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Apply for a library card in person at the Service Center or online. The Library District boundary map and requirements to apply can all be found online | caryarealibrary.org/getcard

Drive-up Window & Returns

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/ driveup

You may return materials 24/7 into the return slots just past the Window.

Homebound Delivery

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

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, May 16 at 9 am online (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.

Sunburst Bay Pool Pass Kits Update

Due to the high demand last summer, this season the Sunburst Bay Pool Pass Kits will be split into 4 sets of 2 passes each (instead of 2 sets of 4 passes). The hold list for these Kits is still in place from last year. If you wish to remove your hold because of the changes, please log into your account to do so or ask staff for assistance.

Be sure to also check out our Sunburst Bay Day on Saturday, July 27 from 10 am-6:30 pm when your CAPL card will get you into the aquatic center for only \$5! Read more about this on page 9.

Friends of the Cary Area Library (FOCAL)

News

FOCAL would like to thank the Cary area community for donating books and supporting our Used Book Sales!



The Fall Used Book Sale will be October 11-13. The Library accepts any gently used book and audio-visual donations. Please note, we do not accept encyclopedias and reference sets, magazines, yearbooks, textbooks over 5 years old, VHS and cassette tapes. Your donation is tax-deductible and we have forms available upon request at the time of your donation.

We have three Little Free Libraries: Cary Park District Community Center, the Krause Center, and Kaper Park. Please help us keep them supplied with books for summer reading, if you take a book, please bring one to share | caryarealibrary.org/focal

What's new

StoryWalk[®] Ribbon Cutting & Celebration

Join us Saturday, June 1 from 1-3 pm to celebrate the opening of our brand new StoryWalk at Jaycee Park! Explore our local parks, get some exercise, and read together, all at the same time. The first 100 attendees will receive a free giveaway. A huge thank you to our amazing partners, Cary Park District and Cary School District 26.

The StoryWalk[®] Project was created by Anne Ferguson and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library in Montpelier, VA. It promotes early literacy, physical activity, and spending time in nature. Pages will be displayed at each post beginning on the south side of Jaycee Park, ending right before the bridge. Stories will be switched regularly all year, so be sure to visit often!

Memory Care Kit Updates

What is Memory Care? Memory Care helps support those with memory loss, Alzheimer's, and other types of dementia.

Our Memory Care Collection, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Cary-Grove, is getting a makeover and new location! We separated the original kits into 13 bite-sized kits. They contain the same materials, but are smaller, more topic-specific, and will be available for three-week checkout beginning June 1. Thank you to those who provided feedback! The new and improved collection will be located on the shelving unit across from the public copier for easy browsing.

We hope that these changes will help lighten the load of caregivers and enhance the lives of their loved ones with memory loss. To find out more about our Memory Care Kits, visit our website | caryarealibrary.org/memorycarekits

New Kids Spanish AV & Theme Kits

This year, we received a generous grant from the Rotary Club of Cary-Grove to add audio-visual items in Spanish.

Our new items include three Spanish Theme Kits, which are backpacks filled with books and toys that help preschoolers learn in a dynamic way. The themes are Potty Training, Farm Animals, and Preschool Skills. We also added a selection of Wonder Books (book and audio all-in-one) and Launchpads (tablets preloaded with stories).

Browse these items and more in our newly relocated youth Spanish section which you can find to the back left of the adult public computers.

Este año recibimos una generosa subvención del Rotary Club of Cary-Grove para agregar artículos audiovisuales en español.

Nuestros nuevos artículos incluyen tres kits temáticos en español, que son mochilas llenas de libros y juguetes que ayudan a los niños en edad preescolar a aprender de manera dinámica. Los temas son Entrenamiento para ir al baño, Animales de la granja y Habilidades preescolares. También agregamos una selección de Wonder Books (libro y audio todo en uno) y Launchpads (tabletas de precargadas con cuentos).

Navega estos artículos y más en nuestra sección de español juvenil nuevamente reubicada que puede encontrar en la parte posterior izquierda de las computadoras públicas para adultos.





Sign up for our all ages Summer Reading Challenge beginning June 1. Each registrant will receive a treat while supplies last. Track the books you read to earn a halfway prize, a finishing prize, and grand prize tickets as you go. You can claim your finishing prize beginning Saturday, June 15.

