



*Every day, staff witness friendships forming at the library. See page 9 to read the story.*



## OPEN LABS IN OUR MAKERSPACE

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**Wednesdays, Dec. 3, 10, 17 5:00-8:00**

**Fridays, Dec. 5, 12, 19 10:00-1:00**



## ILLINOIS LIBRARIES PRESENT KENJI LÓPEZ-ALT: A JOURNEY THROUGH FOOD AND SCIENCE

Join award-winning cookbook author, New York Times food columnist, and Serious Eats director J. Kenji López-Alt for an evening of cooking insights, techniques, and foodie exploration.

**Tues., Nov. 18 7:00-8:00 Zoom**

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## Pop-Up Library Visits

Look for us at the Park District! You can sign up for a library card, renew a library card, check out items, or return items.

**Mon., Nov. 10 and Dec. 8**

**9:30-10:30 Club Fitness**

**Tues., Nov. 18 and Dec. 16**

**11:00-12:00 Rec Center**

## International Games Day

Enjoy a game-fueled afternoon for the whole family! Play a retro video game, puzzle solo or with a friend, or stop by Activity Corner in the Children's Services department to enjoy crafts and LEGOs.

**Mon., Nov. 24 11:00-2:00**

## APL Social Services Specialist Wins 2025 ILA Award

The Addison Public Library is proud to announce that Yesenia Benavidez, our Social Services Specialist, has been named the recipient of the 2025 Illinois Library Association Crosman Memorial Award for New Library Workers.

This award recognizes the achievements of the library workers who are new or relatively new to the field and encourages continued involvement in the profession. Other awards honor those who have accomplished a great deal over a long period of time; this award is to honor people who have accomplished a great deal in a short time. The Crosman Memorial Award for New Library Workers is presented by the ILA Awards Committee and Dominican University SOIS in memory of Alex Crosman, former director of the Peoria Public Library.

This year's ILA awards were presented at a ceremony during the 2025 Illinois Library Association Annual Conference on October 14-16, 2025 in Rosemont, Illinois.

Join us in celebrating Yesenia's achievements and learn more about her impactful work on our blog at: [addisonlibrary.org/ILA-awards-2025](https://addisonlibrary.org/ILA-awards-2025).



## Our Room Names are Changing!

As our building project progresses, you may start to notice new names being used for many of our spaces. Larger rooms will now be called "Meeting Rooms" followed by its number, and study rooms will be labeled by floor number with a letter.

- **Large Meeting Room** → **Meeting Room 1**
- **Children's Program Room** → **Meeting Room 2**
- **Adult Program Room** → **Meeting Room 3**
- **Study Room S10** → **Study Room 1A**
- **Study Room S20** → **Study Room 2A**

These updates will make it easier to find and reserve rooms throughout the library.

## Curbside Pickup Service

Use our curbside pickup service to pick up your holds or request items without leaving your car!

1. Place a hold online or call us to request items on shelf.
2. If you placed a hold, wait for a notice that your items are ready.
3. Give us a call before you come to avoid delays.
4. Park in the designated curbside pickup spot.
5. Text 630-566-4017 (or call the main number) when you arrive.

A staff member will bring your items right to your car!



## Get your library card online!



Visit: [addisonlibrary.org/get-a-card](https://addisonlibrary.org/get-a-card) or scan the QR code below.

**You'll need an email address to sign up!**



**Questions? We can help!**

Visit us at the library, chat us online, or call the library at 630.543.3617.

## What's Happening Now?

### Work on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor is almost complete!

We're looking forward to welcoming you to the near-completed 2<sup>nd</sup> floor—home to our new computer area, remodeled study rooms, new makerspace, and Adult Services and Teen Services departments. Here's what's happening this November and December:

- Study rooms reopen in December.
- The Sound Studio reopens as the new Digital Media Lab.
- Public computers move to their permanent space.
- The Adult Program Room, now called Meeting Room 3, reopens for programming.

### Alternate Library Entrance

Our main entrance is closed for construction. Please enter the library using the nearby temporary entrance.

### Main Staircase Closed

Our main staircase is closed for construction. Please use our alternate stairwell or public elevator to access the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

### Collections on the Move

The collections on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor have been shifted due to construction. If you need help locating an item, please see a staff member.

### Drive-Up Return Closed

While our drive-up return is closed for construction, you can return your items using the temporary outdoor book drop located in front of the library.

## What's Happening Next:

Our drive-up window and new Guest Services desk opens up in early 2026.

Construction on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor will be underway through May 2026, when we anticipate the project to be finished.

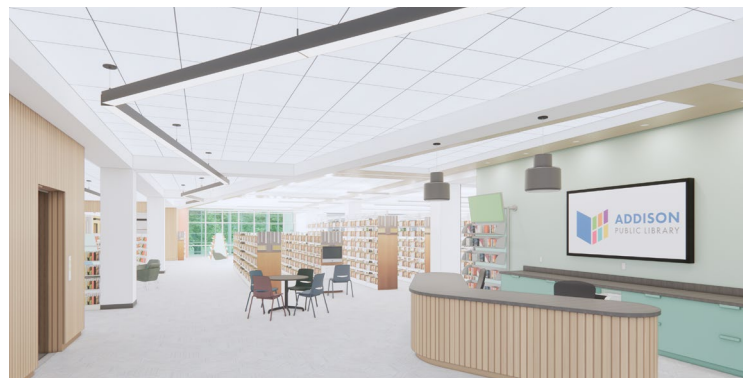
For the most up-to-date news on the building project and how it affects library services, check our website at [addisonlibrary.org](http://addisonlibrary.org) or follow us on social media!



Staff take a behind-the-scenes look at the construction progress on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor!



An architectural rendering of the computer area and study rooms on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.



An architectural rendering of the Adult Services desk and collection on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

## Building Project Timeline



Find FAQs, see project renderings, and get project updates at [addisonlibrary.org/renovation](http://addisonlibrary.org/renovation). You can also give us a call at 630.543.3617 or ask a staff member any questions you may have!



