# Books & Bytes

Cary Area Public Library • Dec 2023-Feb 2024



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We deliver materials to CAPL cardholders who are homebound due to age, illness, or physical disability caryarealibrary.org/homebound

## **Program Registration**

The majority of programs are in-person; programs that are online or in kit form are noted. Registration begins Thursday, November 16 at 9 am online (caryarea.librarycalendar.com), 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



#### **Upcoming Meetings at the Library**

Thursday, December 7, 7 pm Thursday, January 4, 7 pm Thursday, February 1, 7 pm

#### News

The Library Board of Trustees honored the work FOCAL does at their October meeting in celebration of "National Friends of the Library Week." Thank you!

Gently used book and AV donations are gladly accepted 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 Cassette Tapes.

Find our Little Free Libraries at the Kraus Center, Park District Community Center, and Kaper Park.

Stay tuned for Scholarship information in the next Books & Bytes!



FOCAL member Jan (left) and FOCAL member and Library Board member *Gayle (right) pose with the* proclamation presented to FOCAL during the October Library Board meeting for their ongoing efforts in supporting CAPL.

## News



## Get to Know Mona Reynolds, Our New Executive Director

Growing up, I always enjoyed reading and visited my local public library regularly. My first real job was shelving books at a local public library while I was in high school. After a few years of working at that library and shortly before the deadline to enroll in my college's teaching program, I decided to pursue a career in libraries instead.

I've been in libraries now for over twenty years, working at three public libraries and a high school library. I've held both public-facing and behindthe-scenes positions, which helps me to see the big picture and how the work of one department can affect and impact the work of other departments, the Library as a whole, and, of course, our patrons. I've been happy to serve the Cary Area Public Library District's residents since November 2015.

During that time, some of the projects I've developed include:

- Launching our Seed Library to help encourage our community to get outside and garden!
- Launching our Book an Expert service to help provide one-on-one sessions for CAPL cardholders on using the Library's ebook apps and other popular topics.
- Developing and co-chairing our EDI committee to help increase our organization's understanding

of topics focusing on equity, diversity, and inclusion, so that we're able to serve all members of our community, even when their background and experiences are different than our own.

• Launching our Best Sellers Club to help make it easier for patrons to keep up with titles written by their favorite bestselling authors.

Going forward, I wish to continue to center the Library as a cornerstone of the community where district residents and others can access information whether for entertainment purposes or for personal/professional growth, to participate in engaging programs, and to provide a gathering space for the community. I also hope that we can continue to build and expand our partnerships with other local organizations.



## Access New York Times online with your CAPL card

Your CAPL card now gives you repeated 24-hour free access to the New York Times online, which includes the news, cooking, and games sections, as well as Wirecutter, and The Athletic. Please note that you will also need to create a free New York Times account, or log into your existing account, to gain access.

Access differs if you're in the Library or not. Whether on one of our computers or on your own device, inside the Library you only need to head to nytimes.com and create a free New York Times account or login into your existing account and set preferences. Remote access requires you to login through our website and enter your CAPL card number first and then follow the same steps as above | caryarealibrary.org/databases



## Winter Reading December 20-January 31

Sign up for our all ages Winter Reading Challenge beginning December 20 and receive a goodie (while supplies last). Readers can earn tickets into the grand prize drawing for each book or activity completed. Those who complete the required reading will earn a finishing prize (while supplies last).

To track your books, we recommend downloading the Beanstack app to your device but you may also log your reading online through our website or on a paper log, which you can access beginning December 20 | caryarealibrary.org/winterreading

### **Coat Drive**

It was such a success last year that we're doing it again this year! During Winter Reading we will be collecting new and gently used winter coats for all ages to benefit the local charity Blessing Barn. Psst: If you donate a coat, you can earn an extra Winter Reading badge!



### **Blast from the Past Trivia Night**

Thursday, December 28, 6:30-8 pm Adults and Teens. Test your knowledge of pop culture from the 70s-90s! Compete in teams of up to 4 people by correctly answering questions and we'll see which team is the historical pop culture aficionado. Bonus points for coming dressed to represent your favorite decade!



## **Family Movie Night**



Friday, January 5, 6-8 pm
All ages, children under 12 must be
accompanied by an adult. Join us afterhours for a "blast from the past" family
movie night! We will be watching Willy
Wonka and the Chocolate Factory (1971)
and enjoying nostalgic candy. The movie
runs 98 minutes.