We recommend using the Beanstack app, but you may also log your reading online through our website or on a paper log | caryarealibrary.org/summerreading

Find Your Wild

Join in the McHenry County Conservation District Find Your Wild challenge and take a journey through the county's public open spaces. You'll earn cool stickers and a chance at prizes along the way. Bonus: participants of Find Your Wild can earn an extra ticket into our Summer Reading grand prize drawing! Find more information about this challenge online | mccdistrict.org

All Ages Summer Reading June 1-July 31

SPECIAL EVENTS

Wind Tunnel Olympics

Saturday, June 1, 10-11 am Families. Kick off your summer with this fun family activity. You can earn Olympic medals with successful flying structures! *RR*

Minute to Win It Summer Olympics [Outdoors]

Tuesday, July 16, 6:30-7:30 pm Grades 4-5. Compete with other kids in Olympic games that will have kids racing against the clock and each other. Top scorers will be entered into a drawing for a gift card. If there is rain, the event will move inside. *RR*

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The Great Olympic Trivia Challenge

Thursday, July 18, 6:30-8 pm

Teens and Adults. Are you ready to go for the gold in this Olympic challenge? Join us to figure out which team is the true master of sport in this trivia game. Compete in teams of four for victory. Bonus points for coming dressed to represent your favorite sport or Olympic country! Register under one name but enter your total group number. Limited to 12 teams. *RR* We have a history of offering events that center on gaming and we now have kids board games available for checkout for CAPL cardholders, which are located in the Children's Area along the side wall between the windows. Why? Because the benefits of board games are numerous:

QUALITY TIME

Games offer a shared experience where friends, family, and community can engage with each other and laugh together, strengthening emotional bonds.

SOCIAL SKILLS

Playing teaches valuable social skills such as communication, cooperation, and sportsmanship.

Get into the Game



EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE

Playing can help develop emotional intelligence by encouraging empathy, understanding, and perspective-taking.

COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT

Games require strategic thinking, problem-solving, and decision-making skills, which are valuable in academics and everyday life— including keeping your brain agile as you age.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Many board games are designed to be educational, covering a wide range of topics such as history, science, geography, and language.

Playing by the Rules: The History of Board Games

Wednesday, August 21, 7-8 pm Adults. Delve into the fascinating chronicles of board games, tracing their lineage from the pioneering minds behind iconic classics to current contemporary game development. RR

SCREEN-FREE ENTERTAINMENT

In an age where screens dominate much of our leisure time, board games offer an alternative that promotes face-toface interaction and creativity.

ADAPTABILITY

Board games come in a variety of styles and difficulty levels, making it easy for families to find games that suit their preferences and ages of the players. Board games provide a versatile and enjoyable way for us to connect, learn, and create lasting memories. Whether it's a weekly game night tradition or a spontaneous afternoon of play, the benefits extend beyond the tabletop. RR denotes that registration is required for the event

Cycling Without Age

Saturdays, May 25, June 22, July 27, August 24 9, 10, and 11 am

One passenger must be 55+. Enjoy a 45-minute openair trishaw ride around our beautiful Cary trails provided by Cycling Without Age McHenry County. Each ride can accommodate up to two. *RR*

The History of Coffee

Saturday, June 1, 12-1 pm

Learn about the brewing, roasting, and tasting methods, extraction theory, and experience an immersive tasting at the end! $\ensuremath{\textit{RR}}$

Beyond London

Wednesday, June 5, 7-8 pm

Explore the amazing areas of Great Britain outside London including Wales and Scotland, major cities like Liverpool and Edinburgh, as well as historical rural villages. *RR*

Miscellany and Mirth of the Midwest

Wednesday, June 12, 6:30-8 pm Award-winning musician and storyteller, Dave Martin, performs original songs while he takes us on a storied history through the America's heartland. RR

Duct Tape Flower Pens

Saturday, June 15, 10:30 am-12 pm Reminiscent of the popular 2000s craft that had us all attaching silk flowers to the ends of our pens, today you will each get to make a few pens with different types of flowers, including roses, dandelions, and daisies. *RR*

Mozart's Women

Wednesday, June 19, 7-8 pm

Dramatic book reviewer, Jenny Riddle, as Constanze Mozart, along with classical pianist, Jeffrey Panko, bring to life the story of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart inspired by the bestselling book *Mozart's Women* by Jane Glover. *RR*



Eleanor Roosevelt

Wednesday, July 10, 7-8 pm

Eleanor Roosevelt lived an extraordinary life leaving behind a humanitarian legacy. Join national award winning actress/ storyteller/playwright Megan Wells as she vividly brings to life an "in-the-room" conversation with Eleanor. *RR*

