

# Books & Bytes



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Event Registration

The majority of events are in-person; events that are online or in kit form are noted. View complete event descriptions on our online Events Calendar. **Registration begins Thursday, February 22 at 9 am online ([caryarea.librarycalendar.com](http://caryarea.librarycalendar.com)), in person at the Service Center, or by phone (847-639-4210, press 0) and is required for programs noted with an RR.**

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 Meetings at the Library

Thursday, March 7, 7 pm

Thursday, April 4, 7 pm

Thursday, May 2, 7 pm

News

Last fall, FOCAL purchased and installed a garden drum (pictured right) in the Library's front landscape area to commemorate FOCAL member Mary Baechle after her 2022 passing. The drum can be played and enjoyed by anyone walking by as they enter her favorite place— the Library.

Find information about our annual FOCAL scholarship opportunity for graduating seniors on page 8.

Gently used book and AV donations are accepted during Library hours and are tax-deductible. *We do not accept encyclopedias, reference sets, yearbooks, textbooks (over 5 years old), magazines, VHS and cassette tapes.*

[caryarealibrary.org/focal](http://caryarealibrary.org/focal)



News

BookBrowse

Find your next exceptional read with BookBrowse, a leading book recommendation and review website. Some of BookBrowse's content is publicly available, but many premium features are accessible only by subscription. CAPL cardholders can now access members-only content.

Highlights of BookBrowse:

- In-depth reviews that help you decide if a book is right for you, plus excerpts of featured books
- “Beyond the Book” articles that explore factual aspects relevant to each book
- More than 200 recommended reading lists by genre, time period, setting, and themes
- Handpicked “if you liked this, try these” recommendations for over 3000 books and 2000 authors
- Rich information and guidance for book clubs, including advice on starting and running a club, recommended books, reading guides, interviews with book clubs, and online discussions
- Fun quizzes, book news, polls, author interviews, and book giveaways
- All books link directly to our catalog so you can check availability with one click

Get started today with your CAPL card | [caryarealibrary.org/databases](http://caryarealibrary.org/databases)

Solar Eclipse Glasses

Free solar eclipse glasses will again be available to patrons beginning March 11 for the total solar eclipse on April 8. One pair per person, while supplies last. If you got a pair from us last fall, those can be reused for this eclipse.



Let's Talk Grief Kit

New Year, New Kits

We have introduced two new kit collections:

Phonics Kits

As part of our efforts to expand early literacy programming and resources, we've added three Phonics Kits. A great tool to help your beginning reader be and feel more successful as they learn how to read, these kits contain books and interactive pieces to help learn through play— an important element of early literacy.

Let's Talk Kits

Our new Let's Talk Kits give families a starting point to talk about feelings, behavior, social skills, and life events.



“National statistics show that youth mental health is declining. With these kits, we're trying to help the community and support families through these difficult times,” said Becky Oberhauser, Assistant Director and Youth and Teen Services Manager.

Each of the 14 kits includes books for both kids and parents and an activity on a topic. These items can be explored together or separately, but we hope that they will encourage discussion. Topics include shyness, divorce, grief, positivity, anger, and mindfulness. The Let's Talk Kits were funded through a state grant received in partnership with Cary School District 26 to help promote Positive Behavioral Intervention Systems and improve mental health outcomes in the community | [kids.caryarealibrary.org/letstalk](http://kids.caryarealibrary.org/letstalk)






# Seed Library

**Our Seed Library is back beginning March 4, but with some important changes this year.**

We'll still have a selection of fruit, vegetable, herb, and flower seeds available to CAPL cardholders for free. However, we'll be introducing an ordering system to request seed packets. Beginning March 4 at 9 am you may place your seed order online or in person at the Service Center. You can choose up to 10 non-duplicate seed packets per household for the year. Once you've placed your order, we'll pack it and have it ready for you to pick up within four business days (and we'll hold it for four more days for you). This new system makes our popular Seed Library more accessible to more of your fellow cardholders.

Growers will also have the opportunity to sign up for our special three edition e-newsletter which will give you tips and seasonal best practices throughout the important stages of the growing season: planting, harvesting, and seed saving.

*Gardening gets you outside and active, saves you money on groceries, and can provide you with fresh food for your table.*



On May 1, the order form will close and the Seed Library will be accessible in the Library for cardholders to choose from what is left. Again, please be mindful of sharing in the bounty of seed packets!