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## **Adults**

#### Winter Outdoor Container Garden

Wednesday, December 6, 7-8 pm

Peggy Garvin of Garvin Gardens returns to help you create a beautiful fresh evergreen arrangement. Please bring your garden gloves, spade, and pruners. Container and all plant materials are provided in the \$30 fee (no refunds).

#### **Book Folding Christmas Tree Workshop**

Wednesday, December 13, 1:30-3 pm Follow along with Molly Clough of Senior Services Associates to create this unique holiday décor or gift. No experience needed. Limited to 12 senior students.

#### **Solving the College Puzzle**

Wednesday, December 13, 7-8 pm Adults and Teens. Discover the best timeline for college testing, prep, and applications with Huntington Learning Center. Includes Q&A on deadlines, test optional vs test blind, and the changes coming with the new digital SAT.

#### **3D Printing Pens**

Saturday, December 16, 2-3:30 pm Choose from a variety of holiday- and winter-themed designs for your 3D art.

#### **Professor Moptop's Holiday Party!**

Wednesday, December 20, 6:30-8 pm Join music historian, Professor Moptop (Gregory Alexander), for a festive study into holiday music of all types. From traditional Christmas songs and blasts from the past, to more modern songs and artists, there's a lot to cover!

#### The Ecology of Oak Trees

Wednesday, January 3, 6:30-8 pm Native oaks are a "keystone" species that many other species rely on. How do they connect with other woodland plants, and what can you do to help them? Join The Land Conservancy of McHenry County's Sarah Michehl to learn.

#### Winter Sowing

Wednesday, January 10, 7-8 pm

Master Gardeners Doug Moore and Judy Baker return to teach hands-on, how to sow your seeds and practically forget about them until they're ready to go in your garden using repurposed materials you probably have at home.

#### Wits Workout

Thursdays, January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 1:30-2:30 pm

Social connectedness and intellectual engagement are two lifestyle factors that contribute to your brain's health. Join us to engage in all kinds of interactive puzzles and games and learn what you can do in your daily life to keep your brain healthy. This program is best for ages 65+.

#### **Sweet Treats of the Midwest**

Wednesday, January 17, 7-8:15 pm Join author and food enthusiast Amy Gail Hansen as she uncovers the history of four Midwestern desserts: brownies, Twinkies, Rice Krispie Treats, and the Bundt cake. She'll also share tricks to make seasonal variations of these treats.

#### Google Workspace 101: Google Calendar

Saturday, January 20, 1:30-3 pm

Take advantage of all that Google Calendar has to offer. We'll provide laptops, but you can also bring your own computer if you would like to use a more familiar device.

#### Who Will Inherit This Mess? An Estate Planning Workshop

Wednesday, January 24, 6:30-8 pm

Financial Advisor Greg Corey will share options in estate planning to help maximize the transfer of wealth, minimize or avoid unnecessary taxes, and preserve relationships.

#### Sand Art

Monday, January 29, 7-8 pm

Create your own colored "sand" using sugar and food dye and then pour it into jars in layers to make your own unique and colorful sand art.

#### **Betty White: A Lifetime of Laughter**

Wednesday, January 31, 7-8 pm

Join Film Historian Dr. Annette Bochenek for this birthday multimedia presentation about the early years, career highlights, and legacy of Betty White.

#### A Parent's Guide on How to Pay For College

Wednesday, February 7, 7-8 pm

This workshop will introduce the various financial aid options, focus on some of the biggest mistakes, and reveal ways to reduce the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) with the new FAFSA rules to save thousands on college costs.

#### **Lunar New Year Paper Lanterns**

Monday, February 12, 6:30-8 pm

Make your own paper lanterns to celebrate the Lunar New Year! We'll learn to make two different styles of lanterns that you can hang up for the start of the Year of the Dragon.

#### **Evening Cinema: An Affair to Remember**

Wednesday, February 14, 6-8 pm Celebrate Valentine's Day with this classic romance from 1957. Registration preferred, walk-ins welcome.

#### **Managing Money for Caregivers**

Friday, February 16, 10-11:30 am

Learn about the costs of caregiving, the benefits of early planning, how to avoid financial abuse and fraud, start a conversation about finances, assess financial and legal needs, and find support.



#### A Beginner's Guide to Raising Monarchs

Wednesday, February 28, 7-8 pm As of July 2022, monarchs have been labeled as endangered with a population drop of 90%. Learn how to responsibly raise these caterpillars to ensure their survival.

### **Discussion Groups**

#### **Adult Book Discussion Groups**

Books are available each month at the Service Center. There will be no discussions in November. Please note that registration is now required to attend.

