Thank you to the Friends of the Addison Public Library for their generous contribution to this year's winter lights and decorations on and in our building!

Care Con
Sat., Feb. 10 10:00-2:00  Addison Public Library

Join community partners and friends to support your physical and mental health! Practice self-care with activities and crafts and learn about community resources for when you need extra support. All ages welcome!

- DuPage Children’s Museum pop-up
- ICNA health screenings for adults
- WIC mobile clinic
- Therapy dogs
- ...and more!

WINTER READING 2024

Adults and Teens
Starting Mon., Jan. 8, stop by the library, get a book recommendation from a staff member, and pick up a Winter Reading kit filled with some cozy goodies.

Birth-Grade 5
Starting Mon., Jan. 8, pick up your Winter Reading Log and goodie bag. Complete your log by Weds., Jan. 31 and you'll receive a prize!
LIBRARY NEWS & SPECIAL EVENTS

From the Blog…

We joined SWAN! Here’s six things you need to know:

We have officially joined SWAN — a group of 100 libraries that share resources to give you access to more books, media, downloads, and research databases. And we’re the 101st library to join!

1. PINs have been reset — On Tues., Nov. 14, all PINs were reset to the last 4 digits of the phone number that we had in your account. Once logged in, you can change your PIN to whatever you’d like, or a staff member is happy to help!

2. Make sure you know your PIN — Easily access your online account with your PIN, and quickly use our self-checkout machines at the library (which now require your PIN).

3. Bookmark our catalog — Visit add.swanlibraries.net to start browsing our new online catalog, called Aspen.

4. Start requesting items — You can begin placing holds on items from any of the other 100 SWAN libraries through our online catalog!

5. Want a different pickup location? Your items can be picked up here at the library, or you may select any other SWAN library.

6. Sign up for text notifications — Log into your account, click on your name, and then select Text Message Settings from the dropdown menu. You’ll be able to customize which notifications you receive via text.

New things can be confusing! We’re here to help with any questions you might have about joining SWAN, requesting materials, accessing your account, and more.

Call the library at 630.543.3617, visit us in-person, or reach out on our website at addisonlibrary.org/contact.

Read more library news on our blog at addisonlibrary.org/blog.

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

Mon., Jan. 15 12:00-3:00 Large Meeting Room

Hygiene Kit Collection Drive
Tues., Jan. 2 - Sun., Jan. 14, 2024
Beginning on Tues., Jan. 2, we will be collecting mini or travel-size personal care items in our lobby. These items will be used to create hygiene kits during our upcoming MLK Day of Service. We will be collecting the following hygiene supplies:

- Shampoo and conditioner
- Deodorant
- Hand sanitizer
- Travel size tissue packs
- Wet Wipes
- Breath mints
- Combs
- Menstrual products (pads/tampons)

Subscribe To Our Email Newsletters
When you sign up for our email newsletters, you’ll receive library news about upcoming events, new services, book recommendations, and more!
To sign up for email newsletters, visit addisonlibrary.org/email-newsletters

Visit Us in the Community!

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. 8 and Feb. 12
9:00-10:00 Club Fitness

Tues., Jan. 16 and Feb. 20
11:00-12:00 Community Rec
In March, we baked blueberry orange scones with nationally acclaimed pastry chef, restaurateur, cookbook author, television personality, teacher, and entrepreneur, Chef Gale Gand!

April's National Library Week theme was "There's More to the Story", which highlighted that library collections include much more than books!

We celebrated Summer Reading 2023 in June with a kick-off party! Participants received their free summer reading books and goodie bags, visited a fire truck from the Addison Fire Protection District, and cooled off with some sweet Kona Ice.

Our Community Engagement team loved visiting you around town this summer at Rock N' Wheels, our community parks, and other Addison events. Thank you to our Friends of the Library for providing free books on our book bike!

In August, we hosted the Back to School Resource Fair — a day of smiles, free school supplies, and invaluable local connections. A special thanks to all of the dedicated local organizations who volunteered their time and resources, making a positive impact on our community.

For September's Library Card Sign Up Month, teens were excited to show off our "We Love Our Library" yard signs and show their support for their local public library. The photo was selected as the Illinois Library Association's Member Photo of the Month!

In October, we earned our Earth Flag recertification from SCARCE! SCARCE is a local environmental organization that works to educate the public about sustainable practices through trainings, programs, and more.

On Tues., Nov. 14, we joined the SWAN Libraries consortium — a group of 100 libraries that share resources to give you access to more books, media, downloads, and research databases.

Thank you to our community for a wonderful 2023!
FOR ADULTS

Let's Play!

**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. 19 — Bird feeders
- Fri., Feb. 16 — Room fresheners

**11:00-12:00 Adult Program Room**

**Trivia**
Join our monthly online trivia game! Trivia will run on a continuous loop, so jump in whenever and you will get to answer all the questions. We will share the leaderboard on social media after trivia ends.