Visit our website to view our 2024 seed catalog and begin planning your order. You'll also find helpful resources for your gardening journey, whether you're a beginner or experienced grower | [caryarealibrary.org/seedlibrary](http://caryarealibrary.org/seedlibrary)



*Alaska Red Shades Nasturtium.*



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Wise Female Ancestors

Wednesday, March 6, 7-8 pm  
Using tools and numerous questions to dive deeper into the layers of our ancestors’ stories and records, you may discover some women were not who you thought they were (and that you may also have more in common with them). RR

The History of Carole King

Wednesday, March 13, 7-8 pm  
Join Gary Wenstrup to learn about the story of a young, earnest songwriter whose mix of gently rocking pop, folk and soul music touched us all. RR

Hell Hath No Fury: The Wild, Wicked, and Wonderful Women of the Windy City

Wednesday, March 20, 7-8 pm  
Chicago is filled with history, but what of “herstory?” Who were the monumental women and what were the impactful events of women’s history in Our Town? RR

More Garden by the Foot

Wednesday, March 27, 7-8 pm  
Learn how to get started with square foot gardening based on Mel Batholomew’s best-selling book, *Square Foot Gardening*, with Master Gardener Doug Moore. RR

Superfoods

Wednesday, April 3, 7-8 pm  
It’s easy to appreciate a healthy diet when everything tastes delicious and comes together quickly! Chef Cherise Slattery will teach you knife skill techniques, quick breakfasts, nutritious lunch box ideas, plus Blue Zone recipes. RR

Saturday Cinema: A Man Called Otto (2022)

Saturday, April 6, 2-4:15 pm  
Otto (Tom Hanks) is a grump who's given up on life. When a young family moves in nearby, he meets his match in quick-witted Marisol, leading to a friendship that will turn his world around. Rated PG-13; 126 minutes. RR

Adult Learners Returning to College

Tuesday, April 9, 7-8 pm  
Jackie Janesku of Eastern Illinois University will explain everything you need to know: scholarships, grants, how to apply, and what credits transfer. This is an informational event geared towards nontraditional aged students who want to complete what they've started. RR

Earth Day Plastic Grocery Bag Lamp

Monday, April 22, 6:30-8 pm  
Celebrate Earth Day and show our planet some love! By repurposing plastic bags and cardboard boxes, we'll make a little table lamp to add some ambience to your room. RR

AARP Driver Safety Course

Wednesday, April 24, & Thursday, April 25, 10 am-2 pm  
This is a two day class of four hours each for motorists aged 50+. Registration and attendance both days is required. Your class certificate qualifies you to receive a discount on the liability portion of your auto insurance. Bring your driver's license, your AARP card (if you are a member), and cash or a check payable to AARP on the first day of class (sorry, no credit cards). \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members. RR

Mental Health First Aid Training

Saturday, April 27, 9 am-5 pm  
Mental Health First Aid is designed to extend the idea of first aid training to mental health and substance use challenges that individuals might face. You'll learn how to recognize the signs of potential mental health and substance use challenges and how to refer them to the appropriate supports.

Death Defying Acts—The History of the Circus

Wednesday, May 1, 7-8 pm  
William Pack takes you on a fantastical journey through the history of the circus, from Phil Astley's creation of the modern circus in 1768 to Dan Rice, "the most famous man you've never heard of" to the incredible feud between Barnum and the Ringling Brothers. RR

Wits Workout

Thursdays, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 1:30-2:30 pm  
This program is best for ages 65+. 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. RR

Birds in the Garden: Creating & Enjoying a Bird Oasis

Wednesday, May 8, 6:30-8 pm  
Join Pam Karlson and learn how it’s possible to attract over 100 bird species to your garden. Tips include landscape enhancements, practices, and plant selection with an emphasis on native plants. Our location along the migratory route, species diversity, habitat, diet, nesting, supplemental support and community science will also be discussed. RR

Storytelling Workshop: Interviewing Our Loved Ones

Wednesday, May 15, 6:30-8 pm  
Do you want to learn how to get the most from interviewing your family member or friend? Sarah Lucas of Celebrating Stories, Ltd. will show you how! Discover great tools to help enrich, inspire and make the storytelling moment wonderful with your loved one. RR

3D Printing Pens

Saturday, May 18, 10-11:30 am  
Create 3D art with your own hands! You’ll be able to choose from a variety of Spring-themed designs that you can make to welcome in the new season. RR

