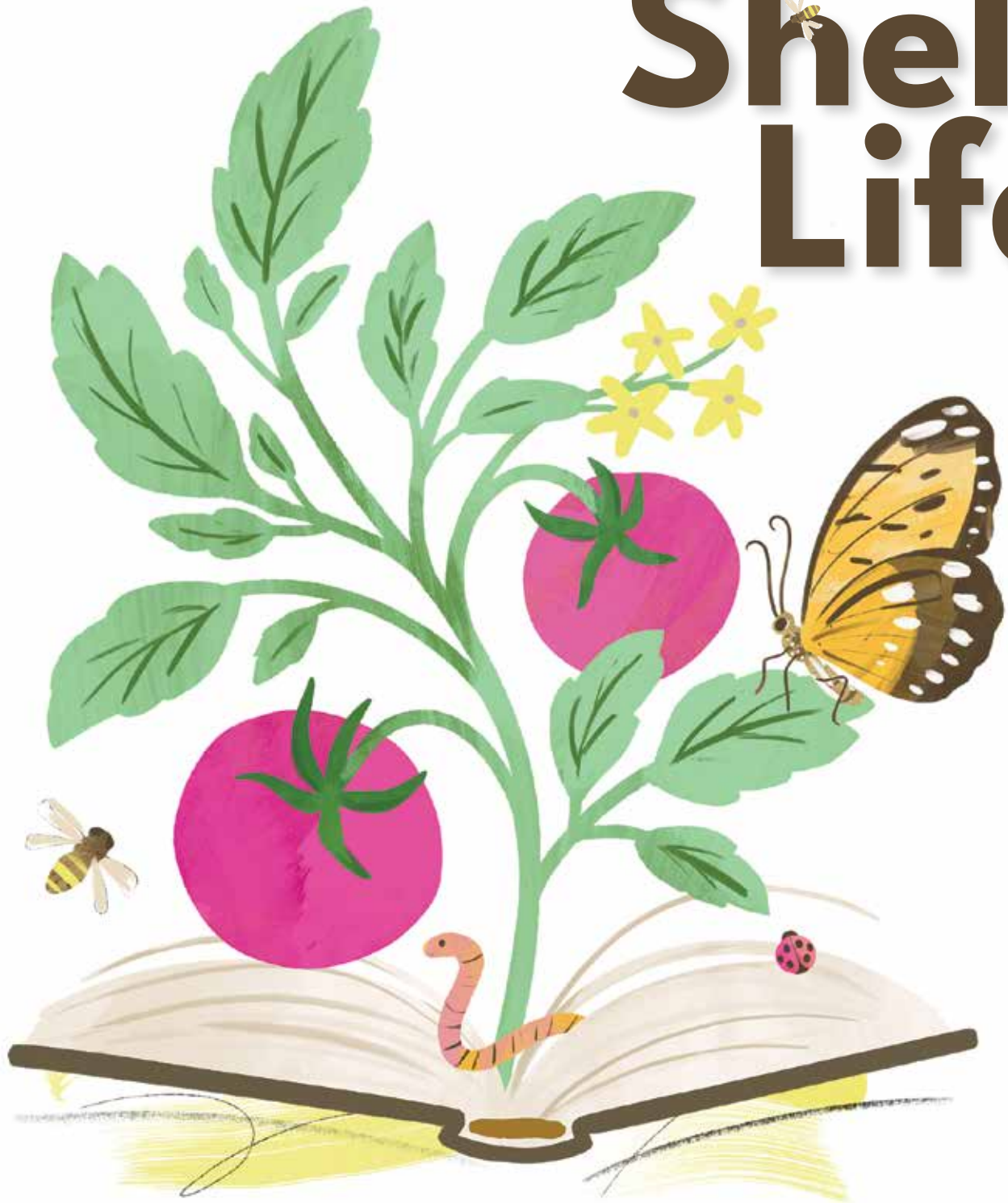


Cary Area Public Library

Shelf Life



Summer 2026

75th Anniversary Bash
Learning Garden Debut
Summer Reading
New Online Catalog

Event Registration

View complete event descriptions on our online Events Calendar. Registration begins Thursday, May 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)



FOCAL has contributed \$186,866.04 to the Library since the volunteer group began in the mid-1990s. They have funded special projects, equipment, and programs that are outside of the Library's budget such as the replacement Teen Area furniture, Summer Reading finishing prizes, Learning Garden supplies, and much more. Consider joining this community-focused group!

