

MESSENGER PUBLIC LIBRARY OF NORTH AURORA

WINTER NEWSLETTER 2018-19

The Wizard of Oz: Page to Stage

Saturday, December 8 • 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Kindergarten-Grade 5. Paramount Theatre shares how they bring the classic novel *The Wizard of Oz* to life on stage. Children will get a chance to make a puppet inspired by the production, learn a song, and perform for their families. *Please register each child attending.*



Family Escape Room: Time Warp

Saturday, February 2

10:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m. & 3:00 p.m.



Grades 4-12 and caregivers. Do you have the brainpower and teamwork skills to win an Escape Room challenge? Try to solve riddles and decipher clues to escape in just 45 minutes. Select a time slot online with your friends and family! *Registration required. Please arrive 15 minutes before your game begins.*

Community Kindness Challenge • ALL TOGETHER NOW! December 2018 - February 2019

For adults and children of all ages. Make your way to the Library for Winter Reading fun. Read, listen, watch, and more to earn and win prizes. Adults can enter to win weekly prize drawings or grand prize packages. Visit our website to get started or stop in to pick up a paper log.

Kid's Kindness Hat

Brr! It's Cold Outside

December 3 - February 11

For adults and teens ages 15 and up. Create a Kid's Kindness Hat! Knit or crochet a children's hat this winter, to be donated to a local charity. Stop by the adult help desk starting December 3 to pick up supplies and patterns. Please bring completed hats back to the Library by February 11.



Random Acts of Kindness

February 1-28

For all ages. February 17 is National Random Acts of Kindness Day! Stop by the Library in the month of February, fill out a kindness heart, and show North Aurora how you plan to celebrate kindness this February and every day of the year. We'll display your kindness hearts through the month of February.



SUPERHERO BUTTONS

Friday, January 18 • 2:00-2:45 p.m.

Grades 3-8. Stop on by the Library to get your superhero on! Create buttons and magnets using old comic book pages or design your own. *Registration requested.*



Sunday, January 20
2:00-4:00 p.m.

All ages. Calling all superheroes! Celebrate our favorite caped crusaders with games and crafts for the whole family. Come prepared for superhero face painting and get ready to pose with some of your favorite heroes. All superheroes and villains (costumes) welcome! *Register if you want a reminder email or text.*

▶ DECEMBER ▶ JANUARY ▶ FEBRUARY

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

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



Smart Driver Safety

Wednesday & Thursday, December 5 & 6 • 12:30-4:30p.m. (8-hour course, 2 sessions)

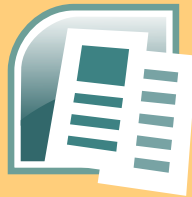
For adults. Refresh your driving skills, learn to adjust to age-related changes, and find out how to operate vehicles more safely in today's increasingly challenging driving environment. This classroom style program is 4 hours each day, and both sessions must be completed to qualify for your insurance 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.*

Introduction to Computers

Monday, December 10 • 6:30-8:30p.m.

For adults. If you are an absolute computer beginner and want to learn rudimentary computer skills, join us for an introductory class. Learn computer terminology and basic functions such as saving files and creating folders.

Laptops will be provided. Space is extremely limited, please register in advance.



Introduction to MS Publisher

Tuesday, December 11 • 6:30-8:30p.m.

Microsoft Publisher is a desktop publishing program that can be used to create a variety of publications.

Using Publisher, you can easily create business cards, greeting cards, calendars, newsletters and much, much more. This program will help you learn the basics. *Laptops will be provided. Space is very limited, please register in advance.*

ancestry[™] Library Edition

Friday, January 18 • 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Saturday, February 9 • 2:00-3:00 p.m.

For adults. Discover the basics and hidden secrets of using Ancestry Library. *Laptops will be provided. Please register in advance.*

The Ice Harvest: Industries Left Behind in the March Towards Progress

Saturday, January 26 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.

