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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 return slots just past the Window.

On the cover

A staff member hands a patron materials through the Library's Drive-up Window.

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, February 24 at 9 am online (carylibrary.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.

Friends of the Cary Area Library (FOCAL)

Upcoming FOCAL Meetings:

Thursdays, March 3, April 7, and May 5 at 7 pm at the Library. FOCAL is always looking for new members and membership is free! Apply online: caryarealibrary.org/focal



FOCAL Scholarship

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AmazonSmile

If you shop on Amazon, consider supporting FOCAL by choosing them as your AmazonSmile charity. 0.5% of eligible purchases will benefit FOCAL at no cost to you!

Book & AV Donations

We gladly accept gently used books and AV donations during regular Library hours. Items that are not added to the Library's collection are saved for the FOCAL bi-annual book sales. Donated items are tax-deductible. Please note, we do not accept encyclopedias, reference sets, yearbooks, textbooks over 5 years old, magazines, VHS and cassette tapes.

How can we help you?

Are you a caregiver to young children and/or older family members? Are you someone without reliable transportation? Are you a new adult trying to find your way? We're conducting a survey to identify the needs of our community members and how we can help meet those needs.

The survey will be conducted from February 14-March 31. It is only 10 questions long— five required and five optional demographic questions. It will be available online and on paper so that we can reach as many people in the community as possible. Please lend us your voice.



As a longtime user, Jerome Johnson credits libraries with being “a great place for me to explore and find new and wonderful things since before I was in the first grade.”

In 2018 he began to use our new Book an Expert service to help him research his family history and learn ways to organize his findings. Our genealogy librarian, Nancy Gaynor, stepped in to assist him. He has since used the service multiple times, along the way finding resources that he did not know existed, and received help in evaluating sources and their value in his search. As Mr. Johnson points out, “there is so much to learn and many avenues to explore” in research. This is true no matter what type of research you’re doing. We can help point you in the right direction.

Mr. Johnson’s Book an Expert sessions focused on genealogy, but staff can show you how to use our downloadable collections, like Libby and hoopla, with your device in hand. We can help get your job search started or help you format your resume. If you’re a crafter wanting to learn the ins-and-outs of a Cricut or Accuquilt machine, we can help. Do you want to refine your Excel skills? You guessed it— we can help! •

Our Book an Expert service provides Cary Area Library cardholders with one-on-one instructional sessions with a Library staff member either in person or virtually. Sessions typically last 30-60 minutes. Please contact us by phone (847.639.4210, press 3) or online at caryarealibrary.org/book-expert

I am a Library User

Seed Library



Spring is approaching which means our Seed Library will re-open! We'll have a selection of fruit, vegetable, herb, and flowering plant seeds available to CAPL cardholders for free. Gardening can be a fulfilling activity and provide you with fresh food for your table.

This year we urge you to practice seed saving and return them to the Library so that we can close the loop and truly turn this into a sustainable resource for the community.

Seeds will be available in mid-March. Visit our website for complete details, including this year's selection of seeds, announcement of the availability date, and resources on how to save seeds: caryarealibrary.org/seedlibrary



Produce from CAPL's Seed Library, photo from patron Cara Reehoff.

Adult gardening & conservation programs

Grow Your Own Groceries— in Containers!

Wednesday, March 2, 7-8 pm

Using containers means no weeding, no kneeling in the dirt, and no huge outlay of money. Cindy Sansale, deputy executive director of The Just Food Initiative of the Fox Valley, will share her knowledge and years of experience growing food in containers. A sunny driveway, patio or porch allows for container gardening— a backyard isn't needed!

Birds, Bees & Butterflies: Plant a Pollinator Garden

Wednesday, March 9, 7-8 pm

Learn how to attract butterflies, birds, and bees to your yard. Join Sarah Michehl from The Land Conservancy of McHenry County for easy tips on gardening with native plants that will provide beauty and everything a pollinator could need right at your doorstep.

Native Trees & Shrubs for the Home Landscape

Wednesday, March 16, 6:30-8 pm

Native trees and shrubs provide year-round beauty as well as food and nesting habitat for birds and pollinators. Sarah Michehl from The Land Conservancy of McHenry County returns for some favorite native options appropriate for the home landscape. Foundation plantings, privacy hedgerows, and species to feature will be covered.