We accept gently used book and audio-visual donations at the Library. Material that isn't added to the Library's circulating collection is saved for the FOCAL bi-annual book sales. Items that are not sold are donated to local area charities or are recycled, so nothing is wasted. Your donation is tax-deductible and we have forms available upon request at the time of your donation. *Please note, we do not accept encyclopedias and reference sets, magazines, yearbooks, textbooks over 5 years old, and VHS and cassette tapes.*

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

Mark your calendars: the Fall Used Book Sale is October 16-18, 2026.

OPEN

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

CLOSED

June 5 Closed 9-1, Open 1-5
June 21 Father's Day
July 4 Independence Day
August 7 Closed 9-1, Open 1-5

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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

June-August 2026

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

Help us celebrate our 75th anniversary!

SUMMER BASH

Saturday, August 1, 1-8 pm

caryarealibrary.org/summerbash

The Library will be open 9-5 for regular service. After 5 pm, the Library will only be open for these activities (no items may be borrowed and there will be no access to computers or Study Rooms).

1-3 PM BALLOON TWISTING AND TEMPORARY TATTOOS (Flex Zone)

Kids. RCJuggle Entertainment will be there with glittery temporary tattoos and balloon animals.

3-4 PM ISTVAN & HIS IMAGINARY BAND (Meeting Room)

Families. Don't miss this wonderfully memorable and humorous rock concert the whole family will enjoy. *Registration is required for this event.*

4-5 PM KONA ICE (free; parking lot)

Kona Ice is the ultimate tropical shaved ice experience that's fun for everyone!

4-7 PM FOOD TRUCKS (pay your own way; parking lot)

6-7 PM CHEESE FORTUNETELLING (Flex Zone)

Adults. Jennifer Billock, The Cheese Oracle, returns to use the art of tyromancy to let you know what your cheese says about you and your future!

6-7:30 PM THE ACOUSTIC GENERATION (main floor)

Adults. Enjoy live music and dancing in the Library!



Introducing our new Learning Garden

We're excited to debut our new Learning Garden this summer. Recent surveys conducted by other area organizations, including the Cary Park District and the McHenry County Conservation District, as well as our own information gathering, has indicated the desire for more educational opportunities and connection to nature by area residents. With the hard work of staff, and funding help from our partners, the Friends of the Cary Area Library and the Rotary Club of Cary-Grove, we decided to cultivate that interest.



Expanding the Library outside its four walls, and the programming we can provide, is a practical benefit. But the Garden will support lifelong learning and benefit people at all stages of life. Children will benefit from early development and sensory, tactile learning; teens and adults can build skills and confidence in their abilities, build social connections, and in some cases, the opportunity to be more active. The know-how to grow your own food, help sustain the environment around you, and honor your place in the life cycle

Our mission with the Learning Garden is to promote nature education and social connection through accessible programming.



is an invaluable skill. The resulting well-being of the individual and community as a whole are the bonuses. There can be a satisfaction to tending to something

outside ourselves and watching it grow. In fact, stay tuned for future volunteering opportunities in the new Garden.

You'll find the Garden just beyond the treeline behind the building and closer to the Mallard Way sidewalk for easier access to those with strollers and in wheelchairs. Two of the six raised beds are elevated for this reason also. This year, each bed focuses on specific types of plants (fruits, vegetables, pollinator, native, etc.) to demonstrate the various types of gardens and goals.

Look for some programs in this guide that will take place in the Learning Garden. As we grow into it, more programs will take place there. We invite you to join us.



Plant a Seed, Read

Summer Reading • June 1-July 31

Sign up for our all ages Summer Reading Challenge beginning June 1. Registrants will receive a sign-up prize, 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 Monday, June 16. We recommend using the Beanstack app, but you may also log your reading online through the Beanstack website or on a paper log. Find all the details online: caryarealibrary.org/summerreading

New this year: earn an extra ticket into the grand prize drawing by completing our bingo sheet that includes fun activities, like attending a CAPL program, going on a picnic, and more reading, of course!



Adults

RR = registration required

Marilyn Monroe

Monday, June 1, 7-8 pm

Marilyn Monroe, portrayed by historical presenter Michelle Gibbons, will discuss her tragic childhood and struggle for stardom, her famous movies, her rise to fame, and her alleged relationship with President Kennedy. Learn why Marilyn became so much more than just a beautiful face. [RR](#)

Cozy Classic Cinema Night: Niagara

Wednesday, June 3, 6:30-8:30 pm

We'll watch the classic noir, *Niagara*, starring Marilyn Monroe, followed by a short discussion. Follow two couples at Niagara Falls, one on their honeymoon and the other dealing with a turbulent marriage. Light refreshments will be served. Registration preferred, but walk-ins are welcome.

