WELCOME SPRING

Ready to put away the snow shovel, mittens and the bulky snow gear? After a long, cold, snowy winter, it’s time to get out and see what is new at your library. All of the new best-sellers, recent release movies, hottest CDs and thousands of children’s books are here, just for you. New items come in every week, so check the “Just Arrived” display near the check-out desk for the latest additions to our collection.

Our spring programs offer you things to learn, new skills, and some fun, too. Mark your calendar so you don’t miss any of these great opportunities - register beginning on February 21 for your favorites.

Did you notice that we have been refreshing the library and re-arranging shelves this winter? We have been making the library better for you and the work continues. A new system will be installed at the circulation desk this spring to streamline checkout.

And, if you prefer to do things yourself, there will be a new self-checkout machine that will accommodate more than just books.

National Library Week is April 12-19 this year, so stop in as we highlight “Lives Change @ Your Library” and celebrate the great American tradition of the community library - and Cary’s wonderful support of its library over the years.

While the Village of Cary is embarking on the development of a new comprehensive plan, “Cary 2020, What’s Your Vision” (cary2020.com), and asks for input from residents of the Village of Cary, the Library is beginning its strategic planning process for the next five years. We hope you have helped us plan for the future by completing a survey. You can always tell us how we are doing or submit an idea by filling out a comment form at the Circulation Desk.

Who Are Your Peeps? Peeps Diorama Contest • All Ages • March 15 - April 19

Join in the creative craze that has captured imaginations all over the country. You are invited to show your creative side by making a miniature “Peep World” featuring colorful marshmallow Peeps (YouTube can inspire you). Create your Peeps diorama in a shoebox and bring it to the library to enter our first-ever Peeps contest. Win “Peep” Prizes for the best entries in different age groups and categories. Entry forms will be available beginning Saturday, March 15. Everyone is invited to come view the entries Saturday, April 19 and vote for their favorite. “Peeples Choice Award” voting will be from 11 am-3 pm; one vote per person, please.
State of Being: a Spiritual Workshop
Monday, March 3, 6-8:30 pm
Join Nicole Xicotencatli for a spiritual workshop which will help you discover the true relationship between your spirit and human self, and how it affects your daily life. This is the first in a series of workshops and is a prerequisite for the later workshops. There is a $5 fee, due upon registration.

Understanding Your Preschooler
Wednesday, March 5, 7-8 pm
We’ll discuss the stages of emotional and social development of children. Learning how to cope with everyday problems will make your time with your child more enjoyable.

Organic Farming: It’s In Our Nature!
Sunday, March 9, 2-3 pm
Peter Grubbe from Middlebury Farms will be here to share the ins and outs of organic farming.

eBay 101: Selling Basics
Wednesday, March 12, 7-8:30 pm
Ready to make some $ selling some of your "stuff?" Attend this fun and informative program by eBay University Instructor, Jack Waddick. He'll walk you through real time demos and answer questions. No technical mumbo jumbo!

After Hours Bunco
Friday, March 14, 6:30-8:30 pm
Play the fast paced, easy-to-learn dice game of Bunco. Enjoy some refreshments and share in the fun as we compete for a variety of delightful prizes. Please register early as there is a limit of 24 players.

How to Preserve Family Wealth: An Overview of Trust & Estate Planning
Wednesday, March 19, 7-8 pm
Financial Advisor and CDFA, Graham Craig, will share crucial information on how to think about your finances. Learn the basics of trust and estate planning, decide if it is worth avoiding probate and hear some advanced strategies for estate planning.

Link Up With LinkedIn
Wednesday, April 2, 7-8:30 pm
Learn how to use LinkedIn, a social website that professionals in many industries use for networking.

Using Family Tree Maker
Saturday, April 5, 10 am-Noon
Jane Gwynn Haldeman from "It's Relative" shares her expertise in using this great tool, with features such as the use of Workspaces, detailed source citations, and direct inclusion of online information.

Vintage Brunches and Breads
Sunday, April 6, 2-3 pm
Come and reminisce about spring holiday foods and celebrations of days gone by. Go back in time to get ideas and recipes for spring occasions and sample some purchased food items.

Sports Nutrition 101 for Adults & Teens
Wednesday, April 16, 7-8 pm
Grades 6-adult. Are you an avid exerciser, a high school athlete, or training for an event or competition? A registered dietitian will explain about sports nutrition, including meal planning, hydration, body composition improvement, and more.

