays @ 2:00, Mondays @ 6:00, Wednesdays @ 4:00,
Thursdays @ 10:00, Fridays @ 10:00

All ages. Join us weekly for an hour of drop-in crafts, play, and learning activities at the Library. Each week features a different theme, including technology, engineering, cooking and art!

Beat the boredom and take the Summer Challenge!
Register for a reminder email or text.



**NORTH
AURORA
DAYS**

**Lions Club
Free Hearing Tests**

Saturday, August 3 • 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

The Lions Club of North Aurora and the Lions of Illinois Foundation will be hosting a hearing testing bus. FREE hearing tests will be provided to residents (AGE 10 and UP) of North Aurora during the North Aurora Days Event.

Annual Used Book Sale

Friday, August 2 • 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 3 • 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Books By the Bag!

Sunday, August 4 • 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Featuring a large selection of new and gently used books, DVDs, music CDs, LPs, audiobooks, and puzzles for all ages. Donations for the sale may be dropped off during regular library hours.

Volunteers are welcome to assist with setup prior to the sale and help during sale days.

To volunteer, contact Jessie Affelder, Head of Adult Services, at (630) 896-0240.

JUNE ► JULY ► AUGUST

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Please stop in, phone (630) 896-0240 ext. 3, or visit our online calendar for more information and registration for adult programs. Space is limited and registration is required. Programs with low registrations may be cancelled.

Beekeeper: A Year in the Life

Saturday, June 22 • 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Learn how bees are managed in the harsh climate of Illinois, why bees are vital to people and the planet, factors that threaten their survival, and how honey can help your health. *Honey will be available for purchase.*

The Universe: An Armchair Tour

Monday, June 24 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Go on a trip around the Universe without leaving your library seat! This presentation will take you on a whirlwind visit through our Universe's most amazing objects using images from the world's most advanced telescopes.

ancestry® Library Edition

Saturday, July 20 • 10:00-11:30 a.m.

For adults. Discover the basics and hidden secrets of using Ancestry® Library Edition. Time for questions and hands-on searching will be provided. *Laptops will be provided.*

Container Gardening: Grow Your Own Groceries

Tuesday, July 23 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Looking for a stress-free way to grow your own vegetables? Think you haven't enough space or possibly, time? Growing your own groceries in containers may be the answer!

The Unsinkable Molly Brown, Heroine of the Titanic

Saturday, July 27 • 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Hear the true story of the life and times of the adventurous and daring "Unsinkable Molly Brown". Historical photographs and newspapers will be shared by historical re-enactor Lynn Rymarz.



Introduction to MS Word: Parts I & II

Tuesdays, August 6 & 13 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Learn the Basics of Microsoft Word in this two day class. *Must attend both sessions. Registration opens July 1.*

referenceUSA® Job Search

Saturday, August 10 • 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Start your career search, get résumé and interviewing tips, locate an internship or job, and more. Discover how this powerful online resource can help you land your next job. *Laptops will be provided.*

The Power to Change: the Front Lines of the Civil Rights Struggle

Tuesday, August 27 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Hear from Thomas M. Armstrong, author of *Autobiography of a Freedom Rider: My Life as a Foot Soldier for Civil Rights*. He will speak about his experiences in the 1960's era Civil Rights Movement in Mississippi.

MONTHLY GROUPS FOR ADULTS

Games for Grownups

Meets 2nd 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. *Register online, or join our games Meetup group so we know you're coming.*

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.

Contact foxvalleywriters@gmail.com.

Classic Cinema

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

Hollywood's greatest hits with good company and popcorn!

June 4: **Funny Face**

- starring Audrey Hepburn & Fred Astaire

July 2: **Sunset Boulevard**

- starring Gloria Swanson & William Holden

August 6: **Duck Soup** - starring the Marx Brothers

Genealogy Group

Meets 1st & 3rd 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.

Let the group know your areas of interest.

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 served.

Morning Coffee Break & A Book

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

June 25: *Force of Nature* by Jane Harper

July 23: *The English Wife* by Lauren Willig

August 27: *The Last Girl* by Nadia Murad



Non-Fiction Book Discussion Group

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

June 5: *Inheritance* by Dani Shapiro

July 3: *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean

August 7: *Dopesick* by Beth Macy

Evening Book Discussion Group

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

June 6: *The Quiche of Death* by M.C. Beaton

July 11: *Radium Girls* by Kate Moore

August 1: *And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie

Book Talks

Saturday, June 1 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Monday, July 15 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Monday, August 26 • 2:30-3:30 p.m.

