

CARY AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY

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PEEPS HOLIDAY WREATH CONTEST

Join us for more fun with Peeps this holiday season--enter our contest with your own Peep Wreath. Prizes will be awarded for the favorite entry and runner-up, which will be determined by popular vote. The categories are Family, Teens (grades 6-12), and Adult.

Pick up your entry form from the Information Center or print it from our website beginning November 20. Entries will need to follow size restrictions, so please be sure to read the rules. Drop off your entry between December 1-7. Voting will take place from December 8-19. Wreath pick up begins December 20 (so that you can show off your creation during the holidays).

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

In July 2014, the library completed a strategic plan. A citizen survey earlier in 2014 guided the plan. One item from the plan that was fulfilled this past summer, was to be open on summer Sundays. Thanks to all of you, the trial was successful.

Going forward, the library board is working with the architectural firm of Engberg Anderson to determine how to create small quiet spaces and study rooms in the current library space. This will fulfill another of the items on our list of what library patrons want most at the Cary Area Public Library.

If all goes according to plan, look for construction zones in the library in spring of 2016. Watch our website for construction updates.

WINTER READING JANUARY 2-FEBRUARY 29

Get your game on (and banish your cabin fever) by participating in our winter reading programs for all ages. Sign up at the Information Center beginning Saturday, January 2 and let the bingo begin. There will be grand prizes and the more you participate, the more chances to win.



Program registration begins Friday, November 20.

Please notify us if you need to cancel your registration.

BECOME AN EXPERT ▼

Christmas in Chicago

Wednesday, December 2, 7-8 pm

Remember when the State Street department stores tried to outdo each other with elaborate window displays? Dave Clark, of Windy City Road Warriors, will discuss the experiences and traditions of the holiday and how they have evolved over the years.

Postpone Procrastination Now!

Wednesday, January 13, 7-8:30 pm

This interactive class will help you identify and remove the causes of procrastination; create and act on decisions; focus on your most important activities; and engage in activities you most enjoy ... guilt free.

Roads that Lead to Lincoln: Honest Abe on the Historic Highways of Illinois

Wednesday, February 17, 7-8 pm

Dave Clark is back to discuss the impact that Lincoln has made on our culture. We'll trace the major events of his life and take a virtual tour along Route 66, the Great River Road, and the Lincoln Highway in search of sites related to the life of Abraham Lincoln.

Antique Appraisal

Sunday, February 28, 1:30-3:30 pm

Karl Gates, licensed appraiser and dealer, will discuss antiques and evaluate audience items. Limit one item per person; no stamps, coins or weapons. Register each attendee.

MAKE IT ▼

Winter Door Swag

Saturday, December 5, 10-11 am

Peggy Garvin of Garvin Gardens will help you design a evergreen swag using a variety of mixed greens, pine cones, eucalyptus, berries and ribbon. Please bring pruners to the workshop. There is a \$20 fee for materials.

Holiday Card Making with Wanda Monday, December 7, 6:30-8:30 pm

Make six beautiful cards to send to your family and friends this holiday season. All supplies are included in the \$10 fee for this class.

DIY Electronics

**Mondays, January 11 and
February 8, 7-8:30 pm**

Ages 15 and up. Learn the basics of the Arduino microcontroller and learn how to write an app that notifies you, via Twitter, of the temperature and humidity in the room. Must attend January class to attend February class.

Coloring for Grownups

Wednesday, January 27, 7-8:30 pm

Use our detailed coloring pages, colored pencils, and markers or bring your own. Get ready to become totally absorbed in the joy of coloring. Refreshments will be provided.

Valentine Cards with Wanda

Sunday, January 31, 1:30-3:30 pm

Wanda is back to help you create six beautiful Valentine's Day cards. All supplies are provided in the \$10 fee for this class.

GENEALOGY ▼

Genealogy Interest Group (GIG)

Saturday, Dec. 12, 10-11:30 am

Join local genealogy enthusiasts as we share our expertise. Bring your own laptop or use one of ours.

Photo Restoration Roadshow

Saturday, January 30, 10-11:30 am

Bring an old photo or document for tips on how to digitally repair it. Eric Basir, of Photo Grafix, will lead this fast-paced workshop.