**Winter Break Edition!**

- Mon., Jan. 1 – Fri., Jan. 5
  crowd.live/CZATK
- Mon., Jan. 15 – Fri., Jan. 19
  crowd.live/CG8NP
- Mon., Feb. 12 – Fri., Feb. 16
  crowd.live/XWX56

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. 18 and Thurs. Feb. 15
  10:00-11:00 Large Meeting Room

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

- Thurs., Jan. 11 and 25, Feb. 8 and 22
  10:00-11:00 Large Meeting Room

**Essentrics: Dynamic Stretching**
Essentrics® is a low-impact, full-body workout that is safe for all ages and fitness levels and helps you improve flexibility. Wear comfortable clothes. We workout in bare feet or non-slip socks.

- Weds., Jan. 17 and Feb. 14
  1:00-2:00 Large Meeting Room

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

- Thurs., Jan. 4, Feb. 1 and 29
  10:00-11:00 Large Meeting Room

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

- Mon., Feb. 19
  7:00-8:00 Large Meeting Room

Literacy Special Events

**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. 8, 15, 22, and 29
  6:00-7:00 Adult Program Room

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

- Tues. and Thurs., Jan. 30-May 9
  6:30-8:30 Adult Program Room
Registration is required for library programs unless listed as "Drop-In". Register online at addisonlibrary.org/events, by phone at 630.458.3320, or ask staff for help.

**Featured Events**

**Winter Birds with Chicago Audubon**

"Tis the season for the delights of winter birding! Even though there are fewer birds this time of year, they are often easier to see, making winter a great time to get to know them. What a better place to start than your own feeder? We'll offer some tips on feeding and an introduction to winter resident birds, with a look ahead to returning migrants.

**Mon., Jan. 22** 7:00 Large Meeting Room

**Cozy Creatives**

Join us for a series of low-stress crafting nights with snacks and fellow crafters. Bring your own project or join in with ours — we’ll have supplies to share!

**Mon., Jan. 29** 7:00 Large Meeting Room

**Cookie Decorating with Chef Violeta**

Join Violeta, a culinary arts instructor, for a fun Valentine’s cookie decorating workshop! She'll show you how to decorate sugar cookies and share helpful tips. Each participant will get a cookie kit with pre-baked cookies, colored icing, and sprinkles to practice their decorating skills.

**Mon., Feb. 5** 7:00 Large Meeting Room

**Coffee Tasting and Talk with Kribi Coffee**

Join us for an invigorating and insightful coffee forum, featuring Jacques Shalo and Jeremiah Shalo, co-founders of Kribi Coffee - Air Roastery. This event will be a blend of a coffee tasting experience and an engaging discussion. Explore the fascinating journey of coffee from the farms of Cameroon to cups in the U.S., emphasizing the pivotal role of sustainable practices and partnerships with farming collectives.

**Tues., Feb. 13** 5:00 Large Meeting Room

**Bridging Literary Worlds:**

**A Journey from Baldwin to Bowers**

Get ready for inspiration as we explore the profound literary influence of James Baldwin and its impact on a generation of writers and thinkers. Join author Tony Bowers for a personal exploration of this powerful influence, sharing excerpts from his short story collection 'On the Nine,' and the timeless Baldwin classic 'Sonny’s Blues.' After the reading, we’ll engage in an informal and thought-provoking discussion.

**Mon., Feb. 26** 7:00 Large Meeting Room

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**Resource Café**

Stop by the library to enjoy a cup of coffee with our Social Services Specialist and intern and learn about local resources. Our staff will be available to answer questions about mental health, housing, health care, immigration, domestic violence, benefits/public aid, food pantries, legal aid, and more.

**Thurs., Jan. 25** 11:00-5:00 Adult Program Room

**Books & Mental Wellness**

Join our new group where we provide a safe space to discuss topics of mental health through bibliotherapy. We will identify, discuss, and reflect on different books that cover mental health topics and hold an open discussion afterwards. Learn how to effectively cope and take care of yourself as you manage the difficulties of life.

**Thurs., Jan. 11** 7:15-8:15 Adult Program Room

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- Breath mints
- Combs
- Menstrual products (pads/tampons)

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Upcoming Workshops

TinkerCAD Basics: Keychains
Learn the basics of TinkerCad, an online 3D designing software. During this class, you will learn how to add your name to a 3D keychain.
**Weds., Jan. 10** 6:30-8:30  Adult Program Room

Silhouette Studio Basics
Learn the basics of Silhouette Studio, the design software used with the Silhouette Cameo cutting machine. The Silhouette can create vinyl, iron-on, and stencil decals to decorate cups, shirts, wood signs, and more!
**Weds., Jan. 17** 6:30-8:00  Adult Program Room

Teen Maker Monday
Drop in to make a craft using the Creative Studio equipment. First-come, first-served, while supplies last.
**Mon., Jan. 22, Feb. 12 and 26** 3:30-4:30  Creative Studio