Beanstack 101

Monday, June 8, 6:30-7:30 pm or
Saturday, August 15, 10-11 am

Learn the basics about Beanstack, the app we use for the Library's reading challenges. We'll provide laptops, but you can also bring in your own computer if you would like to practice on a more familiar device. [RR](#)

Burpee Museum Presents: Live Reptiles

Wednesday, June 10, 7-8 pm

Guided by a Burpee Museum educator, get up close with live reptiles including snakes, lizards, turtles, and tortoises, and explore what it truly means to be cold-blooded. Learn how reptiles regulate body temperature, move, feed, and survive in diverse environments. [RR](#)

A Sand County Almanac Book Discussion

Wednesday, June 10, 7-8 pm @ Crystal Lake Brewing
Ages 21+. Through science, history, humor, and prose, Aldo Leopold uses *A Sand County Almanac* and its call for a land ethic to communicate the true connection between people and the natural world. Join us for a discussion with staff and patrons of McHenry County libraries. Snacks will be provided, beverages will be available for purchase. Register for this event through Algonquin Area Public Library's events calendar. [RR](#)

An Unfinished Journey: African American Music in Its Pivotal Decades

Wednesday, June 17, 7-8 pm

400 years. Slavery. Jim Crow. The Civil Rights Movement. When and how did the collective voices of African America unite as one? Though disparate, these voices came together ultimately through song. Please join musician and historian Clarence Goodman for a multi-media hour of story and song. [RR](#)

DIY Diamond Art Canvases

Saturday, June 20, 1-2:30 pm

Discover the art of diamond painting in this class, suitable for all skill levels. Design your own piece, and then, rather than using a paintbrush, use an applicator to apply tiny resin 'diamonds' to create a shimmering work of art! [RR](#)

Aldo Leopold and Our Relationship to the Land

Tuesday, June 23, 7-8 pm @ Raue Center for the Arts
Environmentalist Jennifer Sterling traces the moments in land conservationist Aldo Leopold's life that shaped his view of our role in the natural world. The presentation culminates in sharing Leopold's enduring call for a moral relationship between people and the land. A cash bar/refreshments will be available at 6 pm with theater doors opening at 6:45. Book sales, including *A Sand County Almanac*, will be made possible by Abalabix Books. [RR](#)

Illinois Road Scholar Iman Snobar Presents: More than a Number: The Connection Between the Diaspora & the Homeland for Midwestern Palestinians

Wednesday, June 24, 6:30-8 pm

Bridgeview, Illinois—home to the largest Palestinian population in the US—stands as a vibrant center of diasporic life and memory. Explore the experiences of Palestinians across this area through a multimedia exhibition featuring portraits and personal narratives. Delve into themes of collective memory, belonging, and tetherment to the land. [RR](#)



Plant Your Own Pollinator Garden

Tuesday, June 30, 7-8 pm

Learn how to attract butterflies, birds, and bees to your yard. Sarah Michehl from The Land Conservancy of McHenry County will share easy tips and info on gardening with native plant communities. [RR](#)

Cozy Classic Cinema Night: 1776

Wednesday, July 1, 6-8:30 pm

Watch the 1972 film, *1776*, a historical musical drama adapted from the Broadway show, followed by a short discussion. Starring Howard da Silva, William Daniels, Ken Howard, and Blythe Danner, this is a fictionalized retelling of the events leading up to the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Light refreshments will be served. Registration is preferred, but walk-ins are welcome.

Morristown: The Darkest Winter of the Revolutionary War and the Plot to Kidnap George Washington

Wednesday, July 8, 7-8 pm

Author and historian William Hazelgrove will discuss the impact of Morristown and the winter of 1779-80 on the Revolutionary War. He dealt with the army's lack of food and money, desertions, the threat of a devastating attack by the British, and incredibly, a plot to kidnap him. And yet, Morristown would mark a turning point. [RR](#)

Mallory Mortillaro Presents: Lincoln's Portrait [Hybrid]

Wednesday, July 15, 6-7:30 pm

At nine feet tall, Travers' Lincoln portrait is impressive. Art historian and educator Mallory Mortillaro will share her first-hand account of researching this painting and the stories she uncovered. This is a hybrid event: You can register to watch it on Zoom or join us in the Library to watch a livestream of the Zoom together. [RR](#)

3D Printing Pens

Saturday, July 18, 10-11:30 am

Create 3D art with your own hands! You'll be able to choose from a variety of Summer-themed designs. [RR](#)

Hail to the Chief

Wednesday, July 22, 7-8 pm

Chicago's storied past is deeply intertwined with that of one of the most American of institutions: The presidency. From hosting national conventions to contributing to curious footnotes to being the hometown of several First Ladies, Clarence Goodman discusses how Our Town is as presidential as any. [RR](#)