YOUR HEALTH ▼

Caregiver Stress

Wednesday, January 20, 6:30-8 pm

Providing care can be a stressful labor of love. Learn the symptoms of stress and stress-reduction strategies. Presented by the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Illinois Chapter.

Be Still My Heart

Wednesday, February 10, 7-8 pm

Alberta England, a WomenHeart Champion, will discuss the symptoms of heart disease in women, with an explanation on why women present heart disease differently than men.

GAME ON ▼

Bunco

Friday, February 19, 1-3 pm

Join us for this fast paced, easy to learn dice game. Enjoy some refreshments and compete for a variety of prizes. Limited to 24 players-- register early.

Mini Golf After Hours

Friday, February 26, 6:30-8:30 pm

Looking for a free date night or family activity? Join us as the library transforms into a miniature golf course! Maximum four foursomes per time slot. Twosomes welcome.



ANNUAL OSCAR PREDICTION CONTEST
FEBRUARY 1-28

FOR THE FOODIES ▼

Chocolate Desserts

Sunday, January 17, 1:30-3:30 pm

A great way to celebrate Valentine's Day is with some romantic chocolate desserts and Chef Maddox will prepare three. Bring your smile and "sweet tooth" to the library!

Dinner for Lovers

Wednesday, Feb. 3, 6:30-8:30 pm

Chef Dave Esau returns to demo a romantic meal because we all know the way to anyone's heart is with delicious food! Stop cooking boring food and learn a few tricks.

Wine Wisdom

Wednesday, February 24, 7-8 pm

Prairie State Winery of Genoa will share their winemaking techniques, teach the basics of wine in terms of color, smell and taste, plus offer some tips on pairing your wine.

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION ▼

Join one of our book groups for a lively discussion. Books are available each month at the Circulation Desk.



▶ JANUARY

Wednesday, January 27, 10:30-11:30 am

Jane Eyre by Charlotte Brontë

Thursday, January 28, 7-8 pm

The Goldfinch by Donna Tartt

▶ FEBRUARY

Wednesday, February 24, 10:30-11:30 am

Thursday, February 25, 7-8 pm

The Color of Water by James McBride

ALL ABOUT ART ▼

Melted Christmas Ornaments

Monday, December 7, 4:30-5:15 pm

Grades 2-5. Come make some ornaments! Use your imagination to create cool designs on plastic cups with Sharpie markers. Limit of 15 students.

Owls

Monday, January 11, 4:30-5:30 pm

Grades 3-5. McHenry Co. Conservation will bring in a live owl for us to observe and learn about before starting our owl artwork. Limit of 15 students.

Cool Penguins

Monday, January 25, 4:30-5:30 pm

Grades K-2. Let's share some penguin facts and draw our black and white feathered friends. Limit of 20 students.

Model Magic Hearts

Monday, February 8, 4:30-5 pm Grades

K-2nd. Use Model Magic to make a hanging heart for Valentine's Day. Limit of 15 students.

Snowy Forest

Monday, February 29, 4:30-5:30 pm

Grades 3-5. Read the poem *Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening* by Robert Frost and paint a forest in the snow. Limit of 20 students.

ACTIVE KIDS ▼

Yoga for Kids

Thursdays, January 14 and 28

4:30-5:30 pm

Ages 5-8. Celeste Minella, certified kids yoga facilitator, will introduce your child to basic yoga poses. Children will learn skills that will help them manage their emotions. Please bring a yoga mat and water bottle. Yoga is practiced with shoes off. Register for each class.

SCIENCE TIME ▼

I Spy Science

Tuesdays, 5-6 pm

Grades 1-3. Please register for each class.

▶ **December 1:** McHenry County Conservation District will present the class *That's Gross!* Some animals eat their own poop. Learn about gross things animals do!

▶ **February 2:** We're making a rain cloud in a jar and a static electricity spark, like lightning!

Wired for Science

Tuesday, January 19, 5-6 pm

Grades 4-5. We'll learn about friction and forces as we design bobsleds to race.

Science Patrol

Saturdays, 10:30-11:30 am

Ages 3-6 with caregiver. Parents, here's a fun way to experience science with your preschooler. Please register for each class.

▶ **January 23:** This month's theme is *Where is My Shadow*. We will explore lights and make shadow puppets.

▶ **February 27:** This month's theme is *Brushing Your Teeth*. We will explore why we should brush our teeth and what cavities are.

