

Shelf Life



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Event Registration

View complete event descriptions on our online Events Calendar.

Registration begins Thursday, August 14 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. Registered patrons' spots may be given to those on the waitlist if they are 10 minutes late. **You don't need a CAPL card to register for events unless otherwise noted.**

The Library makes every effort to ensure our events can be enjoyed by all. A sensory bin that includes noise-cancelling headphones, a small weighted lap pad, and a visual schedule is available upon request during our events. Please contact us if you have any concerns about accessibility or need to request specific accommodations.

Photos and videos may be taken during events 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, September 4, 7 pm

Thursday, October 2, 7 pm

Thursday, November 6, 7 pm

Fall Used Book Sale, October 17-19 (see full details on the back page)

FOCAL Membership

New members are always welcome (must be 18+ and membership is free). We are a non-profit organization giving proceeds to the Library for special projects and programs: caryarealibrary.org/focal

2025 Scholarship Winners

In the spring, FOCAL awarded two \$500 scholarships to Cary-Grove High School graduates Ilyana Silva-Cruz (left) and Neha Nayak (right). Ilyana will be attending Illinois State and Neha will be attending the University of Illinois. Congratulations to them both!



Open

Monday-Thursday 9 am-9 pm
Friday-Saturday 9 am-5 pm
Sunday 1-5 pm

Closed

Aug 31-Sept 1 Labor Day
October 3 Closed 9-1, Open 1-5
November 26 Closing at 5 pm
November 27 Thanksgiving

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Get Carded

Apply for a library card online or in person at the Service Center
caryarealibrary.org/getcard

Drive-up Window & Returns

Pick up your holds at our Drive-up Window (east side of the building). Return materials 24/7 into the slots.
caryarealibrary.org/driveup

Homebound Delivery

We'll bring the Library to CAPL cardholders who are homebound due to age, illness, or physical disability
caryarealibrary.org/homebound

Newsletter

September-November 2025

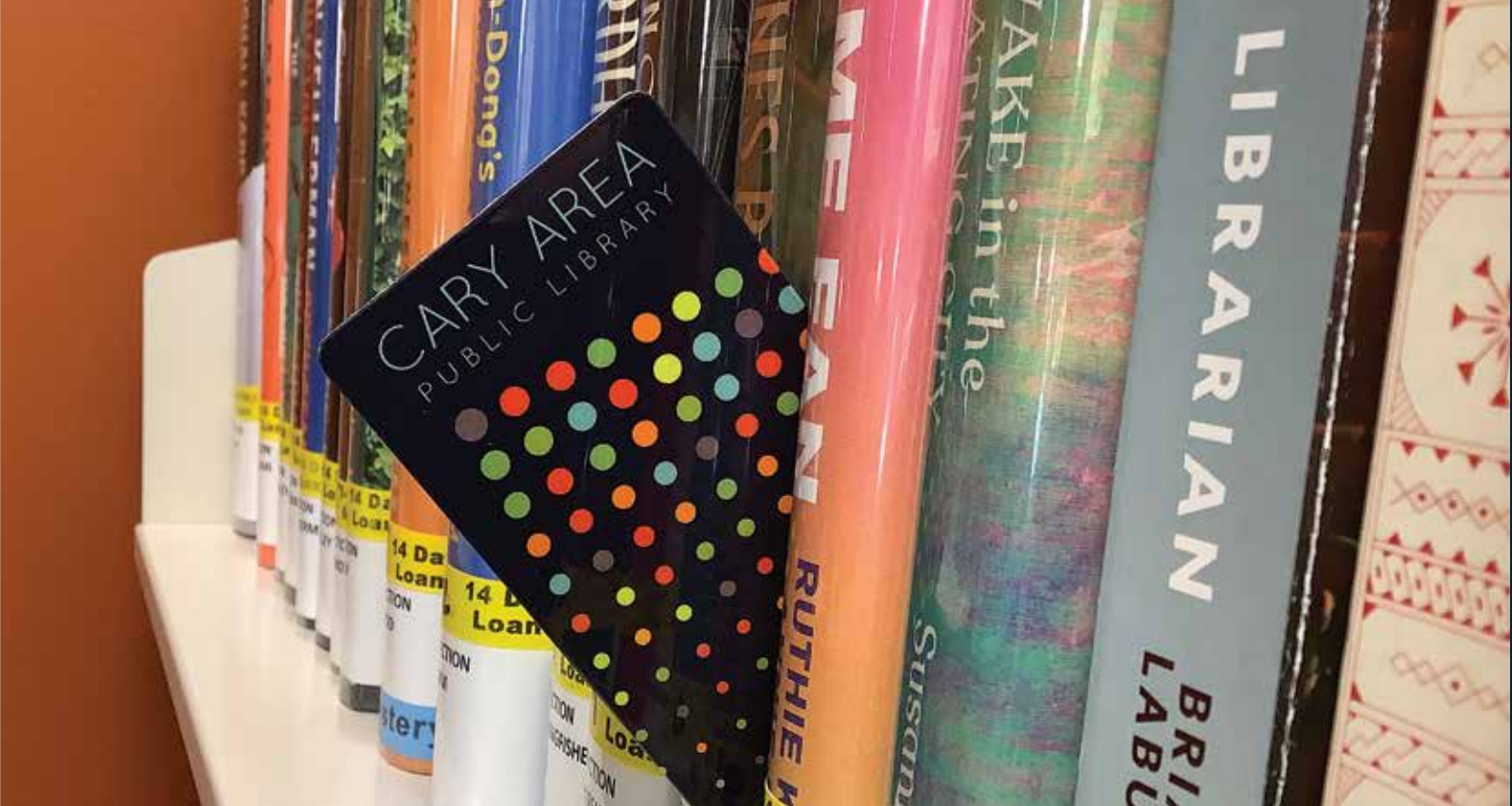
Do you have a story to share for a future issue? Questions or comments about the newsletter? Let us know: news@caryarealibrary.info