Annual Container Garden with Peggy Garvin

Wednesday, May 22, 7-8 pm  
Get tips from Peggy Garvin as you create an annual summer plant container. Please bring your garden gloves. All materials are included in the \$25 fee; no refunds. RR

AI: Chat GPT and Beyond

Wednesday, May 29, 7-8:30 pm  
Mike Gershbein of Very Smart People will be here to discuss the most talked about image generation and language models, as well as to give you a glimpse of the potential future implications of AI on the workplace and society. RR

Discussion Groups

2024 Great Decisions

Thursdays, March 7, April 11, May 2, 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. RR

Books on Tap

Tuesdays, March 19, April 16, May 21, 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.

Adult Book Discussion Groups

Books are available each month at the Service Center. RR

Hooked on Books • Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 am  
March 27: *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge  
April 24: *Poverty*, by America by Matthew Desmond  
May 22: *Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan

Turning Pages Together • Thursdays, 7-8 pm  
March 28: *The Foundling* by Ann Leary  
April 25: *Good Night, Irene* by Luis Alberto Urrea  
May 23: *Yellowface* by R.F. Kuang

True Crime Book Group

Thursday, May 30, 7-8:30 pm  
Adults and Teens 16+. We'll be discussing *The Forever Witness: How DNA and Genealogy Solved a Cold Case Double Murder* by Edward Humes. Copies for checkout will be available at the Service Center 60 days prior. RR

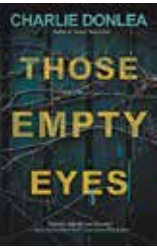
Cary Area Writers Group

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.

National Library Week Author Event

Book Club: Those Empty Eyes by Charlie Donlea

Monday, April 8, 7-8 pm  
Zoom. Join us for a virtual multi-library online book discussion of *Those Empty Eyes* by Charlie Donlea. Limited copies will be available at the Service Center. RR



An Evening with Mystery/Thriller author Charlie Donlea [Off-site]

Wednesday, April 10, 7-9 pm  
At the McHenry County College Luecht Auditorium  
Come on out for a presentation by established local author Charlie Donlea. Books will be available for purchase and signing. RR

PROGRAMS ONLINE

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](http://caryarealibrary.org/ilp)

Ruth E. Carter: Interweaving Tradition and Imagination Through Costume Design

Wednesday, March 20, 7 pm RR

Dr. Temple Grandin: The Hidden Gifts of Visual Thinkers

Wednesday, April 3, 7 pm RR

The Many Lives of Kal Penn

Tuesday, May 7, 7 pm RR

Board Game Arena Virtual Game Night

Monday, May 6, 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. All registrants will receive an email with a link to the event. RR

# Multi-Age

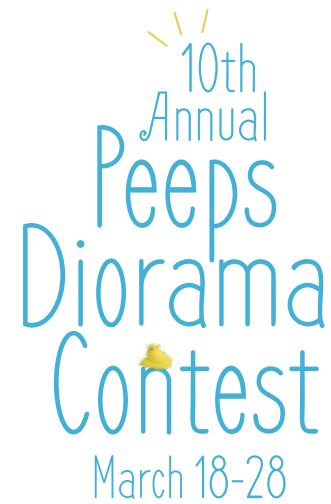
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## Craft Swap

Saturday, March 2, 9 am-12 pm  
Donate clean, usable and good quality craft supplies: fabric, thread, beads, rubber stamps, patterns, stencils, needles, etc. But please no books or magazines! Everyone is then welcome to explore the supplies and take home items of your choice (you don't need to donate in order to "shop").  
Donation drop-off: Thursday, February 29, 9 am-8 pm and Friday, March 1, 9 am-4 pm. Donations will not be accepted on the Swap Date, March 2.

## Shamrockin' Trivia Night

Friday, March 15, 6:30-8 pm  
Ages 16-Adults. Join us for a night of rock and roll, St. Patrick's Day, and the joys of being green! Compete in teams of up to 4 people. Bonus points for coming dressed for the stage or St. Patrick's Day! Register under one name but enter your total group number; limited to 12 teams. RR



Create your own Peeps world in a shoe box by yourself or with a group. Entries will be displayed in the Library for voting. 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. Entry forms and rules can be picked up at the Service Center or found on our website.