Water Resources in McHenry County

Wednesday, March 30, 7-8 pm

The region's unique water resources support our healthy environment, vibrant communities, and economic opportunities. However, these water resources are vulnerable to a variety of threats including overuse and pollution. Scott Kuykendall, McHenry County Water Resources Specialist, will share how the county's Water Resources Action Plan (WRAP) can help communities protect our vital water resources.

Multi-age programs

Robotics Basics

Monday, March 7, 6:30-8:30 pm

Ages 9-adult. An intro to LEGO MindStorms robots, you'll learn about the robot's hardware and program interface. This class is a prerequisite for the Robotics Workshops. Limited to 8 pairs (16 total participants); please sign up with two people from the same household (e.g. an adult and child, or two children). Singles will work alone.

Build-A-Robot

Sundays, March 20, May 22, 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 8 pairs (16 total participants); please sign up with two people from the same household (e.g. an adult and child, or two children). Singles will work alone.

Robotics Workshop

Mondays, March 28, April 11, May 2, May 16, 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 Robotics Basics class. A Build-A-Robot session does not qualify. Register for each class. Limited to 8 pairs (16 total participants); please sign up with two people from the same household (e.g. an adult and child, or two children). Singles will work alone.

Manufacturing Career Expo

Sunday, May 1, 1-4 pm

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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.

Yarn Birds

Kit pick up begins Thursday, March 10, 10 am

These charming birdies are made from extra-fuzzy yarn, feathers, and your imagination. Nicole and her daughter show you how to create them, along with a yarn-wrapped branch.

8th Annual Peeps Diorama Contest April 8-14

Participate in our annual Peeps Diorama Contest! Create your own Peeps world in a shoebox. Entries will be displayed in the library. Peep Prizes will be given to the best entries in the following

categories: Family, Youth (grades 5 and under), Teen (grades 6-12), and Adult. Enter by yourself or with a group. Entry forms and rules can be picked up at the Service Center or found on our website.

Drop-Off: April 6-8

Display and voting: April 8-14

Winner announced: April 15

Pickup: April 15-16



Tissue Paper Pom-poms

Kit pick up begins Thursday, April 14, 10 am

Paper pom-poms bring a colorful and textured floral touch to any celebration, especially weddings and parties. Courtney demonstrates how to create a gorgeous, oversized pom-pom from tissue paper, and also gives ideas for customizing color, shape and size.

Adults

Get Involved

Friendly Visiting & Transportation Volunteers
Thursday, March 3, 2-3 pm
Join Christine Strissel and Karen Tobin of Senior Services Associates of McHenry Co. to learn about two crucial volunteer-based programs that greatly impact the lives of seniors in the community: The Friendly Visitor which promotes mental well-being and The Transportation Program which promotes physical well-being. Additional information will be available for interested volunteers.

All Together Now: Upstander Training for the Fox River Valley
Tuesday, March 29, 7-8:30 pm
Zoom. Participants from multiple area libraries will learn a variety of strategies to interrupt bigotry, racism, and hate—to be an active upstander instead of a passive bystander from EDI Expert Rina Campbell.

Late Night Learning with Child Advocacy Center
Wednesday, May 18, 7-8 pm
Kate Webster, Education & Outreach Coordinator at the Child Advocacy Center of McHenry County, will explain what the CAC does, how to handle a disclosure of abuse, and how to spot the warning signs of sex trafficking. Warning—some real life examples may be shared. There will be time to ask questions and have open dialogue on the topics mentioned.

Genealogy

Before You Go: Getting Ready for a Research Trip
Sunday, March 13, 2-3:30 pm
Knowing what you are looking for, where those records might be found and the “lay of the land” will go far in making your research trip more enjoyable and successful. Speaker Ann Wells will help us become better prepared before we leave home, before we leave the depository and before you return home. This program is appropriate for all experience levels.