Stitching a Nation: The Life of Betsy Ross

Wednesday, July 29, 7-8 pm

In her portrayal of Betsy Ross, historical presenter Michelle Gibbons brings to life the spirited seamstress credited with creating the first American flag. Be transported to 1776 Philadelphia, where Ross' needlework became a cornerstone of American identity. [RR](#)

Plan Your Native Plant Garden

Thursday, July 30, 7-8 pm

Planning on starting a new native plant garden? Sarah Michehl of The Land Conservancy of McHenry County will talk about site preparation, favorite plant choices, the pollinator connection, and vital maintenance tips to make any garden a success. [RR](#)

Burpee Museum Presents: Fossils

Wednesday, August 5, 7-8 pm

Explore the history of life on Earth by traveling back 450 million years. Examine ancient organisms ranging from early marine predators to giant insects and dinosaurs, and take part in interactive activities that bring the immense scale and diversity of prehistoric life to life. [RR](#)

American Cash! Johnny Cash Tribute Band

Wednesday, August 12, 7-8 pm

American Cash delivers an intense and authentic early version of Johnny Cash and the Tennessee Three with songs like "Folsom Prison Blues," "I Walk The Line," "Hey Porter," "Ring of Fire" and others. Close your eyes and be taken back to the 50s and 60s. [RR](#)

John Kokoris Presents: Revolutionary Illinois

Wednesday, August 19, 7-8 pm

Perhaps more than any other state outside the 13 colonies, Illinois has played a major role in shaping our nation. Learn how our state became a state—changing governments seven times—and how IL spurred further national changes for another century to come. [RR](#)

The Ecology of Oaks

Wednesday, August 26, 7-8 pm

Our native oaks are a keystone species that many other species rely on. How do they connect with other woodland plants, and what can you do to help our native oak trees? Sarah Michehl of The Land Conservancy will share more about the fascinating life of oak trees. [RR](#)

DISCUSSIONS & GROUPS

Books on Tap @ Cary Ale House

Tuesdays, June 16, July 21, August 18, 7-8:30 pm
Socialize and discuss the book 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, 10:30-11:45 am

June 24: *A Place Called Home* by David Ambroz
July 22: *Slaughterhouse Five* by Kurt Vonnegut
August 26: *The Briar Club* by Kate Quinn

Turning Pages Together • Thursdays, 7-8 pm

June 25: *The Briar Club* by Kate Quinn
July 23: *Everything Is Tuberculosis* by John Green
August 27: *The Faculty Lounge* by Jennifer Mathieu

2026 Great Decisions

Thursdays, June 4, August 6, 6:30-8 pm
Engage in lively discussion of foreign policy issues hosted by Adult Services Manager, Joel Sawyer. Each session a different topic from the Great Decisions Briefing Book will be discussed. Members can expect to watch videos, read, listen to a guest speaker when available, or even be asked to moderate a session themselves. Registrants must purchase the Briefing Book for \$15; no refunds. *RR*

True Crime Book Club

Thursdays, June 18, August 20, 6:30-8:30 pm
Adults and teens 16+. For June, we will discuss the documentary *The Imposter* (2012), which can be found on Kanopy. For August, we'll read *The Man from the Train* by Bill James and Rachel McCarthy James. *RR*

Cary Area Writers Group (CAWG)

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

Genealogy Interest Group

Sundays, June 28, July 26, August 23, 2-3 pm
Interested in genealogical research? Share and learn with us. Drop in, no registration required.

ONLINE EVENTS

Inside the Obama Presidential Center

Thursday, June 11, 7-8:30 pm
Zoom. The presenters will discuss the first digital Presidential Library and the Obama Presidential Center as a vibrant community hub, economic anchor, and beacon of democracy. This program offers a unique opportunity to learn how presidential history is preserved, accessed, and shared, and how these records deepen our understanding of recent history and democratic values. *RR*

Dinero Sin Fronteras / The Truth About Money

Jueves, 16 de julio, 7:30-8:30 pm
Zoom. Planear para un mejor futuro financiero. Muchos Latinos llegamos a este país sin saber cómo trabaja el dinero o las finanzas. Este programa nos enseña cómo manejar nuestro dinero y finanzas de la A-Z con el presentador César Popoca de Primerica. Es necesario registrarse para este programa virtual; las inscripciones se abrirán el 27 de mayo. /
Thursday, July 16, 7:30-8:30 pm
Zoom. Learn how to manage your money and finances from A-Z with Cesar Popoca from Primera. Registration is required for this virtual Zoom program. Registration will open on May 27. *RR*

Cesar Popoca



Board Game Arena Virtual Game Night

Monday, August 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](#)

Classroom Kitchen

Zoom. Each class is a cook/bake-along in your kitchen as chef Kristyn Slick works in hers. The Zoom link and recipes will be emailed prior to the class. [RR](#)

Steakhouse at Home

Wednesday, June 17, 6:30-8 pm

Bring the classic steakhouse experience into your own kitchen with perfectly cooked steak paired with three elevated sauces. This class focuses on technique, timing, and confidence so you can recreate a restaurant-worthy meal at home.