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Get all the things^{*} with your CAPL card

Want to save money? Break out your CAPL card! Let us refresh your memory or introduce some of the items and services your CAPL card pays for:

- Study Rooms
- eBooks and audiobooks on Libby, Boundless, and hoopla (see page 7 for an intro class!)
- Wifi throughout the building; public computers
- Events on tons of topics for all ages
- Deals on area attractions with a Museum Pass
- Stream movies, shows, and music on Kanopy and hoopla
- Videogames
- Internet hotspots
- Sewing machine, telescope, GoPro, and more from our Library of Things collection
- Toniebox Kits
- Udemy learning courses
- Language learning through Mango
- *New York Times* online access
- Genealogy research databases

The more you use your library card, the more you save. Don't have a card? Find out how to apply and if you qualify: caryarealibrary.org/getcard

Enter to win our Cardholder Contest!

During September, which happens to be Library Card Sign-up Month, we'll have two drawings: one for new cardholders and one for existing cardholders.

All you need to do to enter is to sign up for a card (complete registration with your card in hand during the month of September) or, if you already have a card, checkout an item and fill out an entry slip. That's it. The two winners will each receive a limited edition tote bag with local business gift cards and other fun goodies.

^{*}well, a **lot** of things

YEAR IN



97,020

In-person visits



116,652

Website visits

Services

29,084	Service Center interactions
10,424	Drive-up Window interactions
6,545	Computer reservations
8,997	WiFi sessions
3,031	Study Room reservations
864	Passport applications accepted
336	Homebound patron visits
293	Museum passes issued
34	Book an Expert sessions

highlights

Study Room usage has seen a 26% increase over last year. The most popular room is Study Room 1; the second most popular is Study Room 3 which is equipped with the most technology.

In the fall of 2024, we expanded our database offerings with **30+ new resources**, thanks to a deal negotiated by the State of IL.



Events

553 Events hosted

- 203 Adult events
- 62 Teen events
- 305 Children's events
- 54 Multi-age/family events

11,972 Event attendees

highlights

During the fourth annual **McHenry County Library Lovers Expedition** in February and March, 225 CAPL patrons participated.

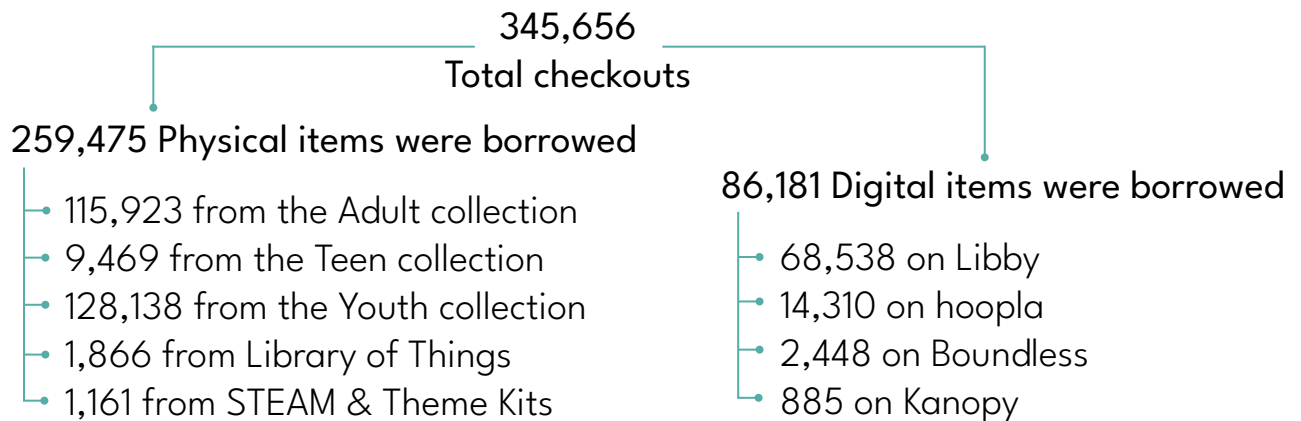
In addition to the collaboration between area libraries for the Library Lovers Expedition, we have partnered (and continue to) with other area libraries to **host visits from notable authors** (see page 7).



July 2024-June 2025

REVIEW

Collections



highlights

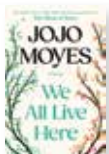
Through **Interlibrary Loan**, we lent 761 items to other area libraries' patrons and borrowed 572 items for our patrons. Another library will be joining our catalog consortium this fall so there will be even more access to materials.

