



In December, we celebrated Jane Austen's 250th birthday with tea and conversation.



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NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK
April 19-25, 2026

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NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

This National Library Week, we're celebrating joy! "Find Your Joy" is an invitation for people of all backgrounds to explore and discover what sparks joy in them at the library.

See page 2 or visit our website at addisonlibrary.org/NLW-joy for more information, giveaways, and how you can share your library joy with us.

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DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING WITH APPLE *See page 13 for more information.*

EVALUACIÓN DEL DESARROLLO CON APPLE *Vea las página 13 para más información.*

Whether you have questions or concerns about your child's development or want to know more about where they are developmentally, we invite you to register for a free screening with APPLE (Addison Partners for Play, Learning, and Education)! Children ages 2 months–2 years are eligible to be screened by an early childhood professional.

¡Si tiene preguntas o preocupaciones sobre el desarrollo de su hijo/a y quiere saber más información sobre su nivel de desarrollo, los invitamos a registrar para una evaluación gratis con APPLE (Addison Partners for Play, Learning, and Education)! Niños edades 2 meses a 2 años son elegibles para ser evaluados por un profesional de la primera infancia.

Weds., Mar. 25 9:30-12:00 Meeting Room 3 / Miér., 25 de mar. 9:30-12:00 Meeting Room 3



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Visit the library during National Library Week and get a free Find Your Joy sticker (while supplies last!) and share how the library sparks joy in your life. It can be discovering a great book, spending time with family, learning something new, or a joy unique to you. Post a photo or caption using **#FindYourJoyAPL**, or share your story at addisonlibrary.org/feedback.

Five participants will win an APL goodie bag and embroidered hat!

Visit addisonlibrary.org/NLW-joy for more information about National Library Week.



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., Mar. 9 and Apr. 13 9:30-10:30 Club Fitness

Tues., Mar. 17 and Apr. 21 11:00-12:00 REC Center

Free Comic Book Day

Pick out a free comic book to take home and stick around for crafts, popcorn, games, and a family movie! We'll have comics for children, teens, and adults, while supplies last. Thank you to our partners at Got Comics, Beyond Tomorrow Comics, Unicorn Comics, and Marcus Cinemas.

Sat., May 2 1:00-3:00

See page 11 for more information.



Library Time Capsule Coloring Contest

As part of our building renovation, the library is creating a time capsule to be opened in 2062 for our 100th anniversary! Be a part of the capsule by entering our special coloring contest—we'll select the top 3 designs to be placed into the time capsule! Coloring sheets will be available starting Weds., Apr. 1, and are due on Thurs., Apr. 30.

Get CPR/AED Certified

Learn CPR, how to use an AED, and how to respond to heart attacks, strokes, and other emergencies involving adults, children, and infants. No medical training required. You'll receive an official certification upon completion.

Co-sponsored by the Addison Fire Protection District

Sat., Mar. 14 9:00-12:00

Addison Fire District, Station 1, 10 S. Addison Rd.

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., Mar. 4, 18, Apr. 1, 15, 29 12:30-2:30 Study Room 2H



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, or meet with our team.

Weds., Mar. 11, Apr. 8, May 6 10:30-1:00 Study Room 2H



What's Happening Now?

Work Continues on the 1st Floor

As the renovation project moves forward, most construction is now taking place on the 1st floor.

Youth Services will have some areas temporarily blocked off as we renovate the program room and update the play area. Some of the Youth collection will be in storage during this time. Please see a staff member if you need help locating an item.

Behind the scenes, our new entrance is being framed, new flooring is being installed in the lobby, and our new automated materials handler (AMH), which sorts returned items, is also being installed.

Come Visit Our Renovated 2nd floor

Stop by and explore our newly remodeled 2nd floor, featuring updated study rooms, a new computer area, fresh tables and seating, and reorganized collections!

Makerspace Coming Soon

We're busy getting the new makerspace ready to open to the public in May! New equipment has been installed, and staff are currently being trained to prepare for opening. Stay tuned on makerspace news at addisonlibrary.org/makerspace.

What's Happening Next?

Drive-Up Window to Open Soon

Getting your library materials is about to get even easier. Once the drive-up opens, you'll be able to pick up holds from the staffed window during library hours—no need to call ahead. The outdoor book return currently located in front of the library will move back to the drive-up area and remain available for returns 24/7. Keep an eye on our website and social media for the opening announcement!

Children's Services Becomes Youth Services

As part of our building project, Children's Services is becoming Youth Services! You'll start to see the new name around the library as the renovation project wraps up.



Our new public computer area on the 2nd floor is open!



Framing for our new entrance.



The drive-up window will be open to the public soon!

Building Project Timeline



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!



Construction Update

We're busy getting the new makerspace ready to open to the public in May!

New equipment has been installed. Staff are currently being trained on the equipment to be ready for opening. In the meantime, take one of our in-person classes to get a sneak peek at the new space! Stay tuned on makerspace news at addisonlibrary.org/makerspace.