Everyday Whole Grains—Think Outside of the Box!
Wednesday, April 23, 7-8 pm
Swap out your white flour and packaged mixes for tasty whole grains that will make your favorite cookies, pancakes, and muffins more nutritious. Learn how to create blends that will be fast and easy.

Josh Elder, award-winning graphic novelist and president of the educational nonprofit Reading With Pictures, presents a parent/teacher workshop on the role of comics in the classroom. Elder will share research and resources on best practices in education and the use of comics in schools. He will also recommend specific comics that work with Common Core standards.

Coping: Beyond Bullying
Wednesday, April 30, 7-8 pm
Join us for an engaging and interactive presentation to learn how to move beyond simple, traditional methods of coping with bullying and other challenges. You will learn how to alter your personal perceptions and processing skills to produce significant changes in your responses to life's difficulties.

Simply Learn: People Pics
Wednesday, May 7, 6:30-8 pm
Award winning photographer, Nancy Merkling shares helpful tips and tools for photographing people.

Plain Talk about the Amish
Saturday, May 10, 1-2 pm
All ages welcome, children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. We're hosting a conversation with bestselling author, Suzanne Woods Fisher, to discuss myths and truths about the Old Order Amish. She is the author of the Lancaster County Secrets and the Stoney Ridge Seasons series, as well as nonfiction books about the Amish. She is also the coauthor of a new Amish children's series, The Adventures of Lily Lapp.

The Wonders of Watercolor
Wednesday, May 14, 6:30-8:30 pm
In this workshop, Jenny Vogt will show you some simple tricks to creating an easy watercolor painting. Liquid watercolors will be used and the subject matter will be flowers and landscapes. Supplies, still life, and photo references will be provided. A $10 supply fee is due upon registration.
**Springtime in Paris With Chef Maddox**  
Tuesday, May 20, 6:30-8 pm  
Spend the evening with the ever-popular Chef Maddox learning some great French dishes to enjoy with your friends and family. This program will include a three-course menu with Parisian influences.

**Planning for College: Ideas and Strategies for Saving**  
Wednesday, May 21, 7-8:30 pm  
Join Financial Advisor and CDFA, Graham Craig, for perspective on how to think about finances and paying for college in these challenging times. Learn how much college is projected to cost, different ways to save, and the tax benefits of saving far ahead of time. Review some basics of qualifying for financial aid and some estate planning benefits of contributing to college funding.

**BOOK DISCUSSION**  
Join one of our Book Clubs for great discussions of interesting books. Books are available at the Circulation Desk.

**MARCH**  
Wednesday, 26: 10:30-11:30 am  
Thursday, 27: 7-8 pm  
*Defending Jacob* • William Landay

**APRIL**  
Wednesday, 23: 10:30-11:30 am  
*The End of Your Life Book Club* • Will Schwalbe  
Thursday, 24: 7-8 pm  
*Garden Spells* • Sarah Addison Allen

**MAY**  
Wednesday, 28: 10:30-11:30 am  
Thursday, 29: 7-8 pm  
*Mr. Penumbra’s 24-Hour Bookstore* • Robin Sloan

**COMPUTER CLASSES**

**Digital Photo Management**  
Saturday, March 1, 10 am-Noon  
Learn how to download and save photos, manage photo files, perform basic editing, and upload photos to photo-sharing sites. Please bring your digital camera (with USB cords) or a flash drive with photo files. A flash drive will be needed to save your files.

**Resume Builder Workshop**  
Saturday, March 1, 1-3 pm  
This hands-on class will guide you through creating your resume in Microsoft Word. The library database, Job and Career Accelerator will also be demonstrated. Please bring a draft of your resume or information such as your most recent employment and education history. A USB drive will be needed to save your resume.

**MS Excel 2010 Formulas & Functions**  
Saturday, May 3, 10 am-Noon  
Learn to create basic math formulas and take advantage of the many functions Microsoft Excel has to offer including SUM and AVERAGE. Prerequisite: MS Excel Intro or comparable experience.

**MS Publisher**  
Saturday, May 3, 1-3 pm  
Learn to use Microsoft Publisher to create and publish your own fliers, brochures, and greeting cards.

**Computer Basics: Email**  
Wednesday, May 28, 7-8:30 pm and Friday, May 30, 10-11:30 am  
Learn how to communicate with family and friends using email. This hands-on program will help you set up an email account and learn to send and receive email, attach documents or photos, and organize all of your emails.

**Family Origami Workshop**  
Saturday, March 8, 10 am-Noon  
Ages 8-12 with an adult; all attendees must register. Discover how Japanese art influenced Frank Lloyd Wright’s architecture and learn how to make basic folds and designs to make figures. Space is limited.