Photo Editing Basics
Learn the basics of editing and repairing photos! Patrons will learn how to use Photopea, a free online editor.
**Weds., Jan. 24** 6:30-8:00  Adult Program Room

Sublimation Printing: Photo Mug
Create a custom mug with your photo on it! During this class, you will learn how to use the Creative Studio's 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.
**Fri., Jan. 26** 10:00-11:30  Creative Studio
**Wed., Jan. 31** 6:30-8:00  Creative Studio
**Wed., Feb. 28** 6:30-8:00  Creative Studio

Cricut Maker: Card Making
During this program, we will make cards using the Foil Transfer Tool on the Cricut Maker.
**Weds., Feb. 7** 6:30-8:00  Adult Program Room
**Fri., Feb. 9** 10:00-11:30  Adult Program Room

Cricut Design Space Basics
Learn the basics of Cricut Design Space, the design software used with the Cricut Maker cutting machine. The Cricut can create vinyl, iron-on, and stencil decals to decorate cups, shirts, wood signs, and more!
**Weds., Feb. 21** 6:30-8:00  Adult Program Room

Preserving Family Memories at the Library

Digital Converting: Family Photos
Learn how to preserve your home photos by digitizing them with Sound Studio equipment. During this class, you'll get a demo on photo, 35mm film negative, and 35mm slide negative scanning.
**Fri., Jan. 19** 10:00-11:00  Creative Studio

Digital Converting: Home Videos
Learn how to preserve your home videos by digitizing them with Sound Studio equipment. During this class, you'll get a demo on 8mm film reels, VHS, VHS-C, Video 8, and Hi-8 tape converting.
**Fri., Feb. 23** 10:00-11:00  Adult Program Room

Technology Made Simple

Share Photos Online
Learn everything you need to know about Apple Photos, Google Photos, Flickr, and more of the top websites that make it easy for you to share all of your favorite photos with friends and family. Presented by Very Smart People
**Thurs., Jan. 25** 6:30-7:30  Large Meeting Room

Microsoft Word Basics
In this three-part series, participants will learn how to create and format documents using Microsoft Word, as well as how to complete simple actions like saving, opening, and printing documents. By the end of the series, participants will be able to compose documents for a professional setting.
**Tues., Feb. 13, 20, and 27** 6:30-7:30  Adult Program Room
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., Jan. 12 10:00-11:00  Adult Program Room

Personal Career Consultations
Meet one-on-one with a career search professional who will help you create a plan and determine the best steps to secure the most suitable position for you. Sessions will be on a first-come, first-served basis.
Weds., Jan. 24 and Feb. 28 10:00-12:00  Second Floor Desk

Negotiate the Job Offer
Negotiating in your career can be stressful. Learn how to leverage your skills and determine the best timing to increase your chances of a successful negotiation conversation.
Thurs., Jan. 25 10:00-11:00  Zoom

Crafting Your Unique Brand to Elevate Your Job Search
Having a unique personal brand can elevate your job search! In this workshop, find out how to integrate your brand into your resume, LinkedIn profile, and in your networking strategies. You will leave with the tools to make a lasting impression.
Wed., Jan. 31 6:00-7:00  Zoom

Unlocking Success: Discovering Your Job Search Motivators
Join us for an interactive workshop where you will discover your unique motivators and learn how to harness them effectively to boost your success in finding the perfect job. Gain valuable insights and strategies to elevate your job search!
Wed., Feb. 7 6:00-7:00  Zoom

Are you ‘LinkedIn’?
Learn how to use the social platform LinkedIn as a job search tool. We’ll show you how recruiters are using LinkedIn to fill positions and a few tricks of the trade that will make your profile stand out.
Tues., Feb. 20 10:00-11:00  Zoom

Events For Businesses

PR Secrets from a Media Insider
Are you looking to enhance your storytelling and public relations skills to effectively promote your business or nonprofit? In this interactive workshop, you will learn how to craft a compelling news release, establish your expertise, and harness the power of social media.
Tues., Feb. 6 7:00-8:00  Adult Program Room

Reference Solutions for Small Business
Calling all small business owners and entrepreneurs! Did you know the library has a free resource that can provide insights about your community’s businesses and residents? Ryan Atkins from Data Axle will give a demo on Reference Solutions, a tool that can give you the information you need to start, run, and grow your business.
Thurs., Feb. 15 12:00-1:00  Zoom

Are you a small business owner looking to connect with the small business community? Join entrepreneurs, small business owners, startup founders, influencers, non-profits, and many more for this new networking series. We will provide coffee and donuts as you make connections, share ideas, and get inspired by other businesses! This is a drop-in event.
Fri., Feb. 9 9:00-10:30  Large Meeting Room

Professional Headshots
Get your free professional headshot taken at the library! High-quality headshots can help you enhance your job search, business promotional materials, LinkedIn account, or they can just be for fun. Headshots will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.
Tues., Jan. 16 10:00-12:00  Second Floor Desk
Weds., Jan. 17 6:00-8:00  Second Floor Desk
Upcoming Book Discussions
Books are available for check out at the library or digitally.

