

Books & Bites

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You will need to supply your current photo ID or two current pieces of mail.

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You may designate our Drive-up window on the east side of the building as your hold pick up location through your online account | caryarealibrary.org/drive-up-services

You may return materials 24/7 into the Drive-up return slots.

Program Registration



The majority of programs are in-person; programs that are online are noted in the description. Should any programs change from online to in-person or vice versa, registrants will be notified. Please visit our website for the latest masking information. **Registration begins Thursday, November 11 at 9 am online (caryllibrary.evanced.info/Signup), in person at the Service Center, or by phone (847-639-4210, press 3) and is required for programs unless otherwise noted.**

The Library makes every effort to ensure our programs can be enjoyed by all. If you have any concerns about accessibility or need to request specific accommodations, please contact the Library.

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

Do You Know About ILL?



Take advantage of one of the greatest benefits of your valid CAPL card: our Interlibrary Loan service (ILL). We can request books, articles, and other media, including materials in other languages and materials for homeschoolers, from libraries across the country. While we do our best, some items will be unattainable.

How does it work? Once you've searched for your item in our catalog and have come up empty, you can click the "Not Finding It?" tab on the right side menu and click the "Request it through ILL" link. You will be redirected to our website and where you can follow the steps listed, including filling out a request form. Items generally take two weeks to receive but could take longer— you will be notified when items are ready to be picked up or if we are unable to fulfill the request. Please keep in mind that the lending libraries' loan period and any fines will apply to you.

Friends of the Cary Area Library (FOCAL)

Upcoming FOCAL Meetings:

Thursdays, Dec. 2, Jan. 6, Feb. 3, 7 pm
at the Library. FOCAL is always looking for new members and membership is free! Find an application online | caryarealibrary.org/focal



We gladly accept gently used books and AV donations during Library hours. Donated items are tax-deductible. Please note, we do not accept encyclopedias, reference sets, yearbooks, textbooks over 5 years old, magazines, VHS and cassettes.

Stay tuned for our Scholarship information in the next Books & Bytes.



Staffer Sue delivering books to Helen, a patron who uses our Homebound Service.

I am a Library Lover

Rose and Helen have never met, but they have a couple things in common. They are both longtime patrons and they are both unable to physically visit the Library.

That's where our Homebound Service literally and proverbially steps in. She might be biased, but Helen flat-out said that "the Homebound Service, to me, is the best thing the Library offers."

This service has both practical and less tangible benefits. Helen, a steady reader, is just glad to always have a book around. Rose relies heavily on staff choosing her selections based on her preferences.

One of the less visible, but possibly more important, benefits of the service is keeping connected, especially in a time when meaningful contact is limited. Rose appreciates that the Homebound Service has kept her in contact with our book club which she misses now that she's unable to attend. She went further to say she is "especially lucky to have her 'Cary Library family,' Sue and Jeannette, who are always cheerful, friendly, and make me feel special."

One can certainly imagine that for people with mobility issues, reading is even more essential. The Homebound Service can enrich lives and keep connections to the community and wider world. •

Our Homebound Service is for CAPL cardholders who are homebound (long-term or temporarily) due to age, illness, or physical disability. Please contact us by phone (847.639.4210, press 3) or online at caryarealibrary.org/homebound

Feed your need to read

Jan 3-Feb 28

1000 books for \$1000

We're excited to announce a special partnership between CAPL and Advia Credit Union in Cary! If we, as a community, read 1000 books for Winter Reading, Advia will donate \$1000 to the Cary-Grove Food Pantry. Let's get reading!

Sign up for our all ages Winter Reading Challenge beginning January 3 and receive a treat (while supplies last). This time around each age group will need to read a set number of books to complete the challenge (instead of minutes). Once again we'll be using Beanstack to track time spent reading. You'll earn digital badges as you go and a ticket to allocate into the grand prize drawing of your choice.

