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This Winter Reading, unwrap a new read! Readers of all ages are invited to visit the library and check out a surprise wrapped book. What story will you uncover?

Esta lectura de invierno desenvuelve una nueva lectura! Lectores de todas edades están invitados a visitar la biblioteca y revisar un libro supresa que está envuelto. ¿Qué cuento descubrirás?



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# MLK DAY OF SERVICE / DÍA DE SERVICIO MLK

The library will be hosting a day of service to help our community. There will be drop-in stations to make items for local organizations! All ages are welcome. Snacks will be provided for volunteers.

La biblioteca organizará un Día de Servicio para ayudar a nuestra comunidad. Habrá estaciones para hacer artículos para organizaciones locales. Son bienvenidos todos, de cualquier edad. Se ofrecerá un snack a los voluntarios.

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# LIBRARY NEWS

## **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., Jan. 12 & Feb. 9 9:30-10:30 Club Fitness

Tues., Jan. 20 & Feb. 17 11:00-12:00 REC Center

# We're a Court Access Library Center!

The Addison Public Library has been selected by the Chicago Bar Foundation and the Illinois Secretary of State



office to provide court access assistance to the surrounding community through a statewide pilot program.

As one of 18 public libraries chosen across Illinois—and the only pilot location in DuPage County—the Addison Public Library serves as a Court Access Library Center, offering space and dedicated equipment for residents without lawyers to navigate the legal system. Patrons can make appointments at the library for help with finding and filing forms, attending court hearings via Zoom, and accessing legal information and resources.

The program focuses on helping individuals representing themselves in local civil court cases involving divorce and child custody; domestic violence; wills, trusts, and estates; housing; and consumer debt.

Staff have received specialized training on Illinois courts, e-filing, statewide standardized court forms, remote court appearances, and available resources.

To learn more about court access services at the Addison Public Library or to schedule an appointment, visit addisonlibrary.org/court-access or call 630.458.3320.



For Martin Luther King Jr. Day,

the library will be hosting a day of service to help our community. There will be drop-in stations to make items for local organizations, such as warming kits, pet toys, greeting cards, and more! All ages are welcome. No crafting experience is needed. Snacks will be provided for volunteers.

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- Scarves & Pet Toys 1:00-3:00 Makerspace
- Card Making 1:00-3:00 Children's Services Department & 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor
- Warming Kit Assembly 1:00-2:00 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor
- Craft Kit Assembly 2:00-3:00 2nd Floor

## **Warming Kit Collection Drive**

Fri., Jan. 2-Fri., Jan. 16

Beginning on Mon., Jan. 5, help our community stay warm this season by donating new, unused items to create winter warming kits. We will be collecting items in our lobby that will then be used to create warming kits during our MLK Day of Service.

- Gloves or mittens
- Thermal socks
- Winter hats
- Lip balm
- Tissues (travel size)
- Hand warmers
- Laundry detergent (travel size)

If you have questions, please contact the library at 630.458.3306.

# **SOCIAL SERVICES: DROP-IN COLLABORATIONS**

#### **DuPage County Health Department Drop-In**

Do you have questions about public aid/general assistance? Stop by and meet with someone from the DuPage County Health Department, who can answer questions and assist with your case.

Weds., Jan. 7, Feb. 4, 18 12:30-2:30 Study Room 2H

# DUPAGE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT Everyone, Everywhere, Everyday



#### DuPage PADS Drop-In

DuPage Pads is here for individuals experiencing homelessness in DuPage County. Please stop by to talk with the Street Outreach team to sign up for services, be linked with resources, and/or meet with our team.

Weds., Jan. 14, 28, Feb. 11, 25 10:30-1:00 Study Room 2H

# **BUILDING PROJECT UPDATES**

## What's Happening Now?

#### Come Visit Our Remodeled 2nd floor

We're excited for you to see the new 2<sup>nd</sup> floor! We're still adding a few finishing touches, but the space is looking great. Collections have been moved, so please feel free to ask if you need help finding anything. You'll find a new computer area, updated lighting, fresh paint and flooring, and new tables and chairs.

#### **Updated Room Names**

As our building project progresses, you may start to notice new names being used for many of our spaces. Larger programming 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  $\rightarrow$  Meeting Room 3
- Study Room S10 → Study Room 1A
- Study Room S20 → Study Room 2H

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

# What's Happening Next?

#### Work Continues on the 1st Floor

Starting in February, most of the construction will take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor. Children's Services will have areas blocked off while we renovate the program room and update the play area.

#### Drive-up Window Expected to Open in February

Once the drive-up opens, you'll be able to pick up holds from the staffed window. The outdoor book return will move back to the drive-up area.

#### **Children's Services Becomes Youth Services**

As part of our building project, we're renaming Children's Services to Youth Services! You'll start to see the name change around the library in the coming months.









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

## **MAKERSPACE**



# **Makerspace Progress!**

Now that construction has finished, staff are busy installing new equipment and getting trained. Equipment and appointments aren't available during this time. We look forward to opening the new makerspace in May!

### **In-Person Classes**

#### **Digital Converting: Home Videos**

Learn how to preserve your home videos by digitizing them with library equipment. During this class, you'll get a demo on 8mm film reels, VHS, VHS-C, Video 8, and Hi-8 tape converting.