Hooked on Books • Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 am December 6: This Tender Land by William Kent Krueger January 24: The Rose Code by Kate Quinn February 28: American Sirens: The Incredible Story of the Black Men Who Became America's First Paramedics by Kevin Hazzard

Turning Pages Together • Thursdays, 7-8 pm December 7: Black Cake by Charmaine Wilkerson January 25: Tomorrow and Tomorrow by Gabrielle Zevin

February 29: Horse by Geraldine Brooks

#### **Books on Tap**

Tuesdays, Dec. 19, Jan. 16, Feb. 20, 7-8:30 pm Meets at the Cary Ale House. Meet other bibliophiles in their 20s and 30s, socialize, and discuss the title chosen by the group each month. If you're interested in joining or have questions, please email hbovino@caryarealibrary.info.

#### 2024 Great Decisions

Thursdays, January 4, February 1, 6:30-8 pm Discuss foreign policy issues led by Professor Gary Midkiff. Participants must purchase a briefing book (\$15; no refunds) and read a chapter prior to each meeting. Each chapter stands by itself so you can join the group at any time.

#### **True Crime Book Group**

Thursday, February 15, 7-8 pm

Adults and Teens 16+. We'll be discussing Highway of Tears: A True story of Racism, Indifference, and the Pursuit of Justice for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls by Jessica McDiarmid. Copies of the book for checkout will be available at the Service Center 60 days prior.

#### **Cary Area Writers Group**

Second Saturday of each month, 12-3 pm

Writers ages 21+ are welcome. Bring copies of your writing to pass around for gentle, constructive critiques. Questions? Email danielfgiallombardo@gmail.com.

## PROGRAMS ONLINE

#### Classroom Kitchen Seasonal Series

Chef Kristyn Slick is back for another three-part cooking series. Every class is a cook- or bake-along where you will be encouraged to work in your kitchen as Kristyn works in hers. Recipes and Zoom links will be sent out the week of the program. If you're not able to attend the live webinar, please register as we'll send the recording to all registrants.

#### Feliz Navidad Fiesta Mexican Holiday Cuisine

Wednesday, December 6, 6:30-8 pm

Zoom. We'll create a festive atmosphere celebrating the rich culinary traditions associated with Christmas in Mexico.

#### Saucier's Secrets: The Five Mother Sauces

Wednesday, January 24, 6:30-8 pm

Zoom. The five mother sauces are relevant in modern cooking. Understanding these sauces will help you read menus, decide what to order, and how to make sister sauces.

#### **Heart Healthy Cooking for American Heart Month**

Wednesday, February 21, 6:30-8 pm

Zoom. This class will focus on heart-healthy recipes and techniques. We'll grill and bake meals low in saturated fats, cholesterol, and sodium while still being full of flavor.

#### Illinois Libraries Present

These Zoom events are made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration between public libraries. Register now on our website | caryarealibrary.org/ilp

December 6: Surviving the Holidays with Lori Gottlieb, bestselling author of Maybe You Should Talk to Someone.

December 16-17: Experience the Nutcracker at home! Watch an on-demand recording of the famous ballet performed by the UK's Royal Ballet. Registrants will be emailed a special link to watch between Dec 16-17.

January 11: Speculating our Al Future Panel with Corry Doctorow, Ken Liu, and Martha Wells.

February 6: A Conversation with Jerry Craft: From Mama's Boyz to New Kid and Beyond.

#### **Board Game Arena Virtual Game Night**

Monday, January 22, 6:30-8 pm

Zoom. Play virtual games together. You'll need to create a free Board Game Arena account on http://boardgamearena. com to participate. Games are chosen by the attendees.

## **Teens**



#### Teen Movie/Anime Night

Tuesdays, December 5, January 2, February 6, 6:30-8:30 pm Grades 6-12. Watch a selection of movies and anime on the big screen with other teens! Snacks will be provided. Registration preferred, walk-ins welcome.

#### **Robotics Basics**

Monday, December 11, 6:30-8:30 pm Grades 6-12. Intro to our LEGO SPIKE Prime robot's hardware and software. You will also learn how to program the robots to move straight and turn. This class is the prerequisite for the Robotics Workshops.

#### **Teen Volunteer Board**

Tuesdays, December 12, January 9, February 13, 7-8 pm Grades 6-12. Join this fun service club to help with Library projects. Participants will get volunteer hours for every meeting they attend.