## Construction Update and Open Labs

Our building project is still on-going! While most of the makerspace construction is finishing this year, there is still a lot of equipment installation and training that will happen in 2026 before the makerspace can fully re-open. However, the holidays are a busy time of the year, so we are offering "Open Labs" during December with limited equipment!

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## Upcoming Workshops

### Cricut 101

Join this 2-part class to get a crash course on the Cricut Maker, an electronic cutting machine. First, learn the basics of the Cricut Design Space design software. Then, learn how to cut your design into vinyl to decorate your own item.

**Part 1: Weds., Nov. 5** 6:30 Studio Office

**Part 2: Weds., Nov. 12** 6:30 Studio Office

### Canva Basics: Holiday Cards

Learn the basics of Canva, an online design tool. Learn how to create a digital holiday card or newsletter!

**Fri., Nov. 14** 10:00 Studio Office

### Sublimation Printing: Photo Mug

Create a custom mug with your photo on it! During this class, you will learn how to use our Sawgrass sublimation printer and Cricut Mug Press to make custom mugs. Supplies will be provided for the class. Please bring a photo saved on a USB flash drive.

**Weds., Nov. 19** 6:30 Studio Office

## Grab-and-Go Craft Kits

Kits are available on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last. Limit 1 kit per person.



### Fall Wood Planter

Decorate a wood planter with fall designs. This kit includes pre-cut stencils, a wood planter, and floral foam. Flowers are not included in this kit.

**Pickup begins Fri., Nov. 14** 9:00 AM

2<sup>nd</sup> floor desk

### Winter Sign

Decorate a wood sign with winter designs. This kit includes pre-cut vinyl designs and a wood sign.

**Pickup begins Fri., Dec. 12** 9:00 AM

2<sup>nd</sup> floor desk

**Looking for craft kits for kids? See page 13!**

## START A NEW HOBBY WITH THE LIBRARY OF THINGS!

We have a variety of items and equipment to help you start a new hobby or expand on one:

- **Addi-express: knitting machine**
- **UTOOL power engraver**
- **Cricut EasyPress 2 kit**
- **Travel scope 70: telescope**
- **Garrett Ace 200 metal detector**
- **Hiking poles**

See everything you can check out at [addisonlibrary.org/library-of-things](http://addisonlibrary.org/library-of-things)



Knitting machine



Power engraver



Cricut EasyPress 2

## Events For Businesses

### Make Your Website Work For You

Whether launching a new website or sprucing up an old one, this workshop will help you create a search-friendly website that drives users to your business.

**Mon., Nov. 10 6:30-7:30 Zoom** 

### Launch Your Business: Customer-Focused Marketing

Launching and growing your business is more than just good products or services. Learn how strong customer-focused marketing strategies can help you reach your audience and turn them into loyal customers.

**Thurs., Nov. 20 12:00-1:00 Zoom** 


### Business Plans 101

December is National Business Plan Writing Month! As the foundation for any business, the business plan is the necessary starting point to map out your business. We will discuss the various parts of a business plan and go over resources that can help entrepreneurs or even seasoned business owners with writing their business plan.

**Fri., Dec. 5 12:00-1:00 Zoom** 

### Cyber Security and Your Small Business

Cyberattacks can happen to any business, big or small. Learn the basics of online safety and how to protect your business and your customers. We'll show you how to spot common online threats and give you simple steps to keep your business safe.

**Mon., Dec. 15 6:30-7:30 Zoom** 

## Events For Job Seekers

### Revitalizing a Stalled Job Search

Learn advanced strategies to reignite your job search! We will discuss how to identify and offset red flags, address qualification gaps, and expand your reach when job searching.

**Thurs., Nov. 6 7:00-8:00 Zoom** 




### How To Manage Stress in the Job Search and Beyond

Job searching can be stressful and sometimes lonely, but it doesn't have to be! Learn simple tips and tricks to keep calm and focused during your job search.

**Weds., Nov. 12 10:00-11:00 Zoom** 

### Leadership and Executive Readiness

Position yourself for career next steps, honing your professional presence, networking, mentoring, negotiations, and maintaining career momentum.

**Weds., Dec. 10 7:00-8:00 Zoom** 



### Is This the Right Job For Me?

Finding the right job can be tough! To ensure your next role is the best fit for you, we'll discuss how to find the right job and the tools and knowledge you need to make that decision.

**Weds., Dec. 17 10:00-11:00 Zoom** 

## SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY: NOV. 1-30

### Shop local and shop small this holiday season!

For the seventh year, the Addison Public Library is celebrating Small Business Saturday, and this year we're partnering with the Addison Business Exchange to encourage shoppers to visit local businesses

Starting Sat., Nov. 1, show your Addison Public Library card at participating businesses for special offers, free items, or giveaways. Join us in supporting our local business community by shopping small!

For more details and to see all participating businesses, visit:  
[addisonlibrary.org/small-business-saturday](https://addisonlibrary.org/small-business-saturday)

- @HOME Real Estate Brokers
- Addison Bank and Trust
- Aurelio's Pizza
- Century 21 Circle: Michelle Seiler
- College of DuPage
- First American Bank
- Addison Historical Museum
- Hustle Strength and Performance
- Marcus Theatre
- Muggs-N-Manor
- Nardi's
- Peace Point Therapy
- Personalized Logistics LLC
- Razny Jewelers
- SCARCEly Used Books



# FOR ADULTS



## Movement & Meditation

### Ageless Grace® Timeless Fitness for the Body and Brain

Join Sherie Shapiro from Ageless Grace® for a session that activates all 5 functions of the brain and simultaneously addresses all 21 physical skills needed for lifelong optimal function. Music and laughter guaranteed!

**Thurs., Dec. 18** 10:00-11:00 Adult Program Room

### Chair Yoga

Certified yoga instructor Marti Lahood will guide you through one of the gentlest forms of yoga.

**Thurs., Dec. 11** 10:00-11:00 Meeting Room 3

### Meditation at the Library

Join friends old and new in-person to discover the life-changing effects of meditation. No experience required.