Our **digital collections** saw a large increase in checkouts over last year. Libby usage increased by 18%, hoopla usage increased by 25%,



and Boundless usage increased by 39%. The convenience of ebooks and audiobooks can't be beat!

As expected, our **Seed Library** saw more use this year as well. In 2024, we had just over 180 orders placed for seeds. In 2025, the orders increased to over 250. Many of the first weeks' orders in spring 2025 included native plants and vegetables, some of which were smaller varieties.



We All Live Here by Jojo Moyes was the most circulated adult book



The **ultrasonic jewelry cleaner** was the most circulated single Library of Things item

Adults

RR = registration required

The History of S'Mores

Wednesday, September 3, 7-8 pm

Have you ever wondered how this strange sandwich came to be? Join Faye Levin-O'Leary as they share the history of the components and how they came together to create the s'more we know today. [RR](#)

Rita Hayworth: The Love Goddess

Tuesday, September 9, 6:30-8 pm

Join film historian Dr. Annette Bochenek for a look into the life and legacy of Rita Hayworth, one of Golden Age Hollywood's biggest box office stars. The program will include photos, video clips, and captivating stories. [RR](#)

The Beatles on Film

Wednesday, September 10, 7-8 pm

Professor Moptop, music historian Greg Alexander, will discuss the movies The Beatles were in, the movies about them, and the films they've inspired. [RR](#)

Getting Published in the Digital Age

Saturday, September 13, 11 am-12 pm

Should you go traditional? Should you go right to Kindle? How hard is it to publish a Kindle book on Amazon? Bestselling Novelist William Hazelgrove will answer these questions and more. [RR](#)

Brain Hack

Wednesday, September 17, 7-8 pm

William Pack returns to reveal the inner-workings of your brain. Using memorable stories and relatable examples, you'll learn the subtle tactics that advertisers, marketers, sales people, and con artists use. [RR](#)

Calm Your Emotions with Heart Breaths

Wednesday, September 24, 7-8 pm

Try a simple, science-backed method for shifting your stress using the power of your own heart. In this seminar, Andreea Gavin will teach you how Heart Breath practice can help you achieve peace and emotional regulation. [RR](#)

3D Printing Pens

Saturday, September 27, 10-11:30 am

Create 3D art with your own hands! You'll be able to choose from a variety of autumn-themed designs that you can make to celebrate the season. [RR](#)

Faux Stained Glass

Sunday, September 28, 2-4 pm

In this workshop, we'll use glue, tissue paper, and wax paper to create the perfect stained glass effect. [RR](#)

Singing Bird and the Importance of Native American Women in Illinois History

Wednesday, October 1, 7-8:30 pm

Dressed in her native regalia, Kim gives a history of Natives in Illinois with a focus on women such as Singing Bird (Blackhawk's wife) and Hononegah. Pick up items, learn Native language and music, and get a chance to play the drum. [RR](#)

Accused: A Salem Witch Faces Her Fate

Saturday, October 4, 10:30 am-12 pm

In this chilling portrayal, historical presenter Michelle Gibbons will embody the voice of one of the many women accused of witchcraft during the Salem Witch Trials. [RR](#)

CCSI Presents: Scams, Schemes & Financial Predators

Wednesday, October 8, 7-8 pm

Learn how to identify emails and phone calls designed to relieve you of your hard earned cash. [RR](#)

Cheese Tyromancy

Wednesday, October 22, 7-8 pm

Jennifer Billock, The Cheese Witch, will guide you through the history of divination with cheese, and then will visit person to person helping you learn the art of tyromancy and letting you know what your cheese says about you. Limited to 16 registrants. [RR](#)

It's Alive! The Birth of the Universal Movie Monsters

Saturday, October 25, 1-2:30 pm

Universal Studios released a series of horror films from 1913-1956 after realizing audiences wanted thrills. Anchored by many iconic literary monsters, these films have continued to resonate with horror fans. [RR](#)



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Mini-Book Making

Monday, October 27, 6:30-8:30 pm

Using foam, paper, and glue, you'll be able to make your very own miniature books! Make tiny versions of your favorite reads, create mini gifts for your bibliophile friends, track your book club books, and much more. [RR](#)

Siblings in Music

Wednesday, November 5, 7-8 pm

Professor Moptop, music historian Gregory Alexander, will discuss bands with at least one pair of siblings. Lots of fun and positivity will be enjoyed, as we watch and listen to music from the Jackson 5, The Beach Boys, The Everly Brothers, The Carpenters, and more. [RR](#)

The Wildbird Shack Presents Owls of Illinois

Friday, November 7, 11 am-12 pm

Owls capture everyone's imagination. Did you know that eight species live in Illinois? These birds of prey are some of the most unique creatures on the planet. [RR](#)

The Women: A Story of Two Army Nurses in Vietnam

Wednesday, November 12, 7-8 pm

Storyteller and author Lynn Rymarz will weave the fictional story of Frances McGrath from *The Women* by Kristin Hannah and the true story of Lynda Van Devanter from her memoir *Home Before Morning*. [RR](#)

Intro to eBooks and eAudio

Saturday, November 15, 10-11:30 am

Learn about Libby, Boundless, and hoopla, the apps that you have access to with your CAPL card. We'll provide laptops, but feel free to bring your own device. [RR](#)