**The Stationery Shop**
by Marjan Kamali
From the award-winning author of *Together Tea* comes a powerful love story set against the political upheaval of 1953 Tehran. Roya, a dreamy and idealistic teenager, finds a literary oasis in the stationery shop where she meets Bahman, whose burning passion for justice and love of poetry mirror her own. She falls in love at once. But on the eve of their marriage, when they are to meet at the town square, violence suddenly erupts, and in the chaos, Bahman never shows. Roya tries desperately to contact him, but her efforts are fruitless, and she resigns herself to never seeing him again. Until, more than sixty years later, a quirk of fate leads her back to Bahman and offers her a chance to ask him the questions that have haunted her for more than half a century.

**My Name is Lucy Barton**
by Elizabeth Strout
Lucy Barton is recovering slowly from what should have been a simple operation. Her mother, to whom she hasn’t spoken for many years, comes to see her. Gentle gossip about people from Lucy’s childhood in Amgash, Illinois seems to reconnect them, but just below the surface lie the tension and longing that have informed every aspect of Lucy’s life: her escape from her troubled family, her desire to become a writer, her marriage, her love for her two daughters. Knitting this powerful narrative together is the brilliant storytelling voice of Lucy herself: keenly observant, deeply human, and truly unforgettable.

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Try Something New This Winter with Our Library of Things

Whether you are looking to explore a new hobby or play a board game together this winter, you can borrow something from our Library of Things collection. Stay active with fitness equipment, pick up knitting, or build with LEGOS!

- Balance board
- Fitness kit
- Knitting loom kit
- Folding task lamp
- Clue board game
- LEGO architecture: Taj Mahal
- Sound machine
- Hands-free LED magnifier

Browse the entire Library of Things collection on the 2nd floor near the Adult Services desk or visit us online to see what’s available at addisonlibrary.org/LibraryOfThings.

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Check Out a Local Attraction with Your Addison Library Card

We’re excited to offer Explore More Illinois and the Museum Adventure Pass, two great ways to explore local attractions such as museums, park districts, and more! Use your Addison Public Library card to receive free admission or a special discount at participating Chicago area cultural destinations!

Check out these featured passes and offers! For more details on these programs, visit addisonlibrary.org/explore.

**Explore More Illinois**
- **Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago**
  - Offer: Free family admission
  - Printed pass required
- **Chicago Maritime Museum**
  - Offer: 4 for 1 — $20 admission for 4 visitors
  - Mobile or printed pass accepted
- **Chicago Children’s Museum**
  - Offer: One free admission
  - Printed pass required

**Museum Adventure Pass**
Free passes are available on a first-come, first-served basis:
- American Writers Museum (4)
- Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center (4)
- Naper Settlement (4)

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Sign Up for a Book Box!
The April Book Box theme is "Every Day is Earth Day". Registration begins February 1 and ends March 4. Book Boxes will be available for pickup April 1-30.

Sign up at addisonlibrary.org/book-box. Open to all Addison Public Library cardholders. Space is limited.
Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago
Offer: Free family admission
Printed pass required

Chicago Maritime Museum
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Mobile or printed pass accepted

Chicago Children’s Museum
Offer: One free admission
Printed pass required

Night Programs
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For Teens & Young Adults

New Young Adult Programs
NEW! Nostalgia Days
Let’s get back to basics and hang out at the library. We’ll have snacks and some of your favorite activities while you catch up. Drop-in!
Tues., Jan. 2—Fri., Jan. 5 2:45-4:00 Teen Program Room

NEW! Mindful Moments
Take a mindful moment, a small portion of your month dedicated to self-care and intentionality, by joining us in learning strategies and making tools to help start the year in the right direction.
Tues., Jan. 9 — Vision Boards
Tues., Jan. 30 — Meditation Jars
6:30-8:00 Adult Program Room

NEW! Cozy Creatives
Join us for a series of low-stress crafting nights with snacks and fellow crafters. Bring your own project or join in with ours — we’ll have supplies to share!
Mon., Jan. 29 7:00 Large Meeting Room

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.
Thurs., Jan. 18 and Tues., Feb. 6 3:15-4:15 Large Meeting Room

NEW! Fiero Code
The library now offers a new learn-to-code software — for free! Kids ages 8-18 can learn computer programming skills through a series of tutorials and projects. Work towards building websites, video games, phone apps, animations and more! Get started at: addisonlibrary.org/code

Care Con
Sat., Feb. 10 10:00-2:00
Join community partners and friends to support your physical and mental health! Practice self-care with activities and crafts and learn about community resources for when you need extra support.
All ages welcome!