We recommend downloading the Beanstack app to track your reading since it offers such convenient features, but you may also log your reading online through our website or on a paper log.

We are pleased to partner with Advia for this challenge. Part of their mission is "enhancing financial literacy, furthering education, and improving overall quality of life," which are goals CAPL also shares for the community we both serve.

The Cary-Grove Food Pantry is free and available to anyone. If you would like to help out further, or are not a heavy reader, we collect canned goods and toiletry donations year round for the Cary-Grove Food" Pantry. The donation bin is in our outer lobby.

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Foodie Fiction Reads

Kitchens of the Great Midwest by J Ryan Stradal
The Chocolate Chip Cookie Murder by Joanne Fluke
The Hundred-Foot Journey by Richard C. Morais
Like Water for Chocolate by Laura Esquivel
Sourdough by Robin Sloan
The School of Essential Ingredients by Erica Bauermeister
When in Doubt, Add Butter by Beth Harbison
The City Baker's Guide to Country Living by Louise Miller
Recipe for Persuasion by Sonali Dev
Catering to Nobody by Diane Mott Davidson
The Little Beach Street Bakery by Jenny Colgan
The Coincidence of Coconut Cake by Amy E. Reichert

Food Memiors & Cookbooks

Kitchen Confidential by Anthony Bourdain
Save Me the Plums by Ruth Reichl
Yes, Chef by Marcus Samuelsson
Global Family Cookbook by Katie Chin
Why We Cook by Lindsay Gardener
The Pioneer Woman Cooks Super Easy! by Ree Drummond
Vegan, At Times by Jessica Seinfeld
This Must Be The Place by Rachael Ray
Everyone's Table by Gregory Gourdet
Ramsay in 10 by Gordon Ramsay
Cravings: All Together: Recipes to Love by Chrissy Teigen
Farmhouse Weekends by Melissa Bahen

Find authentic American regional recipes and get lost in the nostalgia (or research) of historical cookbooks, photos, ads, and food labels through **AtoZ Food America**. Similarly, find authentic recipes from cuisines and ethnicities around the world and learn about their food culture through **AtoZ World Food**. Both databases are free with your CAPL card and accessible from your kitchen | caryarealibrary.org/databases



Christmas Markets in Prague and Germany
Wednesday, December 1, 7-8 pm
Visit amazing Christmas markets in Prague and four German cities. With very few international tourists and mostly locals enjoying good food, good friends, and a festive atmosphere, December trips are quite different from summer visits.

Awesome Australia
Wednesday, January 12, 7-8 pm
G'day, mate! With his tapestry of original photographs and deep well of stories, world traveler Brian Michalski illuminates ten months of backpacking and working in the Land Down Under. While visiting exotic destinations including the Australian Outback, Great Barrier Reef and Tasmania, we also learn about the country's fascinating history, grand traditions, deadly animals and Aboriginal influences. This is one adventure you won't want to miss.



Child Welfare in McHenry County
Wednesday, February 23, 7-8 pm
Explore the world of child welfare with staff of CASA of McHenry County. Learn about the court process that brings a child into foster care. Then we will discuss some resources within our county designed to support the child. We will focus on the child's experience in foster care, and we will examine how a CASA can improve the child's experience and move more quickly towards safe permanency.

DISCUSSION
GRQUPS

Great Decisions
First Thursdays, 6:30-8 pm
December 2 - Foreign Policy Roundtable
January 6 - no program
February 3 - 2022 Great Decisions, Chapter 1
Zoom. Exchange ideas about foreign policy issues in this discussion led by Professor Gary Midkiff. Monthly descriptions available in our online calendar. Participants must buy a briefing book and read a chapter prior to each meeting. This eight-month series began in February 2021 but each chapter stands by itself so you can join the group at any time. February 2022 begins a new series and the briefing book is \$15 (no refunds). *Please note that you have not reserved a spot until you have paid.*

Books on Tap: A 20s-30s Book Club
Tuesdays, Dec. 21, Jan. 18, Feb. 15, 7-8:30 pm
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 the current title, please email roberhauser@caryarealibrary.info.