Pure Blooms: Create Your Own Thanksgiving Centerpiece

Wednesday, November 19, 7-8 pm

Bring your own vase and some Thanksgiving spirit! Heather Coughlin from Pure Blooms of Long Grove, will provide hands-ons tips and tricks to create a centerpiece. Each participant will take home their arrangement. Limited to 25 registrants. [RR](#)

Holiday Card Making

Saturday, November 22, 11 am-12:30 pm

Learn the techniques of block printing by using various tools to carve an image onto a styrofoam plate. Then ink it, press it on paper, and pull a print to be used on a holiday card of your own. Bonus: take home your plate to reproduce on more cards! Limited to 25 registrants. [RR](#)

AUTHOR & SPECIAL EVENTS

Books, Brews & BBQ

Saturday, September 27, 12-4 pm

Crystal Lake Brewing

Join us for this exciting event coordinated by four area libraries to bring ten Chicagoland authors to Crystal Lake Brewing for an Adult Book Fair! Peruse books, engage with some of your favorite local authors, all while sipping local beer and munching on tasty BBQ. [RR](#)

An Evening with Mary Kubica

Monday, October 27, 7-9 pm

McHenry County College Luecht Auditorium

McHenry County public libraries are pleased to host Mary Kubica, New York Times bestselling author of 10 novels. Copies of her books will be available for purchase and signing at the event thanks to Woodstock bookstore Read Between the Lynes. Registration required with your CAPL card. [RR](#)

Special Book Discussion: *Angel Down* by Daniel Kraus

Thursday, October 30, 7-8:30 pm

Cary Ale House

Discuss *Angel Down* by Daniel Kraus before he visits the area November 6! Copies of the book will be available at the Service Center 30 days prior. *Please note: the author will not be present at this discussion.* [RR](#)

Over There: The War to End All Wars

Saturday, November 1, 2-3 pm

Algonquin Public Library - Main Library

This war, more than any other, brought with it major changes to the leadership in Europe, changes in warfare, and changes to society, especially for women. Terry Lynch will present how World War I resulted in "a world turned upside down." [RR](#)

An Evening with Daniel Kraus

Thursday, November 6, 7-9 pm

McHenry County College Luecht Auditorium

McHenry County public libraries are pleased to host Daniel Kraus, the bestselling author of several novels. His latest, *Angel Down*, is set against the backdrop of World War I. Copies of his titles will be available for purchase and signing at the event thanks to Woodstock bookstore Read Between the Lynes. Registration required with your CAPL card. [RR](#)

DISCUSSIONS & GROUPS

Great Decisions

Thursdays, Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6, 6:30-8 pm
Discuss foreign policy issues led by Professor Gary Midkiff. Read a chapter prior to each meeting from the briefing book (\$15; no refunds). [RR](#)

Books on Tap @ Cary Ale House

Tuesdays, Sept. 16, Oct. 21, and Nov. 18, 7-8:30 pm
Socialize and discuss the chosen title with others in their 20s-30s. Email Jessica at jking@caryarealibrary.info to join and find out the current title.

Adult Book Discussion Groups [RR](#)

Books are available each month at the Service Center.

Hooked on Books • Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 am
September 24: *The Music of Bees* by Eileen Garvin
October 22: *The Witch Elm* by Tana French

Turning Pages Together • Thursdays, 7-8 pm
September 25: *The Keeper of Hidden Books* by Madeline Martin
October 23: *My Sister, the Serial Killer* by Oyinkan Braithwaite

Genealogy Interest Group

Sundays, September 28, October 26, 1:30-3 pm
We welcome any and all interested persons who would like to share their genealogical research or who would like to learn more. Drop in.

True Crime Book Group

Thursday, November 20, 6:30-8:30 pm
Offsite at Cary Ale House
Adults and teens 16+. *The Five: The Untold Lives of the Women Killed by Jack the Ripper* by Hallie Rubenhold. [RR](#)

Cary Area Writers Group (CAWG)

Second Saturday of each month, 12-3 pm
Writers ages 21+. Bring copies of your writing to pass around for gentle, constructive critiques. Questions? Email kurterickwalters@gmail.com.

ONLINE EVENTS

Illinois Libraries Present

Zoom. These online events are made possible by a statewide public library collaboration. Find the full line-up online at caryarealibrary.org/ilp [RR](#)

Steve Burns Tuesday, September 16, 7-8 pm

Marissa Bode Tuesday, October 21, 7-8 pm

J. Kenji López-Alt Tuesday, November 18, 7-8 pm

Classroom Kitchen Fall Series

Zoom. Each class is a cook/bake-along in your kitchen as chef Kristyn Slick works in hers. Recipes will be provided via email prior to the class. [RR](#)

Hearty Handhelds

Wednesday, September 17, 6:30-8 pm
We'll make sandwiches like Nashville Hot Chicken, a classic Patty Melt, and a bold Cuban Sandwich.

Harvest Crisps and Casseroles

Wednesday, October 15, 6:30-8 pm
We'll make a creamy squash gratin and a spiced cranberry and pear crisp, combining savory and sweet.

Fall Flavors Reimagined

Wednesday, November 19, 6:30-8 pm
We'll craft an Apple Pie Tiramisu and a rich Dulce de Leche Pumpkin Pie, reimagining classic fall favorites.