Tues., Jan. 13 6:30-8:00 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Makerspace

#### **Beginning Crochet for Adults**

Join us for a 2-part crochet class for beginners! Patrons must attend both sessions. Crochet hooks and yarn are provided. Registration begins Tues., Jan. 6. This class is for adults.

Part 1: Tues., Jan. 20 6:30-8:00 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Makerspace Part 2: Tues., Jan. 27 6:30-8:00 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Makerspace

#### Sublimation Printing: Create a Puzzle

Celebrate National Puzzle Day by decorating a puzzle! Transfer your own photo or design onto a blank puzzle using the Sublimation Printer and EasyPress. Ages 12+. Registration begins Thurs., Jan. 15.

Weds., Jan. 28 6:30-8:00 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Makerspace Fri., Jan. 30 10:00-11:30 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Makerspace Tues., Feb. 3 6:30-8:00 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Makerspace

#### **DIY Hand Carved Stamps**

Learn how to hand-carve a design into a stamp. Ages 18+. Registration begins Mon., Feb. 2.

Mon., Feb. 16 6:30-8:00 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Makerspace

#### Cricut Craft: Decorate a Water Bottle

Cut a vinyl decal using the Cricut Maker to decorate a water bottle. All supplies included in craft. Registration begins Mon., Feb. 9.

Mon., Feb. 23 6:30-8:00 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Makerspace



### **Grab-and-Go Craft Kits**

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

#### Intro to Paper Quilling

Follow along with CreativeBug's Intro to Paper Quilling videos to make your own paper crafts. This kit offers the basics to start paper quilling: a quilling wand, paper strips, and circle templates. An Addison Public Library card is needed to access CreativeBug videos.



Pick up begins Fri., Jan. 9 9:00 2nd Floor

#### **Learn to Hand Embroider**

Pick up this kit with the essentials needed for learning to embroider by hand! Use our database Craft & Hobby to learn embroidery techniques.





#### **How to Crochet**

Learn to crochet using CreativeBug's How to Crochet tutorial video. An Addison Public Library card is needed to watch CreativeBug videos. This kit includes an US H/8 crochet hook, yarn, and tapestry needle so you can follow along at home.

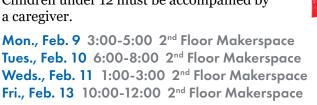


Pick up begins Fri., Jan. 23 9:00 2nd Floor

## **Drop-In Crafts**

# Make Your Own Merch: Black History Month

Drop-in during these sessions to make an item honoring Black History Month. We will have pre-made designs using heat-transfer vinyl and sublimation. Decorate one of our tote bags or bring your own item. Limit 1 pre-made design per person. Children under 12 must be accompanied by a caregiver.





# **BUSINESS AND CAREER**

#### **Events For Businesses**

#### AI, Cybersecurity, and Your Digital Privacy

Explore how AI is transforming online safety as John Marta from GO Technology Group reveals how it stops cyber threats, and how scammers use it too. Learn how everyday tech collects your data and discover simple steps to protect yourself and your business.

Tues., Jan. 13 6:30-7:30 Meeting Room 3

#### Make Better Business Decisions with Google Analytics

Keeping up with trends helps your business stay strong and meet customer needs. Learn the best ways to track and understand how people interact with your business online. Discover patterns, study customer behavior, and turn what you learn into clear, practical steps to help your business grow.

Fri., Jan. 23 11:00-12:00 Meeting Room 3

#### Starting A Small Business: Tools for Marketing Success

Launching a small business? There are many important marketing steps that should be on your to-do list. Join Rebecca Hoffman of Good Egg Concepts, for a workshop where she will offer her expertise to help participants develop a working list of next steps to take to market a new business.

Tues., Feb. 10 6:00-7:00 Zoom

#### **Business Improvement, Einstein's Way**

Einstein reminded us that old thinking won't solve new problems. There are three proven rules that can help your organization stay ready for the future, break performance barriers, sharpen marketing impact, uncover hidden growth opportunities, and leverage human behavior.

Thurs., Feb. 26 6:30-7:30 Meeting Room 3

#### **Events For Job Seekers**

#### **Understanding the Applicant Tracking System**

Want to know how to get your job application noticed? Discover how applicant tracking systems work and learn simple tips to boost your chances of landing your next job! Weds., Jan. 14 10:00-12:00 Meeting Room 3

#### Coping with Job Loss

Losing a job can feel tough, but together we'll turn challenges into opportunities. We'll talk about the common stages people go through after job loss and share practical tips to get your job search back on track. You'll learn how to stay positive, build confidence, and use networking and social media to open new doors. By the end, you'll have tools to move forward with energy and hope!

Weds., Jan. 28 7:00-8:30 Zoom 🔾

#### The First 90 Days of a New Job

Starting a new job can feel overwhelming, but the first 90 days are a critical time to build momentum and set yourself up for success. We'll explore what typically happens during this period, strategies for navigating your role, and key indicators to help you determine whether the position and company align with your goals.