Southern Shrimp Boil

Wednesday, July 8, 6:30-8 pm

Celebrate summer with a laid-back, flavor-packed shrimp boil featuring bold spices, tender shrimp, and classic accompaniments. We'll also talk about variations, make-ahead tips, and how to turn this meal into an easy tradition.

Summer Salads

Wednesday, August 12, 6:30-8 pm

These vibrant, fresh salads are perfect for late-summer gatherings while also fitting seamlessly into weeknight dinners and back-to-school lunch prep. We'll focus on flexible, flavor-packed combinations that can be prepped ahead, customized for picky eaters, and enjoyed long after summer ends.



Saturday, June 6

10 am-12 pm

Looking for a way to get involved in the community? Stop by our Volunteer Fair to learn about local volunteer opportunities!

Organizations attending:

- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Cary-Grove Food Pantry
- Cary Prairie Stewards
- CASA of McHenry County
- Cycling Without Age
- The Friends of the Cary Area Library (FOCAL)
- McHenry County College
- Music for the Ages
- Northwest Center Against Sexual Assault
- Senior Services Associates

Multi-Age

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

Maker Mondays Drop-In

Mondays, 10 am-5 pm

June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

July 6, 13, 20, 27

August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

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, no registration required.

Summer Scares Trivia

Thursday, June 4, 7-8:30 pm

Ages 14+. Compete in teams of up to four people by correctly answering questions and we'll see which team has the spooky factor. Bonus points for coming dressed in your creepiest duds! [RR](#)

Club de Recién Llegados / Newcomer Club

Lunes 13 de julio del, 6-7 pm @ La Michoacana Twister

Únete a este grupo acogedor y de apoyo, diseñado para ayudar a quienes que acaban de llegar al país a conectar con otros y a adaptarse a su nuevo ambiente. Nos reuniremos para con un cuento, seguido de juegos de mesa y rifas. No se requiere inscripción.

Monday, July 13, 6-7 pm @ La Michoacana Twister

All ages. Join this welcoming and supportive group designed to help those who are new to the country connect and adjust to their new environment. We'll enjoy a storytime, followed by board games and a raffle. Drop in, no registration required.

Summer Sun Trivia

Thursday, July 16, 7-8:30 pm

Ages 14+. Compete in teams of up to four people by correctly answering questions and we'll see which team knows how to make the most of summer. Bonus points for coming dressed up for the season. [RR](#)

American History Through Folk Songs

Saturday, July 25, 2-3 pm

Best for ages 12+. We'll start with songs of the Revolutionary War and travel through time to the post-Civil War era. Harvest tunes, love songs, work songs, Irish immigrant songs, Civil War music, and music from African American and Hispanic roots will be performed. The historical context of the music will be briefly discussed. [RR](#)

Sunburst Bay DAY

Saturday, August 8, 10 am-6:30 pm

Show your Cary Area Public Library card and get \$5 daily admissions at the Cary Park District's Sunburst Bay Aquatic Center (other area libraries are not included in this promotion). Join Library staff for poolside storytimes at 2 pm and 5 pm.



Teens

RR = registration required



Chalk the Walk 2025



Chalk the Walk

Tuesday, June 2, 5-6 pm

Grades 6-12. Transform sidewalks into canvases with colorful chalk art, positive messages, games, and designs to celebrate creativity, inclusion, and our Summer Reading program. Please meet in the Library's lobby and dress appropriately for the weather. **RR**

American Red Cross Babysitting Course

Saturday, June 6, 12-4 pm

Ages 11-16. Through hands-on activities, videos, and discussions, participants build essential real-life babysitting skills. The course covers feeding, diapering, safely picking up and holding children, choosing age-appropriate activities, recognizing and managing behaviors, and responding to emergencies. Upon completion, participants receive a 10-year Babysitter's Training Certificate. **RR**



Seed Art

Tuesday, June 16, 7-8 pm

Grades 6-12. Use a variety of seeds, beans, and grains to create art with a natural twist! All materials are provided—just bring your imagination! **RR**

Dungeons & Dragons

Saturdays, June 20, July 18, August 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. Come and help your group succeed! **RR**

Robotics Basics

Monday, June 22, 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 Gaming

Tuesdays, June 23, July 28, August 25, 7-8:30 pm

Grades 6-12. Play board games and video games, including a selection of Nintendo Switch and Switch 2 games. Registration preferred, walk-ins welcome.