Drop-In Crafts

Make Your Own Merch

Make Your Own Merch is a chance to honor heritage and awareness months throughout the year. Patrons can pick one pre-made design from the theme. You can decorate a tote bag or bring your own shirt. Limit of 1 design transfer per patron.

Irish American Heritage Month

Mon., Mar. 9 3:00-5:00 Makerspace
Tues., Mar. 10 1:00-3:00 Makerspace
Tues., Mar. 17 10:00-12:00 Makerspace

Arab American Heritage Month

Tues., Apr. 7 1:00-3:00 Makerspace
Weds., Apr. 8 3:00-5:00 Makerspace
Fri., Apr. 10 10:00-12:00 Makerspace



Grab-and-Go Craft Kit

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

Cross Stitch Kit: Women's Day Themed

Celebrate Women's Day with a themed cross stitch pattern! All supplies are included in the kit. Kits are first-come, first-served, while supplies last.

Pick up begins Fri., Mar. 6 9:00 2nd floor desk



In-Person Classes

Sublimation Printing:

Photo Mug

Create a custom mug with your photo on it! During this class, you will learn how to use the 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.

Registration begins March 1.

Fri., Mar. 20 10:00-11:30 Makerspace
Tues., Mar. 31 6:30-8:00 Makerspace



Embroidery Machine Basics

Learn the basics of machine embroidery. During this class, you will learn about stabilizer, how to assemble an embroidery hoop, and prepare a design for embroidery. Supplies are provided. Limit 1 session per patron.

Registration begins March 9.

Mon., Mar. 23 6:00-8:00 Makerspace
Tues., Mar. 24 6:00-8:00 Makerspace
Fri., Mar. 27 10:00-12:00 Makerspace

Sewing Basics:

Sew a Produce Bag

Earth Day is right around the corner! Learn how to use a sewing machine to sew a produce bag.

Registration begins March 30.

Mon., Apr. 13 6:30-8:00 Makerspace
Tues., Apr. 14 6:30-8:00 Makerspace
Fri., Apr. 17 10:00-11:30 Makerspace



Laser Basics: Engraved Cutting Board

Learn how to use the Epilog laser cutter! During this class, you will learn about laser safety and how to prepare a design for the laser cutter. Supplies are provided. Limit 1 session per patron.

Registration begins April 13.
Mon., Apr. 20 6:30-8:00 Makerspace
Tues., Apr. 21 6:30-8:00 Makerspace
Fri., Apr. 24 10:00-11:30 Makerspace

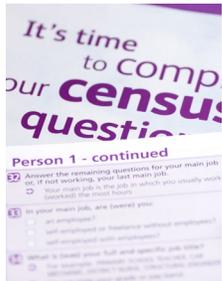
Events for Businesses



Hosting College Interns: Benefits, Best Practices, and Partnerships

Designed for employers new to internships, this presentation outlines how businesses and non-profits benefit from hosting college interns and how to partner with College of DuPage and other institutions to recruit, support, and engage student talent.

Thurs., Mar. 5 6:30-7:30 Makerspace



Census Data Made Simple for Small Businesses

Learn how to use census data to understand your customers and grow your business. We'll demonstrate the Census Business Builder and how to use it in easy, practical ways.

Thurs., Mar. 12 6:30-7:30 Zoom

Learn How To Become a Sales Warrior

Elevate your sales approach and conquer challenges with purpose and precision! Equipped with bold communication skills, unstoppable confidence, and proven strategies to drive results, entrepreneurs can lead their business to new heights with these sales skills.

Mon., Mar. 16 6:30-8:00 Zoom

Events for Job Seekers

Coffee & Confidence: Reframing Ageism

Join us for an informal, relaxed coffee hour and conversation to talk about your job search and learn strategies from one another. This is a great time to network with other job seekers. Be prepared to share!

Fri., Mar. 20 9:00-10:30 Meeting Room 3

Career Path Wellness

Every great career starts with the right ingredients. Discover your interests, values, personality, and work style, and learn how they shape your career choices. Learn how to pick opportunities that build your strengths, boost your energy, and help you care for your career over time.

Tues., Mar. 24 7:00-8:30 Meeting Room 3

Job Search Confidence at Any Age

Join us for a workshop to help job seekers build confidence and learn smart job search strategies that work at any age. You will gain practical tips to highlight your skills, adapt to today's job market, and feel ready for your next opportunity.

Weds., Apr. 8 10:00-11:30 Study Room 2H

Interview Basics

Anxious for the interview? Find out how to get ready, speak with confidence, and impress people when you're trying to get a job. This workshop will help you succeed in your next interview and showcase your best traits to employers!

Fri., Apr. 10 10:00-11:00 Meeting Room 3

THINK OUTSIDE THE BOOKS: HOW BUSINESSES CAN USE THE LIBRARY OF THINGS

Whether you're a small business owner, entrepreneur, or part of a growing team, our Library of Things collection can help you save money and access tools you might not otherwise buy.

What is the Library of Things?