**Tues., Nov. 4 and 18** 1:00-2:00 2A

**Thurs., Dec. 4** 10:00-11:00 Meeting Room 3

**Tues., Dec. 16** 1:00-2:00 Meeting Room 3

### Zumba!

Instructor and performer Erika Ochoa leads this fun, fast paced, musical exercise practice! No previous experience required. Instruction is bilingual, English/Spanish.

**Mon., Dec. 8** 7:00-8:00 Meeting Room 3

## Technology Made Simple

### Computer Basics

Learn computer fundamentals including navigating the desktop and working with files and photos.

**Mon., Nov. 3** 1:00-2:00 Study Room 2A

### Identifying Misinformation Online

Knowing where to find reputable sources and how to identify fake articles and images is especially complicated in today's world. Join us to learn strategies for fact-checking and evaluating the trustworthiness of different sources, and best practices for sharing news and information online.

**Weds., Dec. 3** 6:30-7:30 Meeting Room 3

## Let's Play... and Create!

### Dungeons & Dragons for Adults

Play the fantasy adventure game Dungeons & Dragons! Create your own character or use one of our pre-made characters. No experience necessary. We'll have snacks!

**Sun., Nov. 2** 1:30-4:30 Study Room 2A

**Thurs., Dec. 4** 5:30-8:30 Meeting Room 3

### Cozy Creatives

Due to our renovation project, we won't be able to craft together this fall, but stop by to say hello and pick up a fun and relaxing take home craft kit.

**Mon., Nov. 10** 7:00-8:00 Adult Services Department

### Free Time Fridays

Join us for crafts, games, light refreshments, conversation and fun with friends old and new! We'll do something different each time we meet and it will always be a fun treat!

**Fri., Nov. 5 — Floral Craft** 11:00-12:00 Teen Services Dept.

**Fri., Dec. 3 — Winter Craft** 11:00-12:00 Teen Services Dept.

### Trivia

Join our monthly online trivia game! Trivia runs on a loop, so jump in anytime and answer all the questions.

**Mon., Nov. 17 — Fri., Nov. 21** [www.crowd.live/YVDMF](http://www.crowd.live/YVDMF)

**Mon., Dec. 15 — Fri., Dec. 19** [www.crowd.live/RAWSW](http://www.crowd.live/RAWSW)

Nov. Trivia Dec. Trivia



## Novel Writing Month

### Writing Starter Kits

Stop by the Adult Services desk starting Sat., Nov. 1 to get your writing month starter kit, while supplies last!



### Writers Meet-Up

Ready to write your story? Join other local writers at the library! We'll help you find writing resources, share ideas, and try fun writing prompts to get you started. Perfect for new writers or anyone looking for inspiration.

**Tues., Nov. 4** 7:00-8:00 Adult Services Department

## Language Learning

### Spanish Conversation Group

Have fun and make new friends as you practice your Spanish skills! All levels welcome.

**Mon., Nov. 17 and Dec. 15** 7:00-8:00 Club Fitness & Centennial Rec Center, 1776 W. Centennial Pl.

## Featured Programs

### Navigating the Grief Journey

Losing someone you love is hard. Join Registered Nurse Sharon Bowers to learn helpful ways to work through the stages of grief. She'll talk about common feelings after a loss, healthy ways to cope, local resources for support, and why self-care matters. The program ends with a special rose ceremony to honor your loved one.

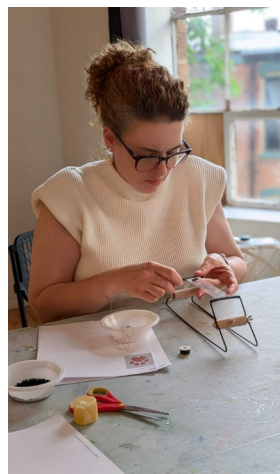
**Sat., Nov. 8 11:00-12:30 Study Room 2A**

### Genealogy Club

Explore your family history at our genealogy club! Get research tips, hear expert insights, and share discoveries.

Join us in November for an appointment with volunteers from the Martha Ibbetson DAR Chapter, who will provide personalized assistance with your family research. Bring your questions, research notes, or just your curiosity—we'll help you navigate genealogy databases like Ancestry Library Edition, HeritageQuest, and more.

**Fri., Nov. 14 11:00-12:00 Study Room 2A**



### Native American Loom Beading Workshop

Samantha Thompson from the Midwest SOARRING Foundation will share her connection with beadwork and her Potawatomi heritage. Follow along with step-by-step instructions on how to make a beaded creation of your own inspired by traditional Potawatomi designs. All supplies are provided.

**Mon., Dec 1 7:00-8:00 Meeting Room 3**

## Happy Birthday, Jane Austen!

Join us for afternoon tea and light snacks to celebrate the 250th anniversary of Jane Austen's birthday! We'll have music, board games, coloring pages, and writing prompts.

Feel free to bring in your favorite novels to discuss with fellow Jane Austen fans.

**Tues., Dec. 16 1:00-2:30 Meeting Room 3**



## Tips to Get Out of a Reading Slump



### Practical tips to help you meet your reading goals:

- Set up a time to read. Scheduling dedicated time for reading each day can encourage consistency and help you increase the habit.
- Always carry a book (or an eBook.) Take a book to make the most of downtime on the bus or train, during lunch breaks, or while waiting for an appointment.
- Carve out time in your busy schedule. Reading can help you decompress after a long day and reduce screen time before bed, which may lead to better rest.

### Discover new books:

- Ask a librarian. Stop by or contact us for personalized book suggestions!
- Browse online lists. Check out our curated reading recommendation lists on our website, which are updated twice a month.
- Use NoveList. Access the NoveList database under our Resources page to discover book recommendations tailored to your interests.

### Join a book club to help you stay motivated:

- Join ours! Ask us about the upcoming book discussion groups that we offer at the library.
- Start your own! We offer book club kits to make hosting your club easy. We can also help you borrow books from our partner SWAN libraries.

### Try a Book Box:

- Not sure what to read next? Sign up for our Book Box service at [addisonlibrary.org/book-box](http://addisonlibrary.org/book-box) and let our staff handpick titles based on your preferences.

### Don't forget audiobooks!

- Audiobooks are a fantastic way to enjoy books on the go. Whether you're commuting, exercising, or relaxing, they also count toward your reading goals! Explore our extensive collection in both physical and digital formats.