Robotics Workshop

Mondays, July 13, August 10, 6:30-8:30 pm

Grades 6-12. Develop your skills with our LEGO SPIKE Prime robots. You must have attended the Robotics Basics class to attend this workshop. **RR**

Seed Paper

Tuesday, July 14, 7-8 pm

Grades 6-12. Learn the basics of papermaking while recycling and create handmade paper embedded with plant seeds. **RR**



Build-A-Robot

Sunday, July 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**

Mario Kart Tournament

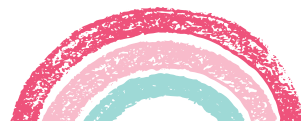
Tuesday, July 21, 6:30-8 pm

Grades 6-12. Race, compete, and level up your gaming. Join other teens in a quest to see who is the best at Mario Kart! The winner will receive a gift card. **RR**

Paint n' Pot

Tuesday, August 18, 7-8 pm

Grades 6-12. Paint and decorate terracotta pots to merge art and nature with your own personal style. **RR**



Elementary

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

RR = registration required

Monday Fun Day: Kids Game Night

Grades 2-3: June 1, July 6, 6:30-7:30 pm

Grades 4-5: June 15, July 20, August 17, 6:30-7:30 pm

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

Nature Explorers: From Seed to Sunflower

Tuesday, June 2, 5-6 pm

Grades K-2. Learn all about the plant cycle of a sunflower, from seed to flower. There will be a sunflower craft and you will also plant your own sunflower seed to bring home with you. *RR*

Dungeons and Dragons Club

Tuesdays, June 2, August 25, 6:30-7:30 pm

Grades 4-5. A club for kids that want to create their own characters and play their own games. Miss Jill will be there with supplies for the group. Brainstorm together and create a story, design and draw a map, build a character, play an adventure, or just discuss all things D&D! All first time participants will get a folder full of D&D info, and your very own set of dice! *RR*

Seeing Rainbows @ Home Kit

Kit pickup begins Friday, June 12, 9 am

Grades K-5. In honor of Pride Month, this kit contains some rainbow experiments. Will you see the rainbows? *RR*

Coding Camp

Monday, June 15, Wednesday, June 17, & Friday, June 19, 11 am-1:30 pm

Grades 3-5. Participants that sign up for this camp will be automatically registered for all three days. We'll learn block coding using our interactive database Fiero Code and have a fun lunch break in the middle. Bring a sack lunch for Monday and Wednesday, and on Friday we'll have pizza! *RR*

Robotics Basics

Monday, June 22, 6:30-8:30 pm

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

STEAMworks: Storm Drain Gear Retrieval Challenge

Tuesday, June 23, 5-6 pm

Grades 3-5. Imagine: you are on vacation and accidentally drop important travel items down a storm drain. How will you get them back? During this program, you will use items you may find in a garbage or recycling bin to retrieve the dropped items. *RR*

Magic the Gathering

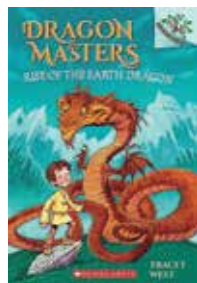
Tuesday, June 23, 6-7 pm

Grades 4-5. Are you an experienced MTG player? Great! Never played before? We'll teach you! *RR*

Solar-Powered LED Library Craft

Monday, June 29, 6-7:30 pm

Grades 3-5. Join us in making your own solar-powered library to celebrate our 75th anniversary this year! You'll get the chance to decorate and put together your own miniature building.



Book Buddies Book Club- *Dragon Masters: Rise of the Earth Dragon* by Tracy West

Monday, June 29, 6:30-7:15 pm

Grades 1-4. Introduce newly independent readers to a fun book series! Borrow a copy of the book starting June 1, and then attend the club meeting for fun crafts and activities at the end of the month! *RR*

LEGO Club

Sundays, July 5, August 2, 2-3 pm

Grades 1-5. Welcome all LEGO builders! 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*

Full STEAM Ahead: Zipline Adventure Challenge

Tuesday, July 7, 5-6 pm

Grades K-2. Using recyclables and craft supplies, you will build something to transport a LEGO person on a zipline adventure. *RR*

Robotics Workshop

Mondays, July 13, August 10, 6:30-8:30 pm

Grades 3-5. Develop your skills with our LEGO SPIKE Prime robots. You must have attended the Robotics Basics class to attend this workshop. *RR*



Green Over Screens: Big, Bright String Sun!

