~ SEED LIBRARY ~

COMING SOON TO CAPL!
SCHOLARSHIPS

• The Friends of the Cary Area Library (FOCAL) and some donated seeds from the Seed Savers Exchange (seedsavers.org).

Choose from fruit, vegetable, herb, and native flower seeds, including varieties of tomatoes, lettuce, beans, squash, okra, beets, dill, marjoram, rosemary and much more. Each of our envelopes will include some seeds and basic planting and growing instructions such as amount of light, planting depth, harvest time, etc. We will also be labeling seeds if they are container friendly. If you are versed in seed saving, we will be glad to have them back for the next year’s grower.

To celebrate the debut of our seed library, we’ll be raffling off a gardening prize basket in early March.

For more information and a complete list of the seeds that will be available, growing instructions, and resources, visit our website and start planning your garden! | caryarealibrary.org/seedlibrary

Don’t Miss...

COMPOSTING AND WATER CONSERVATION

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Cricut Machine • We now have a Cricut machine available for use at the Library. In order to use it, you’ll need to request it through our Book an Expert service. Once you’ve initiated interest, you will be asked some follow-up questions in order to make sure your experience runs smoothly | caryarealibrary.org/book-expert

Election Voting • The Library will be an Early Voting site again this spring for the primary election (as well as in the fall for the presidential election). The early voting hours at the Library are determined by McHenry County and are as follows:

• Tuesday, March 3-Friday, March 6, 9 am-2 pm
• Saturday, March 7, 9 am-12 pm
• Monday, March 9-Friday, March 13, 9 am-2 pm
• Saturday, March 14, 9 am-12 pm

Voter’s Registration • Get ready for election day and make sure you’re registered to vote. Voters who have moved or are now age-eligible (17 year-olds may register if they will be turning 18 by or on election day) need to register. We can help you at the Service Center, but you may also register through the state online | ova.elections.il.gov

Spring Used Book Sale

Saturday, April 18, 9-5 pm
Sunday, April 19, 1-5 pm

Find bargains on books and AV for all ages at the Friends of the Cary Area Library Spring Used Book Sale. Sunday’s bag sale is $5 per supplied bag. Teachers who bring ID will receive half-off their purchases.

Notes on the week of 23rd...

Program Registration

Note new day of the week and time! Program registration begins Thursday, February 13 at 9 am online (carylibrary.evanced.info/Signup), in person, or by phone (847.639.4210, press 3). Registration is required unless otherwise noted in the program description. For paid programs, please note that you have not reserved a spot until you have paid. Please notify us as soon as possible if you need to cancel your registration. If a program is full, be sure to register for the wait-list– people often cancel and spots open up for programs. You will be contacted as soon as possible if you have been moved to the attendee list.

Photos and videos may be taken during programs for publicity purposes. Notify Library staff if you do not wish to be photographed.
Multi-age programs

ROBOTICS

BASIC ROBOTICS
Monday, March 2, 6:30-8:30 pm
Ages 9-adult. Learn about the LEGO Mindstorms robot's hardware and program interface. This class is a prerequisite for the Robotics Workshops. Limited to 16.

BUILD-A-ROBOT
Friday, March 27, 1:30-4 pm
Ages 9-adult. Work with a partner to build a LEGO EV3 robot and then download the program to activate it. Adults not required, but this is a great chance for you to share a STEM activity with your child. Limited to 16.

ROBOTICS WORKSHOPS
Mondays, April 20, May 18 6:30-8:30 pm
Ages 9-adult. Learn or improve your programming skills with the LEGO Mindstorms modules and apply them to various challenges. You must have attended the Basics Robotics class. A Build-A-Robot session does not qualify. Register for each class. Limited to 18.

HANDS ON

MAKER CLUB
Monday, March 9, March 30, April 6, April 27, May 11, 6:30-8:30 pm
All ages (12 & under must be with an adult). Create your own tech-based project with help from Ryan Brock and learn about microcontrollers, soldering, wiring, and programming. Participants do not need to attend every session but must come to the first session in order to choose a project. Most projects will take multiple sessions. There will be a fee for some supplies after projects are chosen. Limited to 20.