**Setting small, achievable goals can help you keep reading a regular and rewarding part of your routine, no matter how busy life gets.**

# LITERACY

## ELL Saturdays

Join us once a month for a Saturday morning English Language Learners (ELL) group. Each month features a different topic or activity to help build your skills and confidence in English. Registration is required due to limited space.

**Sat., Nov. 15: Conversation Group 11:00-12:00 2A**

**Sat., Dec. 13: Literacy Kits Together 11:00-12:00 2A**

## English Reading Circle

Build your vocabulary, pronunciation, and reading skills in a small group setting. Registration required due to limited space.

**Tuesdays 11:00 Study Room 2A**

## English Conversation Groups

Have fun and make new friends as you improve your English-speaking skills!

**Mondays 2:00 Zoom** (Register for Zoom link) 

**Wednesdays 7:00 Indian Trail Jr High, Rm. R103** (Drop-in)

# ALFABETIZACIÓN

## Sábados de Inglés

Únase a nosotros una vez al mes para un grupo de Estudiantes de Inglés (ELL) los sábados por la mañana. Cada mes se presentará un tema o actividad diferente para ayudarle con sus habilidades y confianza en inglés.

**Sáb., 15 de nov.: grupo de conversación 11:00-12:00 2A**

**Sáb., 13 de dic.: kits de alfabetización 11:00-12:00 2A**

## Círculo de lectura

Desarrolle su vocabulario, pronunciación y habilidades de lectura en inglés participando en un grupo pequeño. Se requiere registración debido al espacio limitado.

**Cada martes 11:00 2A**

## Grupo de conversación

¡Diviértase mientras practica sus habilidades de conversación en inglés!

**Lunes 2:00 Zoom** 

Regístrese para recibir el enlace de Zoom

**Miércoles 7:00 Indian Trail Jr High, Salon R103**

No se requiere registración

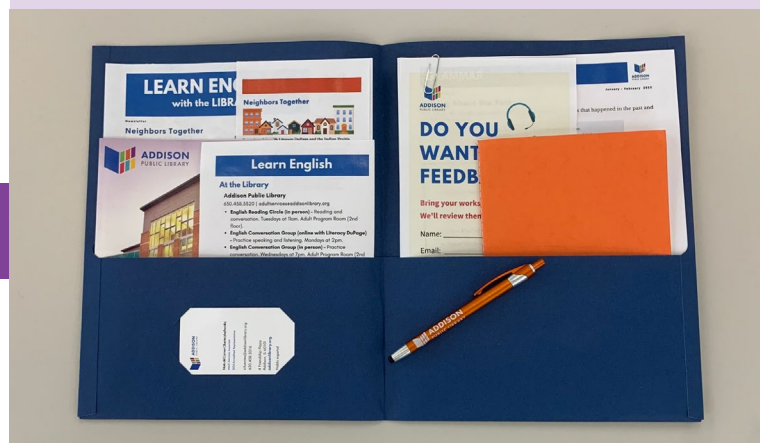
## College of DuPage Classes

Temporarily, there will be no College of DuPage classes at the library due to the library's renovation project. These classes include English classes and citizenship classes. The library will still offer the English Conversation Group and Reading Circle. Contact College of DuPage at 630.942.3697 for other Addison locations and testing dates.

## Literacy To-Go Kits

Pick up a bi-monthly kit with exercises and activities to help you improve your English. Stop by the second floor Adult Services desk to pick up a Literacy Kit or visit our website to download a copy!

[addisonlibrary.org/literacy-kits](http://addisonlibrary.org/literacy-kits)



## Kits de actividades en inglés para llevar

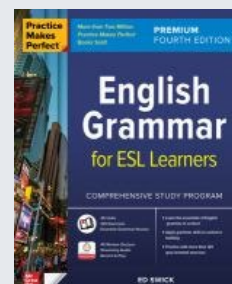
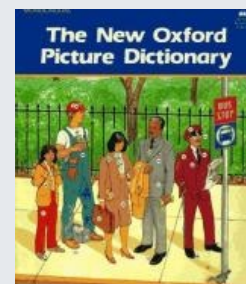
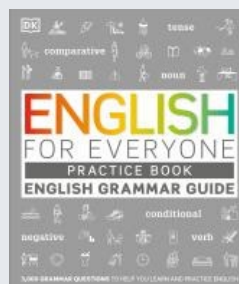
¡Pase a retirar una carpeta de ejercicios y actividades para ayudarle a practicar su inglés! Tenemos una carpeta con nuevas actividades cada otro mes. ¡Visite el segundo piso de la biblioteca para obtener su carpeta o visite nuestra página web para descargarlo!

[addisonlibrary.org/literacy-kits](http://addisonlibrary.org/literacy-kits)

## Clases de Colegio de DuPage

Temporalmente, no habrá clases de Colegio de DuPage en la biblioteca a partir del semestre de primavera debido al proyecto de renovación de la biblioteca. Estas clases incluyen **clases de inglés y clases de GED en español**. Por favor, póngase en contacto con COD llamando al 630-942-3697 para recibir información de otras ubicaciones en Addison y sus fechas de exámenes.

## Libros para aprender inglés:



## Friendships Formed at the Addison Public Library

"In the old days, we had front porches. This is our front porch," said Marge, an avid library user. The Addison Public Library has become that front porch for many, offering a safe and welcoming place to gather, learn, and connect.

Every day, staff witness moments of connection that blossom into friendships. It might be parents bonding during storytime, teens finding common ground through creativity, or language learners supporting one another through conversation groups. These are the stories that remind us the library is about much more than books—it's about people.

### Katie and MaryKate

Debbie, a Children's Services Assistant, has watched parents go from strangers to fast friends.

Katie and MaryKate met during one of Miss Debbie's storytimes, where they quickly realized they had much in common. Both were from small towns in central Illinois, worked in similar professions, and had children close in age. Now, their families spend time together both inside and outside the library.

"Everyone is here to read books and enrich their families," Katie said. Their kids, even the babies, all have library cards—and their parents are already excited for the teen programs they'll one day join.