After You're Gone: Future Proofing Your Genealogy Research

Sunday, September 28, 2-3 pm
Hybrid. What will happen to your genealogy research? Learn how to ensure that your hard work carries on. [RR](#)

Scale Up Your Business with Gale: Udemy Courses to Support Small Business Success

Wednesday, October 22, 12-1 pm
Zoom. We'll explore the wealth of educational resources available on Udemy, catered to your business needs. [RR](#)

Board Game Arena Virtual Game Night

Monday, November 3, 6:30-8 pm
Zoom. Games are chosen by the attendees, based on whatever you want to play! First-timers will need to create a free Board Game Arena account. [RR](#)

An Ode to Audiobook Narrators: Some Staff Favorites



Audiobooks are a unique experience and narrators are a major reason why. Understanding the author's intent, through a performative lens, takes skill. Great ones bring characters and people to life, so we'd like to bring attention to some notable narrators:

It's no wonder **Marin Ireland** is a stand-out—she was named a Golden Voice Actor by *AudioFile Magazine*. Our staff love her because she is clear, well-paced, and entertaining. Her transitions between characters aren't drastic but distinct and her style is consistent, so if you enjoy listening to *Bear Town*, you'll enjoy *Remarkably Bright Creatures*, and maybe even *Sleeping Beauties* (even if you're not a Stephen King fan).

While staffer Becky doesn't listen to a book more than once, she's listened to *The Raven Cycle* series by Maggie Stiefvater three times. Why? **Will Patton**. Of course, the world Stiefvater creates in the series is magical, but when you want to listen to a book like a favorite song? That comes down to the narrator. Patton's voice has a deep southern roughness, but it goes down smooth. When it comes to being an omnipotent third person, he is solid.

The emotion and dedication that **Jim Dale** brought to the Harry Potter series went above and beyond any audiobook performance that staffer Joel had previously encountered. Dale's range and energy seemed on par with how Robin Williams presented his comedy.

Another standout is **Patrick Tull**, narrator of the Aubrey-Maturin historical adventure series by Patrick O'Brian. The beauty of Tull's narration is that he absolutely gets the writing style of O'Brian and accentuates the books' humor, wryness, and intensity.

Where audiobooks shine for the nonfiction reader is comedy. While written comedy is just as nuanced, the voice adds to the experience (and our notables already excel at performance).

Mike Birbiglia is one of staffer Natalie's favorite comics. In 2020, he published *The New One: Painfully True Stories from a Reluctant Dad*. Is it funny to read about a grown man being jealous of a baby? Of course it is, but it's a lot funnier to hear that man read the stories aloud. The pregnant pauses, moments of defeat, and the depth of his voice when talking about his daughter enrich the experience.

Bossypants by **Tina Fey** documents her childhood to the beginning of her comedy career. In reading her work aloud, the comedy factor increases—to the point of tears—and the listener can hear proper pronunciations of Greek words and names (Fey's heritage).

When you want to listen to a book like a favorite song? That comes down to the narrator.

Standup **Maria Bamford**'s memoir *Sure, I'll Join Your Cult: A Memoir of Mental Illness and the Quest to Belong Anywhere* shouldn't be funny. Bamford joins 12-step programs for addictions she doesn't have and struggles with mental health issues. Still, in the

saddest moments, her inflection allows for light to shine in.

It is safe to say that apartheid is not funny. However, **Trevor Noah**'s memoir *Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood* is packed with laughs. In order to hide Noah's biracial identity, his mother sometimes pretended to be his nanny. Despite the tragedy of the situation, the duality of their relationship outside and inside the house is comedy gold—especially when you can hear the reverence and annoyance in Noah's voice.

Audiobooks allow for deeply unfunny content to cloak itself in levity. Making light of uncomfortable topics isn't glib, it is resilience.



Teens

RR = registration required

Robotics Basics

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

Grades 6-12. Intro to our LEGO SPIKE Prime robots. This class is the prerequisite for the Robotics Workshops. **RR**

Teen Volunteer Board

Tuesdays, September 9, November 11, 7-8 pm

Tuesday, October 14, 5:30-6:30 pm

Grades 6-12. Join this fun service club to help with Library projects and earn volunteer hours. For October, we will assist FOCAL with the book sale setup. **RR**

Dungeons & Dragons

Saturdays, Sept. 13, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, 1-4 pm

Zoom; grades 6-12. New and returning players welcome for this fantasy role-playing game. Characters will be provided for you to play during the game. Register for the first game, and be automatically registered for the following two. **RR**

Pressed Dried Flower Votive Candle Holders

Tuesday, September 16, 6-7 pm

Grades 6-12. Celebrate nature's beauty by designing and creating an elegant votive candle holder. **RR**

Freestyle Fridays

Fridays, October 31, November 21, 11:30 am-2:30 pm

Grades 6-12. Drop-in and hang out. We'll have Switch games, board games, craft supplies, and snacks! What you do is up to you. *CJH students have a half day of school on these dates.*

Teen Gaming

Tuesdays, Sept. 23, Oct. 28, and Nov. 25, 7-8:30 pm

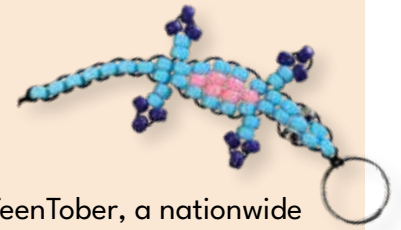
Grades 6-12. Play board games and video games, including a selection of Nintendo Switch and Wii U games. Registration preferred, walk-ins welcome.