The Library of Things is a collection of items you can checkout! From technology and office equipment to creative tools and event supplies, we have items that you can borrow for free with your personal or business library card. Browse the Library of Things collection at the library or online at addisonlibrary.org/library-of-things.

- **Host professional meetings:** Borrow projectors, screens, or presentation tools for client meetings or team workshops.
- **Create content:** Cameras, tripods, and ring lights can help you create marketing videos, product photos, or social media content.
- **Plan events:** From murder mystery kits to karaoke machines, make your next event affordable and stress-free.
- **Save money:** Borrow items you only need occasionally, and try new tools or equipment before committing to a purchase!



Mini LCD video projector



Wireless microphone

Need to get your library card? Visit addisonlibrary.org/get-a-card to learn more about getting a card for yourself or your business.

Movement & Meditation

Zumba

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

Mon., Mar. 2 7:00-8:00 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., Mar. 5 and Apr. 2 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., Mar. 10, 24, Apr. 7, 21 1:00-2:00 Meeting Room 3

Chair Yoga

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

Thurs., Mar. 12, 26, Apr. 9, 23 10:00-11:00 Meeting Room 3

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., Mar. 19 and Apr. 16 10:00-11:00 Meeting Room 3

Technology Made Simple

Smartphone Basics: Accessibility Features

Learn how to customize your smartphone's settings to accommodate your needs! Explore settings for vision, speech, hearing, and mobility features. This class will focus on iPhone and Android models, but includes time for questions about any type of phone or mobile device.

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

Excel Basics

Learn how Microsoft Excel's cells, worksheets, and workbooks easily allow users to manipulate, calculate, and format numbers and other types of data.

Mon., Apr. 6 1:00-2:00 Meeting Room 3



Estate Planning Explained

Join financial expert Jigar Doshi to learn the essentials of estate planning! Topics include probate, wills vs. trusts, power of attorney for healthcare and finances, guardianship appointments, and more.

Thurs., Mar. 12 7:00-8:00 Makerspace

Language Learning

Learn American Sign Language with The Language Labs

Join The Language Labs for an introduction to the basics of American Sign Language for adults. This engaging program offers a welcoming space to learn foundational signs while gaining insight into Deaf culture and everyday communication.

Mon., Mar. 9, 16, 23, 30 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., Apr. 20 and 27 7:00-8:00 Meeting Room 3

Let's Play!

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., Mar. 26 5:30-8:30 Study Room 2H

Thurs., Apr. 23 5:30-8:30 Meeting Room 3

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., Mar. 20—Bingo 11:00-12:00 Teen Dept.

Fri., Apr. 17—Earth Day Craft 11:00-12:00 Teen Dept.

Trivia

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

Mon., Mar. 16—Fri., Mar. 20 www.crowd.live/REQDN
Mon., Apr. 13—Fri., Apr. 17 www.crowd.live/SYNQ6

Mar. Trivia Apr. Trivia



Genealogy Club

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

March: Drop-In with the DAR

Join us in March for a drop-in session 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., Mar. 13 11:00-12:00 Study Room 2H

April: Using the US Census

Join us in April for a virtual session with Judy Anne Dunne, Data Dissemination Specialist from the U.S. Census Bureau, who will introduce the many ways census records can support family history research. Learn about accessing Census Bureau records back to 1790, the National Archives, the 72-year rule, and how to search online for publicly released census records by year and ancestor's name. You will also learn how to request your own census records before public release.

Fri., Apr. 10 1:00-2:00 Study Room 2H



Celebrating America250!

Rebecca Tulloch: Revolutionary America!

In this lecture and demonstration style program, Rebecca will explore life in Boston during the early days of the American Revolution through the eyes of John and Abigail Adams. Co-sponsored by the Addison Historical Society.

Thurs., Mar. 19 7:00-8:00 Village Hall Board Room

Historically Speaking: The Founding Fathers: Myths, Realities, and Legacies

This lecture separates fact from fiction to explore the complex lives, beliefs, and contradictions of figures like Washington, Jefferson, Franklin, and Hamilton. We'll examine the myths that surround them, the truths history reveals, and the lasting legacies they left on the nation they helped create. Co-sponsored by the Addison Historical Society.

Thurs., Apr. 16 7:00-8:00 Village Hall Board Room

Around the World: At the Library

Take a trip 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."

Fri., Mar. 13 and Apr. 10 1:00-2:00 Meeting Room 3



Autism Awareness Sunday Movie Matinee

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



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The Unbreakable Boy (2024, PG, 109 min.)

Despite his physical, cognitive, and emotional struggles, Austin embraces his unorthodox life with positivity and wit, inspiring the adults he encounters to transform their perspectives on life.

Sun., Apr. 12 2:00-4:00 Meeting Room 3

Social Services

Immigration Help and Appointments

Do you have questions about immigration benefits and the path to citizenship? DOJ-accredited professionals from Alianza Hispanoamericana will offer free, personal consultations at the library.

Alianza Hispanoamericana is a non-profit organization that specializes in immigration help, including citizenship applications and Deferred Action Childhood Arrival (DACA) renewal applications.