Debbie shared how amazing it is to see multigenerational connections being made during library programs. "I can't tell you the number of parents or caregivers I have heard say 'I came here so my child can learn to socialize with others' then observe them sharing stories and support with other grownups. Many of the children are learning together, but the grownups are truly bonding with one another," she said.

### Iliana and Rob

Ana, an Adult Services Assistant, has led English language groups for years and watched relationships form.

"I have seen multiple people become friends at the library! They blossomed from being in the same safe space with similar goals to work on their English-speaking abilities. And from there the friendship grew from sharing similar interests to exploring the area they live in and getting as much from life as possible," she said.



Katie (far right) and MaryKate (far left) with their young children.



Marge (left) and Kamlesh (right).

Iliana, who moved to Chicago from Ecuador, started attending these groups at the suggestion of her landlord. Since then, she's received two scholarships to attend College of DuPage and is now working toward certifications as both a Registered Behavioral Therapist and ESL Paraprofessional. She's a regular at the library and lights up when she talks about what it means to her. She has also formed an incredible bond with her ELL tutor, Rob.

"When I think of the library, I feel happy, safe, comfy, focused—and AMAZING," she said. "What is the USA? The library!"

### Marge and Kamlesh

That sense of belonging stretches across generations. Jodi, who coordinates wellness and social programs for adults at the library, has seen how older patrons show up early—not just for the activity, but for the social time beforehand.

Marge, a retiree who visits Addison and other area libraries—sometimes up to four a day—said she "never did anything artsy until retirement," but has now made creativity and connection a part of her everyday life. Through Jodi's programs like Free Time Fridays and Creative Studio activities, she met Kamlesh, and the two have become friends

who often gravitate toward one another at the library. Marge promised herself she wouldn't spend money in retirement, and the library helps her live that goal joyfully.

"I'm enjoying my life to the fullest—making friends, learning, creating," she said.

"Nowhere else can you go that you can feel the safety of the library."

In every corner of Addison Public Library, relationships are forming. People are sharing stories, supporting each other, and discovering just how much they have in common. The library may look like a place

for books—but it's also a place for belonging, a place where friends meet.



Rob (left) and Iliana (right).



Read the full story on our website at:  
[addisonlibrary.org/news](http://addisonlibrary.org/news)

# CHECK IT OUT: BOOKS & MORE

## Book Discussion Groups

Books are available for check out at the library or digitally.

### **The Anxious Generation** by Jonathan Haidt

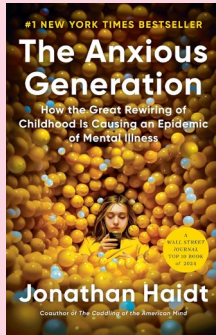
Why are today's young people experiencing unprecedented levels of anxiety, depression, and loneliness?

Social psychologist Jonathan Haidt explores the profound impact of smartphones, social media, and a "phone-based childhood" on mental health and development. Drawing on research and cultural analysis, Haidt makes the case for reclaiming play, independence, and real-world connection as antidotes to the pressures of digital life.

Join us for a thought-provoking conversation about technology, childhood, and what communities can do to support healthier, more resilient generations.

**Tues., Nov. 11 7:00-8:00 Aurelio's Pizza**

1445 W Lake St. Suite C, Addison, IL 60101



### **The Kamogawa Food Detectives** by Hisashi Kashiwai

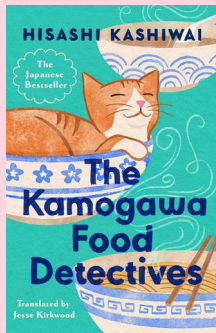
Tucked away on a quiet backstreet in Kyoto is the Kamogawa Diner, run by Koishi Kamogawa and her father, Nagare. More than a place for delicious meals, this unique restaurant offers something extraordinary: the chance to taste a memory.

As "food detectives," Koishi and Nagare use careful investigation to recreate dishes from their customers' pasts—meals tied to love, loss, and long-forgotten moments. Each dish they serve not only reconnects people with treasured memories but also opens the door to new possibilities and future happiness.

Join us for a discussion of a heartwarming story about food, memory, and the ties that connect us.

**Tues., Dec. 9 7:00-8:00 Aurelio's Pizza**

1445 W Lake St. Suite C, Addison, IL 60101



## Sign Up for a Book Box

The February Book Box theme is "**Classics and Retellings.**"

Registration begins Mon., Dec. 1 and ends Sun., Jan. 4. Book Boxes will be available for pickup February 1-28. Sign up at [addisonlibrary.org/book-box](http://addisonlibrary.org/book-box). Open to Addison Public Library cardholders of all ages. Space is limited!

*Please note: Due to our construction project, it may take a few minutes longer for us to retrieve your book box, so please plan accordingly. We appreciate your patience and understanding so we can continue to offer this program during our renovation!*



## Book Dedications

The following book was purchased by Don Batko.

**In Memory of Thaddeus & Dorothy Batko:**

*Pig Tales* by Donald Sykes

## New Magazines

We've added some new titles to our magazine collection! Find the latest issues of *Vanidades* and *iHola!* in Spanish, plus *Otaku Magazine* for anime and manga fans. Ask a staff member to help you locate them on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the library. More Spanish-language magazines are coming soon!



## Save Money on Streaming Subscriptions

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Learn more at [addisonlibrary.org/downloads](http://addisonlibrary.org/downloads).

## Page Turners

NEW BOOKS AND MORE



Sign up for our email newsletter featuring new books and more: [addisonlibrary.org/subscribe](http://addisonlibrary.org/subscribe)

## After School

### Rush Hour

During our busiest time at the library, teens can drop by for a free snack, a fun place to hang out and daily activities to spark their creativity. Because of our renovation, we'll have less space than usual, but teens can still expect games, crafts, science experiments, puzzles, and homework help.

**School days 2:45 – 4:00**



### Taste the World

Learn about different countries by taste-testing their traditional snacks.

**Tues., Nov. 4 and 18, Dec. 2 and 16**  
4:30-5:30

### Dungeons and Dragons and Teens

Join the Teen Department on a D&D adventure! Create a character, roll some dice, and work together to navigate a fantasy world. No experience necessary!

