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**At a glance**
- Drive-up book return and pick-up
- Study rooms, conference room
- Makerspace/multi-purpose room
- Marketplace for new materials
- Another self-checkout machine
- New automated return system
- New layout of shelving
- And more!

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  Sunday, April 17, 1-5 pm

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Hear representatives from a variety of lineage societies, including the Sons of the American Revolution, McHenry County Genealogical Society and others, as they share why you should join their organization. (This is an opportunity to learn the basics, not complete your application.)

Genealogy Interest Group (GIG)
Saturday, May 7, 10-11:30 am
Join local genealogy enthusiasts as we share our expertise. Bring your own laptop or use one of ours.

Tech Time
DIY Electronics
Mondays, 6:30-8:30 pm
Ages 15 and up. If you know the basics of the Arduino microcontroller, join us for some hands on projects. You’ll go home knowing how to write an app for each project. Register for each individual class. Limited to 10.
- March 7: Use the motion sensor to send a notification
- April 4: Programmable LED Array
- May 2: Change the color of an LED based on the weather

iPad Basics
Friday, April 29, 2-3:30 pm
Do you need help learning the basic settings for your iPad? Want to learn how to download apps? Want a better understanding of using iCloud? Bring your device, Apple ID and password to learn more about your iPad.

For the Foodies
Cookie and Cake Decorating
Wednesday, March 9, 7-8 pm
Pastry Chef Rose Deneen will demonstrate and melding herb flavors to create several dips, dressings and spreads. Flavor families and choosing herbs for preparing foods will be discussed.

Blending Herbs
Wednesday, April 6, 7-8:30 pm
See various methods of blending herbs to create several dips, dressings and spreads. Flavor families and choosing herbs for preparing foods will be discussed.

Cooking with Seafood
Wednesday, May 11, 6:30-8:30 pm
Chef Susan Maddox will lecture on seafood emphasizing selecting, purchasing, preparing and cooking the freshest varieties. She will demonstrate three recipes.

BECOME AN EXPERT
How to Keep Your Kids Safe
Wednesday, April 20, 7-8 pm
Jim O’Hara, an expert in personal safety, will offer tips and advice to help keep your children safe. Ten topics will be covered to help protect your family.

Canada’s Eastern Shores
Wednesday, April 27, 7-8 pm
Roam along the shores of the St. Lawrence River, through Montreal and Quebec City. Explore the coasts of New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Cape Breton, and Nova Scotia. Hear about Acadian and Gaelic culture, Anne of Green Gables, and the geology that formed the shoreline.
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Register for April and May Workshops beginning March 21 and April 25.

**LEGO Robotics Basics**
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**I Spy Science**
Tuesday, April 5, 5-6 pm
Grades 1-2. We’ll be making magic liquid levels and yeast balloons.

**MAKE IT**

**K’Nex Amusement Park**
Tuesday, March 29, 10 am-12 pm
Grades 4-6. Help create an entire amusement park! Children will be given a choice from the many amusement park models to design: the Scrambler, a Ferris Wheel or even the London Eye.

**LEGO Club**
Friday, April 1, 1-2:30 pm
Grades 1-5. Enjoy building with your friends. Then have your photo taken with your creation and we will put your creation on display in the library.

**SCIENCE TIME**

**Wired for Science**
Tuesdays, 5-6 pm
Grades 4-5. Please register for each class.
- March 1: Make your own Electroscope to see static electricity at work.
- March 26: We will learn about and build a volcano.
- April 23: Why do we have rulers? We will learn about measurement.
- May 3: Play a game to learn about Weathering, Erosion, and Deposition.

**Science Patrol**
Saturdays, 10:30-11:30 am
Ages 3-6, with adult. Parents, here’s a fun way to experience science with your preschooler. Please register for each class.
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**Forces In Motion**
Thursday, April 7, 6:30-7:30 pm
All ages family program. Presented by Steve Belliveau, this interactive science show will feature a human gyroscope, rocket car, hovercraft and more. Have a lot of fun covering Newton’s Laws of motion with simple machines.

