Take a break from sledding, skiing or skating and come to the library and read to win this winter. While we wait for the Winter Olympics to start in Sochi, Russia in February, we invite you to “go for the gold” by joining our winter reading programs for all ages. Sign up starts December 16 and ends January 20; the last day to complete and return your reading log is January 31.

For our adult readers, books, DVDs, CDs, magazines, audiobooks, e-books, and attending a program will all count toward completing your reading log. Earn a prize for completing your log and enter a drawing for one of our great gift baskets containing some signed Blackhawks banners, DVDs, gift cards to local restaurants and more.

Teens (grades 6-12) will read two books and checkout two additional items (DVDs, CDs, or magazines) to earn halfway and completion prizes. Want to read more? Complete a second chance reading log for an additional entry in the grand prize drawing.

Independent Readers (grades 1-5), will play Sports Bingo with reading challenges and Olympic quiz questions. Read-to-Me (infant-K), will fill in their own Bingo cards with squares for different activities. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Bingos completed--and an additional two chances in the Grand Prize drawing can be earned by completing two more Bingos. There will also be weekly drawings for cool Chicago Wolves prizes-- be sure to enter to win!

e-Book/Audiobook Assistance

Beginning in December, schedule an appointment with a staff member to learn how to download audiobooks, e-books, or magazines to your reader, tablet, phone, iPad or other device. Fifteen-minute appointments will be available Mondays, 5-7:45 pm and Fridays, 1:30-3 pm.
adults (ages 18 & up)

Evergreen Container Garden
Wednesday, December 4, 7-8 pm
Peggy Garvin of Garvin Gardens returns to help you create a beautiful winter container for the holidays. This fresh evergreen arrangement will last for weeks indoors or out. Container and all materials are provided—just bring your garden pruners. Materials fee is $20; limited to 30 attendees.

Wine Glass Charms
Saturday, December 7, 1-2:30 pm
Rita Chevli is back to teach you how to make your own custom wine glass charms. Make them for yourself or for a lovely hostess gift. A $5 supply fee is due at registration.

Downton Abbey and the British Aristocracy
Wednesday, December 11, 7-8 pm
Join Northwestern University history professor, Dr. Deborah Cohen, for a lively discussion and slide presentation about the fate of the British aristocracy in the era of the hit TV series Downton Abbey before and after World War I. Copies of Dr. Cohen’s new book on this topic will be available.

The Coffee Spectrum
Sunday, January 5, 2-3 pm
Coffee lovers—join Alison Cipri, manager of our local Starbucks, as she discusses the differences between light, medium, and dark roasts and their origins. She will help find the perfect coffee for each individual and provide tasting samples—yum!

A Night With Norge!
Wednesday, January 8, 7-8 pm
Family Program, ages 6 and up. “Learn how to fly” as well as learn the history of one of the oldest facilities still currently in use in the local area. All attendees will receive a ticket for the Norge Ski Jump Tournament held in January, and a raffle entry for Norge spirit items.

Downton Abbey Tea Time
Sunday, January 12, 2-3:30 pm
Spend the afternoon getting in the mood for the TV series Downton Abbey with Chef Michael Maddox. Learn how to make two great finger sandwiches as well as two “sweets” for your next elegant tea party. Recipes provided.

The Inspiring Life and Times of a Beloved Blackhawk: Keith Magnuson
Saturday, January 18, 3-4 pm
Professor and author Doug Feldmann will be discussing and sharing excerpts from his book about the remarkable life of Chicago Blackhawk legend Keith Magnuson. His book will be available for purchase.

Genealogy Interest Group
Saturday, January 18, 10 am-Noon
Bring your laptop, or use ours, and spend the morning with others interested in genealogical research. Share your expertise or get some help on breaking down those brick walls.

Swab Your Cheek: How to Make the Most of DNA Kinship Reports
Saturday, February 22, 10-11:30 am
Marsha Peterson-Maass will help you make sense of today’s three commercially available DNA tests—mtDNA, Y-DNA and nucDNA. She will explain which ancestral lines of descent each test will identify, and what your current options are for networking to find kinship matches.

Chocolates From Around the World
Wednesday, February 5, 7-8 pm
Pastry Chef Rose Deneen discusses chocolates from other countries and the chocolate production process. Chef Deneen will then demonstrate two easy chocolate treats, using some tasty international chocolates. Recipes included.

Getting a Good Night’s Sleep
Wednesday, January 22, 7-8 pm
Getting a good night’s sleep is vital to your health. Dr. Andreas Seidler, from Northwest Community Hospital, discusses some common problems associated with sleep and the new technologies in the field of sleep. There will be some time for your questions about healthy sleep.