#### **Solving the College Puzzle**

Wednesday, December 13, 7-8 pm

Adults and Teens. Discover the best timeline for college testing, prep, and applications with Huntington Learning Center. Includes Q&A on deadlines, test optional vs test blind, and the changes coming with the new digital SAT.

#### **Dungeons and Dragons**

Saturdays, December 16, January 20, February 24, 1-4 pm Zoom. Grades 6-12. New and returning players welcome for this popular fantasy role-playing game. Cooperative play is emphasized, so log on and help your group succeed!

#### Glow-in-the-Dark Painted Mason Jar

Sunday, December 17, 2-3:30 pm Grades 6-12. DIY your own glow-in-the-dark mason jar fairy lights! We'll add phosphorescent powder to acrylic paint to acheive a glow-in-the-dark effect. Then, you'll paint the inside of your mason jar to create a fun fairy light look.

#### Finals Week: Study Space & Snacks

Tuesday, December 19, 3:30-8 pm Grades 9-12. Need a quiet space to study? A change of scenery? Stop by our Meeting Room any time between 3:30-8 pm. Snacks will be available to help you refuel.

#### **Holiday Candy Sleds**

Thursday, December 21, 7-8 pm Grades 6-12. Sip some hot chocolate and listen to jingles while creating a festive and delicious candy sled.

#### **Teen Gaming**

Tuesdays, Dec. 26, Jan. 23, Feb. 27, 7-8:30 pm Grades 6-12. Play board games and video games, including a selection of Nintendo Switch and Wii U games that will be projected. Registration preferred, walk-ins welcome.

#### **Robotics Workshop**

Monday, January 8, February 26, 6:30-8:30 pm Grades 6-12. Develop your programming skills with the LEGO SPIKE Prime robots and apply them to various challenges. Each Workshop will have a different lesson and different challenges for you to try out. You must have attended the Robotics Basics class to attend these workshops. A Build-A-Robot session does not qualify.

#### Yay! YA Book Bags

Kit pickup begins Friday, January 12 at 10 am Grades 6-12 with a CAPL card. Get a "Blast from the Past" themed 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.

#### **Hole Punch Art**

Tuesday, January 16, 7-8:30 pm

Grades 6-12. Test your imagination, creativity, and patience by recreating a famous painting or your own masterpiece using nothing but hole punch cut outs.

#### **Build-A-Robot**

Sunday, January 21, 1:30-4 pm Grades 6-12. Build one of the LEGO EV3 robot designs and then download the program to activate it.

#### **Practice SAT for New Digital Version**

Saturday, February 3, 9:30 am-12:30 pm Gain valuable experience by taking a full-length SAT practice test provided by Huntington Learning Center (HLC). Students should bring a SAT approved calculator. After the test, students can sign up for an optional 10 minute review of test results on the following Saturday, February 10. Students who participate in this exam can schedule a full SAT consultation with HLC for a discounted fee.

#### **Limitless Possibilities**

Tuesday, February 20, 7-8:30 pm Grades 6-12. Artists of all skill levels are invited to create a work of art with limitless possibilities. Creativity and experience are not required. Painting supplies, including a canvas, will be provided.

## Multi-Age & Family

#### 4 Strings Attached Holiday Music Performance

Saturday, December 2, 11 am-12 pm
All ages. 4 Strings Attached is an elite group of children ages 4-18 who are studying violin. Join The Martin Lopez Academy as they cheer our spirits with holiday music.
Registration preferred, walk-ins welcome.

#### **Board Game and Puzzle Swap**

Saturday, December 2, 1-2 pm Saturday, February 24, 11 am-12 pm Bring in board games and/or puzzles with no missing pieces and swap 1:1 with some that are new to you!

#### A Night on Mount Crumpit-Celebrating the Grinch

Friday, December 8, 6-7:30 pm

Join us for an evening of fun and surprises, including a reading of the Grinch Who Stole Christmas read by none other than the Grinch himself and our version of Family Feud holiday-style!

#### Mammals and More with Flying Fox Conservation Fund

Saturday, December 9, 1-2 pm

Ages 5+ with an adult. Learn about some of the most unique creatures from around the world and meet a sloth!

#### Noon Year's Eve

Saturday, December 30, 11:45 am-12:15 pm Ages 1-8 with an adult. Come countdown the new year (at noon!) and celebrate with a story, music, and dancing.