Drop-off entries: March 15-17  
Display and voting: March 18-28  
Winners announced: March 29  
Pickup entries: April 1 (no joke!)



## Family Game Night

Tuesday, April 2, 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. RR

## Chess: How to Play!

Saturday, April 6, 10:30 am-12 pm  
Grade 5-Adults. Learn the six pieces, how they move, and how to set up the board. Basics of who goes first, how to protect your King, and how to end the game will be covered. Chess resources will be available, including an easy guide for how to write out a chess game's moves. "Checkmate" might become your new favorite word! RR

## Chess: Come Play a Game!

Saturday, May 4, 10:30 am-12 pm  
Grade 5-Adults. Play chess with your friends, neighbors, or parents! 20 boards will be set up for up to 40 players to participate. A review of piece moves and rules will quickly move to games. You'll also be able to meet Tim Just, author and editor of the *Rules of Chess in the United States*. RR

## Miss Jill's Vintage Storytime

Thursday, May 9, 6:30-7:15 pm  
Families. Miss Jill has a collection of vintage children's books that you might not hear anywhere else. Bring the family for a cozy evening of nostalgia—blankets, pillows, and PJ's encouraged! Registration preferred, but walk-ins welcome.

## The Mother of All Trivia Nights

Thursday, May 16, 6:30-8 pm  
Ages 16-Adults. Whoa Mama! Test your knowledge on some of the most wonderful (and notorious) mothers in the world. Compete in teams of up to 4 people. Bonus points for coming dressed as your mom! Register under one name but enter your total group number; Limited to 12 teams. RR

## Button Art

Saturday, May 25, Drop in anytime between 1-3 pm  
Ages K-12. Make your own masterpiece with buttons of various colors and sizes. We will provide the materials, you provide the creativity! No registration required.

# Teens

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## Teen Volunteer Board

Tuesdays, March 12, May 14, 7-8 pm  
Tuesday, April 16, 5:30-6:30 pm  
Grades 6-12. Join this fun service club to help with Library projects. Participants will get volunteer hours for every meeting they attend. During the April 16 session, we will assist FOCAL with the setup for the book sale. RR

## Dungeons and Dragons

Saturdays, March 16, April 27, May 18, 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! RR

## Build-A-Robot

Sunday, March 17 or May 19, 1:30-4 pm  
Grades 6-12. Build one of the LEGO EV3 robot designs and then download the program to activate it. RR

## Popdarts Tournament

Thursday, March 21, 7-8 pm  
Grades 6-12. Join other teens in a quest to see who is the best at Popdarts, a fun and competitive game similar to traditional darts! The winner will receive a gift card. RR

## Robotics Basics

Monday, March 25, 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. RR

## Teen Gaming

Tuesdays, March 26, April 23, May 28, 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.



Take free practice tests and read (or listen) to the *Illinois Rules of the Road* to ace your written driving test | [caryarealibrary.driving-tests.org/illinois/](http://caryarealibrary.driving-tests.org/illinois/)

# Scholarship Opportunity

The Friends of the Cary Area Library will be awarding two \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors who live within the CAPL District. Full requirements can be found on the application which will be available beginning March 4 online or in the Library. The application deadline is April 22 | [caryarealibrary.org/focal](http://caryarealibrary.org/focal)

## Yarn Art

Wednesday, April 10, 7-8 pm  
Grades 6-12. Artists of all skill levels are invited to create a funky art piece by gluing yarn onto a mini canvas. RR

## Yay! YA Book Bags

Kit Pickup begins Friday, April 12 at 10 am  
Grades 6-12 with a CAPL card. Get a themed goodie bag filled with a surprise book to checkout, an activity, and bonus items. At the end of the month, keep the activity and return the book! Participants will be emailed after sign-up with a reading preferences survey and again when their bags are ready to be picked up. This month's theme is Respect Your Mother (Earth) and is all about Earth Day! RR

## Robotics Workshop

Monday, April 29 or May 13, 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. RR

## Celebrate Mom with LEGOs

Tuesday, May 7, 7-8 pm  
Grades 6-12. Celebrate Mother's Day with LEGO flowers and build a unique gift for mom. RR

## Teen Movie Night: Under the Boardwalk

Tuesday, May 21, 7-8:30 pm  
Grades 6-12. Celebrate the end of the school year with this comical animated film. Watch Armen, a land crab, find his way home and fall in love with a sea crab. Snacks will be available. Registration preferred, walk-ins welcome.