Adult Book Discussion
Join one of our book groups for a lively discussion. Books are available each month at the Service Center.

Hooked on Books
Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 am
Dec. 8: *A Long Petal of the Sea* by Isabel Allende
Jan. 26: *The Lost Man* by Jane Harper
Feb. 23: *Deacon King Kong* by James McBride

Turning Pages Together
Thursdays, 7-8 pm
Dec. 9: *Queenie Malone's Paradise Hotel* by Ruth Hogan
Jan. 27: *Migrations* by Charlotte McConaghy
Feb. 24: *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi

Cary Area Writers Group
2nd Saturday of each month, 12-3 pm
We welcome all age 21+ who have an interest in writing. Bring copies of your writing to pass around. We only allow gentle, constructive critiques that are designed to enhance each writer's skills. Writers helping writers! Questions? Email danielfgiallombardo@gmail.com

Make It

Needle Felted Christmas Tree
Monday, December 6, 7-8:30 pm
Learn the art of needle felting and make your own miniature Christmas tree decoration!

Holiday Centerpiece
Wednesday, December 15, 7-8:30 pm
Peggy Garvin returns to help you make your own fresh evergreen holiday centerpiece with fir, pine, cedar, juniper, holly, pinecones, ribbon and candle in a dish. Please bring garden pruners. All other materials are included in the fee of \$20. No refunds.

Winter-Themed Mixed Media
Wednesday, January 26, 6:30-8:30 pm
Using decorative papers, acrylic and ink, you will be able to complete a winter-themed mixed media artwork. No art experience required and all supplies will be provided to create one collage. Feel free to bring images of nature to draw from or include in your collage.

Financial Basics Series

Developing Sound Financial Skills
Wednesday, December 8, 7-8 pm
Zoom. Take control of your finances by learning how to create a budget that works for you. Presented by the Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Northern Illinois.

Savings Investing Basics
Wednesday, January 5, 7-8 pm
Zoom. Learn what all beginners should know if planning on jumping into the investment pool. This workshop will provide information on savings, 401k, and IRA accounts. Presented by the Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Northern Illinois.

Real Cost of Home Ownership
Wednesday, February 2, 7-8 pm
Zoom. Thinking about purchasing your first home? Learn how to accurately assess the costs of owning a home and the impact it will have on your budget. Hear from a loan officer about the types of available loans and the difference between them. Presented by the Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Northern Illinois.

Genealogy

1950 US Federal Census—Are You Ready?
Sunday, January 9, 2-3:30 pm
Zoom. The results of the 1950 U.S. Census will be made public on April 1, 2022. Thomas MacEntee will get participants up to speed on the 1950 Census, why the questionnaire is radically different from previous forms, and how the data will be accessed. We will cover what you can do now to prepare as well as volunteer projects related to indexing and finding aids. Appropriate for all skill levels.

RootsMagic User Group
Wednesdays, Jan. 26, Feb. 23, 7:30-9 pm
For users of the RootsMagic genealogy software. We discuss the intricacies of using the program to organize and keep track of your genealogical research. Appropriate for all levels of experience. Limited to 6 attendees; note this is in-person.

Genealogy Interest Group
Sunday, February 13, 2-3:30 pm
Bring your successes, bring your questions and bring your laptop. We're going to try this in person! After a year of research on your own, we all have stories to tell and brickwalls to tear down. Come and hear the stories and share your expertise. Do you have a question for librarian Nancy Gaynor ahead of time? Email her at ngaynor@caryarealibrary.info. Appropriate for all skill levels.

Foodies

Winter Three Course Menu
Wednesday, January 19, 7-8 pm
Zoom. Kickoff a new year with new recipes! Chef Michael Maddox returns to demonstrate "virtually" some delicious winter three course cuisine using seasonal ingredients.