Free Comic Book Day
Saturday, May 2 - All Day
Participate in the Comic Industry’s most anticipated annual event! Come to the Library to take home a free comic—one per person, first come first serve. This year we will have selections including Power Rangers, My Little Pony, X-Men, DC, Zelda, Spiderman/Venom, Lumberjanes, Naruto, and more! No registration required.

Adult programs AGES 18+

DISCUSSION GROUPS

GREAT DECISIONS
First Thursdays, 6:30-8 pm
Exchange ideas about foreign policy issues in this discussion led by Professor Gary Midkiff. Participants must buy a briefing book and read a chapter prior to each meeting. This eight-month series began in February, but you can join the group any time. Monthly descriptions available in our online calendar. Briefing book: $15; no refunds. Please note that you have not reserved a spot until you have paid. March 5: India and Pakistan. April 9: Red Sea Security. May 7: Modern Safety and Human Trafficking.

FILM DISCUSSION
Third Mondays, every other month 7-8:30 pm
Watch the film on your own before our discussion. We watch classic to current films that may have violence, language, sexual content, and/or subtiles. March 16: 12 Angry Men (1957). May 18: The Green Book (2018).

BOOKS ON TAP: A 20s-30s BOOK CLUB
Tuesdays, March 17, April 21, May 19 7-8:30 pm | Meets at the Cary Library
March 17. Meets at the Cary Ale House April 21 and May 19. Eat, drink, and talk shop about books with others in their 20s and 30s. Each meeting we discuss a title chosen by the group. If you’re interested in joining or to find out our current title, please email roberhauser@caryarealibrary.info.

CARY AREA WRITERS GROUP
Second Saturday each month, 12-3 pm
Looking for a community to nurture your writing? Join CAWG.

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION
Join one of our book groups for a lively discussion. Books are available each month at the Service Center. Click here to see our monthly program of groups.

Friends of the Library
Friends of the Library: Friends of the Library are a group of individuals who support the Library with book donations. They work with the Library staff to make sure that the books and people can be matched. This is a great way to get involved in the community and make a difference in the lives of others. Click here to learn more about our Friends of the Library.

ROBOTS

Peeps Diorama CONTEST
March 30 - April 9
Participate in our sixth annual Peeps Diorama Contest! Create your own Peeps world in a shoebox. Prizes will be given to the best entries in the following categories: Family, Youth (grades 5 and under), Teen (grades 6-12), and Adult. Entry forms and rules can be picked up at the Service Center or found on our website. Entry drop off is from March 28-29. Entries will be displayed from March 30-April 9. Voting for the Peeples’ Choice Award will take place during the entire display period. Winners will be announced at the Peeps Party Closing Reception.

Peeps Party Closing Reception
Thursday, April 9, 7-8 pm
Celebrate all of the creative participants who created Peeps Dioramas this year! Attendees can enjoy activities, crafts, and snacks, plus vote for the “Peeples’ Choice Award.” The winners of the contest will be announced at the end of the reception. No registration required.

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Erika, a CAPL patron and frequent user of our IBC bags, said some of her book club’s favorite titles have been Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman, The Secret Keeper by Kate Morton, Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult, and A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman.

For some supplies after projects are multiple sessions. There will be a fee to download the program to activate it. Adults not required, but this is a great chance for you to share a STEM activity with your child. Limited to 16.

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IN THE KNOW

401(k)S AND IRAS: GUIDELINES FOR SUCCESS
Wednesday, March 4, 7-8 pm
Mike Heatwole, Certified Financial Planner™ and Founder of The Dala Group, will provide strategies to optimize retirement savings using 401(k)s and IRAs, which can often provide tax advantages beyond the standard IRS contribution limits. Strategies discussed will include opening a Roth IRA for teens, making IRA contributions for a non-working spouse, back-door Roth IRA contributions, mega-back-door Roth IRA contributions, Roth IRA conversions, and Qualified Charitable Distributions.