Weds., Mar. 4 9:30-12:30 Addison Public Library
Appointment required. Sign up for a free 60-minute slot

Thurs., Mar. 12 1:00-4:00 Addison Public Library
Drop-in, no appointment required. A consultant will be available for discussion on a first-come, first-served basis.

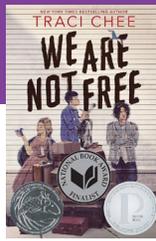
WIC Mobile Clinic

The WIC Mobile Clinic is a full-service WIC clinic on wheels. WIC serves the target population of low income (under 185% poverty level) pregnant, breastfeeding or postpartum women, infants, and children up to age 5. The mobile clinic will offer full WIC appointments and qualifying individuals can receive a WIC EBT card with food benefits in real time.

Fri., Mar. 27 11:00-4:00 Library Parking Lot



LITERACY



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

ELL Books & Bites Book Club

Are you an English learner that enjoys reading? Join us in reading *We Are Not Free* by Traci Chee. Register to get your free copy of the book to keep! 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., Mar. 5, 12, 19, and 26 6:00-7:30 Meeting Room 3

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)

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 or email Ana Beltran at abeltran@addisonlibrary.org for a digital copy!

College of DuPage Classes

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. The library will still offer the English Conversation Group and Reading Circle.

Citizenship Class

Temporarily, there will be no citizenship 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.



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., Mar. 7 and Apr. 4 10:00-11:30 Study Room 2H

March 7: Literacy Kits Together **April 4: Conversation Group**

PERSONAL FINANCE PROGRAMS

Public libraries across Illinois helping residents improve their financial literacy with Financial Fitness 2026, a free virtual program series designed to empower individuals with practical financial knowledge and skills.

Presented by BIG (Business Interest Group), a coalition of business librarians from the Chicago suburbs, this initiative underscores the libraries' shared mission to provide access to reliable and practical information.

Sign up at addisonlibrary.org/events to get the Zoom link or come to the library to watch each event at our viewing party!

Budgeting and Savings Basics with Ryan Decker

Ryan Decker breaks down the basics of personal finance: budgeting and introductory saving and investment strategies. Learn which factors to consider for deciding when, where, and how to save, invest, or aggressively tackle debt. Resources and tools for learning more about these topics will be shared.

Thurs., Apr. 9 7:00-8:30 Zoom and Meeting Room 3

Buying a Home — The Basics

Buying a home is complicated. Join us for an overview of what it takes to purchase a home. This course covers what lenders look for in a loan application, credit basics, down payments, and the players in the home-buying process.

Mon., Apr. 13 7:00-8:30 Zoom and Meeting Room 3

Retirement Reality with

Jill Schlesinger

Are you thinking about retirement? Does it seem completely out of reach? CBS News Business Analyst Jill Schlesinger, CFP, will join us to walk through the specific steps necessary to get you where you want to go, whether you are just starting off in your career or ready to wind down. Join us as Jill takes the mystery out of your finances and helps you take control.

Tues., Apr. 21 7:00-8:30 Zoom and Meeting Room 3



READ, WATCH, LISTEN, STREAM

Download eBooks and more with library apps! All of these apps are free to download from your device's app store. To use these apps, you will need to sign into your Addison Public Library account.



Biblioboard

View historical content, eBooks, and self-published content with an unlimited loan period.



Cloud Library

eBooks for adults, teens, and children.



Comics Plus

Unlimited, simultaneous access to thousands of digital comics and manga.



Hoopla

eBooks, eAudiobooks, movies, TV shows, music, and eComics — all in one place!



Libby

eBooks, eAudiobooks, and eMagazines.



The Palace Project

eBooks and eAudiobooks for adults, teens, and kids.

Please note: The Palace Project has replaced Boundless.



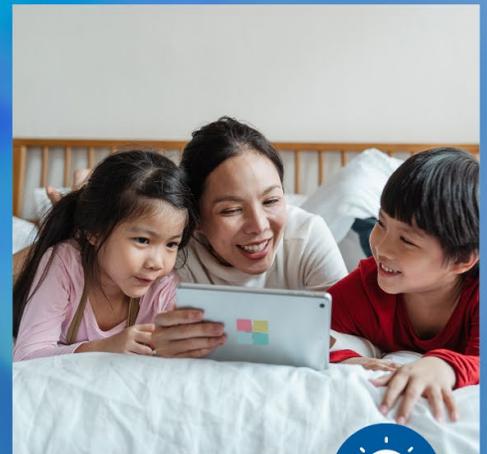
BookFlix

Animated fiction stories are paired with nonfiction books to make reading and learning fun.



LOTE4Kids

Enjoy a picture book collection of 3,000 book titles in 65+ languages.



Tips for using apps:

- When using a smartphone, tablet, or Kindle Fire, you'll need to download the app for the service you want to use through the device's app store.
- For any device, sometimes a service may not work if your device is not up to date or is part of an older, incompatible generation.

Ready to start downloading?



Visit addisonlibrary.org/downloads or scan the QR code to explore our apps and start downloading!