**Story Explorers**  
Tuesday, March 11 & April 1, 4-4:45 pm  
Grades K-2. Our theme is *Landmarks of the World*. Receive a passport to foreign countries, learn about their landmarks, hear a story and enjoy an activity.

**Paper Roller Coasters**  
Tuesday, March 11, 6-8:30 pm  
Grades 4-5. Join us to design and build a working marble roller coaster with a team. Construct beams, columns, tracks, curves and funnels - all with paper! Prizes will be awarded for the best designs.

**LEGO® Club**  
Sunday, March 16 1:30-3 pm  
Thursday, April 24, 4-5 pm  
Grades 1-6. Each session will highlight a new theme. Children will be divided into age groups and have an opportunity to display their creations in the library. Pictures will be taken. Please register for each session separately.

**All About Art**  
Limit of 20 per class

**Ribbit, Ribbit**  
Thursday, March 13, 4-5 pm  
Grades K-2. A fan of frogs? Let’s read a story and then draw and paint a frog picture.

**Mandala Design**  
Tuesday, March 25, 2-3:30 pm  
Grades 4-6. We’ll make a mandala design out of a CD and talk about radial symmetry. We’ll use a little bit of math, so bring a protractor and a 12” ruler to help.

**Splotch and Confetti**  
Thursday, April 3, 4-5 pm  
Grades K-2. We will read the Splotch and Confetti books by Kali Stileman, and then paint their portrait.
Program registration begins Friday, February 21. Registration will open to out-of-district patrons one week prior to the program.

**Kids Write**
**Wednesdays, March 19, April 16, May 21 7-8:15 pm**
Grades 4-8. Have a story to tell? Want some writing tips? Join us as we have fun while learning to be a better writer.

**Lincoln Logs**
**Wednesday, March 26, 1-2:30 pm**
Grades 1-3. Join us to build original creations with our collection of good-old-fashioned Lincoln Logs.

**Pageturners**
**Tuesdays, March 25, April 22, 7-8 pm**
Grades 3-4, with an adult. Pick up a book at the Info Center when you register for the month, read it and then join us for a lively discussion and a related craft.

**K’Nex**
**Thursday, March 27, 1:30-2:30 pm**
Grades 4-6. Help create an entire amusement park! Children will be given a choice from the many amusement park models to design.

**Skylarks RC Club of Illinois**
**Saturday, March 29, 10 am-3 pm**
Family program, children under 9 must be accompanied by an adult. Drop in to get a closer look at radio-controlled (RC) aircraft—many models will be on display. Try flying an RC model on a computer flight simulator. Small balsa wood models will be available for children to build.

**Sid the Science Kid and Temperature**
**Monday, March 31, 10-11:30 am**
Age 3-6 with an adult. Watch Sid the Science Kid’s Winter Holiday and then explore what makes the thermometer go up or down. We’ll make our own paper thermometer and temperature journal.

**Sid the Science Kid and Gravity**
**Monday, April 21, 10-11:30 am**
Ages 3-6 with an adult. Sid the Science Kid will demonstrate how gravity works and then experiment with balls to see which ones will bounce—and how high. We’ll also make our own bouncy balls.

**Frog Lady**
**Saturday, April 26, 10:30-11:30 am**
Family program, best for ages 4 and up; adults please register as age 21. Miss Deb will be bringing slithery and hoppy friends for a reptile/amphibian “show and tell.” You may get to touch one or two!

**Making Comics the Ninja Way**
**Tuesday, April 29, 4-5 pm**
Ages 8 and up. Join award-winning comic book writer and graphic novelist Josh Elder (Scribblenauts Unmasked, Adventures of Superman, and Mail Order Ninja) as he shows you how comics are made and teaches you how to make your own.

**Celebrate Children’s Book Week, May 12-18, with us!** Enter to win a basket full of classic favorites and exciting new children’s books. Receive an entry each time you check out children’s books this week.

**Bugs, Beetles and Bookworms**
**Thursday, May 22, 7-8 pm**
Ages 5 and up, children under 9 must be accompanied by an adult. Presented by the Science Alliance, kids will investigate the life stories of butterflies, dragonflies, beetles, spiders and more. Children will learn lots about the insects around us.