WHAT ARE YOUR OLD COINS, GOLD AND SILVER ITEMS WORTH?
Wednesday, March 25, 7-8 pm
AARP; sorry, no cash or credit cards. Membership is not required. However, bring your AARP card, if you are a member, and Driver’s license required. However, bring your AARP insurance. AARP membership is not required. For motorists aged 50 and older. This is a one-day eight-hour course, with an hour break for lunch. Participants will receive a discount on the liability portion of your auto insurance. AARP membership is not required. However, bring your AARP card, if you are a member, and Driver’s license to class the first day. $15 for AARP members and $20 for non-members. Bring a check payable to AARP, sorry, no cash or credit cards.

DON’T PAY THE COLLEGE STICKER PRICE
Tuesday, March 31, 7-8:30 pm
For many college tuition is the largest expense they will ever face. Joe Orsini, CPP of College Aid Planners, will introduce strategies to maximize need-based financial aid eligibility, target the right colleges for merit-based financial aid, and leverage tax-saving opportunities.

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AARP DRIVER SAFETY
Wednesday, April 29, 9 am-6 pm
For motorists aged 50 and older. This is a one-day eight-hour course, with an hour break for lunch. Participants will receive a discount on the liability portion of your auto insurance. AARP membership is not required. However, bring your AARP card, if you are a member, and Driver’s license to class the first day. $15 for AARP members and $20 for non-members. Bring a check payable to AARP, sorry, no cash or credit cards.

MINDFUL VAGABOND: SOUTH AMERICA
Wednesday, May 13, 7-8 pm
Brian Michalski spent over a year in South America. As he trekked the Inca Trail, navigated pristine Patagonia and explored the Amazon rainforest, he also volunteered, took Spanish classes, earned his English teaching certificate and worked remotely. Witness this atypical approach to a challenging, yet deeply rewarding continent.

YOUR HEALTH

PAIN: WHAT IS IT GOOD FOR?
Thursday, March 19, 1-2 pm
Physical therapist Dr. Adam Fritsch will discuss what pain is and the many factors that can contribute to it as well as some of the common myths about pain. Learn about why pain is not abnormal but living in pain is.

DIY KOMBUCHA
Wednesday, April 22, 6:30-7:30 pm
Kombucha is a sweetened, fermented tea that is rich in gut-healthy probiotics. Andrea Pracht will discuss the health benefits of kombucha and other fermented foods while demonstrating how you can make your own batch at home.

MOTHER’S DAY BRUNCH
Thursday, April 30 6:30-8 pm
Chef Dave Esau brings his personality and cooking skills to share a special Mother’s Day Brunch menu.

FOODIES

A WALK IN LONDON: WESTMINSTER
Wednesday, May 20, 7-8 pm
Central London is actually two cities: Westminster and the City of London. Westminster is the power, politics and royalty whereas The City of London is the money. John Gowing is back to ‘walk’ us through Westminster. You will see Westminster Abbey, Downing Street, and other famous landmarks, learning stories about each as you go.

DO YOU KNOW

If you don’t have a printer or want to save on ink costs, use our Web Printing service. Send your print jobs online to the Library from home, the office, or your device while at the Library | caryarealibrary.org/technology
YOUR FUTURE

JOB FAIR 101
February 16, 1:30-3:00 pm OR February 19, 7:00-8:30 pm
This program is designed for job seekers ages 15-19 in preparation for the Cary-Grove High School Job Fair on Friday, February 21 but any skills that can be used for any job search and interviewing situation. We’ll provide information about what to expect and how to be prepared to apply for jobs. We’ll also discuss key skills for a successful interview. Registration is open now and is required (no library card needed) and all area teens are welcome.