Need additional assistance? A staff member would be happy to help.

How can I get help downloading library materials?



You can call us at 630.458.3320, use the chat function on our website, or stop by our service desks with questions.

You can also book a 1-on-1 appointment with library staff at addisonlibrary.org/appointments.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS & MORE

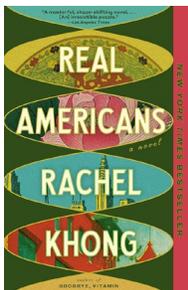


Book Discussions

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

Real Americans by Rachel Khong

On the precipice of Y2K in New York City, twenty-two-year-old Lily Chen, an unpaid intern at a slick media company, meets Matthew. Matthew is everything Lily is not: easygoing and effortlessly attractive, a native East Coaster, and, most notably, heir to a vast pharmaceutical empire. Lily couldn't be more different: flat-broke, raised in Tampa, the only child of scientists who fled Mao's Cultural Revolution. Despite all this, Lily and Matthew fall in love.

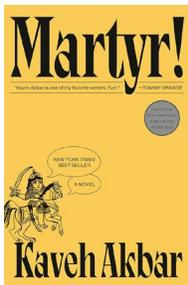


In 2021, fifteen-year-old Nick Chen has never felt like he belonged on the isolated Washington island where he lives with his single mother, Lily. He can't shake the sense she's hiding something. When Nick sets out to find his biological father, the journey threatens to raise more questions than it provides answers.

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

Martyr! by Kaveh Akbar

Cyrus Shams is a young man grappling with an inheritance of violence and loss: his mother's plane was shot down over the skies of the Persian Gulf in a senseless accident; and his father's life in America was circumscribed by his work killing chickens at a factory farm in the Midwest. Cyrus is a drunk, an addict, and a poet, whose obsession with martyrs leads him to examine the mysteries of his past—toward an uncle who rode through Iranian battlefields dressed as the angel of death to inspire and comfort the dying, and toward his mother, through a painting discovered in a Brooklyn art gallery that suggests she may not have been who or what she seemed.

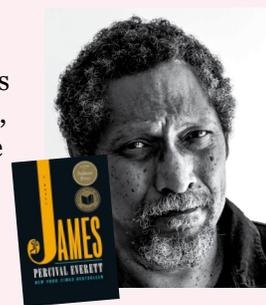


Tues., Apr. 14 7:00-8:00 Meeting Room 3

Illinois Libraries Present

Beyond the Page with Percival Everett

Industrious, irreverent, humble—though he may deny the accusation—Percival Everett, like his fiction, defies categorization. His most recent novel, *James*, earned both the Pulitzer Prize for fiction and the National Book Award, and his 2001 novel *Erasure* inspired the film *American Fiction*, which received the Academy Award for Best Adapted Screenplay in 2024. Mark Bazer will join Jonathan in conversation.



Thurs., Mar. 19 7:00-8:00 Zoom

Cristina Henríquez: Voice, Culture, and Human Connection

Join critically acclaimed, bestselling author, Cristina Henríquez, for a compelling conversation about her work. Henríquez's newest book, *The Great Divide*, is a moving exploration of the people who lived, loved, and labored during the construction of the Panama Canal. Named a New York Times' Editors' Choice selection and TIME Magazine "100 Must-Read Books of 2024," *The Great Divide* explores history and adversity in a place very special to her – her father's homeland of Panama. Carmen Álvarez will join Henríquez as moderator.



Thurs., Apr. 16 7:00-8:00 Zoom

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What's New With Book Boxes?

Our Book Boxes are moving to a seasonal schedule in the fall, winter, and spring, with a stronger focus on the book selected especially for you!



Each box will include seasonal, in-house goodies created by library staff, like bookmarks, playlists, stickers, and other surprises. Stay tuned—our next Book Box opens this fall. While there won't be a summer Book Box, we invite you to sign up for Summer Reading and get your free book!

FREE COMIC BOOK DAY



Pick out a free comic book to take home and stick around for crafts, popcorn, games, and a family movie!

Sat., May 2 1:00-3:00

Batman: Mask of the Phantasm Movie Showing at 1:30

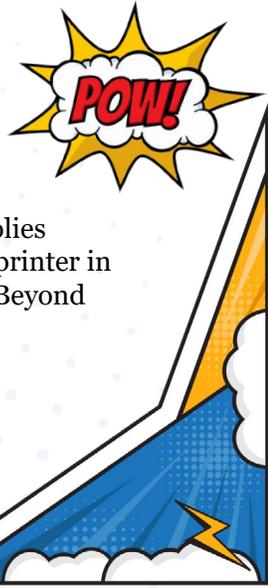
We'll have free comics for children, teens, and adults, while supplies last. Make your own superhero bookmark with our sublimation printer in our new makerspace. Thank you to our partners at Got Comics, Beyond Tomorrow Comics, Unicorn Comics, and Marcus Cinemas.

And keep the fun going all week long!

Drawing with Mark Anderson

Mon., May 4 4:00 For 4th–8th grade

Professional illustrator and cartoonist Mark Anderson brings your drawings to life and helps everyone from newbies to experts improve their skills.