#### **Jigsaw Puzzle Competition**

Saturday, January 6, 12-3 pm

Test your puzzle prowess and compete to see which teams can complete a 500 piece puzzle the fastest. We will have two categories of competitors: Register your group of up to four participants in either the adult category (all group members 18+) or the family category (at least one group member over 18, and at least one group member under 18). Refreshments will be provided, and winners will receive commemorative pins and bragging rights!



Meet a sloth at the Library during the Mammal and More with Flying Fox Conservation Fund promgram!

#### Family LEGO Class

Sunday, January 7, 2-3 pm

As a family, build your own LEGO design that we'll display in the Library! There must be at least one adult in your group.

#### Mr. Freeze Demonstration

Saturday, January 13, 2-3:30 pm

Ages 8+ with an adult. Watch demonstrations of cryogenics using liquid nitrogen with a lot of surprises and a few explosions. It is one of the "coolest" shows you will ever see.

#### Family Game Night

Thursdays, January 18, February 15, 6-7:30 pm Families (children must be school age or older). Feel free to bring a favorite from home or choose from our selection. Snacks will be available. Please register under one name, then list how many are in your group.

#### Miss Jill's Vintage Storytime

Thursday, February 8, 6:30-7:15 pm Families. Miss Jill has a collection of vintage children's books and this month's theme will be winter stories. Bring the family for a cozy evening of nostalgia— blankets, pillows, and PJ's encouraged!

#### **Marvel Escape Room**

February 16-19, time slots throughout each day Ages 9+. A mystery is afoot at Avengers Tower! We are calling all agents to come help find a missing artifact of great power. Agents who choose to accept this mission will have 45 minutes to retrieve the artifact and beat the escape room. Choose a time slot to register and list all the members in your party. Groups can include 3-8 people.



## Teens-Tweens-Tots Book Sale Saturday, January 27, 9 am-1 pm

Used books (and only books!) for teens and under will be for sale.

## **Grade schoolers**

#### First Fridays Club

Fridays, December 1, January 5, 2-3 pm Grades 1-5. In December learn about the Library during a special behind the scenes tour with Miss Jill. In January, learn the basics of coding through the Harry Potter Coding Challenge from Hour of Code.

#### **LEGO Club**

Sundays, December 3, February 4 2-3:15 pm Grades 1-5. Create and build your own LEGO design that we'll display in the Library! Sign up for both programs.

#### **Kids Game Night**

Grades 2-3: Mondays, Dec. 4, Feb. 5 Grades 4-5: Mondays, Dec. 18, Jan. 15, Feb. 19 6:30-7:30 pm Make friends and discover new screen-free games.

#### **Robotics Basics**

Monday, December 11, 6:30-8:30 pm Grades 3-5. Intro to our LEGO SPIKE Prime robot. Learn how to program the robot to move straight and turn. This class is the prerequisite for the Robotics Workshops.

## I Spy Science: Melting Christmas Tree and Candy Cane Slime!

Tuesday, December 12, 5-6 pm Grades 1-3. Get in the holiday spirit as you make these messy, but fun science projects.

#### **Magical Forest Paintings**

Wednesday, December 27, 4:30-5:30 pm Grades K-1. We'll create magical forests using a combination of materials including paint, collage paper and glitter. We'll practice cutting skills and composition.

#### **Robotics Workshop**

Monday, January 8, February 26, 6:30-8:30 pm Grades 3-5. Develop your programming skills with our LEGO SPIKE Prime robots and apply them to a different challenge each session. You must have attended the Robotics Basics class to attend these workshops (Build-A-Robot session does not qualify).

#### Wired for Science: Exploding Candy!

Tuesday, January 9, 5-6 pm Grades 4-5. Join this "poppin" science class where you'll conduct 5 experiments with Pop Rocks!

#### **Build-A-Robot**

Sunday, January 21, 1:30-4 pm Grades 3-5. Build one of the LEGO EV3 robot designs and then download the program to activate it.

#### We Love Graphic Novels Book Club

Monday, January 22, 6:30-7:30 pm Grades 3-5. Join us for a fun evening where you can talk about your favorite graphic novels, discover new ones, meet friends, and have snacks...what could be better?!

#### **Repurposed Bird Feeders**

Wednesday, January 24, 4:30-5:30 pm Grades 2-3. We'll decorate little feeders for our feathered friends to enjoy over the winter! We'll practice planning and developing designs and tying knots.

#### Crack the Code!

Tuesday, January 30, 5-6 pm Grades 3-5. Learn how to break the cipher just like a spy and we'll have fun writing secret messages!