Google Workspace 101: Intro to Gmail

Saturday, July 20, 10-11:30 am Learn how to use Gmail's tools. We'll provide laptops, but you can also bring in your own device if you would like to practice using Gmail on something more familiar. *RR*

Young Elvis: The Origins of Rock and Roll

Wednesday, July 24, 7-8 pm Rare video footage and interviews will show how gospel, blues, and country music all combined into what we call Rock and Roll today. *RR*

How to Cut and Arrange Flowers [Off site]

Friday, July 26, 9-10 am Join Master Gardeners at Hoffman Gardens for this workshop. Be sure to bring a vase or container as you will leave with your own custom made bouquet! *RR*

Needle Felting: Bird Window Charm

Wednesday, July 31, 6-7:30 pm Learn the art of needle felting. We will use wool roving and a barbed needle to sculpt adorable birds and attach them to hanging branches that will liven up any window! *RR*

The Nature Experience

Wednesday, August 7, 7-8 pm Learn how to use your senses to explore nature. What do you see? What do you feel? This multimedia presentation will reinvigorate how you look at nature. *RR*

Pin-Back Button Making

Monday, August 12, 7-8 pm Design three custom 2-inch pin-back buttons and stamp them using the Library's button maker. *RR*

3D Printing Pens

Saturday, August 17, 10-11:30 am

Create 3D art with your own hands! You'll be able to choose from a variety of Summer-themed designs that you can make to welcome in the new season. *RR*

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Medicare 101

Wednesday, August 28, 6:30-8 pm Join Susan Grossinger, Senior Health Insurance Program counselor from Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital, and become a smart consumer whether you are going on Medicare for the first time or have been on it for a while. *RR*

Discussion Groups

2024 Great Decisions

Thursdays, June 6, July 11, August 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. *RR*

Books on Tap

Tuesdays, June 18, July 16, August 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 jking@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 June 26: The Last Days of Night by Graham Moore July 24: Horse by Geraldine Brooks August 28: Empress of the Nile by Lynne Olson

Turning Pages Together • Thursdays, 7-8 pm June 27: Trust by Herman Diaz July 25: Lady Tan's Circle of Women by Lisa See Aug 29: The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride

True Crime Book Group

Thursday, August 22, 7-8 pm Adults and Teens 16+. We'll be discussing The Angel Makers: Arsenic, a Midwife, and Modern History's Most Astonishing Murder Ring by Patti McCracken. Copies will be available for checkout 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.



PROGRAMS ONLINE

Car Buying & Maintenance Video Series

Each video will be available for the debut month only. This series is made possible through a community grant in partnership with Cary School District 26.

How the Heck Do I Buy a Used Car? [Video]

Debuts Saturday, June 1 at 9 am

Intimidated by the car-buying process? Scared you'll buy a lemon or spend too much? This class will empower you with information and take the unknown bits out of the process. *RR*

The Whys and Whens of Car Maintenance [Video]

Debuts Monday, July 1 at 9 am Learn when and why to perform certain maintenance tasks, including changing fluids and filters, belts, air conditioning recharges, and much more. *RR*

So, You Want to Buy an Electric Car? [Video]

Debuts Thursday, August 1 at 9 am Gain an understanding of whether an electric car is a fit for your needs and lifestyle, which electric car is best for you, and of course, how to actually take care of that electric car once you've made the purchase. *RR*

Virtual Tour of the Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art [Zoom]

Saturday, July 13, 1-2 pm

The Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art in Oak Brook hosts displays of gemstones, jewelry and bejeweled objects, and exhibits on earth science. This Zoom tour includes a Q&A session after we learn about the museum. This program is presented in partnership with the Algonquin Area, Grayslake Area, and Wauconda Area Public Libraries. *RR* RR denotes that registration is required for the event

Robotics Basics

Monday, June 10, 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*

Mario Kart Tournament

Tuesday, June 11, 6:30-8 pm Grades 6-12. Join other teens in a quest to see who is the best at Mario Kart! The winner will receive a gift card. *RR*

Dungeons and Dragons

Saturdays, June 15, July 20, August 17, 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*

Robotics Workshop

Mondays, June 24, July 22, 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*

Teen Gaming

Tuesdays, June 25, July 23, August 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.