After School
Rush Hour
During our busiest time at the library, teens can expect a free snack, a fun place to hang out, and daily activities to spark their creativity. It could be painting, badminton, card games, riddles, a science experiment, or multiple options throughout the library. Drop by and check it out!
School days 2:45-4:00

Teen LEGO
Join us after school and let’s build LEGO!
Tues., Jan. 9 and 23, Feb. 13 and 27 4:00-5:00

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Storytimes & Early Learning Programs
Join us for storytimes and early learning programs! All ages and registration required unless otherwise noted.

**NEW! Discovery Babies & Toddlers**
Join us for stories, songs, and action rhymes, and discover friends and fun! Geared toward ages birth-2 years old but all ages welcome. Please register for each session separately.

- **Mon., Jan. 22 and 29, Feb. 5, 12, and 26** 10:00-10:30

**Birth to 3 Jamboree**
Stories, songs, and more! Geared toward ages birth-3, but all ages welcome. Please register for each session separately. Please make sure to sign up for just one time slot as the material will be the same in both.

- **Thurs., Jan. 25 and Feb. 1-22** 10:00-10:30 and 11:15-11:45

**Let’s Move!**
Join us for songs, stories, and fun in this movement-oriented storytime!

- **Fri., Jan. 12 and Feb. 16** 10:00-10:30

**Music & Motion**
This fun program is focused on music and singing and includes plenty of movement too! Geared for ages 3-5, but all ages welcome. Please note the Saturday sessions will include the same material as Tuesdays.

- **Tues., Jan. 9 and Feb. 6** 2:00-2:30
- **Sat., Jan. 20 and Feb. 17** 2:00-2:30

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

- **Thurs., Jan. 18 and Feb. 29** 10:00-10:45

**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., Jan. 17** 10:00-10:30

**Lunar New Year Storytime**
Lunar New Year is coming soon! Join us for stories and songs to say goodbye to the Year of the Rabbit and ring in the Year of the Dragon.

- **Wed., Jan. 31** 10:00-10:30

**Football Storytime**
Come celebrate the fun sport of football with stories and songs!

- **Wed., Feb. 7** 10:00-10:30

**Valentine’s Day Storytime**
Valentine’s Day is a day of love for friends and family. Celebrate this great day with stories and songs.

- **Wed., Feb. 14** 10:00-10:30

**Bilingual Stories & Crafts**
Enjoy drop-in stories and crafts, and learn some new words in Spanish!

- **Mon., Jan. 29** 6:00-6:30

**Winter Reading for Birth-Grade 5**
Starting Mon., Jan. 8, pick up your Winter Reading Log and goodie bag. Complete your log by Weds., Jan. 31 and you’ll receive a prize!

**1,000 Books Before Kindergarten**
Register your child for 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten! When you register, you’ll receive a tote bag, a free book to keep, and materials about the initiative. For every 100 books you read with your child, they’ll receive a prize.

**Celebrate Black History Month**
Join us to celebrate Black History Month in February with a special book cover scavenger hunt featuring Black authors and characters!
Registration is required for library programs unless listed as "Drop-In." Registration for most children’s events opens on or before Jan. 2. Register online at addisonlibrary.org/events, by phone at 630.458.3338, or ask staff for help.

Programas en español

Manualidades de invierno
Ven y acompáñanos a hacer manualidades con tema de invierno.
Lun., el 22 de ene. 6:00-6:45

Cuentos y manualidades bilingües
¡Únete a nosotros para cuentos bilingües y manualidades, y aprende algunas palabras nuevas en español!
Lun., el 29 de ene. 6:00-6:30

Haz una cobija (manta) sin coser
Ven y acompáñanos para aprender cómo hacer una cobija sin coser. No se requieren habilidades de costura.
Lun., el 12 de feb. 6:00-7:00

For Grades K-5 In-person; registration required

STEM Fun: Planes & Helicopters
Join us to create paper airplanes and helicopters and we’ll test which designs work best! All supplies provided.
Grades K and up.
Thurs., Jan. 18 4:00-4:45

DIY Snow Globes
Join us to make your own snow globe! All supplies provided.
Grades K and up.
Thurs., Jan. 25 4:00-4:45

Watercolor Painting with Brigit
Join local artist Brigit Goudie to create a watercolor masterpiece! Grades K-5.
Thurs. Feb. 8 4:00-4:45

No-Sew Blankets
Join us to create a no sew blanket, no sewing skills required.
Grades K-5.
Mon., Feb. 12 6:00-7:00

LEGO Challenge: Save the Minifigures!
Rescue LEGO minifigures trapped in ice! We’ll brainstorm different ways to save the minifigures and create LEGO builds once they are rescued. All supplies provided.
Grades K-5.
Thurs., Feb. 15 4:00-4:45

Robot Club
Have you ever wanted your own robot? Come check out our Coji bots and learn how they work. Grades 1-5.
Thurs., Feb. 22 4:00-4:45

Special Events

Valentine’s Day Craft with Krystyna
Join Krystyna Jaroc to create a Polish-inspired Valentine’s Day craft!
Limit 20 participants; all participants who want to make a craft must register. All children under 6 must be accompanied by a caregiver.
Tues., Feb. 6 6:30-7:30

Registered Craft Kit

Valentine’s Day Perler Bead Craft Kit
Create a Valentine’s Day Perler Bead masterpiece!
Make sure to register to reserve your kit, which will be available starting Feb. 1.
Thurs., Feb. 1

For the Whole Family All ages; drop-in!