Weds., Feb. 4 10:00-12:00 Meeting Room 3

#### **Resume Basics**

Learn how to choose the right format, highlight your experience, and make your resume easy to read. Walk away with the confidence to create a resume that works for you. Fri., Feb. 20 10:00-11:00 Meeting Room 3

# **LITERACY**

Registration required unless listed as "drop-ln." Register at addisonlibrary.org/events, call 630.543.3617, or ask staff for help.

#### **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., Jan. 10, Feb. 7, 14 10:00-11:30 2H

January: Literacy Kits Together February: Pronunciation Class

#### **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 Meeting Room 3 (Drop-in)

#### **English Reading Circle**

Build your vocabulary, pronunciation, and reading skills in a small group setting.

Tuesdays 11:00 Meeting Room 3 (Drop-in)

#### **ELL Books & Bites**

Are you an English learner that enjoys reading? Join us in reading *Big Magic: Creative Living Beyond Fear* by Elizabeth Gilbert. Register to get your free copy of

the book! We'll read on our own and together, then discuss over dinner. It's a fun and safe environment to practice your English reading and comprehension skills!

Thurs., Jan. 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5 6:00-7:30 Meeting Room 3

#### College of DuPage English Classes

Temporarily, there will be no English classes at the library due to the library's renovation project. Please contact COD at 630.942.3697 for other Addison locations and testing dates.

#### College of DuPage Citizenship Class

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### **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., Jan. 15 & Feb. 19 10:00-11:00 Meeting Room 3

#### Chair Yoga

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

Thurs., Jan. 8, 22, Feb. 12, 26 10:00-11:00 Meeting Room 3

#### Tai Chi

Tai chi/qigong is an ancient mind and body practice that uses gentle movement and breathing to teach simple, effective self-care skills you can use for life.

Thurs., Jan. 29 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., Jan. 13, 27, Feb. 10, 24 1:00-2:00 Meeting Room 3

# **Technology Made Simple**

#### **Smartphone Basics: Androids**

Learn about the basic functions of Android devices, whether you currently have an Android device or are considering getting one. This class will cover basic Android smartphone functions and common apps.



Mon., Feb. 9 1:00-2:00 Meeting Room 3

#### What is AI, Anyway?

What is artificial intelligence (AI), and why did it suddenly take over the news headlines? Learn from presenter Xandi Wright what we mean when we talk about AI, where it already shows up in your life, what it's good (and not so good) at, and why it's causing both excitement and worry.

Mon., Feb. 23 7:00-8:00 Meeting Room 3

#### **Smartphone Basics: iPhones**

Learn about the basic functions of Apple devices, whether you have an Apple device or are considering getting one. This class will cover basic iPhone functions and common apps.

Weds., Feb. 25 1:00-2:00 Meeting Room 3

### **Language Learning**

#### Learn Spanish with the Language Labs

Join The Language Labs for an introduction to the basics of the Spanish language! Experienced and beginning adult speakers welcome.

Mon., Jan. 19, 26, Feb. 2, 9 6:00-7:00 Meeting Room 3



#### **Spanish Conversation Group**

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

Mon., Feb. 16 7:00-8:00 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 dinner! Thurs., Jan. 8 & Feb. 5 5:30-8:30 Meeting Room 3

#### **Bullet Journaling**

Discover the art of bullet journaling! Whether you're a beginner or experienced, we'll provide supplies to get you started, or you can bring your own and share ideas with others.

Mon., Jan. 12 7:00-8:00 Meeting Room 3

#### **Cozy Creatives**

Stop by to say hello and pick up a fun and relaxing take home craft kit.

Mon., Feb. 9 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., Jan. 9—Game Day 11:00-12:00 Teen Services Dept.



Fri., Feb. 20—Chinese New Year Craft 11:00-12:00

#### Trivia

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



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## **Featured Programs**

#### **Genealogy Club**

Curious about your family's roots? Join us for an overview of Ancestry.com Library Edition, a premier genealogy resource that can help you explore your heritage. Learn how to access a wealth of historical records, including census data, military records, immigration files, court documents, and much more.

Fri., Jan. 16 11:00-12:00 Meeting Room 3

#### **College Admission Trends**

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Weds., Feb. 4 6:30-7:30 Zoom 🗅

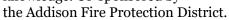
# The Journey to Senior Living: Resources for Aging Adults

Join a panel of experts in discussing health, housing, and financial resources for aging adults in the Addison area! Presenters include Mary Small and Lisa Christie from L&M Financial Services, Neelima Gaikwad from A Place at Home, Gina Knight from Kastle Keeper, Krisy Malone from Oasis Senior Advisors, and Maryanna Callas for Maryanna Callas Law, LLC.

Thurs., Feb. 12 6:00-7:30 Meeting Room 3

#### **Hands-Only CPR**

Learn the two simple steps that can save a life: call 911 and push hard and fast on the chest. This class teaches you how to perform Hands-Only CPR until help arrives. Perfect for beginners—no certification provided, just life-saving knowledge. Co-sponsored by



Sat., Feb. 28 10:00-11:30 Addison Fire District, Station 1, 10 S. Addison Rd.

# Read and Write in Spanish

Do you know a Spanishspeaking adult who wants to learn basic reading and writing in Spanish? This three-month literacy course teaches Spanishspeaking adults how to read and write in Spanish. This class is for native Spanish speakers.