For adults and teens ages 15 & up. Over the course of U.S. History many crafts and industries have disappeared or diminished in the march of progress. Learn about the ice trade, an industry that harvested ice each winter from area lakes such as those in North Aurora, Batavia and Aurora. *Please register in advance.*

Cooking With Your Instant Pot

Wednesday, January 23 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.

For adults. Join us for a pressure cooking demonstration. Andrea from My Kitchen Clatter will show you how to get the most out of your Instant Pot or stove top pressure cooker. *Please register in advance.*

The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up: A KonMari Workshop

Wednesday, February 6 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.

For adults. Chicago's first certified KonMari Tidying Consultant, Kristyn Ivey of For the Love of Tidy, will share organization tips that focus on what you keep, rather than what or how much you discard. Learn about the revolutionary Japanese decluttering method made popular by Marie Kondo's bestseller, *The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up*. Live demos and giveaways will prepare you to get tidy now! *Space is limited, please register in advance.*

Investing Made Simple • Wednesday, February 20 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.

For adults. Financial educator Karen Chan will make stocks, bonds and mutual funds crystal clear using the story of a young company called Freddie's Finest Furniture. You'll learn how to put that information into use as she explains index funds and target date retirement funds, and how they can simplify your investing decisions.

¡GRATIS!

Inglés Conversacional para Hispanohablantes! Conversational English for Spanish Speakers

Mondays: December 3 & 17, January 7 & 21, February 4 & 18 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.

lunes: diciembre 3 & 17, enero 7 & 21, febrero 4 & 18 • 7:00-8:00 pm.

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. Se proporcionarán bebidas.

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. For adults.



Morning Coffee Break & A Book

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

December 18: *Mr. Dickens and His Carol* by Samantha Silvia

January 22: *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles

February 26: *The Last Tudor* by Philippa Gregory



Messenger Evening Book Discussion Group

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

December 6: *The 13th Gift: A True Story of a Christmas Miracle* by Joanne Huist Smith

January 3: *China Dolls* by Lisa See

February 7: *Love and Other Consolation Prizes* by Jamie Ford

MONTHLY GROUPS FOR ADULTS

Classic Cinema

Meets 1st Tuesday of the month
Starts promptly at 2:00-4:00 p.m.

For adults. Enjoy popcorn, good company, and some of Hollywood's greatest hits.

December 4: **A Christmas Carol**
starring Reginald Owen & Gene Lockhart

January 8: **Swing Time**
starring Fred Astaire & Ginger Rogers

February 5: **Father of the Bride**
starring Spencer Tracy & Elizabeth Taylor



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. Contact: foxvalleywriters@gmail.com.

Genealogy Group

Meets 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month • 2:00-4:00 p.m.
For adults. Get together with other genealogy enthusiasts. Get started with your family history research, share your exciting finds, explore new resources, and discuss topics of interest. *Beginners are always welcome.*

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 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.*

Paper Loop Christmas Trees

Saturday, December 8 • 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon or
Tuesday, December 18 • 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Deck the halls with a Christmas tree made of a paper cone embellished with scrapbook paper, ribbon, buttons and bling.

Felted Roses

Saturday, January 12 • 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
Join us when fiber artist Natasha Lehrer Lewis comes to art club to teach us how to make felt roses. Make a lovely, frilly, wet felted rose that could adorn your jacket, purse, or home.

Copper Tooling Designs

Tuesday, January 15 • 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Create sophisticated works of art by transferring designs on copper and then applying an antiquing compound.

Abstract Mythical Horses

Saturday, February 9 • 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon or
Tuesday, February 19 • 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Inspired by the late artist Laurel Burch, we will draw and paint colorful, geometrically-patterned horses using the watercolor resist technique.

Ask A Librarian!