# Grade schoolers

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## LEGO Club

Sundays, March 3, April 7, May 5, 2-3:15 pm  
Grades 1-5. Create and build your own LEGO design that we'll display in the Library! Sign up child for each session. RR

## Kids Game Night

Grades 2-3: Mondays, March 4, April 1, May 6  
Grades 4-5: Mondays, March 18, April 15, May 20  
6:30-7:30 pm  
Make friends and discover new screen-free games. RR

## Wired for Science: Roller Coaster Slide!

Tuesday, March 12, 5-6 pm  
Grades 4-5. Design and build a roller coaster slide with your own unique twists and turns! RR

## DIY Solar Eclipse Glasses

Saturday, March 16, 2-3 pm  
Grades 3-5. Make glasses for the solar eclipse on April 8! Cut out and decorate your frames, and then we'll add a special filter that will protect your eyes. RR

## Build-A-Robot

Sundays , March 17 or May 19, 1:30-4 pm  
Grades 3-5. Build one of the LEGO EV3 robot designs and then download the program to activate it. RR

## Robotics Basics

Monday, March 25, 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. RR

## Minecraft: Jack and the Beanstalk

Tuesday, March 26, 4-6 pm  
Grades 3-5. Jump, climb, and soar your way to the top of a beanstalk in hopes of overcoming the giant that lurks above! No account, computer, or experience necessary. RR

## Minecraft: The Big Bad Wolf

Thursday, March 28, 4-6 pm  
Grades 3-5. Build a house that the wolf can't knock down using straw, hay, wood, and bricks. No account, computer, or experience necessary. RR

## Andertoons: Farm Throwdown!

Friday, April 5, 2:30-3:30 pm  
Grades 2-5. During the day animals graze and lay about the farm. But at night, they meet in secret for a barnyard brawl! Only one can be ruler of the ranch (but every match will definitely be a draw.) RR

## I Spy Science: Candy Chemistry!

Tuesday, April 9, 5-6 pm  
Grades 1-3. Discover the melting point of your favorite candies and which sink or float! RR

## We Love Graphic Novels Book Club

Monday, April 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?! RR

## Spring Whirlygigs

Wednesday, April 24, 4:30-5:30 pm  
Grades K-1. With wood we'll create a work of art that's also a fidget! Ability to follow multi-step directions will be needed. Register child only; two registrations per family. RR

## Robotics Workshop

Mondays, April 29 or May 13, 6:30-8:30 pm  
Grades 3-5. Develop your programming skills with our LEGO SPIKE Prime robots. You must have attended the Robotics Basics class to attend these workshops (Build-A-Robot session does not qualify). RR

## First Fridays Club

Friday, May 3, 2-3 pm  
Grades 1-5. Ideal for homeschoolers! This month we'll create a project with 3D printing pens. Kids ages 9+ can be dropped off, younger kids should attend with an adult. RR

## Evening Yoga

Tuesday, May 14, 5:15-6 pm  
Ages 6-10 (adults are free to stay and participate but not required). Wind down with a beginner yoga session with Leslie, certified yoga instructor and owner of Sapphire Yoga. Feel free to bring a stuffed animal and yoga mat or blanket. Register child only. RR

## Wood Chimes

Wednesday, May 15, 4:30-5:30 pm  
Grades 2-3. Make a wood and shells wind chime with overhand knots. Basic shoe tying skills are needed to participate. Register child only; two registrations per family. RR

## Charming Container Garden

Wednesday, May 22, 4:30-6 pm  
Grades 4-5. Create your own personal garden. A very basic understanding of planting is required. Register child only; two registrations per family. RR

## Jr. Master Gardener

Thursday, May 23, 6:30-7:30 pm  
Grades 1-5. Are you interested in the natural world, and all things that grow in the ground? Come ready to get your hands dirty as we explore the fascinating world of plants. RR

# @Home Kits



**Book Buddies: The Infamous Ratsos by Kara Lareau**  
Kit pickup begins Monday, March 11 at 1 pm  
Grades 1-4. Perfect for newly independent readers! Participants will be able to check out a copy of the book, and receive a kit with fun crafts and activities. RR

## Plastic Grocery Bag Friendship Bracelets

Kit pickup begins Tuesday, April 16 at 1 pm  
Grades 3-5. Celebrate Earth Day and show our planet some love! We'll reuse grocery bags to make a colorful, braided friendship bracelet. RR