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Teen Movie Night: The Super Mario Bros. Movie

Tuesday, July 9, 7-8:30 pm

Grades 6-12. "Mamma Mia!" Watch Mario save Princess Peach and sing along to Bowser's Peaches. Snacks will be available. Registration preferred, walk-ins welcome.

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Yay! YA Book Bags

Kit pickup begins Friday, July 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 Infinity and Beyond and will feature Sci-Fi Books and a galaxy slime craft. *RR*

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Build-A-Robot

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Needle Felting: Bird Window Charm

Wednesday, July 31, 2-3:30 pm Grades 6-12. Learn the art of needle felting and create your own rustic and earthy bird window charm. We will use loose wool roving and a barbed needle to sculpt adorable birds and attach them to hanging branches that will liven up any window! *RR*

Visit our Teen site to read book reviews of *Love*, *Creekwood*, *Bitter*, and *Better Than the Movies* and more, all written by other fellow teens in the community | teens.caryarealibrary.org/tag/teen-review

Do you want to write reviews and earn volunteer hours for school too? Visit our site for more information and to apply | teens.caryarealibrary.org/volunteens-3

Multi-Age & Family

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Wind Tunnel Olympics

Saturday, June 1, 10-11 am Families. Kick off your summer with this fun family activity. You can earn Olympic medals with successful flying structures! *RR*

Outdoor Family Game Night

Tuesday, June 4, 6:30-7:30 pm

Families (children must be school age or older). Join other families for an evening playing some of your favorite board games on a larger scale under the sun. Feel free to bring folding chairs, blankets, or simply use the grassy area to sit. Dress accordingly. If there is rain, the event will move inside. Please register under one name, then list how many are in your group. *RR*

Stories and Songs with Puppets

Friday, June 14, 10-10:45 am Preschoolers-grade 2 with an adult. Bring the family for several entertaining puppet shows. *RR*

Firefly Family Theater: Under the Stars

Saturday, June 22, 10:30-11:30 am Families; the show is ideal for ages 2-7, but has something for all ages to enjoy. Join Spark the Firefly and her friends for a summer night in Firefly Grove. Gather around the campfire to sing songs, listen to stories and watch the stars. Under the Stars includes puppets, original music, interactive movement, and lots of summer fun for families! Please register each person attending. *RR*

Istvan & His Imaginary Band

Friday, July 19, 10:30-11:30 am

Families. Istvan's cool, cleverly crafted kids' music has become a favorite of kids and adults alike. His songs encourage kids to sing along, show off their smarts, and of course dance and play. Parents will enjoy the smart songwriting and the humor that is sometimes just for them. So don't miss this Parents Choice award winning artist and a wonderfully memorable rock concert the whole family will enjoy. Please register each person attending. *RR*

Magic of Gary Kantor

Saturday, July 27, 10-10:45 am

Ages 3 and up. Come watch a thrilling and entertaining magic show by Gary Kantor. The show is packed with vanishing acts, mind-reading tricks, and a variety of hilarious tricks that will have the children rolling on the floor with laughter. Please register each person attending. *RR*



Show your Cary Area Library card and get \$5 daily admissions. Join Library staff for poolside Storytimes during the safety breaks at 2 and 5 pm. Note: Poolside Storytime will be inside Sunburst Bay and only available to those who have paid for admission. The \$5 deal is for Cary cardholders only, other area libraries are not included in this promotion.

Library staff will also be onsite to register eligible community members for a library card. To get a library card you must live within the CAPL District boundaries, show a picture ID with your current name and address and a current piece of mail. Parents or legal guardians must apply for any minors under 18. Find more information on how to get a library card online I caryarealibrary.org/getcard

FrogLady

Tuesday, July 30, 6-7:30 pm Ages 5 and up. FrogLady will bring over 15 amphibians

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Family Game Night

Tuesday, August 6, 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*

Miss Jill's Vintage Storytime

Thursday, August 8, 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 fun and nostalgia blankets, pillows, and PJ's encouraged. Registration preferred, but walk-ins welcome.

Grade schoolers

RR denotes that registration is required for the event

Kids Game Night

Grades 2-3: Mondays, Jun 3, Jul 1, Aug 5, 6:30-7:30 pm Grades 4-5: Mondays, Jun 17, Jul 15, Aug 19, 6:30-7:30 pm Make friends and discover new screen-free games! RR

Robotics Basics

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I Spy Science: Water Magic!