Adults can ask a question in person at the Adult Services Help Desk, call (630) 896-0240 ext. 3, email asd@messengerpl.org, or schedule a one-on-one personalized session with a reference librarian for assistance with your genealogy, research, software, technology, or downloadable eBook questions. *Please call in advance to check for librarian availability. Children and teens, please contact the Youth Services Department.*

KIDS & FAMILIES

Registration begins Monday, November 26. Registration required for all programs, unless noted. Please register at messengerpl.org, (630) 801-4340, or in person. For drop-in programs, register online for a reminder email or text.

Books & Bites

Tuesdays • 4:00-4:45 p.m.

December 11: *Ada's Violin: the Story of the Recycled Orchestra of Paraguay* by Susan Hood

January 8: *I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark* by Debbie Levy

February 12: *Whoosh! Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions* by Chris Barton

Grades 3-5. Join us to read Bluestem books, try out new activities, and enjoy sweet treats! *Registration required.*

Saturday Afternoon Cartoons

Saturdays • 2:00-3:00 p.m.

December 29: *Adventure Time*

January 26: *Gravity Falls*

February 23: *Kim Possible*

Grades 3-8. Travel back to the good ol' days of Saturday morning cartoons by settling in with a bowl of cereal and watching some cartoons. *Register for email or text.*

Caudill Book Club

Mondays • 6:30-7:30 p.m.

December 17: *The Inquisitor's Tale...* by Adam Gidwitz

January 21: *It Ain't So Awful, Falafel* by Feroz Dumas

February 18: *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds

Grades 4-8. Join us for snacks, conversation and activities about the Caudill Award nominees. The first 5 patrons to register at the Youth Services Desk will receive a free copy of the book. *Registration required.*



Furry Friends

Wednesdays • 4:00, 4:15, 4:30 OR 4:45 p.m.

December 5 & 19, January 2 & 16, February 6 & 20

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.*

TEENS

Teen DIY: Magnetic Chalkboard

Wednesday, December 12 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Grades 6-12. Create and personalize a magnetic chalkboard perfect for your locker. Use chalkboard paint to turn picture frame glass into a write-able surface and decorate the frames as you wish! *Registration required.*

Teen DIY: Alcohol Ink Mugs

Saturday, February 9 • 2:00-2:45 p.m.

Grades 6-12. Brighten up your coffee, tea or hot chocolate habit by designing your own colorful mug. Use alcohol inks to drip, drop, and splatter ink for a one of a kind creation. *Registration required.*

COLLEGE PREP

All About Scholarships

Wednesday, January 16 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.

All ages, especially grades 11 & 12.

An introduction to applying for scholarships, including the basics of a scholarship application with tips from successful applicants and reputable sources of information. Presented by a trained ISACorps member. *Registration required.*



FAFSA Follow Up

Wednesday, February 13 • 7:00-7:45 p.m.

All ages, especially grade 12. Many students and their families have additional questions after completing the FAFSA. ISACorps members explain what happens next, the verification process, how aid is disbursed, and provide an overview of the financial aid process. *Registration required.*

Helping Hearts Wednesday, January 30 • 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Grades 6-12. Enjoy working on projects? Love giving back to the community? Need service hours? We have you covered. Come to Helping Hearts where we make projects to give away to local shelters, nursing homes, and other organizations to help make the world a better place. *Registration requested.*

Teen Volunteers

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

“Page-in-Training” Volunteers

Grades 4-6. A first chance to volunteer at the Library! Help straighten the books in your assigned section and do other simple tasks. Commit to volunteer for two 15-minute sessions/month. Applications available in Youth Services.

KIDS & FAMILIES

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



Thursdays: December 13,
January 10, February 14
6:30-7:30 p.m.

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

8-Bit Art!

Thursdays • 6:30-7:15 p.m. 

January 24: Shrinky Dink Keychains

February 28: Perler Beads

Grades 4-8. Have fun, create and pixelate! Join us for two sessions where we'll make some awesome 8-bit crafts based on Pac-man, Super Mario and more. Feel free to bring your own design or use one of our templates. *Registration required.*

Homeschool Fun!