What should you read next? Let our talented librarians help! Sip coffee and discuss all types of books. Learn tips on finding new titles and authors. Find how to get the most of what your Library has to offer. Discover a new author, check out a book, or go home with a bag full of new and exciting reads.

ART CLUB FOR GROWNUPS

2nd Saturday of the month • 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon | 3rd 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 have an opportunity to 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.*

Card Making Basics

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

Make beautiful cards with guest artist Karina Guico! Use various papers, stamps, paper punches, and other embellishments. *Space is extremely limited. Registration opens May 1.*

Americana Pinwheel Wreath

Tuesday, June 18 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Get ready for Independence Day by making a patriotic pinwheel wreath. We will paper craft a red, white and blue wreath guaranteed to jazz up any doorway. *Registration opens May 1.*



Beaded Braid Bracelets

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

Create bracelets using Irish waxed linen and seed beads. *Registration opens June 1.*

DIY Giant Flowers

Saturday, August 10 • 10:00-12:00 noon or
Tuesday, August 20 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Make giant-sized paper flowers! They'll look great in a large vase or clustered as elegant wall art. *Registration opens June 1.*



Smart Driver Safety

Wednesday, August 7 & Thursday, August 8 • 12:30-4:30 p.m. (8-hour course, 2 sessions)

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). AARP members, please bring membership number on first day of class. Cash or check made out to AARP due on first day of class. Arrive 15 minutes early for registration. Class size is limited; Register in advance. Registration opens July 1. Refreshments will be provided.

¡GRATIS!

Inglés Conversacional para Hispanohablantes! Conversational English for Spanish Speakers

1st & 3rd Monday of the month: June 3 & 17 | July 8 & 22 | August 5 & 19 • 7:00-8:00p.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.*

Come to improve your English speaking skills. Register in advance, online, or call (639) 896-0240. *Refreshments will be served.*

TEENS

Registration begins Tuesday, May 28. Registration required for all programs, unless noted. Please register online, by phone: (630) 801-4340, or in person. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult while in the Library.

Teen Take Out • June 3- July 26

Stop by the Teen Space each week this summer to pick up a fun craft or activity including origami, DIY holograms, bottle rockets, and more! *While supplies last.*

Teen Trivia Night

Wednesday, June 19 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Grades 6-12. Show off your fandom and random knowledge and help lead your team to victory (and a sweet prize).

Registration required.

Cupcake Decorating: Star Wars

Tuesday, June 25 • 3:30 p.m.

Grades 6-12. Amy Berger will teach teens how to decorate Star Wars themed cupcakes.

Registration required.

Mario Kart

Monday, July 1 • 1:00 p.m.

Grades 4-12. Test your racing skills with an afternoon of Mario Kart on the Wii U!

Register for an email or text reminder.



Quidditch

Thursday, July 18 • 3:00 p.m.

Grades 4-12. Come play everyone's favorite wizard sport at the Library! *Registration required.*



Drawing Workshop: Harry Potter Illustrations

Friday, July 26 • 1:00 p.m.

Grades 6-12. Christine Thornton will have teens create miniature works of art based on the Harry Potter chapter illustrations. *Registration required.*

COLLEGE PREP

College Planning Process: Unlocking the Secrets

Thursday, June 20 • 6:30 p.m.

Grades 9-12 & parent or guardian. Learn strategies to save money when applying to college. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend. *Registration required.*

ACT/SAT/PSAT Turbo Test

Wednesday, August 7 • 6:00 p.m.

Grades 9-12. Practice taking the ACT, SAT, or PSAT using Kaplan's free Turbo Test. *Registration required.*

Tween & Teen Volunteers

Students entering Grades 4-12 are welcome to volunteer at the Library! Visit messengerpl.org/teenvolunteers for applications and details.

BABIES & PRESCHOOL

SUMMER STORYTIMES

June 11 - July 25 (No storytimes July 2, 3 & 4)

Family Storytime & Craft	3-5 years & siblings (with caregiver)	June 17 & July 22	6:30-7:15p.m.	Registration Required
Lapsit Storytime	0-24 months (with caregiver)	Tuesdays	10:00-10:30a.m.	Registration Required
Read & Play Baby	0-24 months (with caregiver)	Thursdays	10:00-11:00a.m.	No Registration
Toddler Time	18 months-3 years (with caregiver)	Wednesdays	10:45-11:15a.m.	Registration Required
Preschool Pals	3-5 years	Wednesdays	10:00-10:30a.m.	Registration Required

KIDS & FAMILIES

Registration begins Tuesday, May 28. Registration required for all programs, unless noted. Please register online, by phone: (630) 801-4340, or in person. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult while in the Library.