Puff Pastry Valentines
Wednesday, February 9, 7-8:30 pm
Zoom. Let Father Dominic, the Bread Monk, show you how to make puff pastry from scratch (it only takes 15 minutes!) and use it to create chocolate bites, butterscotch napoleons, breakfast egg puffs, and so much more! Join us for this live Zoom presentation with time for your baking questions afterwards, plus links to the recipes.

How to Fix A Broken Food System
Wednesday, February 16, 7-8 pm
Learn how the Food Shed Co-op can help cure a broken food system with their mission to build a local food cooperative, promoting a healthy, ethical, and resilient community and provide solutions for making our food system more resilient to food insecurity just as the COVID-19 pandemic has illustrated.

Multi-age & family



Jigsaw Puzzle Swap

Saturday, December 4, 1-2 pm
Calling all puzzle fanatics! Looking for some cozy family fun during the holidays? Swap your puzzles with friends and neighbors and spread the love of puzzling. Bring in puzzles with no missing pieces and swap 1/1 with puzzles that are new to you! No registration.

Craft Supply Swap

Saturday, January 29, 10 am-3 pm
Crafters: empty your closets and craft rooms to get rid of the clutter. Donate clean, usable and good quality supplies from your projects: fabric, sewing/embroidery thread and notions, beads, felting items, rubber stamps, scrapbooking items, craft kits, patterns, stencils, yarn and knitting needles, etc. Please no books or magazines! Everyone is welcome to explore the variety of craft supplies and take home items of your choice. Any leftover items will be donated to local charities. No registration.

Drop-off:
Thursday, January 27, 10 am-8 pm
Friday, January 28, 10 am-4 pm
Craft items will not be accepted on the Swap Date, Jan. 29.

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Take & Make Kits for Adults & Teens

We supply the materials needed and you watch the video tutorial on Creativebug with your CAPL card. Registrants will be notified when kits are available each month.

Deer Felt Ornament

Kit pick up begins Thursday, December 9
Courtney Cerruti demonstrates how to create a rustic fawn ornament using felt, simple embroidery and hand stitching— the perfect gift for loved ones.



Geode Painting

Kit pick up begins Thursday, January 13
Recreate the dimensional beauty of a geode using an unconventional art material— rock salt. Kyra Balentine, Plaid Craft's Content Studio Manager, demonstrates how to take paint pouring to a new level with this intriguing technique.



Personalized Valentine Dishes

Kit pick up begins Thursday, February 10
In this short and sweet class, Courtney demonstrates how to adorn plain ceramic peices with porcelain pens in Valentine's motifs. Once you have adorned your ceramics, you'll bake them to set the ink.



Teens

Yay! YA Book Bags

Grades 6-12 with CAPL card. Each month, get a themed goodie bag filled with a surprise book to check out, an activity, and bonus items. At the end of the month, return the book and keep the activity! Participants will be emailed after sign-up with a survey about their reading preferences and again when their bags are ready to be picked up.

Friday, December 10: Winter Wonderlands
Participants will get a winter themed book to check out, supplies to sew their own mittens, and more.

Friday, January 14: Feed Your Need to Read
Participants will get a food themed book to check out, supplies to make candy sushi, and more.

Friday, February 11: Around the World in 80 Days
Participants will get a travel themed book to check out, supplies to make a small tin travel kit, and more.

Make It

Needle Felted Christmas Tree

Tuesday December 7, 7-8:30 pm
Grades 6-12. Learn the art of needle felting and make your own miniature Christmas tree decoration!

Simple Sewing: Earbud Pouch Keychain

Sunday, January 16, 2-3 pm
Grades 6-12. Hand sew your own holder for your earbuds that doubles as a keychain! Leave this class with a helpful accessory and useful life skill.