Magic the Gathering

Thursday, September 25, 6:30-7:30 pm

Grades 6-12. Are you an experienced MTG player? Great! Never played before? We'll teach you! **RR**

TeenTober



Two ways to celebrate TeenTober, a nationwide library initiative that focuses on helping teens fuel their passions inside and outside of the library! Teens in grades 6-12 who check out a book during TeenTober can enter into a drawing to win a book bundle and Teens can stop by the Library each week in October to get a new Take and Make Kit (while supplies last):

Week 1: Lizard Keychain (shown above)

Week 2: Mini Canvas Painting

Week 3: Scratch Bookmark

Week 4: Macrame Lanyard

Week 5: Ghost garland

October 1-31

Robotics Workshop

Mondays, September 29, November 10, 6:30-8:30 pm

Grades 6-12. Develop programming skills with the LEGO SPIKE Prime robots. You must have attended the Robotics Basics to attend these workshops. **RR**

Wizards and Werewolves

Thursday, October 2, 5:45-6:30 pm

Grades 6-12. Kick off spooky season with a fast paced glow-in-the-dark tag game while the sun is setting! Can the wizards manage to find all the magic crystals before the werewolves tag them? We'll meet on the Library's back field. Make sure to dress for the weather, wear good running shoes, and come with a friendly attitude ready for spooky fun. *A physical activity waiver will need to be signed for each participant.* **RR**

Build-A-Robot

Sunday, November 16, 1:30-4 pm

Grades 6-12. Build one of the LEGO EV3 robot designs and then download the program to activate it. **RR**

Holiday Paper Quilling Creations

Tuesday, November 18, 7-8:30 pm

Grades 6-12. Get into the festive spirit with the traditional art of paper quilling! Roll, shape, and arrange thin strips of paper to craft beautiful dimensional holiday themed designs perfect for greeting cards, gifts, or simply to explore a new art form. **RR**

Multi-Age

Participants across different age groups (listed in the descriptions) can attend. RR = registration required

Taylor Swift's Literary Lyrics

Saturday, September 6, 10:30 am-12 pm

Ages 12-adult. Taylor Swift's songs cover the emotional spectrum, but did you know many also contain literary references? Explore Taylor's book shelf through her discography. [RR](#)

Starr Chief Eagle: Healing the Broken Hoop

Saturday, October 11, 10:30 am-12 pm

All ages. Starr Chief Eagle will provide an interactive and educational dive into Lakota Culture. She will perform Hoop Dancing to create designs, shapes, and creatures to tell a story. Audience members may be invited to participate in hands-on activities with the hoops. [RR](#)

Halloween Trivia

Thursday, October 30, 7-8:30 pm

Ages 14-adult. Compete in teams of up to 4. Bonus points for dressing in your spookiest gear! Register under one name with number in your group. [RR](#)

Newcomer Club

Mondays, September 8, November 10, 6-7 pm

All ages. Join this welcoming and supportive group designed to help individuals and families who are new to the country connect with others through board games and adjust to their new environment. We will meet at La Michoacana Twister in Cary and kick off with storytime, games, and raffles. Drop in, no registration required.

Club de Recién Llegados

Lunes 8 de septiembre, 10 de noviembre, 6-7 pm

Todas las edades. Únete a este grupo acogedor y de apoyo, diseñado para ayudar a personas y familias que acaban de llegar al país a conectar con otros a través de juegos de mesa y a adaptarse a su nuevo ambiente. Nos reuniremos en La Michoacana Twister en Cary y comenzaremos con un cuento, juegos, y rifas. No se requiere inscripción.

Day of the Dead Ofrenda Picture Frames

Thursday, October 9, 6-7 pm

School age children-adults. Design a wooden picture frame with traditional elements such as marigolds, sugar skulls, candles, and papel picado to honor a loved one during the Day of the Dead (Día de los Muertos) celebration, a tradition that honors deceased family members and friends. [RR](#)



Day of the Dead Community Ofrenda

Honor a deceased family member, friend, or pet at our Day of the Dead ofrenda on November 1-2. To take part in this tradition, bring a copy of your loved one's picture, no larger than 8.5 x 11 inches, between October 6-24 to the Service Center. Then return on November 1 or 2 to visit the display of lost loved ones. *Copies of photos will not be returned.*

Ofrenda comunitaria del Día de los Muertos

Honre a un familiar, amigo, o mascota fallecido en nuestra ofrenda del Día de los Muertos los días 1 y 2 de noviembre. Para participar en esta tradición, traiga una copia de la fotografía de su ser querido, de no más de 8.5 x 11 pulgadas, entre el 6 y el 24 de octubre al Centro de Servicio. Luego, regrese el 1 o 2 de noviembre para visitar la exposición de seres queridos fallecidos. *No se devolverán copias de fotos.*



Elementary

Child(ren) can independently attend without a caregiver to build confidence.