TEENS

After School

Visit us in the Teen Services Department!

Taste the World

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

Tues., Mar. 10, 24 and Apr. 14, 28 4:30-5:15

Dungeons and Dragons and Teens

Create a character, roll some dice, and work together to navigate a fantasy world. No experience necessary!

Weds., Mar. 11, 25 and Apr. 8, 22 4:00-6:00

Art Deep Dive

Deep dive into a hi-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.

Thurs., Mar. 5, 19 and Apr. 9, 23 5:00-6:00

Solve a Murder Mystery!

Join other amateur detectives, crime fans, and ghost hunters to solve a (fictional) murder mystery. Together we'll open up a box filled with realistic physical evidence, documents, and online content. Help us scour it all for clues and solve the mystery in time!

Thurs., Mar. 12 and Apr. 16 6:00-7:30

Teen Filmmakers

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

Weds., Mar. 4, 18 and Apr. 15, 29 4:00-5:30

Drawing with Mark Anderson

Professional illustrator and cartoonist Mark Anderson brings your drawings to life and helps everyone from newbies to experts improve their skills.

Mon., Mar. 16 and Apr. 13 3:30 Meeting Room 3

Mon., May 4 4:00 Meeting Room 3

April is Poetry Month

We're celebrating Poetry Month all April long! Join us after school for poetry kits, games, and activities.

Teen Open Mic

Share your poem, rap, song, or story or just listen and enjoy!

Thurs., Apr. 30 6:00 Meeting Room 3

Godzilla, Mothra and King Ghidorah: Giant Monsters All Out Attack
(2001, TV-14, 105 min.)
Mon., Mar. 9 4:00-6:00

Arrival (2016, PG-13, 116 min.)
Mon., Apr. 20 4:00-6:00



Registration is required for library programs unless listed as "Drop-In." Registration for most youth events opens on or before Mar. 1. Register online at 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! 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.

Registration for the April dates opens on March 15.

Mon., Mar. 2-23 10:00-10:30 Meeting Room 3

Mon., Apr. 6-27 10:00-10:30 Meeting Room 3



Silly Dinosaurs Storytime

A long time ago, even dinosaurs were silly! Join us for some silly stories and songs all about dinosaurs.

Weds., Apr. 8 10:00-10:30 Makerspace

Hello Birds Storytime

Join us for stories and songs all about birds!

Weds., Apr. 22 10:00-10:30 Makerspace

Registration opens April 1.

Nature Storytime with the Morton Arboretum

Join us for an interactive nature storytime with an early childhood educator from The Morton Arboretum. We'll explore how weather, trees, and animals change with the season!

Weds., Mar. 4 10:00-10:30 Makerspace

Birth to 3 Jamboree

Stories, songs & more! Geared toward ages birth-3 years old and their caregivers but all ages welcome. Registration for the April dates opens on March 15.

Thurs., Mar. 5-26 & Apr. 9-30 10:00-10:30 Makerspace

Thurs., Mar. 5-26 & Apr. 9-30 11:15-11:45 Makerspace



NEW! Toddler Art Time

Join us for a fun, hands-on art activity designed for toddlers that encourages creativity and fine motor skills. We'll read a story related to the activity and then get right to creating! All materials are provided. Recommended for ages 2 & up.

Fri., Mar. 6 and Apr. 3 10:00-10:30 Makerspace

St. Patrick's Day Dance Party

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

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



Spring Storytime

Spring is in the air! Join us for stories and songs, all about welcoming spring.

Weds., Mar. 18 10:00-10:30 Makerspace

Spring Learning Challenge for Birth-Grade 5

Join us for the Spring Learning Challenge! Pick up your challenge log at the Youth Services desk starting Weds., Apr. 1 and bring back the completed log by Thurs., Apr. 30 for a goodie bag!



For Grades K-5

In-person; registration required unless otherwise noted.

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.

Sun., Mar. 15 2:00-2:45 YS Department



Crafting the Story

Join us for a special session of Crafting the Story where we'll read a version of *Jack and the Beanstalk* and then we'll plant wildflower seedlings to grow at home.

Mon., Mar. 16 6:00-6:30 Makerspace

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 adult assistance.

Sun., Apr. 26 2:00-4:00 YS Department

Library Time Capsule Coloring Contest

As part of our building renovation, the library is creating a time capsule to be opened in 2062 for our 100th anniversary!

Be a part of the capsule by entering our special coloring contest—we'll select the top 3 designs to be placed into the time capsule! Coloring sheets will be available starting Weds., Apr. 1, and are due on Thurs., Apr. 30.



Craft Kits

Kits are available for all ages, but the material is geared towards grades K-5 or 1-5. Registration required unless otherwise noted.

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 and create something amazing. The challenges will be geared towards grades K-5; younger participants may need some adult assistance.

Available starting Mon., Mar. 2 and Apr. 6;
no registration required but supplies are limited.