Choosing the Right Dog for Your Family
Wednesday, January 29, 7-8 pm
Man’s best friend comes in all shapes, sizes, and, of course, personalities. The key is to know what characteristics you are looking for and what breed fits your lifestyle. Nancy Gatza, president of the Family Dog Center of Illinois, discusses dog ownership, which dog breed is right for your family, how to help a dog adjust to your home, and more.

Music Makers
Saturday, December 7, 10 am-4 pm
Enjoy holiday music throughout the day as various students from Music Makers in Crystal Lake perform inside the library. No registration required.

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St. Barnabas Ringers
Sunday, December 8, 3-3:30 pm
Listen to the sounds of the season as performed by the Hand Bell Choir of St. Barnabas Lutheran Church of Cary. Choir members will answer questions after the concert. No registration required.

The Music of Marill
Monday, December 16, 7-8 pm
All ages welcome. Enjoy the music of the season as Marill performs beautiful Christmas arrangements and original songs using acoustic guitar, keyboard and vocals.

A Happy Healthy Heart
Wednesday, February 12, 7-8 pm
Learning about your heart can make a big difference with your health. A health professional from Northwest Community Hospital will be here to provide answers and offer tips to improve your heart health.

Understanding Teenagers
Monday, February 24, 7-8 pm
Parents everywhere struggle to respond appropriately to challenging behavior and fluctuating moods exhibited by teenagers. This introductory class, presented by Gabrielle Johnson, LPC, CPC, will help deconstruct the teenage brain and give you a few simple strategies to improve communication and save your sanity!

Just Pin It!
Wednesday, February 26, 7-8 pm
Learn about Pinterest, the popular website that shares ideas for creative living. Jason Pinshower from the Indian Trails Library will show you how to consolidate and organize ideas for events, cooking and entertaining, projects, collections, and even travel.

Computer Classes
There are no classes in December. This is the last time Intro classes will be offered in 2014.

Intro to Microsoft Word 2010
Saturday, January 4, 10 am-Noon
Learn to create, edit, format, save and print documents.

Intro to Microsoft Excel 2010
Saturday, January 4, 1-3 pm
Learn to input data, format, create formulas, save, and print.

Microsoft Word Advanced Formatting
Saturday, February 1, 10 am-Noon
Learn advanced skills in document creation.

Microsoft Excel Formulas and Functions
Saturday, February 1, 1-3 pm
Go beyond the basics and learn more about making Excel work for you.

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

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No discussion

January
Wednesday, 22: 10:30-11:30 am
Emma • Jane Austen
Thursday, 23: 7-8 pm
Waiting For Snow In Havana • Carlos Eire

February
Wednesday, 26: 10:30-11:30 am
Thursday, 27: 7-8 pm
A Reliable Wife • Robert Goolrick

Limit of 20 per class. Registration required.

Stars and Snowflakes
Thursday, December 26, 3:30-4:30 pm
Grades 2-5. Cut and fold stars and snowflakes to decorate for winter.

Olympic Sports Figures
Tuesday, January 7, 4-5 pm
Grades K-2. Get ready for the Olympics in February! Pick your favorite winter Olympic sport and make a collage using different materials to decorate your sports figures.

Keith Haring Action Figures
Tuesday, January 28, 4-5 pm
Grades 3-5. Keith Haring is known for his pop art style of active simplified figures. Make your own action figure in his style on aluminum foil using Sharpie markers.

Bead Craft
Saturday, December 7, 11-12:30 pm
Grades 4-5. Crafter’s choice: make two sets of holiday earrings or one elaborate bookmark. Registration is required!

Story Explorers
Tuesdays, Dec. 10, Jan. 14, Feb. 11
4-4:45 pm
Grades 1-6. Our theme is Landmarks of the World. Receive a passport to countries, learn about the landmarks in the country, hear a story and enjoy a theme-related craft. Limited to 20.

LEGO® Club
Thursday, December 12, 4-5 pm
Sunday January 19, 1:30-3 pm
Thursday, February 13, 2-3:30 pm
Grades 1-6, Cary Area Library cardholders. We encourage our builders to create something based on each month’s theme. Kids will have an opportunity to display their creation in the library, and photos will be taken. Please register for each month.

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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.

- **Wolves Player Visit**
  Tuesday, December 17, 7-8pm
  All ages welcome (Cary Area Library card not required). Everyone will get a chance to meet right winger Tyler Shattock (#21) from the Wolves Hockey Team and ask questions. One lucky child will be chosen to demo some of the players’ gear!