RR = registration required

LEGO Club

Sunday, September 7, October 5, 2-3 pm

Sunday, November 2, 2-3:15 pm

Grades 1-5. Create and build your own LEGO design that we'll display in the Library! Sign up the child, not the adult for each session. *RR*

Robotics Basics

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Grades 3-5. Intro to our LEGO SPIKE Prime robots. This class is the prerequisite for the Robotics Workshops. *RR*

Wired for Science: Mystery Toy!

Tuesday, September 9, 5-6 pm

Grades 3-5. Your family and friends will wonder how the rolling can you make in this class mysteriously rolls back by itself! *RR*

Kids Game Night

Grades 4-5: Mondays, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17

Grades 2-3: Mondays, Oct. 6, Nov. 3

6:30-7:30 pm

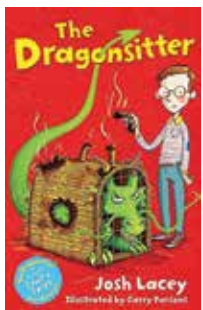
Make friends and discover new screen-free games! *RR*

Read with a Dog

Saturdays, September 20, October 25, 10-11 am

Saturday, November 22, 2-3 pm

Grades K-5. Sign up for a 15-minute time slot to read with a certified therapy dog! Choose from a selection of books provided or bring your own favorite. *RR*



Book Buddies: The Dragonsitter by Josh Lacey

Monday, Sept. 22, 6:30-7:30 pm

Grades 1-4. Book Buddies is a great way to introduce newly independent readers to a fun book series. Read the first book, and then read them all! Participants will be able to check out a copy of the book starting Tuesday,

September 2, and then attend a program with fun crafts and activities at the end of the month! *RR*



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Wizards and Werewolves

Thursday, October 2, 5-5:40 pm

Grades 3-5. Kick off spooky season with a fast-paced glow-in-the-dark tag game while the sun is setting! Can the wizards manage to find all the magic crystals before the werewolves tag them and turn them into howling creatures of the night? We will meet on the Library's back field. Make sure to dress for the weather, wear good running shoes, and come with a friendly attitude ready for spooky fun. A physical activity waiver will need to be signed for each participant. *RR*

I Spy Science: Bubbles and Fizz!

Tuesday, October 7, 5-6 pm

Be a chemist as you test, observe, and record a dozen chemical reactions as liquids mix with baking soda. *RR*

Socktober Sock Creatures @Home Kit

Kit pickup begins Friday, October 10 at 9 am

Grades 3-5. It's Socktober! Participants will get a kit with everything included to make a unique sock friend. *RR*

Dungeons & Dragons

Monday, October 13, 6:30-8:30 pm

Grades 4-5. Join in on this popular fantasy role-playing game, no experience necessary! *RR*

Green Over Screens: Acorn Stuffie @Home Kit

Kit pickup begins Friday, October 24 at 9 am

Grades 4-5. A sweet little acorn! As with previous kits, these are also nearly zero waste! *RR*

We Love Graphic Novels Book Club

Monday, October 27, 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: Mosaic Squares

Wednesday, November 5, 4:30-5:30 pm

Grades K-1. Pixel pictures made with paper. *RR*

Science Meets Art with Mud Painting! @Home Kit

Kit pickup begins Thursday, November 13 at 10 am

Grades 1-5. Make homemade paint using mud, spices and pigments. Then create your own artwork! *RR*

Green Over Screens: Magazine Beads @Home Kit

Kit pickup begins Friday, November 14 at 9 am

Grades 4-5. Make magazine beads to create a new kind of friendship bracelet. *RR*

Build-A-Robot

Sunday, November 16, 1:30-4 pm

Grades 3-5. Build one of the LEGO EV3 robot designs and then download the program to activate it. *RR*

Green Over Screens: Santa Countdown!

Wednesday, November 19, 4:30-5:30 pm

Grades 2-3. We'll make the coolest little calendar for December. *RR*

Jr. Master Gardener

Monday, November 24, 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*



Green Over Screens: Acorn Stuffie

Homeschoolers

If you're looking for First Fridays Club, try our Maker Mondays Drop-in sessions instead (see page 15)! Maker Mondays are more frequent, have the flexibility of longer hours, and allow for more social interaction between kids and families because it's an unstructured event that is not led by a staff person or presenter.

We've started a new newsletter that focuses on homeschooling families. We'll highlight news and resources just for you! At this time, it is sent quarterly in February, May, August, and November so you won't be buried in newsletters from us. Head to our website today to sign up caryarealibrary.org/newsletters

Early Childhood

For adult caregiver(s) to accompany a child(ren).