**Weds., Nov. 5 and 19 4:00-6:00**  
**Mon., Dec. 1 and 15 4:00-6:00**

### Art Deep Dive

Deep dive into a high-resolution image of a famous work of art. We'll zoom in and learn about the history of each piece and its artist. The next week you'll have a chance to try out the artist's technique, making your own piece of art to take home.

**Thursdays 6:00-7:00**



### Teen Filmmakers

Join a group of teens writing, directing, shooting, and editing their own video series.

**Weds., Nov. 12 and Dec. 10 4:00-5:30**

## Watch Us on **twitch**

**Fridays 10:30 AM on Twitch**

Find your next favorite read, enjoy fun games, learn new skills, and more on the library's weekly twitch stream! Streams will be uploaded to the library's YouTube channel for later viewing.

## Write On!

Stop by the Teen Area any weekday in November for activities and prizes to spark your creativity and motivate you to keep writing.

There are so many ways to participate:



### Writer's Starter Kit

Grab a bag with a notebook, pen, stickers, and more to get your writing started.

### Prompts and Story Games

Spark your creativity with quick and fun activities that might just inspire a larger project.

### Achievement Buttons

You can earn buttons for your writing! Whether you complete a page goal or include a messy love triangle or find the perfect superpower for your hero, we've got a button to celebrate.

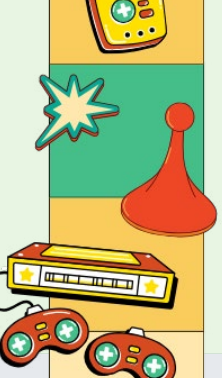
### Writer's Workshop

Need a space to write? Looking for feedback on your work? The study room in the teen area will be reserved (and decorated) to inspire young writers.

## INTERNATIONAL GAMES DAY

Enjoy a game-fueled afternoon for the whole family! Play a retro video game, puzzle solo or with a friend, or stop by Activity Corner in the Children's Services department to enjoy crafts and LEGOs.

**Mon., Nov. 24 11:00-2:00**



### See you at Lunch Bunch!

Teen Services staff visit Indian Trail Junior High during lunch periods.





Registration is required for library programs unless listed as "Drop-In." Registration for most children's events opens on or before Nov. 1. Register online at [addisonlibrary.org/events](http://addisonlibrary.org/events), by phone at 630.458.3338, or ask staff for help.

## Storytimes & Early Learning Programs

Join us for storytimes at the library and offsite at the Addison Park District! Storytimes are a great way to introduce your child to stories, songs, and socialization with other little ones. Registration required unless otherwise noted. A special thanks to the Park District for allowing us to use their space this fall for storytime!

### Discovery Babies & Toddlers

Join us offsite at the Park District's Community Rec Center for stories, songs, and action rhymes, and discover friends and fun! Geared toward ages birth-2 years old and their caregivers but all ages welcome. Please register for each session separately.

**Mondays, Nov. 3-17 10:15-10:45 Community Rec Center**



### Fall Storytime

Join us for stories and songs all about fall!

**Weds., Nov. 5 10:00-10:30**

CS Department

### Tell Me a Cuento

Enjoy drop-in stories and crafts in the Children's Services department and learn some new words in Spanish!

**Mon., Nov. 10 and Dec. 8 6:00-6:30 CS Department**

**Weds., Nov. 12 10:00-10:30 CS Department**



### Construction Storytime

While the library is under construction, join us for stories and songs all about building and tools!

**Weds., Nov. 19 10:00-10:30**

CS Department

### Birth to 3 Jamboree

Stories, songs, and more! Geared toward ages birth-3 years old and their caregivers but all ages welcome.

Please register for each session separately. All sessions of Birth to 3 Jamboree will take place at the Park District's Community Rec Center.

**Thursdays, Nov. 6-20 10:15-10:45 Community Rec Center**

**Thursdays, Nov. 6-20 11:15-11:45 Community Rec Center**



### Move & Groove Storytime

Get your whole self moving during this fun and interactive storytime! Drop-in; all ages welcome.

**Sat., Nov. 22 10:00-10:30**

### Toddler Time

Join us for fun, socializing, and play out in the Children's Services department! We'll also have a special art activity and sensory toys available.

**Thurs., Dec. 4 and 18 10:00-10:45 CS Department**

### Time to Hibernate: Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Put on your favorite pajamas and join us for a winter-themed storytime where stuffies are the star! Bring a stuffed animal for stories and a craft activity, and then they will have a sleepover at the library. You can come back the next day for your stuffed animal and learn about all the adventures they had. All ages welcome.

**Thurs., Dec. 11 6:00-6:30 Meeting Room 3**

### Winter Wonderland Dance Party

Join Innovation Arts Connection for a morning of fun, stories, and learning new dance skills, all to a winter wonderland theme! Please wear comfortable clothing and dance shoes if you have them. Please be sure to register! Ages 2 & up.

**Fri., Dec. 19 10:00-10:30 Meeting Room 3**

Registration opens Dec. 1.

### Woof! All About Dogs Storytime

Join us for stories and songs all about these furry friends!

**Weds., Dec. 17 10:00-10:30** Registration opens Dec. 1.

## For the Whole Family *Drop-in; all ages!*

### Sensory Playtime

Join us for sensory activities and a chance for children and caregivers to socialize! All ages and abilities welcome.

**Tues., Nov. 18 10:00-10:45 CS Department**



### Activity Corner: LEGOs & Crafts

Join us for LEGOs, crafts, and more! In November, we'll be celebrating International Games Day.

**Mon., Nov. 24, Dec. 22 and 29 11:00-2:00 CS Department**

### Drop-In Turkey Crafts

Join us to make turkey-inspired crafts!

**Sat., Nov. 15 2:00-3:30 CS Department**

### Drop-In Winter Crafts

Join us to create seasonal winter crafts!