Play & Create
Join us on a day off for a morning of play and crafts! We’ll have LEGO, crafts, and fun movement activities available.
Mon., Jan. 8 10:00-12:00
Mon., Feb. 19 10:00-12:00

Artsy Craftsy
Join us at the library for crafts and art projects on an early dismissal day.
Thurs., Feb. 29 1:00-1:45

Winter Crafts
Join us to make winter crafts!
Mon., Jan. 22 6:00-6:45

Looking for one-on-one help?
Children’s Services staff are available for reading, math, homework help, computer skills, early literacy appointments, and help with practicing English (new for 2024)! We’ll build skills and confidence with conversation and activities. To get started with all Children’s Services appointments, go to addisonlibrary.org/appointments.
What books did we love in 2023? Check out our recommended reads for a variety of ages and interests.

**Fiction**

**Birnam Wood**
by Eleanor Catton

An engrossing novel about a group of ecological activists fighting against climate change and capitalism.

**The Fraud**
by Zadie Smith

A kaleidoscopic work of historical fiction set against the legal trial that divided Victorian England, about who gets to tell their story—and who gets to be believed.

**Maame**
by Jessica George

A moving coming-of-age novel from a British-Ghanaian perspective. Maddie is the primary caretaker for her father. When her mother returns home Maddie takes the opportunity to start living her own life.

**Pineapple Street**
by Jenny Jackson

A funny, sharp novel of family, wealth, love, and tennis. This debut follows three women of Brooklyn Heights: one who was born with money, one who married into it, and one who wants to give it all away.

**The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store**
by James McBride

In 1972 Chicken Hill, Pennsylvania, a discovered skeleton reveals hidden truths, about the close-knit community — secrets involving the town’s white establishment.

**Hello Beautiful**
by Ann Napolitano

A young man escaping a troubled past befriends a spirited young woman who welcomes him into her loving, loud, chaotic household.

**Tom Lake**
by Ann Patchett

In the spring of 2020, Lara’s daughters return to the family orchard, prompting her to recount a past romance. The daughters reevaluate their lives, and the complexities of love, family, and personal histories.

**Nonfiction**

**Spare**
by Prince Harry

A landmark publication full of insight, revelation, self-examination, and hard-won wisdom about the eternal power of love over grief.

**King: A Life**
by Jonathan Eig

The first full biography in decades, King mixes revelatory and exhaustive new research with brisk and accessible storytelling to forge the definitive life for our times.

**The Covenant of Water**
by Abram Verghese

Spanning the years 1900 to 1977 on South India’s Malabar Coast, this novel follows three generations of a family that suffers a peculiar affliction: in every generation, at least one person dies by drowning.

**The Wager**
by David Grann

A tale of shipwreck, survival and savagery, the author of Killers of the Flower Moon recounts the events on a British vessel that left England in 1740 on a secret mission that revealed a shocking truth.

**The Woman in Me**
by Britney Spears

The noted pop star offers a moving story about freedom, fame, motherhood, survival, faith, and hope.
**Teens**

**Danger and Other Unknown Risks**  
by Ryan North and Erica Henderson  
This graphic novel about a girl, her talking dog, and their attempt to save the world is equal parts action-packed adventure, hilarious romp, and heartbreaking drama.

**Rez Ball**  
by Byron Graves  
All Tre wants to do is play basketball. But now it’s not just about winning. Getting to state means representing the reservation, impressing his father, and living up to the memory of his brother.

**My Flawless Life**  
by Yvonne Woon  
Hana is a fixer for the elite students at her private school, saving their reputations and keeping their secrets hidden. She can handle any problem...except maybe her own.

**Their Vicious Games**  
by Joelle Wellington  
Adina thinks she’s entering a competition about etiquette and manners, but it quickly becomes a bloody game of survival.

**Dear Mothman**  
by Robin Gow  
What if the only person who really knew you was a monster? Noah’s poems and sincere attempt to connect with anyone, even the Mothman, after the death of his best friend will make your heart ache.

**I Am the Walrus**  
by Neal Shusterman and Eric Elfman  
A messy, funny, surreal, and action-packed science fiction with a loveably flawed hero at its center.

**Suddenly a Murder**  
by Lauren Muñoz  
Everyone celebrating the end of high school at Ashwood Manor is a suspect when one of the guests at the exclusive 1920’s-themed weekend turns up dead.