Fridays: January 25 & February 22
10:00-10:45 a.m.

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



Curious Kids

Tuesdays • 4:00-4:45 p.m.
December 18, January 15 & February 19

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

BABIES & PRESCHOOL



WINTER STORYTIMES

January 8 - February 12



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	3-6 years	Wednesdays	10:00-10:30 a.m.	Registration Required

Snowflakes & Stories

Wednesday, December 19 • 10:00-10:45 a.m.

All ages, aimed at ages 2-5. Come join us for stories about snow and a fun craft to celebrate the winter season. *Registration required.*

Family Storytime + Craft

Mondays, January 28 & February 25

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.*



STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER

All ages. Aimed at ages 2-8. *Please register each child attending.*

Have you ever wondered about what happens at the Library when it's closed? We will share our secret world with your stuffed animal friends at this special event!

Drop-off: Thursday, January 3 • 4:00-5:00 p.m. **Pick-up:** Friday, January 4 • 10:00-11:00 a.m.

On Thursday, January 3, come and listen to a goodnight storytime before you tuck in your stuffed animal for the night.

On Friday, January 4, come back and enjoy a slideshow of their overnight adventures plus a keepsake memento.

PLAY APLENTY!

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

Sensory Playtime	Mondays: December 10, January 14 & February 11	10:00-11:00 a.m.	Registration Required
Drop-in Playtime (when storytime isn't in session)	Tuesdays & Thursdays December & February	10:00-11:00 a.m.	No Registration
Little Kids Build	Thursday, December 27	10-11 a.m. & 6-7 p.m.	Registration Required
Alphabet Playtime	Thursday, February 21	10-11 a.m. & 6-7 p.m.	Registration Required

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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

Staff Training Day

Friday, November 16

Thanksgiving Holiday

Wednesday, November 21

Open: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 22

Christmas Eve & Day

Monday, December 24

Tuesday, December 25

New Year's Eve & Day

Monday, December 31

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

**LIBRARY
ADMINISTRATOR**

G. Kevin Davis

LONG RANGE PLANNING PROCESS UPDATE

This past fall the Library Board collected information and feedback from community members regarding library services and how to improve the Library moving forward. In December and January, the Board will work with consultant Sarah Keister Armstrong to review information at Board meetings and finalize the Long Range Plan. Consult the Library website for updates as this process moves along. For further information, email the Library Administrator Kevin Davis with questions or comments at: director@messengerpl.org.

North Aurora Mothers Club Operation Christmas Giving Tree

Monday, November 19 - Tuesday, December 18

The Library will host a Giving Tree on behalf of the North Aurora Mothers Club. Pick up a gift tag for one of the sponsored families in need, then bring gifts to the User Services Desk. The Giving Tree gift tags will be on display the week before Thanksgiving. Gifts will need to be brought to the Library by Tuesday, December 18 to ensure timely delivery to the families for the holiday season. For further information, visit our website or the North Aurora Mothers Club website at namothersclub.org.

Holiday Open House

Sunday, December 2 • 1:30 - 4:00 p.m.

The Library Board and Staff invite everyone to join us for holiday entertainment, activities and fun! Come enjoy live music and a visit from Santa. Don't forget to bring a camera! Celebrate with a Gingerbread House Contest, a Treasure Hunt in the Stacks, Used Book Sale, and more. Lots of fun for all ages, plus conversation with the Library Board, Staff, Family and Friends.

Holiday Gingerbread Contest

All ages. Make a gingerbread house at home, bring it in to the Library on Saturday, December 1, and enter our Gingerbread House contest. Winners will be selected on December 2 and will be displayed in the Library through December 17.

Garbage Sticker Sales at the Library to End December 31, 2018.

The Library staff will no longer be selling North Aurora garbage stickers in 2019. For other locations within North Aurora that sell garbage stickers, see a library staff member.

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