#### Killer Whale vs. Great White

Wednesday, February 21, 4:30-5:30 pm Grades 4-5. Who would win (and why)? We'll sketch and paint our pick: Killer Whale or Great White Shark! We'll practice drawing, composition, and mixing colors while experimenting with scale.

#### **@Home Kits**

#### Book Buddies: Boris on the Move by Andrew Joyner

Kit pickup begins Monday, December 11 at 1 pm Meet Boris, he's a lot like you. He likes to dream and have adventures. What will his next adventure be? Read the book and find out! Participants will be able to checkout a copy of the book, and receive a kit with fun crafts and activities.



#### Year of the Dragon

Kit pickup begins Monday, February 5 at 3 pm Grades 3-5. Make a red and gold paper dragon to celebrate the upcoming Lunar New Year!

#### Kids in the Kitchen: Valentine Strawberry Delights

Kit pickup begins Friday, February 9 at 10 am Grades 1-5 with an adult, only one kit per family please. Make this easy cookie recipe for a special Valentine treat the entire family can enjoy!

#### Seek and You Will Find! (with video)

Kit Pickup begins Friday, February 16 at 10 am Grades 1-5 with an adult. Have fun and experiment with water levels when you build a siphon!

## **Preschoolers**

#### Baby American Sign Language (ASL)

Saturdays, Dec. 16, Jan. 20, Feb.17, 10:30-11 am Ages 0-3 with a caregiver. Join Katie as she teaches basic ASL vocabulary. Learning ASL is a great way for babies to learn to communicate their wants and needs with caregivers and ease communication frustrations before gaining the ability to speak. ASL also unlocks language capabilities for babies and helps them build valuable skills that help with language and literacy abilities later in life.

#### Move and Groove

Wednesday, December 27 6:30-7 pm Mondays, January 15, February 19, 10:30-11 am Ages 0-6 with an adult. Shake your sillies out! This event will be filled with lots of music and accompanying body movements. Come dance like nobody's watching!

#### Pop Art Hands

Thursday, January 11, 10:30-11:30 am Ages 3-6 with an adult. Get ready to paint! We'll be making pop art pieces with our hands while learning about color, so please dress for the mess!

#### **Snowfriend Tea Lights**

Thursday, February 15, 10:30-11:30 am
Ages 3-6 with an adult. We're making snowfriends with little lights to keep us company during the long nights of winter.

#### **@Home Kit**

#### Little Kids in the Kitchen: Bird Seed Cookies

Kit pickup begins Wednesday, December 13 at 4:30 pm Ages 3-6 with an adult. Create seed treats to hang from the trees for our sweet tweeting friends!

## STORY TIMES

#### **Family Storytime**

Ages 0-6 with an adult. Stimulate your child's senses through books, rhymes, music and movement. Little ones get distracted easily, please help us maintain engagement by entering quietly if you arrive late. No registration required. Please note: Storytime content will repeat each week for the Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday sessions, and now that we're offering more sessions, capacities will decrease for each session.

Sundays @ 3:30 pm December 3, 10, 17 January 7, 21, 28 February 4, 11, 25 Tuesdays @ 10:30 am December 19, 26 January 2, 23, 30 February 20, 27

Mondays @ 10:30 am December 4, 11, 18, January 8, 22, 29 Feb: 5, 12, 26

#### **Baby Storytime**

Ages 0-18 months with an adult. Stories and songs for your littlest one. No older siblings, please.

Saturdays @ 11:30 am-12 pm

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## **AWE Learning Stations**

Introduce your youngest one(s) to computers with our two newly replaced interactive learning stations for kids! Your children can play games, read books, and explore the digital world safely at the Library. The station on the left is bilingual with content in English and Spanish. The updated stations were partially funded by the Friends of the Cary Area Library.

## Cary Area Public Library

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#### **Library Board**

Janet Polep, President Scott Migaldi, Vice President Christina Rank, Secretary Lisa Stordahl, Treasurer Gayle Booth Tom Garvin Theresa Hart

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

**Executive Director** 

Mona Reynolds

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Welcoming all to connect and explore—checkout the possibilities!

# Library Lovers Expedition February 1-March 30

Did you know that you can use your library card at any public library in the state of Illinois? Get to know other libraries in our area during the Expedition between February 1-March 30. Register at the CAPL Service Center to start. When you check in at each library you can take part in a fun activity and earn a brag tag. Bonus: registrants who check-in at 12 of the 14 libraries will be entered into a drawing for a basket of gift cards to local businesses. Visit our website to see complete details and the list of participating libraries | caryarealibrary.org/liblovers