Furry Friends

Wednesdays: June 5 & 19, July 3 & 17, August 7 & 21

For beginning readers. Read aloud to a trained therapy dog! Bring a book to share with a furry friend.

Space is limited: visit the Furry Friends Sign Up online to register for a 15-minute slot from 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Registration required.

Ben's Bubble Show

Wednesday, June 12 • 1:00-2:00 p.m.

All ages, aimed at ages 4-11 with caregiver. Experience an interactive show full of mesmerizing bubble magic, illusions and bubble sculptures! *Registration required.*

Lego Club

Thursdays: June 13, July 11 & August 8 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.

All ages. Drop-in for Lego building fun at Messenger! *Register for a reminder email or text.*

Lunar Cartooners

Monday, June 17

Kindergarten-Grade 3 • 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Grades 4-6 • 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Kids will draw strange space creatures and see their cartoons animated to surprise an astronaut on the big screen!

Registration required.

Cupcake Decorating: Star Wars

Tuesday, June 25 • 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Grades 2-5. Amy Berger will teach kids how to decorate Star Wars themed cupcakes. *Registration required.*

Family-Friendly Movies

Saturdays, June 29, July 13 & August 24 • 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.

Register for a reminder email or text.

Graphic Novel Party!

Sunday, July 7 • 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Grades 4-12. Come enjoy games and activities all about your favorite graphic novels! *Register for an email or text reminder.*

Mammals & More

Monday, July 8 • 1:00-2:00 p.m.

All ages. We bring the zoo to you! Meet live animals, learn about conservation and the unique world of these creatures.

Registration required.

Aerodynamics with SciTech

Wednesday, July 17 • 1:00-3:00 p.m.

All ages, aimed at kindergarten-grade 8. SciTech will bring us a vertical wind tunnel and participants can experiment with creating their own flying machine.

Register for a reminder email or text.

Outer Space Painting: Galaxy Animals

Friday, July 26 • 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Grades 3-5. Christine Thornton will show kids how to create an animal silhouette filled with a painted galaxy pattern.

Registration required.



Kevin & the Infinite Possibilities

Wednesday, July 31 • 10:00-11:00 a.m.

All ages. Join us for a Kindie-Rock end-of-summer concert, featuring interactive songs and storytelling to inspire creativity!

Register for a reminder email or text.

Family Tie-Dye

Sunday, August 4 • 2:00-3:30 p.m.

All ages. We'll provide dye, you bring a cotton t-shirt to create tie-dye masterpieces! *Register for a reminder email or text.*

BABIES & PRESCHOOL

PLAY APLENTY!

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

Sensory Playtime	Mondays: June 10 & July 15 Saturdays: June 15 & July 20	10:00-11:00 a.m.	Registration Required
Baby & Tot Playtime (when storytime isn't in session)	Tuesdays & Thursdays: June, July & August	10:00-11:00 a.m.	No Registration
Pre-K Play (when storytime isn't in session)	Wednesdays: June, July & August	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.

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LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Memorial Day Holiday

Sunday, May 26

Monday, May 27

Independence Day Holiday

Wednesday, July 3

Closing at 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 4

Labor Day Holiday

Sunday, September 1

Monday, September 2

**LIBRARY
ADMINISTRATOR**

G. Kevin Davis

MESSENGER PUBLIC LIBRARY UPDATE

New Trustees Join the Library Board

On April 11, Mark Saperston and Adrien Aaron were sworn in to serve as Library Trustees. Trustee Secretary, Cori Sparks, was reelected to serve a second term of office. We welcome them to the Library Board!

Trustees Dr. Mary Beth Hutches and Dominick Leo didn't seek another term of office. We wish them the best in their future endeavors!

New Strategic Planning Goals

The Library Board announced this past spring that the following four areas would be a part of the Library Staff's overarching and aspiring goals for the upcoming three years for the Library:

- BUILD COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WITH THE LIBRARY
- CELEBRATE THE DIVERSITY OF THE NORTH AURORA COMMUNITY
- EMBRACE THE LIBRARY'S ROLE IN CONNECTING USERS TO INFORMATION AND EXPANDING LITERACY
- IMPROVE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE LIBRARY'S MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

The complete Long Range Plan is available on the Library's website.

Do you know someone who can't come to the Library?

Our Homebound Service can bring books, movies, and more to North Aurorans with a long-term or short-term disability. Learn more by contacting asd@messengerpl.org, call, or stop in at the Help Desk.

Need help using a computer or eReader? Just Ask!

Schedule a session with a Librarian for help with computer, eReader or downloadable eBook questions. Adults - please call, email asd@messengerpl.org or stop in to book a session.

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