**Kids**

**Remember**  
Written by Joy Harjo  
Illustrations by Michalea Goade  
This beautifully illustrated book invites us to notice the world around us and how we are all connected. Recommended for ages 3-5.

**Can You Hug a Forest?**  
Written by Frances Gilbert  
Illustrations by Amy Hevron  
Sounds and actions for a virtual or real walk in a forest. An action-packed story that kids will love. Recommended for ages 3-5.

**Mother of Sharks / Madres de los tiburones**  
by Melissa Cristina Marquez  
After meeting a talking crab that takes her on an amazing adventure, Meli is inspired to follow her dream to become a scientist. Recommended for ages 5-8.

**Burt the Beetle Lives Here!**  
by Ashley Spires  
Burt the Beetle visits all sorts of insect homes on a quest to find the best one. A humorous and informative early reader. Recommended for ages 6-9.

**Over the Rainbow**  
by Rachel Davis and Wenjia Tang  
Everything about rainbows worldwide with colorful illustrations. A beautiful book that is scientific, historical, and inclusive. Recommended for ages 7-9.

**Mexikid**  
Written and Illustrated by Pedro Martín  
Pedro, born in the U.S. to an immigrant family, struggles to be both Mexican and American. A family road trip to Mexico may be what Pedro needs to help find his cultural roots. Recommended for ages 9-14.

**The Many Masks of Andy Zhou**  
Written and Illustrated by Jack Cheng  
Sixth grader Andy is dealing with bullies and his best friend is finding new friends. An authentic story full of anime and pop culture references. Recommended for ages 8-12.
College of DuPage Classes

English Classes
Free English language classes offered by College of DuPage. Testing date is Jan. 22 & 24 at 9:30; first day of class is January 29. Contact COD for other locations and times at 630.942.3697.

Citizenship Classes
Free citizenship class to prepare adults for U.S. Citizenship tests, including the application process and passing the interview. Testing date Jan. 27 at 9:30; first day of class is Feb. 3. Register through College of DuPage at 630.942.3697.

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!

English Reading Circle
Build your vocabulary and reading skills in a small group setting.
Tuesdays 11:00 Adult Program Room (Drop-in)

ELL Books & Bites
Are you an English learner that enjoys reading? Join us in reading What I Know For Sure by Oprah Winfrey. You will be able to pick up a copy of the book once you register. The book will be yours to keep! We will read the book individually and as a group. We will discuss the book as we enjoy dinner and offer you a fun and safe environment to practice your English reading and comprehension skills! Registration is required.
Thurs., Jan. 11, 18, 25, and Feb. 1
6:00-7:00 Adult Program Room

EN ESPAÑOL

Recursos y Café
Ven a la biblioteca y disfruta de un café con nuestra especialista en servicios sociales y la estudiante en práctica mientras aprendes sobre los recursos locales. Estaremos disponibles para contestar cualquier pregunta sobre recursos para la salud mental, vivienda, asistencia médica, inmigración, violencia doméstica, beneficios/ayuda pública, distribución de alimentos, asistencia legal, y más.
Juev., 25 de ene. 11:00-5:00 Adult Program Room

Libros y el Bienestar Mental
Únete a nuestro nuevo grupo donde ofrecemos un espacio seguro para hablar sobre temas de la salud mental utilizando biblioterapia. Vamos a identificar, discutir y reflexionar sobre diferentes libros que hablan de la salud mental y tendremos una conversación al final. Aprenda como practicar y sobrellevar con eficacia el autocuidado mientras maneja las dificultades de la vida.
Juev., 22 de feb. 7:15-8:15 Adult Program Room

MLK Día de Servicios
Para el Día de Martin Luther King Jr., la biblioteca organizará un Día de Servicio para ayudar a nuestra comunidad. Habrá lugares asignados para crear artículos para organizaciones locales, tales como kits de higiene, mantas para bebés, tarjetas, ¡y mucho más! Todas las edades son bienvenidas. No es necesario tener experiencia en manualidades. Los voluntarios recibirán un refrigerio.
Lun., 15 de ene. 12:00-3:00 Large Meeting Room

Colección de Herramientas Higiénicas
Mar., el 02 de ene.-14 de ene., 2024
Comenzando el 2 de enero, estaremos recolectando productos de cuidado personal en el primer piso. Estos productos se usaran para armar kits de higiene durante nuestro Día de Servicio. Buscamos los siguientes productos en tamaño de viaje o mini:
• Tamaño de viaje champú y acondicionador
• Tamaño de viaje desodorante
• Tamaño de viaje desinfectante de manos
• Tamaño de viaje pañuelos
• Paquete de toallas
• Mentas para alimento
• Peine
• Productos menstruales
**Eventos para adultos**

**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., 4 de feb.* 7:00-8:00  Large Meeting Room

**Colegio de DuPage**

**Clases de inglés**
Clases gratuitas de inglés ofrecidas por el Colegio de DuPage. Las evaluaciones se llevarán a cabo el 22 & 24 de enero. El primer día de clases es el 29 de enero. Para otros horarios llame al Colegio de DuPage 630.942.3697.