TEEN JOB FAIR
CGHS Theater Lobby
Friday, February 21, 10:45 am-1:10 pm
Local businesses will be hiring seasonal and year-round positions. Applicants can come and go as they please during their lunch period but should give plenty of time to talk with hiring managers. Dress to impress! Homeschoolers welcome.

ACT PRACTICE TEST
Saturday, March 7, 9 am-12:30 pm
Gain valuable experience by taking a timed, full-length mock ACT test provided by college prep tutor Lisa Stiegman. Prior to the exam she will explain strategies to help with your timing and reducing test anxiety. Test takers will receive their scores with an opportunity for personal feedback. Bring your student ID, an ACT approved calculator, and #2 pencils.

SAT PRACTICE TEST
Saturday, April 11 9 am-12:30 pm
Gain valuable experience by taking a timed, full-length mock SAT test provided by college prep tutor Lisa Stiegman. Prior to the exam she will explain strategies to help with your timing and reducing test anxiety. Test takers will receive their scores with an opportunity for personal feedback. Bring your student ID, an SAT approved calculator, and #2 pencils.

DON’T MISS

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD
Tuesday, March 10, 7-8:30 pm
Monday, April 13, 7-8:30 pm
Tuesday, May 12, 7-8:30 pm
Grades 6-12. Help out the Library and your community in our dynamic Teen Advisory Board! Each month we do different activities from brainstorming ideas, helping with Library programs, assisting the Friends of the Library, or getting out in the community. Drop in to meet other involved teens! On Monday, April 13 we will be helping with the FOCAL book sale set up.

TEEN GROUPS

TEEN GAMING
Tuesdays, March 24, April 28, May 26
7-8:30 pm
Grades 6-12. Bring a friend and play Super Smash Bros. for the Wii U and other Wii U or Xbox One games on the big screen - or play a board game! Snacks provided. No registration required.

MAKE IT

NEEDLE FELTING BEEHIVE
Sunday, March 22, 1:30-3pm
Grades 6-12. During class you will learn how to “sculpt” using a needle and loose wool roving. Participants will be able to make a small, adorable beehive and bees to buzz around it.

DIY BATH BOMBS AND LIP BALM
Friday, April 10, 1-2 pm
Grades 6-12. Learn how to make your own bath bombs and lip balm in this DIY class. Participants will be able to take their finished products home.

SLOTH PLANTER
Sunday, May 17, 1:30-3 pm
Grades 6-12. Use our 3D printing pens to make your own adorable hanging sloth planter. Participants will make a planter and be given a small succulent to place inside.

ACTIVITY CENTER

Saturday, May 2, 1-4 pm
Ages 13 and up. Celebrate Free Comic Book Day by watching the Marvel movie to end all Marvel movies. We’ll have popcorn, refreshments, and crafts to do while watching. Attendees can also take home a Free Comic Book Day comic.

GAMING

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS
Saturday, March 21, April 18, May 16
1-4 pm
Grades 6-12. Both experienced and new players are welcome. Premade characters and all supplies provided, just bring your imagination! Cooperative play emphasized, so come and help your group succeed. Limited to 6.

MAGIC THE GATHERING
Friday, March 27, 2-4 pm
Grades 6-12. Play Magic the Gathering - an engaging card game involving magic, monsters, wizards, and sorcery! Both experienced and new players are welcome. You can bring your own cards or use one of our starter decks.

I am a Library user

Last year, high school student Tessa attended one of our Job Fair 101 sessions and left with "life skills that aren't really taught in schools, like how to represent yourself, how to dress, even how to get an interview in the first place." She also found out that our Business Liaison, Jeanne, offers mock interviews. "I really utilized the mock interviews and from that I learned how to not only present myself but to be the best version of myself. I gained confidence in my answers and in my ability to give a good interview." Job searching and interviewing skills will last you a lifetime as you begin your life after high school, be it in the workforce or attending college.
Youth & family programs

BIRTH-GRADE 5

SCIENCE TIME

I SPY SCIENCE: JUNGLE BRIDGES
Tuesday, March 3, 5-6 pm
Grades 1-3. Join our construction crew and help us build one and two story bridges to hold 21 jungle animals to go along with the book 21 Elephants and Still Standing.