Tuesday, June 11, 5-6 pm Grades 1-3. We'll make and play with Water Whistles and Bubble Snakes! *RR*

Minecraft: Dinosaur Safari

Tuesday, June 18, 4-6 pm

Grades 3-5. Play Minecraft with TD3 Innovative Gaming. Immerse in a prehistoric world complete with forests, deserts, and caves where you'll encounter lifelike dinosaurs. No account, computer, or experience necessary. *RR*

Robotics Workshop

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Minecraft: Water Park Mayhem

Tuesday, June 25, 4-6 pm

Grades 3-5. Play Minecraft with TD3 Innovative Gaming. Tackle water slides, obstacle courses, and diving boards. No account, computer, or experience necessary. *RR*

Andertoons: Summer Games

Friday, June 28, 10:30-11:30 am Grades K-5. Have you heard of the 400 meter handstand? Greco-Roman staring? Draw some of the weirder sports and see who will go home with the aluminum foil medal! *RR*



Cardboard Automata: Pull-Up Man

Monday, July 8, 6:30-8 pm Grades 3-5. Build and decorate a cardboard man that will be able to do his own pull-ups, so you'll leave with a decor piece that doubles as a fun toy. *RR*

Dungeons and Dragons

Monday, July 8, 6:30-8:30 pm

Grades 4-5. Join in on this popular fantasy role-playing game, no experience necessary! In this session players will get the feel for the game, as well as learn the basic rules. *RR*

Wired for Science: Small and Big Bubbles!

Tuesday, July 9, 5-6 pm Grades 4-5. Two fun experiments: Electrolysis and Elephant Toothpaste will make bubbles, big and small! *RR*

Author Visit: Darcy Day Zoells

Friday, July 12, 1-2 pm Grades K-5. Award-winning author and illustrator, Darcy Day Zoells will read her book *The New Bicycle*. Children will then be able to create their own illustration while Darcy talks about being an illustrator and answers questions. Caregivers encouraged to stay; register each person attending. *RR*

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We Love Graphic Novels Book Club

Monday, July 22, 6:30-7:30 pm Grades 3-5. Talk about your favorite graphic novels, discover new ones, meet friends, and have snacks! *RR*

Green Over Screens: Paper Luna or Death's Head Moth

Wednesday, July 24, 4:30-6 pm Grades 4-5. Celebrate Moth Week by making a beautiful (and very large) paper moth! Please type your choice in the registration notes. *RR*

Green Over Screens: Deep Sea Shark Painting

Thursday, July 25, 10:30-11:30 am Grades K-1. Learn about paint tints and shades, and sharks for Shark Week! *RR*

Gary Kantor Magic Workshop

Saturday, July 27, 10:45-11:30 am Ages 5-12. Magician Gary Kantor will teach how to do card tricks, vanishing effects, and more. Each child will receive a magic kit to take home. Register child(ren) only. *RR*

Green Over Screens: Bat Silhouette Lantern

Tuesday, August 20, 10:30-11:30 am Grades 2-3. We'll make lanterns with repurposed jugs, tissue paper and silhouettes for bat night! *RR*

Jr. Master Gardener

Thursday, August 29, 6:30-7:30 pm Grades 1-5. Get your hands dirty as we explore the fascinating world of plants. *RR*

@Home Kits

Kids in the Kitchen: Mini Muffin Pan [With Video]

Kit pickup begins Friday, June 21 at 10 am Grades 1-5. Learn how to use the pan in this kit and then use your own ingredients to make the included recipes. *RR*



Book Buddies: Zoey and Sassafras by Asia Citro

Kit pickup begins Monday, June 24 at 1 pm Grades 1-4. Great for newly independent readers! Checkout a copy of the book and get a kit with crafts and activities. *RR*

Melting Styrofoam [With Video]

Kit pickup begins Friday, July 19 at 10 am Grades 1-5 with an adult. We'll learn about polymers as we turn styrofoam back into its original form! *RR*

Rock Painting

Kit pickup begins Wednesday, August 7, 10 am Grades 1-5. Spread kindness by sharing your painted rocks or leaving them for others in unexpected places! RR

Green Over Screens: Sew a Plushie Bat

Kit pickup begins Friday, August 23 at 9 am Grades 4-5. Every night is Bat Night (August 24) when you can make your very own bat plushie! *RR*

Babies-Preschoolers

RR denotes that registration is required for the event

Baby ASL

Wednesday, June 5, 10-10:45 am Tuesdays, July 2, August 6, 10-10:45 am Ages 0-3 with an adult. Join Katy as she teaches basic ASL vocabulary to you and your little one. *RR*

Green Over Screens: Butterfly Suncatcher!