Tues. and Thurs., Feb. 10-May 14 6:30-8:30 2H

# Around the World: At the Library

Take a trip to somewhere new without leaving Addison! We'll watch a travel video, sample a themed treat, and do an activity inspired by the place we're "visiting." No passport required!



Fri., Jan. 16 & Feb. 13 1:00-2:00 Meeting Room 3

## **Prepare for the Primaries**

Get ready for the March 17, 2026 primary elections! Learn how to find early voting and day of polling locations, register for a mail-in ballot, view ballots online ahead of the election, and get other helpful information about local, state, and federal elections. A voter registrar will also be available if you want to register to vote (please bring two forms of identification).

Tues., Jan. 27 7:00-8:00 Meeting Room 3

# Black History Month Sunday Matinee Double Feature

Join us at the library for a double feature matinee! Relax, enjoy, and discuss with fellow attendees. We will provide snacks!

Sun., Feb. 15 1:15-4:45 Meeting Room 3



James Hemings: Ghost in America's Kitchen, 2022, NR, 62 min.

The life, contributions, and erasure of America's culinary founding father are explored by food historians, celebrated chefs, experts on race and the African American diaspora.



Lee Daniels' The Butler, 2013, PG-13, 132 min. Inspired by a true story about Cecil Gaines, a devoted husband, father, and White House butler who served eight Presidential

administrations during the turbulent politics and civil rights battles of twentieth century America.

America.

# Solve a Murder Mystery

Join us for an interactive murder mystery game! Work alone or with others to get to the bottom of the case.

Tues., Feb. 24 6:00-8:00 Meeting Room 3

# **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS & MORE**

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

#### Small Things Like These by Claire Keegan

Set in a small Irish town just before Christmas 1985, this moving, thoughtprovoking novel follows Bill Furlong, a coal merchant and family man whose quiet life is changed by an unexpected discovery at a local convent. As he faces a moral

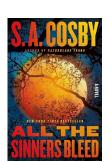


crossroads, Bill must decide whether to stay silent or speak out against injustice.

Tues., Jan. 13 7:00-8:00 Aurelio's Pizza 1445 W Lake St. Suite C, Addison, IL 60101

#### All the Sinners Bleed by S.A. Crosby

When Titus Crown becomes the first Black sheriff in a small Virginia county, he hopes to bring peace and progress to his hometown. But after a shocking school shooting exposes dark secrets and buried hate, Titus must confront both his community's past and his own sense of justice. Gritty, fast-paced, and human,



All the Sinners Bleed is a gripping Southern thriller that explores faith, race, and the cost of doing what's right.

Tues., Feb. 10 7:00-8:00 Meeting Room 3



# A New Way to Browse Cookbooks

We're making it easier to browse our cookbooks! In our cookbook section, you will see the call numbers on these books look a little different.

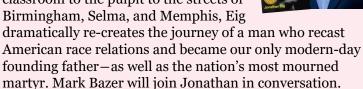
All cookbooks will now start with the number 641, followed by a category and the author or title. For example, the Dewey decimal number for cakes is 641.8653. With our new labels, a book about cakes will now read 641 BAKING CAKES.

This change makes it easier to spot the topics you want and explore the shelves. You'll start seeing new categories and labels as we update the collection. If you need help finding anything, we're always happy to help!

#### Illinois Libraries Present

#### Bringing History to Life with Jonathan Eig

Jonathan Eig is the bestselling author of six books, including his most recent, Pulitzer Prize-winning King: A Life. Vividly written and exhaustively researched, it is the first major biography in decades of civil rights icon Martin Luther King Jr. – and the first to include recently declassified FBI files. From the classroom to the pulpit to the streets of



Tues., Jan. 13 7:00-8:00 Zoom 🗅

#### Still Afraid of the Dark: An Evening with R.L. Stine

Witty, creepy, and compulsively readable, bestselling author R.L. Stine defined horror for a generation of young readers. The generation that grew up with the Goosebumps franchise may be grown, but Stine keeps finding ways to keep us afraid of the dark! Join us to discuss his illustrious and still-expanding



body of work. Becky Spratford will join R.L. Stine in conversation.

Tues., Feb. 24 7:00-8:00 Zoom 🕥



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# Sign Up for a Book Box

The April Book Box theme is "Building a Better World." Registration begins Sun., Feb. 1 and ends Weds., Mar. 4. Book Boxes will be available for pickup April 1-30. Sign up at 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!

### 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 Teen Services Department

#### Taste the World

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

Tues., Jan. 13, 27, Feb. 10, 24 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., Jan. 7, 21, Feb. 4, 18 4:00-6:00

#### Teen Filmmakers

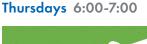
Join a group of teens writing, directing, shooting, and editing their own movie.

Weds., Jan. 14, 28, Feb. 11, 25 4:00-5:30

#### **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.









#### Begins Mon., Jan. 5

Unwrap your next great YA read with a winter theme! This Winter Reading, choose from books set in a winter wonderland, a (maybe terrifying) winter storm, or escape on a winter vacation. We'll give you a few hints to the story inside, but the rest is a surprise!

### **College Admission Trends**

Conquer college planning! Learn about revamped ACT/SAT, how to stand out, and smart strategies to boost acceptance and scholarship success. Information regarding FAFSA will also be provided.