**DIY Electronics**
Monday, May 23, 6:30-8:30 pm
Grades 1-5 with an adult. Do you want to learn how the Arduino microcontroller can be used to control the color of an LED, enable a motor, or read the temperature and humidity? Join us for some hands-on basics. Register the child only.

**MARCH**

**Wednesday, March 23, 10:30-11:30 am**
Thursday, March 24, 7-8 pm
*The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion

**APRIL**

**Wednesday, April 27, 10:30-11:30 am**
Thursday, April 28, 7-8 pm
*We Are Called to Rise* by Laura McBride

**MAY**

**Wednesday, May 25, 10:30-11:30 am**
Thursday, May 26, 7-8 pm
*The Husband’s Secret* by Liane Moriarty

**GET GARDENING**

**Care & Feeding Your Herb Garden**
Wednesday, May 4, 7-8:30 pm
This basic class includes everything a startup gardener should know: how do herbs differ from other plants, how to choose plants, how to prepare the soil, and how to keep them alive.

**KID TECH**

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**Cubelets Robotics Workshop**
Thursday, March 31, 1-3 pm
Ages 5-10. Cubelets robotics use magnetized pieces to construct their robots. Kids will complete a series of design challenges with the cubelets. Challenger Learning Center of Woodstock will lead the workshop.

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**MOTHER GOOSE & FRIENDS**
Monday, May 2, 10:30-11:15 am
Ages infant-6, with an adult. Youngsters will enjoy the “magic” of puppetry and nursery rhymes during this visit from Mother Goose and her friends. No registration, pick up your free tickets that day at the Info Center.
ALL ABOUT ART ▼

**Colorful Tree Frogs**  
**Monday, March 7, 4:30-5:30 pm**  
Grades 3-5. Using Model Magic clay we will each create a colorful tree frog! Limit 15 students.

**Rain Forest Birds**  
**Wednesday, March 30, 1-2 pm**  
Grades K-2. Let’s use our imagination, along with markers and paints, to create an exotic bird from the Amazon rain forest. Limit 20 students.

**Tree of Life**  
**Monday, April 4, 4:30-5:30 pm**  
Grades 4-5. Tree of Life by Gustav Klimt will be our inspiration to draw our tree using Sharpie markers and oil pastels. Limit 20 students.

**Save the Sea Turtles**  
**Monday, April 25, 4:30-5:30 pm**  
Grades K-2. After learning some facts about endangered sea turtles, we will draw them using paints and oil pastels. Limit 20 students.

**String Art**  
**Monday, May 9, 4:30-5:30 pm**  
Grades 1-3. We will supply the colored string and you come up with the design. Limit 12 students.

**Foil Sun Art**  
**Saturday, May 14, 1-2:30 pm**  
Grades 3-5. In Metepec, Mexico the sun is a symbol of good luck and prosperity. Clay suns will be our inspiration to make our own sun using foil and Sharpie markers. Limit 15 students.

BOOK CLUBS ▼

**Chapter Chat**  
**Tuesdays 7-8 pm**  
Grades 4-5. If you love to read, join this monthly book discussion with fun activities.
- **March 8:** Powerless by Matthew Cody  
- **April 19:** Into the Wild (Warriors Series) by Erin Hunter  
- **May 17:** Gregor the Overlander by Suzanne Collins

**Book Busters**  
**Thursdays, March 17, April 21 6:30-7:30 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, March 22, April 26 4:15-5 pm**  
Grades K-2. We’ll continue our travels around the world, play a game, and listen to a story. Register for each class.

FAMILY FUN ▼

**Bunny Bingo**  
**Saturday, March 12 11 am-12 pm or 1-2 pm**  
All ages family program. Play bingo for spring themed prizes! Register for only one session, in person only. Limit of nine families for each session.