GAME ON ▼

Bags Tournament

Monday, January 18, 1-3 pm

Grades 1-5. Come and have some fun at our friendly tournament. Age appropriate teams will be formed that day. Snacks will be provided and prizes will be awarded.



Registration begins Friday, November 20.
You may need to cancel your registration.

BOOK CLUBS ▼

Chapter Chat

Tuesdays, 4:30-5:30 pm

Grades 4-5. If you love to read, join this monthly book discussion with fun activities.

► **December 8:** *The Puzzling World of Winston Breen* by Eric Berlin. Eric will skype with us to talk about his book!

► **January 12:** *Ophelia and the Marvelous Boy* by Karen Foxlee.

► **February 9:** *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* by E.L. Konigsburg.

Book Busters

New Night! Thursdays, Jan. 21 and Feb. 18, 7-8 pm

Grades 2-3. Do you like to talk about books you have read? Join our book club to share a book that you've read on the topic of the month. Bring a snack, discuss your book, and make a fun project.

Story Explorers: Games Around the World

Tuesdays, January 19 and February 16, 4:15-5 pm

Grades K-2. We'll continue our travels around the world learning how children play in other countries and listen to a story. Register for each class.

FAMILY FUN ▼

Improv Playhouse presents: Rumpelstiltskin

Monday, February 15, 1-2 pm

We all know the story of Rumpelstiltskin and the world's first ever name game. In the Improv Playhouse humorous twist on this classic tale, the ensemble explores the pitfalls of lies and boastfulness while teaching the importance of being truthful, even in a tangled situation. Come along with them as we spin this classic tale into a heap of laughs!

KID TECH ▼

LEGO Robotics Basics

Sunday, January 3, 1:30-3:30 pm

Grades 4-12. An Introduction to LEGO Mindstorms robots. Learn about the robot's hardware and the interface used to program it. This class is a NEW prerequisite for the Teen or Youth Robotics Workshops.

Youth Robotics Workshops

Sunday, January 24 and

February 21, 1:30-3:30 pm

Grades 4-5. Continue learning about LEGO Mindstorms robots, working at your own pace with a partner. You must have attended the Basics class, or one of the previous programming classes (not including summer sessions.) Limit of 12. Register for the February session beginning January 18.

MAKE IT ▼

Minecraft Unplugged

Monday, December 28

Grades 3-4: 9:30-10:30 am

Grades 5-6: 11 am-12 pm

The Discovery Center Museum of Rockford will help you assemble cubes, repel creepers, examine real rocks and ore, and create a torch.



LEGO Club

Tuesday, December 22, 1-2:30 pm

Monday, February 22, 4:30-5:30 pm

Grades 1-5. Enjoy building with your friends. Have your photo taken, and we will put your creation on display in the library. Register for each session.

Engineering Adventure

Saturday, February 6

Grades 1-3: 9:30-10:30 am

Grades 4-6: 11am-12 pm

Design and construct your own contraption to fly, spin, or stay put, then test it in the Discovery Center Museum of Rockford's vertical wind column.

STORYTIMES ▼

► FAMILY STORYTIMES

For children birth to age 6 with an adult. Stimulate your child's senses through books, rhymes, music and movement. Pick up your free tickets each day at the Info Center.

Mondays, 10:30-11 am

November 30

December 7, 14

January 11, 18, 25

February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Tuesdays, 10:30-11 am

December 1, 8, 15

January 12, 19, 26

February 2, 9, 16, 23

Thursdays 6:30-7 pm

December 3, 10, 17

January 14, 21, 28

February 4, 11, 18, 25

► PRESCHOOL STORIES

For ages 3½-5. Help your preschooler get ready to read and build skills through stories, music and rhymes. Caregivers must remain in library; pick up child's name tag at the Info Center.

Tuesdays, 9:30

December 1, 8, 15

January 12, 19, 26

February 2, 9, 16, 23

SPECIAL STORYTIMES ▼

Hat Day Storytime

Saturday, January 9, 10:30-11:30 am

Ages 3-5 with caregiver. January 15 is National Hat Day so let's celebrate with some stories and make a hat for you to wear. Limit of 20 kids, please just register the child(ren).

Ninja Storytime

Saturday, February 13, 10:30-11:30 am

Ages 3-5 with caregiver. Come join us in our dojo for Ninja stories, craft and a game. Limit of 20 kids, please just register the child(ren).