RootsMagic User Group
Wednesdays, March 30, May 25, 7-8:30 pm
For users of the popular RootsMagic genealogy software. We discuss the intricacies of the program to organize and keep track of your research. This meeting is appropriate for all levels of experience. Limited to 6 attendees.

DISCUSSION GRQUPS

Great Decisions
First Thursdays, 6:30-8 pm
March 3: Climate Change
April 7: Russia
May 5: Myanmar
Exchange ideas about foreign policy issues in this discussion led by Professor Gary Midkiff. Participants must read a chapter from the briefing book prior to each meeting. Each chapter stands by itself so you can join the group at any time. Briefing book is \$15 (in order to reserve your spot you must pay; no refunds).

Books on Tap: A 20s-30s Book Club
Tuesdays, March 15, April 12, May 17, 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
March 23: *In Harm’s Way* by Doug Stanton
April 27: *The Exiles* by Christina Baker Kline
May 25: *The Long Flight Home* by Alan Hlad
Turning Pages Together
Thursdays, 7-8 pm
March 24: *The Invisible Life of Addie Larue* by V.E. Schwab
April 28: *The Book of Lost Names* by Kristin Harmel
May 26: *The Last Garden in England* by Julia Kelly

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



Illinois Libraries Presents: An Evening with Jenny Lawson
Wednesday, March 30, 7-8 pm
Zoom. Join us for an evening with award-winning humorist Jenny Lawson as she discusses her most recent bestseller, *Broken* (in the best possible way), and her brilliantly funny body of work. This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration between public libraries offering high-quality events.

History Lessons

One Hundred and Sixty Minutes: The Race to Save the RMS Titanic
Wednesday, March 23, 7-8 pm
One hundred and sixty minutes. That is all the time rescuers would have before the largest ship in the world slipped beneath the icy Atlantic. It’s a story of wireless operators on land and sea who desperately sent messages back and forth to mount a rescue mission. More than twenty-eight ships and four different countries would be involved in the rescue.



Get Back to Let It Be
Wednesday, April 6, 7-8 pm
In January 1969 the Beatles were recorded and filmed for the month as they wrote and rehearsed what was supposed to be their next album. Those “Get Back” sessions would ultimately become the *Let It Be* film and album. Beatles expert and historian Professor Moptop (Gregory Alexander) will use audio and video to discuss the band’s final release.

Chicago: True Stories of the 1920s
Wednesday, April 27, 7-8 pm
A 1920s flapper, Flora, tells us how fashion, crime, and prohibition mixed with explosive creativity and shaped the decade of the century. Learn facts from fiction and how reality relates to the 2002 Oscar-winning film *Chicago*. Travel back to 1920 with popular reenactor Martina Mathisen.

A Walk in London: Westminster (Part 2)
Wednesday, May 25, 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.

Health & Wellness

Advancing the Science: The Latest in Alzheimer’s and Dementia Research
Thursday, March 31, 12-1 pm
Watch Party. Alzheimer’s is a global health problem with more than 6 million people living with the disease in the US alone. Gains have been made in the understanding of and biology underlying Alzheimer’s and other dementias. These advances are leading to great strides in prevention, detection, and intervention. Presented by the Alzheimer’s Association.

The Power of Self-Compassion
Wednesday, May 4, 7-8 pm
Practicing self-compassion motivates us to make positive changes in our lives. Gain practical skills to help bring self-compassion into your daily life. Develop tools to help handle difficult emotions with greater ease, and to motivate yourself with kindness rather than criticism.

Healthy Living for Your Brain & Body & How to Build Your Own Butterfly Garden
Thursday, May 5, 12-1 pm
Watch Party. Learn about research in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement, and use hands-on tools to help you incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging. Klehm Arboretum & Botanical Garden will talk about the monarch butterfly and how to build your own butterfly garden at home. Presented by the Alzheimer’s Association.

Learn Something New

Organizing 101: Spring Cleaning Specifics
Wednesday, April 13, 7-8 pm
Jennifer Barnes will show you how to apply some basic organizing principles for any area of your home, identify hotspots, and discover the type of organizer you are. You’ll learn how to make the most effective spring cleaning plan and how to make spring cleaning less stressful for future years, by maintaining the organization of common areas.