**Sat., Dec. 13 2:00-3:30 CS Department**

## One-on-One Appointments

Children's Services staff are available for reading, math, homework help, early literacy appointments, and help with practicing English! We'll build skills and confidence with conversation and activities. Make an appointment at: [addisonlibrary.org/appointments](http://addisonlibrary.org/appointments)

## 500 Book Challenge

The 500 Book Challenge allows kindergarteners through fifth graders to read at their own pace and read what they like! When you register you'll receive a pouch with goodies, and a log for the first 50 books to get you started. You'll receive a prize for each 50 books you complete! [addisonlibrary.org/500-books](http://addisonlibrary.org/500-books)



## 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Register your child for 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten! When you register, you'll receive a tote bag, a free book to keep, and materials about the initiative. For every 100 books you read with your child, they'll receive a prize. Learn more at: [addisonlibrary.org/1KBK](http://addisonlibrary.org/1KBK)

## For Grades K-5

### NEW! Origami Challenge

Origami is the art of folding paper into amazing shapes. Drop by the library and join us for a new origami challenge each month! Challenges will be geared towards grades K-5; younger participants may need some adult assistance.

Challenges available starting Nov. 3 & Dec. 1.



### Taste the World Jr.

Join us to learn about food and culture from around the world! We'll have tasty snacks to try and do an art activity related to the culture we're discussing. Please make sure to notify us ahead of time if your child has any food allergies or sensitivities. Grades 3 & up; siblings and adults are welcome to attend along with an elementary-school aged child. Registration required!

Thurs., Nov. 13 6:00-6:45 CS Department

### Stretch Your Creativity

We'll have all sorts of building and craft supplies for you to create a masterpiece! Drop-in. Grades K-5.

Thurs., Dec. 18 6:00-6:45 CS Department

## Thinking Money for Kids Playaway Launchpads

The library has six Playaway Launchpads as part of the Thinking Money for Kids grant from the American Library Association. The Launchpads are preloaded with financial education games perfect for kids! Available for checkout by APL cardholders for in-library use; ask at the Children's Services desk!



## Craft Kits

Registration required unless otherwise noted. Make sure to register to have a kit set aside for you! Kits are available for all ages but the material is geared towards grades K-5.

### Science Kit in a Bag

Perform an amazing science experiment at home! All the supplies and instructions to complete the experiment will be included.

Color Mixing Turkey: Available starting Tues., Nov. 11.

Indoor "Snowball" Launcher: Available starting Tues., Dec. 9.

### Pumpkin Pie Craft

Make a yummy pumpkin pie craft for Thanksgiving! Make sure to register so that a craft kit will be set aside for you.

Available starting Tues., Nov. 11.

### Dino Adventure Kit

Discover dinosaurs at home with this take-home kit!

Available starting Tues., Nov. 18.

### Sensory Toy Kit: Holiday Edition

Create your own winter holiday-themed sensory toys! All supplies and instructions included.

Available starting Tues., Dec. 2.

### Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer Craft

Get ready for Christmas by making a Rudolph the Red-Nosed reindeer craft!

Available starting Tues., Dec. 9.

### Las Posadas Kit

Celebrate the Latin American holiday of Las Posadas with a farolito craft! Las Posadas is an event that combines Aztec customs with early religious colonial traditions to honor hospitality and community. No registration is required, but supplies are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis!

Available starting Tues., Dec. 16. (Drop-in)

## Zumba

La instructora y artista Erika Ochoa presenta esta clase dinámica y entretenida de ejercicio musical. No se requiere experiencia previa. La instrucción se realiza en inglés y español.

**Lun., 8 de dic. 7:00-8:00 Meeting Room 3**

## Tecnología, ¡simplificada!

### Introducción a Excel

Aprenda como las celdas y hojas de cálculo de Microsoft Excel permiten a los usuarios manipular, calcular y dar formato fácilmente a números y otros tipos de datos.

**Miér., 12 de nov. 11:00-12:00 2A**

**Lun., 10 de nov. 6:00-7:00 2A**

## Charlas, libros & café (Twitch)

¡Acompáñenos en otro episodio de Charlas, libros, & café!

**Mar., 16 de dic. 1:30-2:30 Twitch**

## Eventos para niños

### Dime un Story

¡Únete a nosotros para cuentos bilingües y manualidades, y aprende algunas palabras nuevas en español!

No necesitas inscribirte. Estos eventos se llevarán a cabo en el departamento de Servicios de niños.

**Lun., 10 de nov. y 8 de dic. 6:00-6:30 CS Department**

**Miér., 12 de nov. 10:00-10:30 CS Department**



### Kit de aventura de dinosaurios

**Disponible empezando mar., el 18 de nov.**

¡Descubre dinosaurios con este kit para llevar a casa!

Asegúrate de inscribirte para que se reserve un kit para ti.

### Rincón de actividades: LEGO y manualidades

¡Únete a nosotros para disfrutar de LEGO, manualidades y mucho más! No necesitas inscribirte; todas las edades son bienvenidas.

**Lun., el 24 de nov. 11:00-2:00**

**Lun., el 29 de dic. 11:00-2:00**

### Manualidad de Las Posadas

**Disponible empezando mar., el 16 de dic.**

¡Celebra el festival latinoamericano de Las Posadas con una manualidad de farolitos! Las Posadas es un evento que combina costumbres aztecas con antiguas tradiciones religiosas coloniales para honrar la hospitalidad y la comunidad. No es necesario inscribirte, pero las cantidades son limitadas.

## Regístrese para La Caja de Libros!

El tema para el Book Box de febrero será **"Clásicos y adaptaciones"**. Registración comienza el 1 de diciembre y termina el 4 de enero. Las cajas estarán disponibles durante el mes de febrero. Los cupos se agotan rápidamente, así que ¡regístrate pronto!

Regístrese en **[addisonlibrary.org/book-box](https://addisonlibrary.org/book-box)**. Esto se ofrece a las personas con las tarjetas de la Biblioteca de Addison y de todas edades. El espacio es limitado.