Thursday, June 20, 10:30-11:30 am Ages 3-6 with an adult. Make a lovely tissue paper sun catcher to celebrate Pollinator Week (June 17-23). *RR*

Green Over Screens: Big, Big Moon Painting

Thursday, July 18, 10:30-11:30 am Ages 3-6 with an adult. Celebrate National Moon Day (July 20) by painting a big moon that glows in the dark! *RR*

@Home Kits

Green Over Screens: Let's Make a Pollinator Garden

Kit pickup begins Friday, June 21 at 9 am Ages 3-6 with an adult. Nurture little seedlings to then grow and feed pollinators in your garden! *RR*

Green Over Screens: Make a Submarine Porthole!

Kit pickup begins Friday, July 26 at 9 am Ages 3-6 with an adult. Make a cute submarine porthole (window) complete with sharks for Shark Week! *RR*



Family Storytime

Ages 0-6 with an adult. Storytime content repeats each week for the Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday sessions. No registration required; tickets will be available at the Service Center for entry.

Sundays @ 3:30 pm June 2, 9, 23 July 7, 14, 28 Tuesdays @ 10:30 am June 25 July 16, 23

Mondays @ 10:30 am

June 3 (at Hoffman Community Garden; if it rains we'll have Storytime at the Library) June 10 (rain date for Hoffman Community Garden) June 17, 24 July 8, 15, 22, 29

Toddler Storytime

Ages 18-36 months with an adult. Registration preferred (register children only) but walk-ins welcome.

Saturdays @ 10 am June 8 July 13 August 10

Baby Storytime

Ages 0-18 months with an adult. Registration preferred (register children only) but walk-ins welcome. Saturdays @ 12 pm June 8 July 13 August 10

Spanish Storytime / Hora de Cuentos en Español

Wednesday, June 12, 6-6:30 pm Ages 0-6 with an adult. We will read stories, sing songs, and have other activities in both English and Spanish. All

are welcome, no matter your first language. Edades 0-6 con un adulto. Vamos a leer historias, cantar canciones, y tener otras actividades en inglés y español. Todos son bienvenidos, no importa su primer idioma.

Splash Pad Storytime at Kaper Park

Preschoolers/families. Cool off with us and enjoy stories, rhymes, music, and movement, followed by the splash pad opening at 10 am.

Thursdays, 9:30-10 am June 20 July 11 August 1, 15

Don't miss Storytimes at Sunburst Bay! See page 9.

Little Blue Truck Storytime

Wednesday, June 26, 6:15-7 pm Ages 0-6 with and adult. Join us for a special Little Blue Truck themed storytime with books, songs, and a craft. Register children only. RR

Library Board

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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!

Diabetes Management Workshop

Thursdays, July 11-August 15, 1-3:30 pm

A McHenry County Health Department workshop series for people with diabetes or pre-diabetes, and caregivers. It provides skills and tools to help make meaningful and lasting changes to your health. In this 6-week program, participants will make weekly action plans, share experiences, and help each other solve problems they encounter in creating and carrying out their self-management program to improve A1C levels, increase physical activity, and build confidence in managing Diabetes disease symptoms. Classes meet once a week for 6 consecutive weeks. Classes meet 2.5 hours per week and class sessions are interactive and informative. Every participant will receive a "Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions" book. Register for the workshop through the McHenry County Department of Health: https://bit.ly/MCDHDiabetes

Storytimes with Turning Point

Monday, August 5, 10:30-11 am

Únase a nosotros mientras nos sumergimos en la encantadora historia de ¿Puedo unirme a tu club? por John Kelly y Steph Laberis. Esta conmovedora historia enseña valiosas lecciones sobre la inclusión, la amistad y la diversidad. Durante el acto, ¡ponte creativo en un taller práctico! Expresa tus ideas sobre cómo ayudar a los amigos a sentirse aceptados mediante una actividad de coloreado y escritura.

Monday, August 12, 10:30-11 am

Join Turning Point for a special storytime event. We will dive into the charming tale of *The Monster Who Lost His Mean* by Tiffany Strelitz Haber. This heartwarming story teaches valuable lessons about kindness, friendship, and the power of change. Through interactive discussions and activities, we'll explore the importance of being kind to one another and supporting our friends.

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