LinkedIn Training
Wednesday, Apr 20, 7-8 pm
Zoom. Greg Coe, founder of GetLinked.Pro, leads this session on why LinkedIn is an essential tool for all professionals, including job seekers, hiring managers, networkers and sales reps. We’ll cover LinkedIn job hunting tips, profile dos & don’ts, plus time with live profile coaching for one or more attendees!

STEM for Adults
Wednesday, May 11, 7-8 pm
Science: How does it work? Who should we believe? An emphasis has been put on childhood STEM education and with technology constantly advancing, this has left many adults feeling left behind. William Pack returns to discuss the benefits of mentoring youngsters on basic science, have a better understanding of what makes good science, and, of course, learn some weird and wild science facts.

Coins, Gold, and Silver Appraisal
Thursday, May 12, 2-7 pm; 15-minute time slots
How do you know what your collections are worth? Dave Ekstrom, a Mundelein resident, lifelong coin collector and retired school teacher will offer an opportunity to have your coin collections and gold and silver items appraised for free.

Teens



Make It

Woven Wall Hanging

Tuesday March 1, 6:30-8:30 pm

Grades 6-12. Learn how to create geometric shapes while weaving and make a unique wall hanging.

Collage Art

Tuesday April 5, 7-8 pm

Grades 6-12. Reduce, reuse, recycle! Use discarded library magazines to create your own piece of collage artwork!

Perler Bead Keychains

Tuesday May 3, 7-8 pm

Grades 6-12. Create your own perler bead keychain. Choose from one of our pop-culture inspired patterns or create an original design.

Gaming

Dungeons and Dragons

Saturdays March 19, April 16, May 21 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 March 22, April 26, May 24, 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.

Get Involved

Teen Volunteer Board

Tuesdays March 8, April 19, May 10, 7-8 pm

Grades 6-12. Join this fun service club to help with FOCAL book sales, projects, and Library programs. We will assist with the book sale setup at the April meeting. Participants will get volunteer hours for every meeting they attend.

It's Time: How to Stand Up to Bigotry, Racism & Hate

Thursday March 10, 4-5:30 pm

Zoom; grades 9-12. Have you ever seen someone else get bullied? What did you do about it? In this teen-only training, EDI Expert Rina Campbell will provide you with strategies to combat hate & bigotry. This is a multi-library program and will include participants from all over Fox-River Valley.

Yay! YA Book Bags

Fridays, March 11, April 8, May 13

Grades 6-12 with CAPL card. On the second Friday of 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, just return the book! 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.

March: The Books Gotham Deserves

Participants will get a hero (super or otherwise) themed book to check out, supplies to make a silhouette paper lantern- a la the bat signal, and other goodies.

April: The Book was Better

Participants will get a book that's been turned into a movie or a movie themed book to check out, movie night snacks, and other goodies.

May: Call of the Wild

Participants will get an animal themed book to check out, supplies to make various origami animals, and other goodies.

Manufacturing Career Expo

Sunday, May 1, 1-4 pm

Students and adults alike are invited to come check out our expo which will feature booths hosted by several local manufacturing companies. This event is perfect for anyone looking to learn more about why a manufacturing career is a viable alternative to college and what opportunities that field offers in our local area. Learn about career and internship opportunities with these organizations and what your next steps might be to get involved with the field. Registration recommended, walk-ins welcome.

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Family

@HOME KITS

PRESCHOOLERS

Little Kids in the Kitchen: Let's get cracking!

Wednesday, March 16, 4:30 pm pick up and video debut

Ages 3-6 with adult. Learn some egg cracking skills and prepare a mug omelet while following along with Miss Andi in the kitchen. Participants will receive an @home kit to make this eggciting recipe.

Bilingual Beginnings: Food/Empiezos bilingües: Comida

Monday May 16, 1 pm pick up

Ages 3-6. Learn Spanish and English words for food with this delicious @home kit. Participants will be able to check out a bilingual book about food, and receive a kit with some fun and tasty crafts!

lunes, mayo 16 recoger en la biblioteca, 1 pm

Edades 3-6. Aprenda palabras para comida en español e inglés con este @homekit delicioso. ¡Los participantes podrán sacar un libro bilingüe sobre comida y recibirán un estuche con manualidades divertidas y sabrosas!