Glass Painting

Sunday, February 20, 2-3:30 pm
Grades 6-12. Make your favorite anime or cartoon character pop using this trending technique! Participants will trace a character with a sharpie on glass, then paint the reverse side of the glass with acrylic paint. The end result looks straight off of the TV screen!

Teen Volunteer Board

Tuesdays, Dec. 14, Jan. 11, Feb. 8, 7-8:30 pm
Grades 6-12. Formerly known as Teen Advisory Board, join this fun service club to help with FOCAL book sales, volunteer projects, and help around the Library. Participants will get volunteer hours for every meeting they attend.

Gaming

Dungeons and Dragons

Saturdays, Dec. 18, Jan. 15, Feb. 19, 1-4 pm
Grades 6-12. New and returning players welcome. Join in on this popular fantasy role-playing game. Cooperative play emphasized, so come and help your group succeed!

Teen Gaming

Tuesdays, Dec. 28, Jan. 25, Feb. 22, 7-8:30 pm
Grades 6-12. Play video games and board games with other teens! We have a selection of Nintendo Switch, Wii U and Xbox One games that will be projected on the big screen.



Practice SAT Test

Saturday, January 22, 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. Students should bring their student ID, an SAT approved calculator, and #2 pencils.

Reduce first-time driver nerves: access the Rules of the Road and practice the written Illinois driver's license test for free | caryarealibrary.driving-tests.org/illinois/



Christmas Ornaments

Thursday, December 2, 4:30-5:30 pm
Grades K-5. It's time to decorate the tree! We will have the supplies to make a couple of ornaments. You choose which ones you would like to make.

First Fridays Club NEW!

This is a daytime club from 2-3 pm for kids in grades 1-5 and is perfect for homeschoolers. Each month we'll do a different activity– from arts and crafts, to STEM, as well as learn about the Library! Kids ages 9+ can be dropped off but kids ages 8 and under should come with an adult.

December 3: Crafting Winter Ornaments
January 7: Finding Books- Learn how to use the Library's online catalog to search and do research. At the end we'll do a scavenger hunt.
February 4: Library of Things - Play with two of our Library of Things items— 3D pens and Ozobots. We'll also go over the wide range of other items and STEM Kits available at the Library.

LEGO Club

Sundays, December 5, February 6, 2-3:15 pm
Grades 1-5. Create and build your own LEGO design and we'll display the creation in the Children's Area.

I Spy Science: Trick/Trap a Christmas Elf!

Tuesday, December 7, 5-6 pm
Grades 1-3. Let's read *How to Trick a Christmas Elf* by Sue Fliess and then your challenge is to construct a trick/trap to catch one of Santa's elves!

Andertoons: Wild World of Wacky Winter Sports

Friday, December 17, 10:30-11:30 am
Grades 2-5. Young cartoonists will draw all sorts of silly winter sports! Snowman bobsled! Reindeer ski jump! Turtle slow-skating! See you there, sports fans!

STEAM: It's Magic!

Tuesday, January 4, 5-6 pm
Grades 4-5. Amaze your friends with your mind reading powers when you learn this card trick that always works!

Stop by the Service Center during December to participate in this Library-wide seek and find! 10 little elves are at the Service Center and they've hidden their pictures throughout the stacks. Can you find all 10 pictures?

Minecraft Mania: Valentine's Theme

Monday, February 21, 1:30-3 pm
Ages 7-12. Using multiplayer gameplay, attendees will work together to accomplish goals in competition and adventure-style programs. Beginners will be introduced to the game, and the advanced gamers can put their expertise to the test.

Preschoolers

New Year's Eve Party Crafts

Monday, December 27, 1:30-2:30 pm
Ages 3-6 with an adult. Get ready to ring in 2022 with fun crafts and supplies to help you have a joyous new year! Participants will be able to make noisemakers, poppers, and a countdown clock.

Polar Bear Science

Friday, January 14, 1:30-2:30 pm
Ages 3-6 with an adult. How do polar bears stay warm in freezing temperatures? We'll do an experiment to find out by making our own arctic water and blubber glove!