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

Grades 2-3. We'll be weaving with yarn and beads to make our bright sun! *RR*

Fun with Bots: Intro to Sphero

Tuesday, August 4, 5-6 pm

Grades 3-5. If you have always wanted to try coding with a Sphero, this is the program for you! This program is designed for beginners, but those familiar with Sphero are also welcome. *RR*

Dungeons and Dragons

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

Grades 4-5. Does your child have a big imagination? Work well with others? Enjoy reading and logical thinking? Players will learn the basic rules and get the feel for this popular fantasy role-playing game. *RR*

Chocolate Dirt Cups @ Home Kit

Kit pickup begins Friday, July 17 at 9 am

Grades K-5. Make a treat that may look like dirt, but is actually chocolatey and yummy! *RR*

Read With a Dog

Friday, July 17, 1-2 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*

Build-A-Robot

Sunday, July 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*

Green Over Screens - Let's Make a Lion!

Tuesday, July 21, 10:30-11:30 am

Grades K-1. Painted paper and a zany story together make a fun art project! *RR*

We Love Graphic Novels Book Club

Monday, July 27, 6:30-7:15 pm

Grades 3-5. Talk about your favorite graphic novels, discover new ones, meet friends, and have snacks! *RR*

Making Space for People with Disabilities

Tuesday, July 28, 5-6 pm

Grades 1-5. July is Disability Pride Month! Learn about three inspirational people with disabilities that made advancements in our knowledge of space or space travel. You will also participate in a few activities inspired by these innovative people. *RR*

Green Over Screens: Make a Friend! Hello Little Sunflower! @ Home Kit

Kit pickup begins Friday, August 14 at 9 am

Grades 4-5. Before we know it, school will start but this cheerful sunflower reminds us summer isn't over yet! *RR*

Jr. Master Gardener

Monday, August 24, 6:30-7:30 pm

Grades 1-5. This is a very special off-site Jr. Master gardener session! Join us at the Community Gardens in Hoffman Park (entrance off W. Main St. by the dog park) and prepare to learn about this exciting resource in our community. Get your hands dirty as we explore the fascinating world of plants. *RR*

Cardboard Creations: Build a Treehouse

Tuesday, August 25, 5-6 pm

Grades 2-5. Do you love creating things out of cardboard? In this program, you will use cardboard to build your very own treehouse! *RR*

Grow Your Own Socks @ Home Kit

Kit pickup begins Friday, August 28 at 9 am

Grades K-5. Can you grow your own socks? In this kit, you will learn how seeds travel and what can happen when you take a nature walk in your socks. *RR*

Andertoons: Space Plants!!!

Saturday, August 29, 1-2 pm

Grades K-5. We're going to be drawing plants... IN SPAAAAAAACE! I know it sounds strange, but trust me, you are not ready for this class. I mean, just look at the title! Three exclamation points at the end! Three! *RR*



Family

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

Family LEGO Fun!

Sunday, June 7, 2-3 pm

Work together to create and build a LEGO design that we'll display in the Library! Sign up by family. RR

Matt Sandbank's Shadow Factory

Saturday, June 13, 10-11 am

Best for ages 3+. Poetry springs hilariously to life as soon as Matt Sandbank's shadow puppets hit the screen! A Wild Goose Chase is an interactive live performance that combines shadow puppetry with poetry. RR

Family Game Night

Tuesday, July 7, 6-7 pm

Children must be school age or older. Join other families, children and caregivers, or mentees and mentors to play board games. Snacks will be available. Register under one name with the number in your group. RR

Miss Jamie's Farm Music Show: Garden Friends

Friday, July 10, 10:30-11:15 am

Best for 2-8 year olds and their families. Miss Jamie will take the audience on an imaginative adventure to the garden, through song, where they discover the animals and insects they find there, learn about the seed cycle, celebrate pollinators, and commit to eating more healthy fruits and veggies. RR

After Hours Putt Putt Mini Golf

Friday, July 10, 6:30-8 pm

Families/groups. Pick up your putters and golf balls in the lobby, and play a putt-putt adventure around the Library! Register as a group of up to four for a time slot. RR

Miss Jill's Vintage Storytime

Tuesday, August 18, 6:30-7:15 pm

Best for school age children. Bring the family for a cozy evening of fun and children's book nostalgia- blankets, pillows, and PJ's encouraged! Registration preferred, but walk-ins welcome.