## Woodland Felt Animal [with video]

Kit pickup begins Wednesday, April 24 at 9 am  
Grades 4-5. With a little felt and thread, learn to hand sewn a woodland pal! Register for one kit per family. RR

## Kids in the Kitchen: Expert Measuring [with video]

Kit pickup begins Friday, April 26 at 10 am  
Grades 1-5 with an adult. Start a utensil collection in this new video series! In this kit, you'll get a set of measuring cups and spoons and learn how to measure ingredients. RR

## Eggshell Crystal Geodes [with video]

Kit pickup begins Friday, May 10 at 10 am  
Grades 1-5 with an adult. Geodes in nature take thousands of years to form, but these egg geodes will only take days! RR

# Babies-Preschoolers

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## Itty Bitty Terrariums

Thursday, April 11, 10:30-11:30 am  
Ages 3-6 with an adult. Get ready for spring with these cute little terrariums! A little dirt won't hurt but please dress for the mess! Kids will exercise fine motor grasping. Register child(ren) only; two registrations per family. RR

## Llama Llama Red Pajama Party

Wednesday, April 24, 6:30-7 pm  
Ages 0-6 with an adult. A special Llama Llama-themed storytime! PJs, a blanket, and your favorite stuffed animal are welcome but not required. Register child(ren) only. RR

## Paul Klee Big City Collage

Thursday, May 9, 10:30-11:30 am  
Ages 3-6 with an adult. We'll create a painted paper collage with big city energy! We'll be cutting simple shapes and gluing! Register child(ren) only. RR

## Evening Yoga

Tuesday, May 14, 4:30-5 pm  
Ages 2-5 with an adult. Wind down with a beginner yoga session with Leslie, certified yoga instructor and owner of Sapphire Yoga. Feel free to bring a stuffed animal and yoga mat or blanket. Register child(ren) only. RR

# STORY TIMES

## Family Storytime

Ages 0-6 with an adult. Little ones get distracted easily, please help us maintain engagement by entering quietly if you arrive late. Please note: Storytime content repeats each week for the Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday sessions, so capacities are decreased for each session. No registration required; tickets will be available at the Service Center for entry.

Sundays @ 3:30 pm  
March 10, 17, 24  
April - no storytimes  
May 5, 19

Tuesdays @ 10:30 am  
May 21, 28

Mondays @ 10:30 am  
March 4, 11, 18, 25  
April - no storytimes  
May 6, 13, 20

## Toddler Storytime

Ages 18-36 months with an adult. Stories and songs for your active toddler! Registration preferred (register children only) but walk-ins welcome.

Saturdays @ 10 am  
March 9  
April 13  
May 11

NEW!

## Baby Storytime

Ages 0-18 months with an adult. Stories and songs for your littlest one. No older siblings, please. Registration preferred (register children only) but walk-ins welcome.

Saturdays @ 12 pm  
March 9  
April 13  
May 11

# @Home Kits

## Animal Claws

Kit pickup begins Thursday, March 7 at 9 am  
Ages 3-6 with an adult. From moles to squirrels to birds of prey, lots of animals have claws. You can imagine what it's like to have your own with this origami kit that will exercise folding skills. Register for one kit per family. RR

## Little Crafts from the Kitchen: Pantry Clay Bead Bracelets

Kit pickup begins Wednesday, March 20 at 9 am  
Ages 3-6 with an adult. Using familiar ingredients, make bead bracelets. Requires rolling, baking, painting and lacing (paints not included). Register for one kit per family. RR

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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!*

### Early Voting

The Library will be an early voting site for the primary election from March 4-16. Any McHenry County resident may early vote here. Exact times will be determined by McHenry County and announced when known on our website and social media.

### Wellness Screenings

The McHenry County Health Department will be conducting wellness screenings at the Library on Thursday, March 21 from 9:30 am-1 pm. \$20 A1C only, \$25 cholesterol/glucose test, or \$35 A1C plus cholesterol/glucose. Cash or check payments only. Fasting is optional but recommended; make sure to drink plenty of water prior. Appointment required: <https://bit.ly/WellnessMar21>

# FOCAL Spring Used Book Sale

**Friday, April 19, 1-4 pm**

**Saturday, April 20, 9 am-4 pm**

**Sunday, April 21, 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). Only cash and check accepted!