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BATTLE OF THE BOOKS ▼

Dates to remember:

December 1 & 2: Regular meetings after school at Cary Junior High

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December 15: Meet Your Team (everyone) after school at Cary Junior High

January 5: Practice Battle (everyone) at Cary Library, 7-8 pm

January 12: Battle of the Books after school at Cary Junior High

GAMING ▼

Teen Gaming

**Tuesdays, December 29,
January 26 and February 23
7-8:30 pm**

Grades 6-12. Drop in and play Brawl and other Wii games on the big screen. No registration required - bring a friend.

Mini Golf After Hours

Friday, February 26, 6:30-8:30 pm

Looking for a fun, free night out with friends? Join us as the library transforms into a miniature golf course! Maximum four foursomes per time slot. Twosomes welcome.

TAB ▼

Teen Advisory Board

**Tuesdays, January 12 and
February 9, 7-8:30 pm**

Grades 6-12. Suggest new programs and materials, help the Friends of the Cary Area Library with their book sales and just meet other teens interested in the library. Bring a friend and come join us.

FOR FUN ▼

Teen Murder Mystery Night

Friday, January 15, 6-8 pm

Grades 6-12. Join us for an after-hours event full of mystery and suspense! Participants will be assigned a character and collect clues to solve the mystery. Registration required. Questions? Call Becky Oberhauser at 847.639.4210.

Zombie Makeup Tutorial

Friday, February 20, 1-3 pm

Grades 6-12. Learn how to do killer zombie makeup with supplies you can find in your own home. Taught by a professional makeup artist. Registration required.

TEEN TECH ▼

LEGO Robotics Basics

Sunday, January 3, 1:30-3:30 pm

Grades 6-12. An Introduction to LEGO Mindstorms robots. Learn about the robot's hardware and the interface used to program it. This class is a new prerequisite for the Teen Robotics Workshops.

Teen Robotics Workshops

**Sundays, January 10 and
February 14, 1:30-4:30 pm**

Grades 6-12. Continue learning about LEGO Mindstorms robots, working at your own pace with a partner. You must have attended the Basics class, or one of the previous programming classes (not including summer sessions). Limited to 12. *Register for the February workshop beginning January 11.*

DIY Electronics

**Monday, January 11 and
February 8, 7-8:30 pm**

Ages 15 and up. Join us for some hands on projects using the Arduino microcontroller. We'll introduce you to the basics and send you home knowing how to write an application that notifies you, via Twitter, of the temperature and humidity in the room! Must have attended January class to attend the February class.



CARY GROVE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ART EXHIBIT

**Cary-Grove Art Department Presents: Something Cool
December 7-14**

Reception: Wednesday, December 9, 6-7 pm

View artwork created and curated by Cary Grove High School's intermediate art students from two art classes, Visual Art and Identity and Visual Art and Community. On Wednesday you can meet the talented artists who created this year's art display and congratulate them on their work.

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Monday-Thursday 9 am-9 pm
Friday-Saturday 9 am-5 pm
Sunday 1-5 pm

CLOSINGS

November 25	Closing at 5 pm
November 26	Thanksgiving Day
December 24	Christmas Eve
December 25	Christmas Day
December 31	New Year's Eve
January 1	New Year's Day
February 5	Staff training 9-1 Open 1-5 pm

LIBRARY BOARD

Meetings are the second Thursday of the month at 7 pm.
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FRIENDS OF THE CARY AREA LIBRARY NEWS

► The Friends raised \$4,716 from the Fall Used Book Sale. Thanks to the patrons who donated books to the library or purchased books at the sale, and to those who volunteered their time and energy to make the sale a success!

► For his Boy Scout Eagle project, Nathaniel Anleitner, constructed three Little Free Libraries for the community. Find them at the Park District Community Center, Greenfields Park and the Kraus Senior Center. Thank you, Nathan! To learn more, visit littlefreelibrary.org. Take a book, give a book.



► FOCAL meetings are held at 7 pm in the Library, typically the first Thursday of each month. Next up: December 3, January 7, and February 4. Please join us.

CARY AREA WRITERS GROUP

Looking for a community to nurture your writing? Come join the Cary Area Writers Group (CAWG). If you're interested, please contact MJ Wallace at 847.858.2509.