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

**Mondays, 10:30-11 am**
March 3, 10, 17, 24 April - no storytimes May 5, 12, 19

**Tuesdays, 10:30-11 am**
March 4, 11, 25 April - no storytimes May 6, 13, 20

**Thursdays, 6:30-7 pm**
March 6, 20 April 24 May 8, 22

**Saturdays, 10:30-11 am**
March 8, 22 April 26 May 10, 24

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**Tuesdays, 9:30-10 am**
March 4, 11, 25 April - no storytime May 6, 13, 20
Teen Gaming  
Tuesdays, March 4, April 1, & May 6  
7-8:30 pm  
Grades 6-12. Drop in to play Wii Brawl, Guitar Hero and more on the big screen. No registration required.

Teen Tech Week: DIY @ your library  
March 9-15  
Teens grades 6-12. Come in to the Cary Library, check out an item, and fill out an entry form for our i-Tunes cards give away. While you are here, attend our do-it-yourself program—Paper Roller Coasters.

Resume Writing for High-Schoolers  
Saturday, March 15, 1-2 pm  
Grades 9-12. Learn how to save time and effort by creating a professional resume for your job, college, and scholarship applications. Samantha Allen from the Illinois Student Assistance Commission will show you how to make your experience stand out to employers and college admission personnel. She will also give tips on interviewing in today’s job market. Limited to 20 students.

Sports Nutrition 101 for Teens & Adults  
Wednesday, April 16, 7-8 pm  
Grade 6 through adult. Are you an avid exerciser, high school athlete, or training for an event or competition? Learn about the right mix of foods and fluids to go to the next level as a competitor. A registered dietitian from Centegra will instruct you in nutrition survival skills including meal planning, hydration, body composition improvement, and more.

Teen Advisory Board  
Tuesdays, March 18 & May 13, 7-8:30 pm  
Monday, April 7, 3-5 pm  
Grades 6-12. Join us to suggest new programs, help FOCAL set up their book sales, and earn volunteer hours. April is National Poetry Month and the Teen Advisory Board will be creating book spine poetry to display in the library. New members are always welcome so feel free to bring a friend to our meetings.

Read beTWEEN the lines  
Thursdays, March 20, April 17, & May 15, 7-8 pm  
Ages 10-13. Join our book club for tweens only! Register now at the Information Center and pick up a copy of our next book, then come join in a lively discussion about the story.

Anime & Manga Fan Club  
Tuesday, April 1, 6-6:45 pm  
Grades 6-12. Do you love anime and manga? Join other fans and give us your opinion on what materials the library should add to our collection. Registration required.

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Teen Gift Workshop- Mother’s Day Container Garden  
Sunday, May 4, 2-3 pm  
Grades 6-12. Create a beautiful container garden that your mother can enjoy all summer long. Peggy Garvin from Garvin Gardens will help you select the perfect annuals to make a memorable gift. Register in person to pay the $15 materials fee.

Congratulations to team “Mashed Potatoes,” winners of the third annual Battle of the Books at the Cary Junior High on January 14. Nearly 70 tweens and teens participated in the hard-fought battle to prove that their team was the master of the books! Thank you to all who helped make the competition possible—Cary 26 Education Foundation, Friends of the Cary Area Library, staff at the Cary Junior High, parent and teacher volunteers and our own school liaison librarians, Jeanne and Jennifer.

Students who participated in Battle of the Books
Thank You

Thank you to Grand Geneva Resort for the generous donation of a ski package for two as a prize for the YA Winter Reading Program.

Tax Forms

Now that the tax season is here, please note that the library will no longer carry printed tax forms. Our supply of the forms has been unpredictable and unreliable for the past few years. Forms are available online and can be printed directly from www.irs.gov and www.tax.illinois.gov or you can contact the IRS at 1-800-829-3675.

Friends of the Library News

- Don’t miss the Friends of the Cary Area Library Spring Used Book sale on Saturday, April 12, 9 am-5 pm and Sunday, April 13, 1–5 pm. Many wonderful, gently used books are looking for a new home; the selection is terrific - something for everyone - and you can’t beat the bargain prices. Plus, you will help the Friends support library programs throughout the year and fund scholarships for Cary-Grove students. A win-win for all.

- **FOCAL Spring meetings will be on Thursdays, March 6, April 3 and May 1 at 7 pm** in the library meeting room. New members are always welcome; come join us! Adult and high school workers are needed to help set up the book sales. Volunteers can sign up in the Book Sale binder on the Circulation Desk in late March to help with set up beginning on April 7.

- **FOCAL will be hosting a fundraiser at the Crystal Lake Culver’s on Thursday, May 15.** FOCAL will receive 10% of the day’s sales and members will help serve customers from 5-8 pm - enjoy burgers and frozen custard while supporting your library.