Read, Create, and Explore: Stranger in the Woods

Saturday, January 22, 10-11 am
Ages 3-6 with an adult. Let's read *Stranger in the Woods* by Carl Sams and learn how to make some winter crafts that are not only fun, but tasty for our animal friends too!



Little Kids, Big Feelings: The People I Love

Monday, February 7, 4:30-5:30 pm
Ages 3-6 with an adult. The people we love are important to us, and sometimes we can't be together. We'll make a photo album to help remind us of our loved ones. Come with photos (2x3 wallet size) you would like to use in your project, or email Miss Jill (jstanton@caryarealibrary.info) up to three photos by February 1 and she will have them ready!



@HOME KITS

GRADE SCHOOLERS

Falling Snowflakes

Kit pick up begins Thursday, January 6, 4:30 pm
Grades 3-5. It's time to make snowflakes! We will be folding and cutting squares of paper to see how many different snowflakes we can make to put into our picture.

Snowflake Snowman

Kit pick up begins Thursday, January 20, 4:30 pm
Grades K-2. Our snowman will be made out of cut paper snowflakes. Details will be added with colored paper and white paint for snow.

Kids in the Kitchen: Valentine's Pancake Delight!
[Video on Demand]

Video debuts Friday, February 11, 10 am
Grades 1-5 with adult. Watch our video to learn how to make special pancake skewers for your family!

PRESCHOOLERS

Little Kids in the Kitchen: Graham Cracker Holiday House

Kit pick up begins Monday, December 6, 1 pm
Ages 3-6 with adult. Participants will receive a kit with supplies to construct a yummy and festive structure!

Read, Create & Explore: Try It!

Kit pick up begins Friday, February 4, 1 pm
Ages 3-6 with adult. Let's be food explorers and try new food! We will read *Try It!* by Mara Rockliff, and learn about Frieda Caplan and how trying new foods can be an adventure. This @Home kit will include a book to check out and supplies to conduct your very own at home food taste-tests!

Bilingual Beginnings: Color/Empiezos Bilingües: Colores

Kit pick up begins Friday, February 25, 1 pm
Ages 3-6. Explore Spanish and English words. Participants will be able to check out bilingual books focusing on color, and receive a color mixing kit to explore.

viernes febrero 25 recoger en la biblioteca, 1 pm
Edad 3-6. Examina palabras en español e inglés en este @Home Kit colorido. Participantes podrán sacar por prestados libros en bilingüe sobre colores, y recibirán un kit para mezclar colores.



Storytime outside, summer 2021

FAMILY STORYTIME

For children birth to age 6 with an adult. Stimulate your child's senses through books, rhymes, music and movement. The Monday Storytime is repeated Tuesday to allow for capacity restrictions; please choose one Storytime to attend each week. No registration.

Mondays, 10:30 am	Tuesdays, 10:30 am
December 6, 13, 20,	December 7, 14, 21
January 10, 17, 24, 31	January 11, 18, 25
February 7, 14, 21, 28	February 1, 8, 15, 22

Videos on Demand

Enjoy these lessons using your own basic supplies and watch the video on our YouTube channel. No registration.

Optical Illusion Heart

Video debuts Monday, February 14, 10 am
Grades 3-5. Using a ruler, paper and markers, we'll draw a heart so that it will appear to be popping off the paper.

Singing Glasses

Video debuts Monday, February 18, 10 am
Grades 1-5. Experiment with different water amounts in glasses to make beautiful sounds, both soft and loud just with the touch of your finger!

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Board meetings are the second
Thursday of the month at 7 pm
and are open to the public.

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Welcoming all to connect and explore— checkout the possibilities!

Kidtastic “Cabin Fever” Children’s Book Sale
Saturday, February 12, 9 am-1 pm
Books (and only books) for infants to
teens will be for sale

**Books only
25¢ each!**