Shamrock Rainbow Craft

Make a shamrock rainbow craft for St. Patrick's Day!
Available starting Tues., Mar. 10.

Favorite Series Craft Kit: The Wild Robot

Calling all Wild Robot fans! This kit will include activities and crafts all about your favorite robot Roz and her animal friends! Recommended for grades 1 and up.

Available starting Tues., Mar. 17; no registration required but supplies are limited.

Showers to Sunshine Craft Kit

Create a windsock decorated with rain showers and rainbows.

Available starting Tues., Mar. 24.

Easter Bunny Craft

Make a bunny craft for Easter!

Available starting Tues., Mar. 31.

Earth Day Suncatcher

Make a suncatcher representing the Earth!

Available Tues., Apr. 14.

Favorite Series Craft Kit: Wings of Fire

Explore Pyrrhia and fly with your favorite dragon with this kit! Activities and crafts all about the world of *Wings of Fire* will be included. Recommended for grades 1 and up.

Available starting Tues. Apr. 21; no registration required but supplies are limited.

Special Events

Developmental Screening with APPLE

Whether you have questions or concerns about your child's development or want to know more about where they are developmentally, we invite you to register for a free screening with APPLE (Addison Partners for Play, Learning, and Education)! Children ages 2 months–2 years are eligible to be screened by an early childhood professional. If interested, participating families will also have the opportunity to receive a referral to early childhood services. Registration for a specific time slot is required. Registration opens on Mon., Mar. 2.

Weds., Mar. 25 9:30-12:00 Meeting Room 3

Celebrate Eid al-Fitr

Join us to celebrate Eid al-Fitr with a special story and craft!

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

Día de los niños

Join us to celebrate Día de los niños (Children's Day) with fun activities and a bilingual book giveaway!

Thurs., Apr. 30 6:00-6:45 YS Department

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

Spring Crafts

Join us to create all kinds of spring crafts!

Sat., Mar. 7 2:00-3:00 YS Department

Bubbles, Bubbles, Bubbles!

March 15-22 is National Bubble Week! Join us to kick off the celebration for all things bubbles: paint with bubbles, make bubble wands, and of course, blow bubbles!

Sat., Mar. 14 2:00-2:45 Meeting Room 3

Sensory Play Day

Join us for sensory activities, including salt painting, sensory bag making, and more!

Sat., Apr. 11 2:00-2:45 Meeting Room 3

All About Bees

Learn about bees with a variety of fun activities!

Mon., Apr. 13 6:00-6:30 YS Department



La Clínica Móvil de WIC

La Clínica Móvil de WIC es un servicio clínico sobre ruedas. WIC sirve una población objetivo de bajos ingresos (debajo el nivel de pobreza de 185%) embarazadas, amamantando, o mujeres postparto, infantes y niños hasta los 5 años. La clínica móvil ofrece citas completas de WIC y calificados individuales pueden recibir una tarjeta EBT de WIC para obtener beneficios en alimentos en tiempo real.

Vier., 27 de mar. 11:00-4:00 Addison Public Library

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., 4, 18 de mar. y 1, 15, 29 de abr.

12:30 a 2:30 p.m. Study Room 2H

Ayuda y citas para inmigración

¿Tiene preguntas sobre los beneficios de inmigración y el camino a la ciudadanía? Un profesional reconocido por DOJ de Alianza Hispanoamericana ofrecerán consultas personales gratuitas en la Biblioteca de Addison. No necesita cita; un consultor será disponible para discusiones por orden de llegada.

Alianza Hispanoamericana es una organización sin fines de lucro que especializa en inmigración, incluyendo aplicaciones de ciudadanía y solicitudes de renovación para Acción Diferida para los Llegados en la Infancia (DACA).

Miér., 4 de mar. 9:30-12:30 Addison Public Library
Se requiere cita. Inscribese gratuitamente para una cita de 60 minutos. La inscripción comienza el 4 de febrero

Juev., 12 de mar. 1:00-4:00 Addison Public Library
No se requiere una cita; Consultas serán disponibles para discusiones privadas por orden de llegada.

Tecnología, ¡simplificada!

Computación básica (Serie de dos partes)

Si quiere aprender cómo usar una computadora, ¡esta es la clase para usted! Esta serie de dos clases hablará sobre cómo usar el ratón y el teclado y navegar la computadora.

Miér., 8 y 15 de abr. 11:00-12:00 Meeting Room 3

Celulares y tabletas

Acompáñenos para explorar todas las funciones básicas y aprovechar al máximo su celular o tableta.

Lun., 13 de abr. 6:00-7:00 2H

Charlas, libros & café

¡Acompáñenos y descubra una variedad de audio libros para todas las edades!

Mar., 17 de mar. 1:30 Twitch

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., 7 de mar. y 4 de abr. 10:00-11:30 2H

Marzo: Kits de alfabetización

Abril: Grupo de conversación

Círculo de lectura

Desarrolle su vocabulario, pronunciación y habilidades de lectura en inglés participando en un grupo pequeño. No se requiere registración.