MAKE IT SCIENCE TIME

ILLUSION
April 25:
Bouncy Balls (chemistry)
March 28:

Ages 3-6 with an adult. Here’s a fun way to experience science with your child. Register for each class.

SCIENCE PATROL
Saturdays, 10:30 -11:30 am
Grades 4-5. We’ll make pendulums and try to use pendulum power to paint some cool designs! This could get messy, so wear older clothing!

Wired For Science: Pendulum Painter
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Flowing 3D form. Limited to 16 students.

Pencil Art
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Grades 3-5. Using oil pastels and explore different mediums through this art. This month we will paint with 3D form. Limited to 16 students.

Foil Art
Tuesday, April 28, 4:30-5:30 pm
Grades 3-5. Let’s experiment with lines, shapes, and patterns on foil. Students will then mount their textured foil squares on paper and continue their designs onto the paper border. Limited to 16 students.

Leaf Prints
Tuesday, May 26, 4:30-5:30 pm
Grades K-2. Spring has sprung, leaves are budding on trees! Students will draw a tree branch and add some leaf prints and bugs for details. This could get messy so please dress appropriately. Limited to 16 students.

Mother’s Day Mug Class
Tuesday, May 5, 5-6 pm
Grades 3-5. Make a mug for Mom’s special day! We’ll use oil paint markers to decorate and personalize this gift.

Book Club

Book Busters
Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm
Grades 3-5. Join us each month as we discuss a book from a different genre. We’ll follow up with a group activity. Feel free to bring a snack while we discuss the book.

March 17: Fiction- Wish by Barbara O’Connor
April 21: Graphic Novel- Smile by Raina Telgemeier
May 19: Classic/History/Bio - Little House in the Big Woods by Laura Ingalls Wilder

Stay, Play, and Learn
Mondays & Tuesdays, 11-11:30 am
For 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 Service Center.

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 the library; pick up child’s name tag at the Service Center.

STORYTIMES & EARLY LITERACY

Family Storytimes
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Stay, Play, and Learn
Monday & Tuesday, 11-11:30 am
Ages 6 and under with an adult. Join us with your child after storytime in the Flex Zone for early literacy activities. Each week the focus will be on one of the practices of early literacy— playing, talking, writing, and reading. Stay, Play, and Learn meets on Mondays and Tuesdays when there is a storytime.

* During April, our Storytime ladies visit area preschools.

Make It

LEGO Club
Sunday, March 8, May 3, 2-3:30 pm
Grades 1-5. Enjoy building with your friends! We’ll put your creation on display in the Library.

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Scientific Night
Saturday, March 14, 2-3:30 pm
All ages family program. Celebrate Spring with bingo! We’ll be playing for spring-themed prizes. When registering, enter your total group number with only one person’s name to represent the family. Limited to 9 families.

Flower Weaving
Tuesday, March 24, 1-2:30 pm
Grades K-2. Let’s weave with cut paper strips to make a nest in a tree and then add some baby birds. Limited to 16 students.

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**CENSUS 2020 HELP**

As the Census approaches, remember to be counted! Infants, elderly, and minority populations are often missed, but are crucial for a complete count. Emphasis will be on completing the Census online, so if you need access to the internet or direction getting onto the website, we’ll be here to help. We will have a dedicated space allocated for anyone looking to complete the Census online. The Census starts April 1, 2020.

**COMMUNITY CORNER**

Did you know that we post community information in our vestibule? We accept flyers, brochures, and pamphlets that detail not-for-profit community events, charity events, organization promotion, volunteer opportunities, and social service information. We also feature a section for local job fairs and job openings in our lobby. Drop off your flyers and handouts at our Service Center.

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