RR = registration required

Green Over Screens: Spiral Fall Leaf Mobiles

Thursday, September 11, 10:30-11:30 am

Ages 3-6 with an adult. Simple design of whirling, swirling mobiles with colored paper leaves! **RR**

Green Over Screens: Face Frights @Home Kit

Kit pickup begins Friday, September 19 at 9 am

Ages 3-6 with an adult. There's more than meets the eye (or mouth) with these fun and scary faces! **RR**

Stories and Seasons

Tuesdays, Sept. 23, 30, Oct. 28, & Nov. 18, 10:30-11 am

Ages 3-6 with an adult. Stories and a charming craft with a focus on nature to fit right in with the seasons! **RR**

Sign with Katy

Saturdays, Sept. 27, Oct. 25, Nov. 15, 9:15-10 am

Ages 0-3 with an adult. Join Katy as she teaches basic ASL vocabulary to you and your little one in each different session. Learning ASL is a great way for babies to learn to communicate their wants and needs with caregivers before gaining the ability to speak. **RR**

Green Over Screens: Pumpkin Votives

Thursday, October 2, 10:30-11:30 am

Ages 3-6 with an adult. We'll be repurposing little jam jars as personal pumpkin pals! **RR**



Green Over Screens: Pumpkin Votives

Storytime with the Dance Team

Wednesday, October 22, 5:30-6 pm

Ages 0-6 with an adult. Join the Cary-Grove JV dance team for a night of reading about kindness and teamwork. We will end with a special performance. **RR**

Baby Handprints with Makity Make

Tuesday, November 11, 10 am-12 pm

Ages 0-2. Sign up for a time slot to make a baby hand print with Makity Make. Please register each child participating in a separate slot. **RR**

Green Over Screens: Kick Start Art! Pie Swags

Monday, November 24, 10:30-11:30 am

Ages 3-6 with grown up. We'll be making pies we can hang up to celebrate the upcoming holidays! **RR**



Updates to the Children's Area

Over the summer we updated our Children's Area with some new furniture that includes new tables and chairs, a new couch, and a fun large reading nook in the shape of a house.

You may have also noticed that certain toys might not be on the floor every time you visit. They are rotated each Monday morning and Thursday evening so be on the lookout next time you visit.

DROP IN STORYTIMES

Special Storytime with Turning Point Inc.

Mondays, September 8, 15, 10:30-11 am

Ages 0-6 with an adult. Join Turning Point for a special storytime series that will focus on building empathy, kindness, and connection. Drop in.

Weekly Storytime

Mondays, 10:30 am

September 22, 29

October 6, 13 (outside only), 27

November 3, 10, 17

Ages 0-6 with an adult. Stories, music, and fun! Drop in.

Evening Storytime

Wednesdays, 5:30 pm (note new time!)

September 3, 10, 24

October 1

November 12

Ages 0-6 with an adult. Stories, music, and fun! Drop in.



Toddler Storytime

*Saturdays, September 13, October 11, November 8
10-10:30 am*

Ages 18-36 months with an adult. Stories and songs for your active toddler. Drop in.

Baby Storytime

*Saturdays, September 13, October 11, November 8
12-12:30 pm*

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

Spanish Storytime / Hora de Cuentos en Español

Wednesday, October 8, 6-6:30 pm

Ages 0-6 with an adult. We'll read stories, sing songs, and have other activities in both English and Spanish. Drop-in.

Miércoles 8 de octubre, 6-6:30 pm

Edades 0-6 con un adulto. Vamos a leer historias, cantar canciones, y tener otras actividades en inglés y español. Entrada libre.

Family

For parents, caregivers, guardians, and mentors to accompany a child(ren). RR = registration required

Family Game Night

Tuesdays, September 2, November 4, 6-7:30 pm

Children must be school age or older. Join others to play board games. Bring a game or choose from our selection. Register under one name with number in your group. **RR**

Maker Mondays Drop-In

Mondays, 10 am-5 pm

September 8, 15, 22, 29

October 6, 27

November 3, 10, 17

All ages; kids 8 and under must be with an adult. We'll have various craft supplies and inspiration for you to stop by and create. Drop in.

Halloween at the Library

Wednesday, October 29, 4:30-6:30 pm

Families. Calling all ghouls and goblins! Dress in your Halloween best and visit our mysterious meeting room for a spooky spectacular. Collect spine-tingling treats, jam out to some ghostly beats and meet some of the colorful characters that make-up the Library. Light refreshments will be provided. Drop in.

Turkey Bingo

Saturday, November 8, 12:30-1:30 pm

Come as a family to play Turkey Bingo. If you get a bingo, you will win part of your Thanksgiving dinner and, yes, one of the items is the turkey! Register under a single name, but please note your total group number. **RR**

Miss Jill's Vintage Storytime

Thursday, November 13, 6:30-7:15 pm

Grade school children and adults. Miss Jill has vintage children's books that you might not hear elsewhere. Blankets, pillows, and PJ's encouraged! Registration preferred, but walk-ins welcome.

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*Board meetings are the second
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and are open to the public.*

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Welcoming all to connect and explore—checkout the possibilities!

MCDH Wellness Screening

Wednesday, Nov. 5, 9:30 am-1 pm
Appointment required. Cholesterol+
Glucose + A1C (\$35), Cholesterol
+ Glucose (\$25), A1C only (\$20).
All participants receive a blood
pressure check, a body composition
analysis, heart age assessment, and
education for lifestyle changes at
no additional cost! Cash or check
payments only. Fasting is optional.
Please make sure to drink plenty of
water prior to your appointment.
Register for your time slot through
this QR code:



FOCAL Fall Used Book Sale

Friday, October 17, 1-4 pm

Saturday, October 18, 9 am-4 pm

Sunday, October 19, 1-4 pm

Find bargains on books and AV for all ages at the Friends of the Cary Area Library Fall 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!