Cada martes 11:00 Meeting Room 3

Grupo de conversación

¡Diviértase mientras practica sus habilidades de conversación en inglés!

Cada lunes 2:00 Zoom 

Cada miércoles 7:00 Meeting Room 3

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.



Eventos para niños

Manualidades de primavera

Acompáñanos a crear todo tipo de manualidades primaverales. No necesita inscribirse; todas las edades son bienvenidas.

Sáb., el 7 de mar. 2:00-3:00 YS Department

Crafting el cuento

Acompáñanos a leer *Jack y las habichuelas mágicas* y luego plantaremos plántulas de flores silvestres para que crezcan en casa. Por favor, asegúrate de inscribirte; recomendado para niños de kínder a quinto grado.

Lun., 16 de mar. 6:00-6:45 Makerspace

Todo sobre abejas

¡Aprende sobre las abejas con una variedad de actividades divertidas!

Lun., 13 de abr. 6:00-6:30 YS Department



Día de los niños

¡Únete a nosotros para celebrar Día de los niños con unas actividades divertidas y un sorteo de libros bilingües! Este evento se llevará a cabo en el departamento de Servicios de niños.

Juev., el 30 de abr. 6:00-6:45 YS Department

Manualidad de la lluvia al sol

Disponible empezando martes, el 24 de marzo

Haz una cometa de viento que represente el clima primaveral, con chaparrones y arcoíris. Asegúrate de inscribirte para que te reserven un kit de manualidades.

Manualidad de atrapador de sol del Día de la Tierra

Disponible empezando martes, el 14 de abril

¡Haz un colgante decorativo con forma de Tierra! Asegúrate de inscribirte para que te reserven un kit de manualidades.

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., 2 de mar. 7:00-8:00 Meeting Room 3

Evaluación del desarrollo con APPLE

¡Si tiene preguntas o preocupaciones sobre el desarrollo de su hijo/a y quiere saber más información sobre su nivel de desarrollo, los invitamos a registrar para una evaluación gratis con APPLE (Addison Partners for Play, Learning, and Education)! Niños edades 2 meses a 2 años son elegibles para ser evaluados por un profesional de la primera infancia. Si están interesados, las familias participantes también tendrán la oportunidad de recibir una referencia a los servicios de la primera infancia. Es necesario inscribirse para un horario específico. Registración abre el lunes, 2 de marzo

Miér., 25 de mar. 9:30-12:00 Meeting Room 3

Desafío de aprendizaje de primavera

¡Acompáñanos en el Desafío de Aprendizaje de Primavera! Obtén tu registro de desafíos en la Biblioteca empezando el 1 de abril.

¡Entrega tu registro completo antes del 30 de abril para recibir un premio!



ACTUALIZACIONES DEL PROYECTO DE CONSTRUCCIÓN

Makerspace Coming Soon

¡Estamos alistando el makerspace nuevo para abrirlo al público en mayo! Se está instalando equipos nuevos y entrenando personal para su estreno. Manténgase al tanto sobre el makerspace en addisonlibrary.org/makerspace.

Construcción en el primer piso

Algunas áreas y artículos del departamento de servicio para niños estarán inaccesibles mientras remodelan la sala de programas y el área de juegos. Si necesita ayuda para localizar algún artículo, por favor consulte al personal.



¡La nueva zona de computadoras en el segundo piso está abierta!

Aprenda más sobre el proyecto de construcción, incluyendo preguntas frecuentes, representaciones, y más en addisonlibrary.org/renovation.



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

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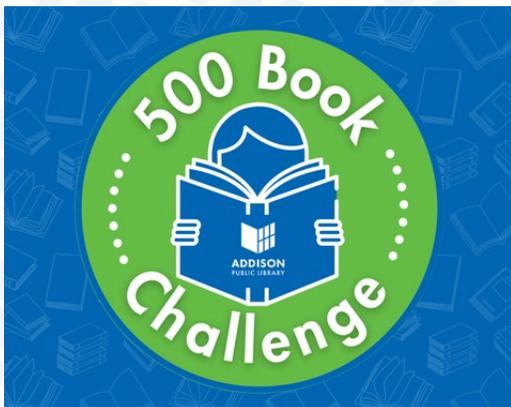
READING PROGRAMS FOR LITTLE ONES



1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

The 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten reading initiative is a great way for your child to develop literacy skills during their early years for future success in school. Plus, reading together is a fun way to bond with your child and help them think of reading as a positive experience as they get older.

Any child who has not yet entered kindergarten can sign up! Visit the Youth Services desk on the 1st floor. When you register your child, you'll receive a tote bag filled with goodies, as well as a log for your first 100 books. Every child who completes the program receives a certificate and prize.



500 Book Challenge

The 500 Book Challenge is a reading challenge for kindergartners through 5th graders. You read what you like, when you like—no deadlines! The challenge ends when you start 6th grade.

Visit the Youth Services desk to sign up, pick up your goodies, and get your first log. If you have any questions, we're happy to help! And Youth Services staff are always happy to provide recommendations on new books to read.

For more information, visit addisonlibrary.org/children