WINTER READING, JAN 2 - FEB 28

Adults, Teens, and Independent Readers (grades 2-5) only have to read two books and choose two other activities, which include reading additional books, listening to a CD, watching a DVD, playing a video game, reading a magazine, or attending a program. Young Readers (birth-grade 1) have to have 16 books read to them (or read 16 books if they’re able). As usual we’ll have sign-up and finishing prizes, plus a chance for finishers to win one of the grand prizes for each age group. Second chance reading logs will be available again and finishers will be entered for another chance at the grand prize.

To kick off winter reading we will have Culture Shock Chicago on January 15 for kids (and the young at heart) and to close out we will have an adults only dance party featuring The StingRays on February 23 (see details below).

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**Friday, February 23, 7-10 pm**
Ages 21 and older. We’ll celebrate the end of Winter Reading with music, a wine/beer tasting (7-9 pm), and snacks. The StingRays will play the greatest rock music ever written from Rockabilly- to tons of sixties- to the 70s. Limited to 100 people. You will be required to show ID when entering the Library. Registration is required. Cost is $5 per person and you may now pay online with a credit card when you register (click “Pay Now.”) No refunds.

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**Monday, January 15, 1-2 pm**
Ages 6 and up. Get up and move in this high energy, entertaining and very interactive show. Experience the sights and sounds of hip-hop complete with a DJ and dance-off!
**MAKE IT**

**WINTER DOOR SWAG**
Wednesday, December 6, 7-8 pm
Peggy of Garvin Gardens returns to help you create a fresh evergreen winter door swag that will last for weeks. Bring your garden gloves and pruners, otherwise all materials are included for the $15 special fee and you may now pay online with a credit card when you register. No refunds.

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Pastry Chef Rose Deneen will demonstrate how to assemble a gingerbread house, whether it’s from scratch or a kit. Learn how to make the icing and simple ideas for decorating a house with store-bought treats. Two of the assembled gingerbread houses will be raffled off. Recipe provided.

**CLEAN EATING**
Wednesday, January 3, 7:30-8:30 pm
Learn methods behind the clean eating movement and knife techniques for preparing fruits and vegetables quickly with Chef Cherise. Recipes included.

**CURRENT AFFAIRS**

**DEMOCRACY UNDER SIEGE**
Wednesday, January 17, 7-8:30 pm
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**LIBRARY SUPER-USER**

**USING DIGITAL BOOKS AND MAGAZINES**
Saturday, January 20, 1-2 pm
Learn about our digital books, movies, music, and magazines. Six apps will be covered, including the requirements, content of each, and how they work.

**GENEALOGY**

**ORGANIZE YOUR GENEALOGY**
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**MUSIC HOUR**

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**FOR FUN**

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We’ve added more items to our non-traditional circulating collection:
- AccuQuilt cutter for cutting quilt squares (see our AccuQuilt Cutter Demo program on January 24 if you’d like to learn more)
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**FALL PREVENTION**
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Use our step-by-step instructions for Getting Your First Job (it’s also a good resource for those looking to change jobs or returning to the workforce). Samples of applications and resumes are included, as well as tips for your interview and other things you might not have considered (what does your voice mail greeting say?).

But don’t just take our word for it—we have videos from local business owners and representatives that outline basic information and tips all job seekers should heed. Our business liaison keeps a current list of local job openings too. And, it’s all in one place: teens.caryarealibrary.org/firstjob

RESOURCES FOR TEENS WORKSHOP

Wednesday, Dec. 6, 7-8:30 pm

Be ready for any job, internship, volunteer, college application or work/study position by preparing a basic resume ahead of time. We’ll cover the information needed on your resume and then allow work time with Library and McHenry County College staff members to answer questions. Bring a laptop or flash drive to save your work.

Discussion: Tuesday, Dec. 5, 7-8 pm @ Cary Library
Meet Your Team: Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2:50-3:30 pm @ CJH
Practice Battle: Tuesday, Jan. 9, 7-8 pm @ Cary Library
Final Battle: Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2:50-3:30 pm @ CJH

ADULTING

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CHICAGO WOLVES PLAYER VISIT

Wednesday, January 24, 7-8 pm

All ages. Come and meet a Chicago Wolves hockey player, check out his hockey gear, and find out about his path to success. There will be an autograph session after the presentation.

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TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, Dec. 12, 7-8 pm
Jan. no meeting
Tuesday, Feb. 13, 6:30-7:30 pm @ Three Oaks Assisted Living
Grades 6-12. Suggest new programs and material and meet other teens interested in the library. Feel free to bring a friend! In February we will be playing BINGO with residents at Three Oaks Assisted Living. No registration required.

PAC-MAN CODING

Friday, December 29, 2-4 pm
Grades 6-12. You’ll do coding-based activities and then start building the basics of a Pac-Man like game using Scratch Coding software. Limited to 14.

ROBOTICS WORKSHOP

Monday, Jan. 29 & Feb. 26
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Grades 6-12. Have fun solving a monthly robotics challenge with a LEGO Mindstorms robot. You must have attended the Basics class or one of the previous Robotocs Workshops. A summer robotics clinic does not qualify. Register for each session.