Weds., Feb. 4 6:30-7:30 Zoom



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.

Fridays 10:30 AM on Twitch

# **Volunteer Opportunity: MLK Day of Service**

For Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the library will be hosting a day of service to help our community. There will be drop-in stations to make items for local organizations, such as warming kits, pet



toys, greeting cards, and more! All ages are welcome. No crafting experience is needed. Snacks will be provided for volunteers.

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- Craft Kit Assembly 2:00-3:00 2nd Floor



## **Storytimes & Early Learning Programs**

Join us for storytimes at the library! Storytimes are a great way to introduce your child to stories, songs, and socialization with other little ones. Registration required unless otherwise noted.

#### **Discovery Babies & Toddlers**

Join us 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.

Mon., Jan. 5-Feb. 9 10:00-10:30 Meeting Room 3

#### Tell Me a Cuento

Enjoy drop-in stories and crafts in the Youth Services department and learn some new words in Spanish! Weds., Jan. 21 & Feb. 18 10:00-10:30 YS Department

#### Nature Storytime with the Morton Arboretum

Join us for an interactive nature storytime in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor makerspace with an early childhood educator from The Morton Arboretum as we explore how weather, trees, and animals change with the season!

Weds., Jan. 7 & Feb. 4 10:00-10:30 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Makerspace

#### Birth to 3 Jamboree

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

Thurs., Jan. 8-Feb. 12 10:00-10:30 and 11:15-11:45 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Makerspace



#### Winter Storytime

Brrr, winter is here! Join us for stories and songs all about winter and snow.

Weds., Jan. 14 10:00-10:30 Meeting Room 3

#### **Move & Groove Storytime**

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

Sat., Jan. 17 10:00-10:30 YS Department



#### Valentine's Day Storytime

Valentine's Day is almost here! Join us in celebrating with stories and songs.

Weds., Feb. 11 10:00-10:30 Meeting Room 3

#### Valentine's Day Dance Party

Join Innovation Arts Connection for a morning of fun, stories, and learning new dance skills, all to a Valentine's Day Dance Party theme! Please wear comfortable clothing and dance shoes if you have them. Ages 2 & up.

Fri., Feb. 13 10:00-10:30 Meeting Room 3

#### **Baby Time**

Social interactions are important to a young child's development! This program will take advantage of the quickly developing social, intellectual, physical, and emotional skills of little ones. We'll have toys and activities to stimulate playful learning. Geared for ages birth-2 years old but all ages welcome.

Mon., Feb. 23 10:00-10:45 Meeting Room 3

#### **Toddler Time**

Stimulate your child's senses with our sensory table, get them moving with our active toys, and spark their creativity by making some simple crafts or artwork. Geared for toddlers, all ages welcome.

Thurs., Feb. 19 10:00-10:45 2nd Floor Makerspace

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

#### **Winter Watercolors**

Join us to make a winter watercolor masterpiece! Sat., Jan. 10 2:00-3:00 YS Department

#### Craftying the Story

Enjoy a story followed by an art project inspired by our book.

Mon., Jan. 12 & Feb. 9 6:00-6:30 YS Department

#### **DIY Valentine's Day Crafts**

Join us to create all kinds of Valentine's Day crafts! Sat., Feb. 7 2:00-3:00 YS Department

#### Celebrate Ramadan

Join us to celebrate Ramadan with a special story and craft activity!

Sat., Feb. 21 2:00-2:30 Meeting Room 3

#### K-Pop Party!

Calling all K-Pop fans! Do you love *KPop Demon Hunters*, or does your fandom go back to the First Generation? All are welcome on this day off from school at a party to celebrate K-Pop, featuring games, crafts, music, and snacks! Movie costumes are welcome but not required! Drop-in; all ages welcome.

Mon., Feb. 16 11:00-12:00 YS Department

### **New Year, New Name!**

As part of our building project, we're renaming Children's Services to Youth Services!

You'll start to see the name change in this newsletter and around the library in the coming months.





# Winter Reading for Birth-Grade 5

Starting Mon., Jan. 5, pick up your Winter Reading Log, goodie bag, and check out a mystery book to check out and unwrap.

Wrapped books and goodie bags are available while supplies last. Complete your log by Sat., Jan. 31 and you'll receive a prize!

## **Black History Month Scavenger Hunt**

Join us to celebrate Black History Month in February with a special Book Cover Scavenger Hunt featuring Black authors and characters!

#### For Grades K-5

In-person; registration required unless otherwise noted.

#### **Drop-In Robot Club**

Come check out our Coji bots and learn how they work! Drop-in; recommended for grades 1-5 or younger kiddos with caregiver assistance.



Sun., Feb. 1 2:00-4:00 YS Department

#### **Underwater Volcanoes!**

Did you know there are volcanoes under the ocean? Join local artist Brigit Goudie as we learn about and paint a shimmery, mixed media underwater volcano! Please make sure to register.

Tues., Feb. 3 6:00-6:45 Study Room 2H

#### 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; registration required. Grades 3 & up; siblings and adults are welcome to attend along with an elementary-school aged child.