**Spanish GED Class**
El GED es una certificación de equivalencia de la escuela preparatoria estadounidense. El examen de ubicación se realiza el 27 de enero; la clase se inicia el 3 de febrero.

**Eventos para niños**

**Manualidades de invierno**
Ven y acompáñanos a hacer manualidades con tema de invierno.

*Lun., el 22 de ene.* 6:00-6:45

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

*Lun., el 29 de ene.* 6:00-6:30

**Haz una cobija (manta) sin coser**
Ven y acompáñanos para aprender cómo hacer una cobija sin coser. No se requieren habilidades de costura.

*Lun., el 12 de feb.* 6:00-7:00

**Tecnología, ¡simplificada!**

**Conceptos básicos de internet**
Aprenda sobre los exploradores web y los motores de búsqueda, desarrollarán habilidades para navegar por Internet y descubrirán consejos y trucos para hacer búsquedas básicas y avanzadas en línea.

*Dom., 21 de ene.* 2:00-3:00  Adult Program Room

**Introducción a Microsoft Word (Serie de tres sesiones)**
En esta serie de tres partes, los participantes aprenderán a crear y dar formato a documentos con Microsoft Word, así como a realizar acciones sencillas como guardar, abrir e imprimir documentos. Al final de la serie, los participantes serán capaces de redactar documentos para un entorno profesional.

*Lun., 5, 12 and 19 de feb.* 6:00-7:00  Adult Program Room

**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 enseñará a los adultos hispanos a leer y escribir en español. Esta clase es sólo para los hablantes nativos de español.

*Martes y jueves, 30 de ene.-9 de may.*
6:30-8:30  Adult Program Room

**Aprenda inglés**

**Inglés para llevar: Literacy-to-Go Kits**
¡Pase a retír una carpeta de ejercicios y actividades para ayudarle a practicar su inglés! Tenemos una carpeta con nuevas actividades cada otro mes. ¡Visite el segundo piso de la biblioteca para obtener su carpeta o mande un correo electrónico a Ana Beltran abeltran@addisonlibrary.org para recibir una copia digital!

**Colegio de DuPage**
¿Está buscando clases de inglés o ciudadanía? El próximo semestre de clases comenzará en enero! Le mantendremos al tanto de las fechas de prueba y comienzo.

**Grup de conversación**
Diviértase mientras practica sus habilidades de conversación en inglés!

*Cada lunes* 2:00  Zoom  📩
Regístrese para recibir el enlace de Zoom

*Cada miércoles* 7:00  Large Meeting Room
No se requiere registración

**Círculo de lectura**
Desarrolle su vocabulario y habilidades de lectura en inglés participando en un grupo pequeño.

*Cada martes* 11:00  Adult Program Room
No se requiere registración

**Regístrate para La Caja de Libros!**
El tema para el Book Box de febrero será “Todos los días son el día de la tierra”. Registración comienza el 1 de febrero y termina el 4 de marzo. Las cajas estarán disponibles durante el mes de abril.

Los cupos se agotan rápidamente, así que ¡regístrate pronto! Regístrate en addisonlibrary.org/book-box.

Esto se ofrece a las personas con las tarjetas de la Biblioteca de Addison y de todas edades. El espacio es limitado.
SHARING OUR STORY | BY THE NUMBERS

As part of our Strategic Plan, one of our priorities is to share our story. To see how well we're doing and how we're helping our community, we collect and study data and numbers that show our impact. We update a monthly report of these statistics at addisonlibrary.org/Sharing-Our-Impact. Let's take a closer look at one of the charts from that report:

**Community Satisfaction**

More than 8 out of 10 active library cardholders surveyed were very likely to recommend the Addison Public Library to others.

- **91%**
- **74%**
- **9%**

"On a scale from 0 (not at all likely) to 10 (very likely), how likely are you to recommend the library to others?"

PATRONS can also share why they gave that score, but those responses are in a different section, highlighted separately.

**What is it?**

This chart shows answers to the question: "How likely are you to recommend the library to others, on a scale from 0 (not at all likely) to 10 (very likely)?"

**Why is it important?**

We use this question as a tool to assess the strength of our relationships with cardholders and understand how the library is meeting their needs. We appreciate any and all feedback!

**Where does this data come from?**

Each week, we send out an email survey to a random sample of 10% of our cardholders with their email address on file. The data you see on the left comes from the second question in this survey.

**How can I give feedback?**

If you receive a survey from us in your email, please share your opinions! You can also fill out a comment card at the library, or leave feedback online at addisonlibrary.org/feedback.

**ADA Requests**

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

Attendance at library programs, events and participating in any library activity constitutes consent to be photographed for Addison Public Library promotional purposes.