- **Merry Magic Workshop**
  Friday, December 27, 3-4 pm
  Ages 5-12. Learn how to do your own tricks from magician Gary Cantor. All attendees will receive their own magic tricks for home!

- **Keyboarding for Kids**
  Mondays, January 13-February 17 4-5 pm
  Grades 4-6. Using the curriculum from TypingWeb, computer trainer Sharie Dodge will help your student hone their keyboarding skills. During the 6-week course, they will review alphabet keys and work on accuracy and efficiency. At-home exercises will be available. There is a $25 fee for this class; register at the Info Center.

- **Pageturners Book Club**
  Tuesdays, Jan. 28 & Feb. 25, 7-8 pm
  Grades 3-4 with an adult. Register and pick up the book at the Info Center, read it, and then join us for a lively discussion and craft. Pick up the January book, *Flora and Ulysses* by Kate DiCamillo, beginning December 23. In February we’ll read *The Story of Salt* by Mark Kurlansky. Limited to 12 kids.

- **Preschool Science Fair**
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Beading Holiday Gifts
Saturday, December 7, 3-4:30 pm
Grades 6-12. Make two sets of earrings, or make a more intricate bookmark. Limited to 10. Registration required.

Anime & Manga Fan Club
Tuesday, February 4, 6-6:45 pm
Grades 6-12. Do you love anime and manga? Join us to give suggestions about our collection. Registration required.

ACT Practice Test
Saturday, February 15, 10 am-2 pm
Grades 9-12. Kaplan Testing will administer a full-length practice ACT test and mail the results to your home within two weeks. A great, free way to learn about the test and discover your strengths and weaknesses prior to taking the exam for college. Please bring a #2 pencil and approved calculator (check the ACT website) to the test. Limit of 30; registration required.

Rock Your Bedroom!
Tuesday, February 18, 7-8:30 pm
Grades 6-12. Create a scaled-down version of your bedroom and furniture. Designer Dawn Pennacchia will explain color theory and interior design. Discover different ways to freshen up your bedroom for spring! Registration required.

Book Clubs

Battle of the Books Book Club
Thursday, December 5, 7-8 pm
Tuesday, December 10, 7-8 pm
Grades 6-8. We will discuss our final book selection to prepare for the Battle of the Books on January 14 at the Cary Junior High. Registration required.

Battle of the Books Team Practice Round
Tuesday, January 7, 7-8 pm
Grades 6-8. Battle of the Books participants, meet with your team at the library and compete in a practice round with judges and timekeepers.

Read BeTWEEN the Lines Book Club
Thursdays, Dec. 19, Jan. 16, Feb. 20
7-8 pm
Ages 10-13. Just for tweens! Bring a friend and join our lively book discussions and exciting activities! Want to see what we are going to read? Go to the library calendar of events and you can see our next book when you click on "Read BeTWEEN the Lines." Register at the Info Center and pick up a copy of our next book.

Meet the Artists
Monday, December 2
6-8 pm
Meet the talented student artists from Cary-Grove High School art classes and congratulate them on their amazing art projects illustrating this year’s theme, Art and Identity: The Road.
Thank You!

The Cary Area Public Library would like to thank the following businesses for their partnership and support during our 2013-14 Winter Reading Program:

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Chicago Wolves
Colonial Café
Crystal Lake Ice House
Culver’s
Galati’s Pizza and Pasta
Fritzl’s Restaurant and Pub
Jersey Mike’s Subs
Nick’s Pizza & Pub
Pablo’s Mexican Restaurant and Cantina
Raging Waves
Rainforest Cafe
1776 Restaurant
Texan Bar-B-Q

Cary Area Writer's Group

Are you an aspiring author, penning your memoir, or needing some feedback from other writers? If so, our writer’s group is the perfect place for you. Members meet monthly to discuss writing and their work and to help each other prepare for publication. Contact the library for more information.

Friends of the Library News

Thank you to all who donated to or bought books at the October Friends Used Book Sale! We raised over $5,300 from this two day sale. Proceeds allow the Friends to assist the library in purchasing items or services that fall outside the library’s budget. Book donations are always welcome anytime during library hours.

Are you interested in becoming a Friend and wonder what the group is all about? We invite you to visit with us and learn more at the FOCAL Open House on February 6 from 7-8:30 pm. Other upcoming Friends meetings are December 5 at 7 pm and January 9 at 7:15 pm.