Thurs., Jan. 15 & Feb. 12 6:00-6:45 YS Department

### **Craft Kits**

Kits are available for all ages, but the material is geared towards grades K-5. Registration required unless otherwise noted.

#### Origami Challenge

#### Available starting Mon., Jan. 5 & Feb. 2.

Origami is the art of folding paper into amazing shapes. Drop by the library and join us for a new origami challenge each month and create something amazing. No registration is required but supplies are limited!

#### **Polar Bear Craft Kit**

#### Available starting Tues., Jan. 6.

Show off your artistic skills with this polar bear craft! Make sure to register so a craft kit will be set aside for you.

#### Science Kit in a Bag

Writing Secret Messages – Available starting Tues., Jan. 13. Shadow Puppets – Available starting Tues., Feb. 10.

Perform an amazing science experiment at home! All the supplies and instructions to complete the experiment will be included. Make sure to register to have a kit set aside for you.

#### **Sensory Toy Craft Kit**

#### Available starting Tues., Jan. 20 & Feb. 17

Create your own sensory toys! All supplies and instructions included. Make sure to register to have a kit set aside for you. Registration for the February kit begins Sun., Feb. 1.

#### Valentine Cat Craft Kit

#### Available starting Tues., Feb. 3.

Make a cute cat craft for Valentine's Day! Be sure to register so a craft kit will be set aside for you.



# BEST OF 2025 | ADULTS

What books did we love in 2025? Check out our recommended reads for a variety of ages and interests.

#### **Fiction**



#### Theft by Abdulrazak Gurnah

At the turn of the twenty-first century, three young people come of age in Tanzania. From Nobel Prize-winning author Abdulrazak Gurnah, this novel explores themes of loss, uncertainty, and colonialism.



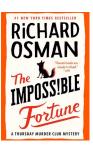
# The Buffalo Hunter Hunter by Stephen Graham Jones

This chilling historical novel is set in the nascent days of the state of Montana, following a Blackfeet Indian named Good Stab as he haunts the fields of the Blackfeet Nation looking for justice.



# Sunrise on the Reaping by Suzanne Collins

As the day dawns on the fiftieth annual Hunger Games, fear grips the districts of Panem. This prequel to *The Hunger Games* follows Haymitch Abernathy, and offers a glimpse into the history of District 12.



# The Impossible Fortune by Richard Osman

It's been a quiet year for the Thursday Murder Club, but when Elizabeth meets a wedding guest who's in trouble, kidnapping and death are hot on their heels once more. Can the gang solve the puzzle in time?



### King of Ashes by S.A. Cosby

Roman thought he'd left his hometown and his family's crematory business behind, but when his father is killed in a hit-andrun accident, he returns to find his brother in debt to a ruthless criminal, and his family in danger.



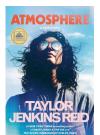
#### Water Moon by Samantha Sotto

On a backstreet in Tokyo lies a pawnshop that only those who are lost can find. When the shop's new owner Hana Ishikawa finds the shop ransacked, she and a mysterious, charming stranger embark on a journey through a mystical world to find what's lost.



# **The Bewitching**by Silvia Moreno-Garcia

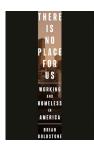
Three women in three different eras encounter danger and witchcraft in this eerie multigenerational horror saga from the bestselling author of *Mexican Gothic*.



#### Atmosphere by Taylor Jenkins Reid

From the bestselling author of *Daisy Jones* and the *Six* comes an epic novel set against the background of the 1980s space program. *Atmosphere* is a fast-paced, emotional ride about the extraordinary lengths we go to live and love beyond our limits.





# There Is No Place for Us: Working and Homelessness in America by Brian Goldstone

Shown through the lens of five families in Atlanta, journalist Brian Goldstone exposes the dramatic rise of the working homeless in cities across America.



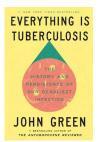
# On Air: The Triumph and Tumult of NPR by Steve Oney

The dramatic history of NPR, tracing the comings and goings of legendary on-air talents and revealing behind-the-scenes scandals that occurred amidst the network's rising popularity and daring shift into the digital world.



# A Marriage at Sea: A True Story of Love, Obsession, and Shipwreck by Sophie Elmhirst

The electrifying true story of a young couple shipwrecked in the Pacific Ocean, and an intimate exploration of obsession, survival, and partnership stretched to its limits.



#### Everything Is Tuberculosis: The History and Persistence of Our Deadliest Infection by John Green

This work of nonfiction combines the story of Henry, a young tuberculosis patient in Sierra Leone, with scientific and social histories of how the disease has shaped our world, and how our choices have shaped the path of the disease.

# BEST OF 2025 | YOUTH & TEENS

# **Teen & Young Adult**



#### I Am Not Jessica Chan by Ann Liang

Jenna goes to bed wishing she could be more like her perfect, popular cousin Jessica. And when she wakes up, she is her. Thoughtful and surprising, this novel won't end like you expect.



#### Death in the Jungle: Murder, Betrayal, and the Lost Dream of Jonestown by Candace Fleming

The true and gut-wrenching story of cult leader Jim Jones and the tragic death of over 900 followers. Fleming is a master of nonfiction, making difficult and complex histories like this accessible to young readers.