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Annual Hoffman
Park Storytime
2025



Weekly Storytime and Stay & Play

Mondays, 10:30 am

June 1, 29

July 6, 20, 27

August 3, 17, 24

Ages 0-6 with an adult. Stories, music, and fun! Hang out after Storytime to play—we'll have a selection of educational toys that will help with motor skills, sharing, and imaginative play.

5th Annual Hoffman Park Garden Storytime

Monday, June 15, 10:30 am

Rain date: Monday, June 22, 10:30 am (if rain date is not needed, Storytime will be at the Library)

Ages 0-6 with an adult.

Evening Storytime

Wednesdays, 5:30 pm

June 17, 24

July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

August 19, 26

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



Splash Pad Storytime at Kaper Park

Tuesdays, 9:30 am

June 9

July 14

August 11

This Storytime will be geared towards preschool aged children, but the whole family is welcome. Cool off with CAPL staff for a storytime in the pavilion at Kaper Park featuring stories, rhymes, music, and movement, followed by the splash pad opening at 10 am!

Hora de Cuentos en Español / Spanish Storytime

Miércoles 10 de junio, 12 de agosto, 6-6:30 pm

Edades 0-6 con un adulto. Vamos a leer historias, cantar canciones, y tener otras actividades en inglés y español con énfasis en emociones y números. Todos son bienvenidos, no importa si inglés o español es su primer idioma. Drop in.

Wednesdays, June 10, August 12, 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 with a focus on emotions and numbers. All are welcome, no matter if English or Spanish is your first language.

Saturday Storytime

10:30-11 am

July 11

August 8 at Sunburst Bay (see page 10 for details!)

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

Special Storytime with Turning Point, Inc.

Monday, August 10, 10:30-11 am

Ages 4-8 with an adult. Join Turning Point Domestic Violence Services for a storytime about friendship. Children will hear multiple books that unpack topics of how to be a good friend, what characteristics to look for in a strong friendship, how to be kind to others, and how to celebrate differences! After the storytime, children will get to participate in a fun craft activity with their peers that is related to the books being discussed.

Early Childhood

*For adult caregiver(s) to accompany a child(ren).
RR = registration required*

Learning Garden: Planting Tomatoes and Flowers

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

Ages 3-6 with an adult. Welcome to our new garden! We'll be digging in the dirt, so dress for the mess! **RR**

Stories & Seasons

Tuesdays, June 23, July 28, August 18, 10:30-11 am

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

Sign with Katy

Fridays, June 26, July 17, 9:15-10 am

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

Learning Garden: How Are Things Growing?

Thursday, July 16, 10:30-11:30 am

Ages 3-6 with an adult. We'll take some cuttings of our tomato plants to make more tomato plants! **RR**

Stuffie Sleepover

Friday, July 24, 4-4:30 pm

Ages 3+. Wear your pajamas, bring your best stuffed friend, and listen to a story. Then, say goodnight to your pal and wish them sweet dreams. Who knows what adventures they will have overnight at the Library! Register each child participating. Please pick up your stuffed friend on Saturday, July 25.

Learning Garden: Harvesting Tomatoes and What's Happening?

Thursday, August 27, 10:30-11:30 am

Ages 3-6 with an adult. We're wrapping up our gardening season and picking a few tomatoes and flowers. See what's happening out in our garden! **RR**

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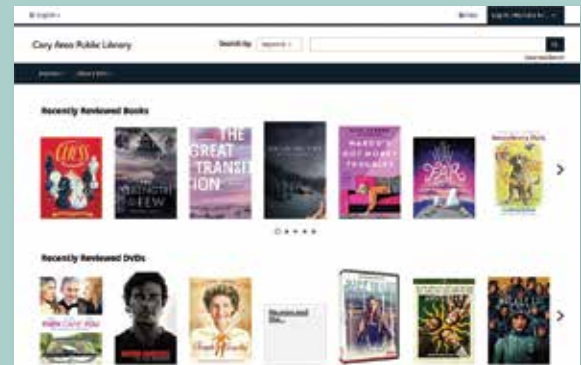
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Welcoming all to connect and explore—checkout the possibilities!

New Online Catalog Coming Soon

We're excited to announce that we are getting a new catalog! In mid-May, you'll be able to enjoy a range of improved features, including:

- A modern, accessible, and mobile-friendly interface with powerful search capabilities
- Different formats (book, large type book, ebook, etc.) for the same title will be grouped together in the search results
- Community features like ratings, reviews, and shelves (which all default to private but can be shared publicly)



Some things to note about the switch:

- Your current reading history will transfer, but you must enable the Borrowing History setting in your account in the new catalog
- You may need to create a new username if it's already in use, but your password will remain the same unless you change it in the new catalog. If you've never changed your password, it should be the last four digits of the phone number you supplied when you signed up for a card
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