CHRISTMAS SEWING

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Mondays, Dec. 11, Jan. 8, Jan. 22, Feb. 5, & Feb. 19, 6:30-8:30 pm
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TEEN TECH

GAMING

GAMING DROP-IN

Tuesday, Jan. 23, 6-8 pm or Feb. 27 7-8:30 pm

CUPCAKE WARS

Grades 6-8. Decorate a cupcake using frosting and a variety of toppings. Then a library judge will determine which cupcake was decorated most creatively. After the judging, everyone will be able to eat their cupcake. Limited to 15.

PAPER SCULPTURES

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LEGOL CLUB
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2:30-3 pm
Grades 1-5. Enjoy building LEGOs with
your friends! We will put your creation
on display in the library.

CHRISTMAS SEWING
Tuesday, December 5, 4:30-6 pm
Grades 4-5. Sew a plush ornament in
the shape of a Christmas tree. Learn to
sew on buttons and beads to decorate
this miniature tree. Limited to 12.

WINTER BEAR/REINDEER
WORKSHOP
Saturday, December 9, 10-11 am
Bring a furry friend to life by hand
stuffing it. Choose either icee the Polar
Bear or Candy Cane the Reindeer. Stay
for a story with your new friend. Register
for only one stuffed animal per person.
There is a materials fee of $6, which you
may now pay online with a credit card
when you register. No refunds. Please
Register by November 28.

STORY EXPLORERS: CRAFTS
AROUND THE WORLD
Tuesday, Jan. 23 & Feb. 27, 4:15-5 pm
Grades K-2. Learn about different
countries as we travel around the world.
We'll make a craft and listen to a story.
Register for each class.

BOOK CLUB
BOOK BUSTERS
Tuesday, Dec. 19, Jan. 16, & Feb. 20
6:30-7:30 pm
Grades 2-3. 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.
December: Winter follies
January: Mystery
February: Realistic fiction

MAKE IT

BOOK CLUB

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ALL ABOUT ART

SNOWMAN ORNAMENTS
Thursday, December 7, 4-5 pm
Grades 2-5. We will supply everything
you need to make two snowman
ornaments for your tree. Limited to 16.

WIND BLOWN SNOWMAN
Thursday, January 4, 2-3 pm
Grades K-2. After reading The Most
Perfect Snowman by Chris Britt,
students will paint a snowman,
add snowflakes and other details with
cut paper to complete their snowy
picture. Limited to 15.

KALEIDOSCOPE PAPER COLLAGE
Thursday, January 4, 4-5 pm
Grades 3-5. Using cut colored paper,
students will create colorful, symmetrical
art that resembles what you might see
in a kaleidoscope. Limited to 20.

OVERLAPPING HEARTS
Monday, February 12, 4:30-5:30 pm
Grades K-2. It’s just about Valentine’s
Day so time to make some hearts!
Students will use color, patterns and
textures to create their heart pictures.
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WIND CHIMES
Monday, February 26, 4:30-5:30 pm
Grades 3-5. Our winter reading program
is all about music so let’s keep with
that theme and make a wind chime for
the backyard. There will be a variety of
supplies to make your wind chime one
of a kind. Limited to 16.

SCIENCE TIME

I SPY SCIENCE
Tuesday, January 2, 5-6 pm
Grades 1-3. Get into secret agent mode
as we make secret messages with
invisible ink recipes.

WIRED FOR SCIENCE
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Thursday, January 4, 10-11:30 am
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FAMILY FUN

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Friday, February 16, 6-8:30 pm
Pre-K to grade 2. Camp-out and read
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FAMILY STORYTIME
For children birth to age 6 with an adult.
Stimulate your child’s senses through
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Pick-up your free tickets at the Service
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STAY, PLAY, AND LEARN
Mondays & Tuesdays, 11-11:45 am
Ages 0-6 with an adult. Join
us with your child after storytime in the
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the practices of early literacy-- playing,
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All books 25¢

Mystery
January:
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ONLINE REGISTRATION & RESERVATION UPGRADES

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- EVENTS CALENDAR
  The new calendar, Signup, allows for online credit card payment for programs that have a fee, so you no longer need to come in to register for those few programs (click “Pay Now” when registering). Other features introduce color-coded events based on the intended age group and ability to choose a reminder method that now includes texting. To register for a program click the event and then click “View More.”

- STUDY ROOM RESERVATION
  Study room reservations will now be made through D!BS. All you need to enter is your name and email, but you can enter your cell phone number to take advantage of text confirmations and reminders. You can reserve a room once per day for up to two hours per reservation, and your reservation can be made up to one week in advance.

FRIENDS OF THE CARY AREA LIBRARY

FOCAL will be hosting a Kidtastic Cabin Fever Book Sale on Saturday, February 10 (one day only) 9 am-5 pm. All books are only 25¢!

Fall meeting dates:
Thursdays at 7 pm: January 1, February 1, and March 1

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December 24 Christmas Eve
December 25 Christmas Day
December 31 New Year’s Eve
January 1 New Year’s Day
February 2 Closed 9-1, Open 1-5

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