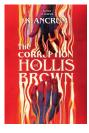
#### **Heir** by Sabaa Tahir

Fall in love with the intricate world-building in this spinoff tale from *An Ember in the Ashes*. The epic fantasy follows three characters in a high-stakes journey to stop the murder of innocent children in two warring nations. But what are they willing to sacrifice to complete their mission?



#### **This Place Kills Me** by Mariko Tamaki

When the most popular girl at Wilberton boarding school is found dead in her Juliet costume after a raucous cast party, new student Abby and her roommate team up to uncover the deep secrets and dark conspiracies that led to her death.



# The Corruption of Hollis Brown by K. Ancrum

Darkness looms over Hollis Brown, an isolated kid who recently made a deal with a violent ghost named Walt. With the spirit of Walt possessing him, Hollis grows to understand this tortured soul who has unfinished business in their small town.



# **Angelica and the Bear Prince** by Trung Le Nguyen

When Angelica develops a crush on the bear mascot of her local theater, she gets an internship there hoping to discover the human behind the costume and find out if they feel the same way about her.



# On Again, Awkward Again by Erin Entrada Kelly & Kwame Mbalia

Pacy and Cecil, two freshmen who are figuring out how to be themselves, fall for each other despite their mistakes, mishaps, and the misguided advice of well-meaning friends.

### Youth



#### **Everybelly** by Thao Lam

We all have a belly – and in this story a young child learns every belly is different and unique



#### Popo the Xolo by Paloma Angelina Lopez

Nana's beloved pet xoloitzcuintle Popo is always by her side, whether she needs a rest or comfort. As she makes her final journey through the nine levels of Mictlān, it is Popo who leads the way.



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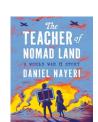
# The Tunneler Tunnels in the Tunnel by Michael Rex

Tunneler the penguin is busy tunneling in his tunnel, but along the way makes time to greet his friends and neighbors.



### Amina Banana and the Formula for Friendship by Shifa Saltagi Safadi

Budding scientist and third grader Amina is sure she has the winning formula to make friends at her new school. All it takes is a little luck and some kindness and understanding by those around her.



# The Teacher of Nomad Land: A World War II Story by Daniel Nayeri

Babak and his little sister Sana have recently lost their father and fear being separated. To stay together, Babak decides to follow in his father's footsteps—literally—and go teach a group of nomads and travel with them.



#### **Mixed-Up** by Kami Garcia

Stella is certain fifth grade is going to be the best school year ever. Things are not off to a great start, however, as Stella is having trouble keeping up in class and she feels disconnected from her friends.



# The Black Mambas: The World's First All-Woman Anti-Poaching Unit by Kelly Crull

Learn about the world's first all-woman antipoaching unit in South Africa and the important work they do to protect animals and bring poachers to justice.

# Departamento de Salud del Condado de DuPage

Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre la ayuda pública o la asistencia general del el estado, venga a conocer a alguien del departamento de salud para que responda a sus preguntas y le ayude con su caso.

Miér. 7 de ene., 21 de ene. y 4 de feb., 18 de feb. 12:30 a 2:30 p.m. 2H

### Día de Servicio MLK

Para el Día de Martin Luther King Jr., la biblioteca organizará un Día de Servicio para ayudar a nuestra comunidad. Habrá estaciones para hacer artículos para organizaciones locales como kits de abrigo, juguetes para mascotas, cartas de felicitación y mucho más. Son bienvenidos todos, de cualquier edad. No es necesario tener experiencia en manualidades. Se ofrecerá un snack a los voluntarios.

Lun., 19 de enero 1:00-3:00

- Bufandas y juguetes para mascotas 1:00-3:00
   Espacio creativo
- Creación de tarjetas 1:00-3:00
   Departamento de Servicios Infantiles y 2.º piso
- Asamblea de kits de abrigo 1:00-2:00 2.º piso
- Asamblea de kits de manualidades 2:00-3:00
   2.º piso

# Campaña de recolección de kits de abrigo

#### Del lunes 5 al viernes 16 de enero

A partir del lunes 5 de enero, ayude a nuestra comunidad a mantenerse abrigada esta temporada donando artículos nuevos para crear kits de abrigo para el invierno.

Recogeremos artículos en nuestro vestíbulo que luego se utilizarán para crear kits de abrigo durante nuestro próximo Día de Servicio en honor a Martin Luther King. Colectaremos lo siguiente:

- Guantes
- Calcetines térmicos
- Gorro de invierno
- Protector labial
- Pañuelos de papel (pequeño)
- Calentadores para manos
- Jabón degerente (pequeño)

Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre estos programas, póngase en contacto con la biblioteca llamando al 630.458.3306.

# 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., 10 de ene., 7 de feb. y 14 de feb. 10:00-11:30 2H

Enero: Kits de alfabetización Febrero: Clase de pronunciación

#### Círculo de lectura

Desarrolle su vocabulario, pronunciación y habilidades de lectura en inglés participando en un grupo pequeño.

Cada martes 11:00 Meeting Room 3

#### Grupo de conversación

iDiviértase mientras práctica sus habilidades de conversación en inglés!