GRADE SCHOOLERS

Kids in the Kitchen: Movie Night Popcorn!

Friday, March 18, 10 am pick up

Grades 1-5 with adult. Check out a movie from the library and make a delicious popcorn treat for a special family movie night before, during or after Spring Break!

Book Buddies: The Kingdom of Wrenly

Monday, March 21, 1 pm pick up

Grades 1-5. Calling all fantasy and adventure fans! *The Kingdom of Wrenly* is a magical beginning chapter book series, starring Prince Lucas, his best friend Clara, and a certain Scarlet Dragon. Participants will be able to check out the first book in the series, and receive an @home kit with activities based on the books.

Take & Investigate: Compost in a Cup!

Friday, April 15, 10 am pick up and video debut

Grades 1-5. Get ready for Spring gardening and Earth Day with this easy composting project!

MARBLE RUN CHALLENGE

March 21-April 22

Monday, March 21, 10 am video debut

To celebrate Earth Day we have an exciting family challenge for you! Using your imagination and any recycled materials from your home we'd like you to design and build a working marble run. Your structure can be supported by tables, chairs, ladders, large cardboard boxes and walls. Your run can be complicated or simple, but the marbles should be able to successfully go from start to finish. You can watch our video for inspiration. Build your marble run between March 21-April 22 and post a photo or, better yet, a video of your marble run on social media and tag us! We have marbles available for pick up at the Service Center between the challenge dates if you don't have any at home.

SAVE YOUR RECYCLABLES!



Saturday, March 26, 2-3 pm

All ages/family. Celebrate the season with our annual Spring Bingo challenge! We will be playing bingo for spring-themed prizes. Enter your total group number with only one person's name to represent the family. Limited to nine families.

Grade schoolers

Wired for Science: Scribble Bot

Tuesday, March 1, 5-6 pm
Grades 4-5. We'll experiment with the materials in a STEM kit to make a battery operated moving Scribble Bot!

First Fridays Club

Fridays, March 4, April 1, May 6, 2-3 pm
Grades 1-5; ages 9+ can be dropped off but kids ages 8 and under should come with an adult. We do a different activity each month in this daytime club that is perfect for homeschoolers.
March: Paper Circuits - Learn about electricity and circuits then create a simple circuit on paper that will bring a drawing you make to life!
April: April Fools Day - Celebrate April fools with us and do various activities involving jokes, surprises, and the history of this silly day!
May: Seed Paper - Make homemade seed paper gift tags! Attach it to your mom's gift for Mother's Day and she can plant them and grow a wildflower garden patch!

LEGO Club

Sundays, March 6, April 3, 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. Sign up for each date.

Kids Game Night

Monday March 7, 6:30-7:30 pm
Grades 2-5. Make friends and discover new screen-free board and card games. Join us for an evening of fun and learning.

Master Gardner Jr.

Monday, April 4, 6:30-7:30 pm
Grades 1-5. Spring has sprung, and the library is the place for gardening info and seeds. We will have a selection of seeds and seed starter kits available for you to get planting!

Recycled Materials Craft Caddy

Thursday, April 14, 6:30-7:30 pm
Grades 1-5. Are your art supplies everywhere? Is it hard to find what you need? Let's get creative, reuse everyday materials, and construct a fun and unique craft caddy to keep everything in its place.

Minecraft Mania

Friday, April 15, 10:30 am-12 pm
Ages 7-12. Minecraft Mania allows participants of all experience levels to complete challenges within Minecraft! Using multiplayer gameplay, patrons will work together to accomplish goals in competition and adventure-style programs. Every program consists of different challenges! New beginners will be introduced to the game, and the advanced gamers will have the opportunity to put their Minecraft expertise to the test.

I Spy Science: Power Pulleys and Helicopters!

Tuesday, May 3, 5-6 pm
Grades 1-3. We'll build a pulley and demonstrate the power of this simple machine and make paper helicopters that fool your brain!