*Atención: Debido a nuestro proyecto de construcción, es posible que tardemos unos minutos más en recoger su caja de libros, así que, por favor, planifique en consecuencia. Agradecemos su paciencia y comprensión para que podamos seguir ofreciendo este programa durante nuestra renovación.*



## ¡Conoce a Diana, nuestra nueva becaria de trabajo social!

Desde el otoño de 2023, la biblioteca se ha asociado con la Universidad Dominicana para incorporar a una becaria de trabajo social a nuestro equipo. Nuestra becaria actual, Diana, tiene experiencia trabajando con personas de todas las edades y está encantada de formar parte de la comunidad de Addison.

Se ha incorporado rápidamente a su puesto, trabajando con las personas y participando en eventos de la biblioteca, como el desfile, Helado con la trabajadora social y participando en la jornada de puertas abiertas del Distrito de Protección contra Incendios de Addison.

Puede ponerse en contacto con Diana o con nuestra premiada especialista en servicios sociales, Yesenia, llamando al 630.458.3306, solicitando una cita en **[addisonlibrary.org/appointments](https://addisonlibrary.org/appointments)** o visitando la biblioteca. Se aceptan visitas sin cita previa, pero se recomienda hacer una cita.



# ACTUALIZACIONES DEL PROYECTO DE CONSTRUCCIÓN

## Lo que puede esperar en noviembre y diciembre:

### ¡Las obras en el segundo piso ya casi están terminadas!

Estamos encantados a darle la bienvenida al segundo piso que está casi terminado, donde encontrará nuestra nueva zona de computadoras, cuartos de estudio remodelados, un nuevo espacio creativo, y los departamentos de servicios para adultos y adolescentes. Esto es lo que va a pasar en noviembre y diciembre:

- Los cuartos de estudio reabren en diciembre.
- El estudio de sonido reabre como el nuevo Digital Media Lab (laboratorio de medios digitales).
- Las computadoras públicas se van a trasladar a su lugar permanente.
- La sala de programas del segundo piso pasará a llamarse Meeting Room 3 y reabrirá para los programas.

Nuestra entrada principal está cerrada debido a la construcción. Visite la biblioteca por la entrada temporal adyacente.

Mientras nuestro servicio de devolución de materiales en el vehículo esté cerrado, puede devolver sus materiales utilizando el buzón temporal ubicado frente a la biblioteca.

Nuestra escalera principal está cerrada por la construcción. Por favor, usé nuestra escalera alterna o el elevador público para acceder al segundo piso.

Las colecciones del primer piso han sido trasladadas debido a la construcción. Si necesita ayuda para localizar algún artículo, por favor consulte al personal.

## Lo que puede esperar en 2026:

Nuestra ventanilla para automóviles y el nuevo escritorio de Servicio al cliente abrirán al principio del 2026.

La construcción en el primer piso continuará hasta mayo del 2026, fecha en la que esperamos que el proyecto esté terminado.

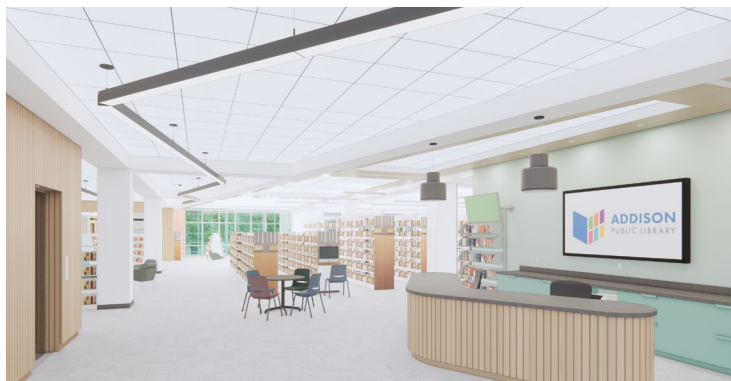
Para obtener la información más actualizada sobre el proyecto de construcción y cómo afecta a los servicios de la biblioteca, visite nuestro sitio web [addisonlibrary.org](http://addisonlibrary.org) o siganos en las redes sociales!



¡El personal va detrás de escenas para darle un vistazo al progreso de la construcción en el primer piso!

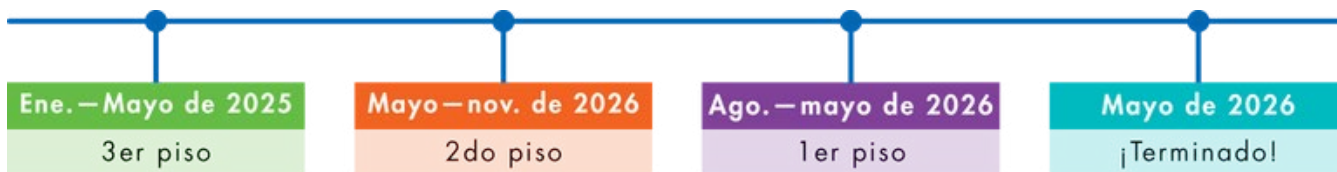


Una representación arquitectónica del área de computadoras y los cuartos de estudio en el segundo piso.



Una representación arquitectónica del escritorio de servicios para adultos y la colección del segundo piso.

### Línea de tiempo del proyecto de construcción



Aprenda más sobre el proyecto de construcción, incluyendo preguntas frecuentes, representaciones, y más en [addisonlibrary.org/renovation](http://addisonlibrary.org/renovation). ¡También nos puede llamar al 630.543.3617 o conversar con nuestro personal para contestar sus preguntas!



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We welcome patrons of all abilities. To request accommodations, please call us at 630.543.3617.

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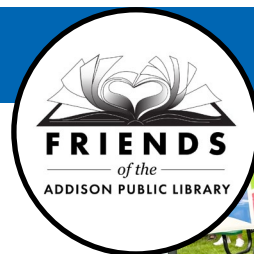
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Through their fundraising efforts, the Friends of the Addison Public Library support the mission of the library by donating funds and volunteer hours. They have supported a variety of projects such as:

- Summer reading prizes
- Artwork & decorations
- Cultural events
- Scholarships for high school diplomas online
- Community events
- Support Free Little Libraries located at Community and Centennial Parks

Join us at an upcoming meeting: November 19, 2025 and January 21, 2026 at 4:00 PM at the library.

Learn more about the Friends at [addisonlibrary.org/FOL](https://addisonlibrary.org/FOL).



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