Cada lunes 2:00 Zoom 🔾

Registrese para recibir el enlace de Zoom

Cada miércoles 7:00 Meeting Room 3

No se requiere registración

#### Leer y escribir en español

¿Conoce a un adulto hispanohablante que quiere aprender a leer y escribir en español? Este curso de alfabetización de tres meses les enseñara a los adultos hispanos a leer y escribir en español. Esta clase es sólo para los hablantes nativos de español.

Mar. y juev., 10 de feb.-14 de mayo 6:30-8:30 2H

### Colegio de DuPage Clases de inglés

Temporalmente, no habrá clases de inglés en la biblioteca debido al proyecto de renovación de la biblioteca. Por favor, póngase en contacto con COD llamado al 630.942.3697 para recibir información de otras ubicaciones en Addison y sus fechas de exámenes. La biblioteca seguirá ofreciendo el grupo de conversación en inglés y el círculo de lectura.

#### Colegio de DuPage Spanish GED Class

El GED es una certificación de equivalencia de la escuela preparatoria estadounidense. El examen de ubicación se realiza el sábado, 17 de enero.; y el 24 de enero. La clase se inicia el 31 de enero. Para inscribirse, comuníquese con el College of DuPage al 630.942.3697. Los sábados, del 24 de enero al 16 de mayo.

# ACTUALIZACIONES DEL PROYECTO DE CONSTRUCCIÓN

# Visite nuestro segundo piso remodelado

iEstamos emocionados que descubra el segundo piso! Todavía faltan algunos toques finales, pero el espacio ya se ve genial. Los materiales han cambiado de lugar, así que no dude en pedir ayuda. Al visitar, encontrará la nueva zona de computadoras, iluminación modernizada, y muebles nuevos.

#### Nombres actualizados

Mientras avanza el proyecto de construcción, empezara a notar que muchos espacios llevan nombres nuevos. Las salas de programas ahora se llamarán "Meeting Rooms" y se distinguirán por su número. Similarmente, los cuartos de estudio se llamarán "Study Rooms" y llevarán el número del piso y una letra.

- Large Meeting Room → Meeting Room 1
- Children's Program Room  $\rightarrow$  Meeting Room 2
- Adult Program Room → Meeting Room 3
- Study Room \$10 → Study Room 1A
- Study Room S20 → Study Room 2H

Estas actualizaciones ayudaran localizar y reservar los diferentes espacios dentro de la biblioteca.



#### La construcción continua en el primer piso

Comenzando en febrero, la mayoría de la construcción se centrará en el primer piso. Dentro del departamento de servicio para niños, la sala de programas y el área de juegos estarán inaccesibles mientras se remodelan.

# Ventanilla para automóviles proyectada abrir en febrero

Pronto podrá recoger sus materiales usando la nueva ventanilla. Reiniciara el servicio de devolución de materiales en el vehículo.

Línea de tiempo del proyecto de construcción



Mayo-nov. de 2025 2.° piso Ago.—mayo de 2026

Mayo de 2026 ¡Terminado!

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

# Tecnología, ¡simplificada!

#### Computación básica

Si quiere aprender cómo usar una computadora, iesta es la clase para usted! Hablará sobre cómo usar el ratón y el teclado, navegar la computadora y organizar sus archivos. Dom., 18 de ene. 2:00-3:30 Meeting Room 3

#### Cómo usar su correo electrónico

¿Tiene correo electrónico en su teléfono pero no sabe cómo usarlo? Aprenda todas las funciones esenciales de su correo electrónico, desde cómo enviar un correo a cómo lidiar con el spam.

Miér., 11 de feb. 11:00-12:00 Meeting Room 3

# **Eventos para niños**

### Craftying el cuento

Disfruta de un cuento seguido de un proyecto artístico inspirado en nuestro libro.



Lun., el 12 de ene.; el 9 de feb. 6:00-6:30 YS Department

#### Dime un Story

iÚnete a nosotros para cuentos bilingües y manualidades, y aprende algunas palabras nuevas en español! No necesitas inscribirte.

Miér., el 21 de ene. y el 18 de feb. 10:00-10:30 YS Department



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Fri., Feb. 27 Staff Development Day

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# **HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR 2025!**

JAN

We kicked off 2025 with our interior renovation project as construction began on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

MAR

Our Pathways to Success program launched—a six-week English language learning and career development series for adults who have immigrated to the U.S.

**APR** 

Renovations started on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, home to Adult and Teen Services, public computers, and study rooms.

MAY

We introduced our 500 Book Challenge for grades K-5, encouraging kids to read 500 books before 6th grade.

JUN

We cared for a plot in the Addison Park District community garden! Items harvested from the garden were added to our weekly pop-up food pantry. JUL

We joined the book-bedazzling trend with a Twitch how-to stream (now at 1,100+ YouTube views!) and in-person events with more than 60 participants!

AUG

We wrapped up summer at the Addison-Medinah Shriners Parade. Staff, board members, family, and friends gave out free books, goodies, and lots of smiles and waves!

SEP

During Library Card Sign-Up Month, we welcomed 128 new cardholders.

NOV

Fifteen local businesses participated in our Small Business Saturday program! We partnered with the Addison Business Exchange to encourage shoppers to visit local businesses and get deals with their APL library card.

Thank you to our community for a wonderful year! We can't wait to see what 2026 brings!