STORYTIMES ▼

- **FAMILY**
  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**  
  March 7, 14, 21  
  April-- no storytimes  
  May 2, 9, 16, 23

  **Tuesdays, 10:30-11 am**  
  March 1, 8, 22  
  April-- no storytimes  
  May 3, 10, 17, 24

  **Thursdays, 6:30-7 pm**  
  March 3, 10, 17, 24  
  April-- no storytimes  
  May 12, 19, 26

- **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, 9:30-10 am**  
  March 1, 8, 22  
  April-- no storytimes  
  May 3, 10, 17, 24

- **SPECIAL STORYTIME**
  **National Dog Day Storytime and Craft**  
  **Saturday, April 9, 10:30-11:30 am**  
  Come celebrate the day of the dog with real therapy dogs. We will read dog stories, make a bow collar (practice tying), and create a special dog craft.

Join us for one of these special programs or checkout a book to enter to win our special prize basket.
Super Smash Bros. Tournament
Tuesday, March 29, 6-8:30 pm
Grades 6-12. Put your Super Smash Brothers skills to the test and compete against your peers. Participants will be in a 1 vs. 1 bracket style tournament to win prizes, have fun, and eat pizza. Registration required.

Teen Advisory Board
Tuesday, March 8; Monday, April 11 (book sale); Tuesday, May 10, 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.

GAMING ▼

Gaming
Tuesdays, March 22, April 26, May 24, 7-8:30 pm
Grades 6-12. Drop in and play Brawl and other Wii and Wii U games on the big screen. No registration required, bring a friend.

Financial Aid Day
Saturday, March 19, 2-3 pm
A representative from McHenry County College will be here to explain how to utilize financial aid during your college experience. Parents welcome. Registration required.

What’s in Your Genes? Intro to Genealogy for Teens
Saturday, April 2, 11:30 am-1 pm
Grades 6-12. How long has your family been in the United States and how and why did they come here? Learn how to uncover the answers to these and many other questions. Please bring a copy of your birth certificate to class to help you get started. Registration required.

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Make a Quote of Art: An Inspirational Painting Workshop
Saturday, May 21, 1-2:30 pm
Christine Thornton will be here to teach you how to draw a decorative border around an inspirational quote of your choice, then add color with watercolor pencils. Beginners welcome! Registration required.

Free Comic Book Day
Saturday, May 7
Celebrate Free Comic Book Day! Stop by and browse the selection of comics provided by Modern Age Comics in Algonquin and Crystal Lake. We will have a variety of comics including One-Punch Man, Strawberry Shortcake, Sanjay and Craig, Dr. Who, and more. The first 200 patrons can pick one to take home! All ages are welcome.
Thank you!

We would like to thank the following Winter Reading program sponsors:

- Colonial Cafe (Crystal Lake)
- Dolphin Swim Club
- Georgio’s (Crystal Lake)
- Galati’s Hideaway
- Lou Malnati’s (Cary)
- Ziegler’s Ace Hardware (Cary)

Friends of the Cary Area Library News

Two $500 scholarships will be available to eligible college-bound high school seniors (D155, D300, homeschoolers), who reside within the Cary Area Library District and have assisted FOCAL and the library with book sales and/or various library programs. Applications will be available on the library’s website or from the high school advising offices beginning Monday, March 7. Applications are due by Monday, April 18.

FOCAL will be conducting a Crystal Lake Culver’s fundraiser on Thursday, May 19. 10% of the entire day’s sales will benefit the Friends; FOCAL members will serve from 5-8 pm.

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.

Things to Remember Regarding Our Programs

- Please let us know if you need to cancel your attendance to a program so that we may move someone else from the wait list.
- Ages or grades are listed for our youth and teen programs because the content of the program is appropriate for those ages.
- Attendance limits are listed for some programs so that the participants can get the most out of, and enjoy, the program.
- If we cancel a program, refunds will be given.