Mothers Day Pop-up Card

Friday, May 6, 3-4 pm
Grades 1-5. Mother's Day is just around the corner! Surprise mom or Grandma with a beautiful pop up card creation.

Preschoolers

Read, Create, and Explore: Dog's Colorful Day

Thursday, March 3, 10:30-11:30 am
Ages 3-6 w/adult. Let's read Dog's Colorful Day by Emma Dodd, and do a fun and colorful body tracing art project.

Earth Day Art: Recycled materials Self portraits

Thursday, April 14, 10:30-11:30 am
Ages 3-6 w/adults. By reusing materials we can create a fun and earth friendly art project that is all about us! Participants will be able to choose from many different materials to create a unique and fun self portrait collage.

Mothers Day Flower Pot

Thursday, May 5, 10:30-11:30 am
Ages 3-6 w/adults. Let's show our mothers and grandmothers how much we love them with a beautiful handprint pot and zinnia seeds.

FAMILY STORYTIME

For children birth to age 6 with an adult. Stimulate your child's senses through books, rhymes, music and movement. No registration.

Mondays, 10:30-11 am
March 7, 14, 21, 28
April - no Storytimes due to preschool outreach
May 2, 9, 16, 23

Meet Rachael & Andi!

Andi and Rachael will be the new faces of Storytime, and doing other programming, so we wanted to introduce them to our families.

Rachael

My family and I recently moved to Cary from Michigan. For the last nine years, I taught Pre-K through 4th grade general music. I love working with preschool and elementary children, and I am excited to have an opportunity to work with the young children and parents of our new community. Reading to children is a special privilege and a source of great joy in my life. I can't wait to host Storytime with Andi and to see the faces of the children in our audience.

In addition to hosting Storytime, I will be in charge of the STEAM lessons for preschool-aged children. I look forward to exploring and experimenting with some hands-on lessons as we learn about science, technology, engineering, the arts, and math.

My children were recently beginning readers, and I love reading with them. I will always love Mo Willems' books, especially the Elephant & Piggie series. As my children have gotten a little older, I enjoyed the Mercy Watson series by Kate DiCamillo, the Princess in Black books by Dean and Shannon Hale, and the Peter and Ernesto graphic novels by Graham Annabelle.

Andi

Preschool art is serious! As technology becomes more tightly woven into an educational experience, the tactile and physical process of making art becomes an even more important component to the process of thinking and learning. Creative play helps kids discover ways to express themselves when they don't yet have all the words. They can flex their "artsy muscles" and that allows for unexpected and spontaneous "happy accidents." Art won't give them all the answers, but it may keep them curious. Art is their earliest contribution to the world. They should get to have some control over it. I'm really looking forward to the art programs we have planned for summer and fall, and I'm still fine tuning them.

I'm also excited about our Sensory Storytime that will be coming later this year. This is something to which I feel very close. I have a seventeen year old son who's autistic. When he was diagnosed, sensory friendly spaces were rare, and many activities were difficult for him. It was such an isolating experience, and as parents of a child who is wired a little differently, we had so much to navigate. Now, there's greater understanding about the many exceptional people within a community. All children should be able to feel a sense of belonging and enjoy stories in their own way, and I'm so grateful to be a part of this. Creating a space where everyone feels welcome, connected, and accepted, where what they need is accessible, is what a library is all about.

Since I have a background in design and illustration, it's no surprise that I love books where illustration is the focus— that means a lot of children's books and graphic novels. Some of my favorite illustrative storytellers are Phoebe Wahl, Kazuno Kohara, Oliver Jeffers, Lorena Alvarez, Rebecca Green, Shaun Tan, Lane Smith, Carson Ellis, and everything from the Fan brothers. •



CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK • MAY 2-9

Celebrate children's book week with us! Children will receive a fun bookmark and entry into our booktastic giveaway for every check out of children's books during this week!

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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!

Spring Used Book Sale

Friday, April 22, 1-4 pm

Saturday, April 23, 9 am-4 pm

Sunday, April 24, 1-4 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. Special
pricing for teachers with current ID
(except for Bag Sale).