FREE EARLY DISMISSAL LUNCH
ALMUERZO GRATIS SALIENDO TEMPRANO

School’s out early and we’re hosting a free lunch at the library for children 18 and under! Meals are provided by the Northern Illinois Food Bank.

¡La escuela termina temprano y estamos organizando un almuerzo gratis en la biblioteca para los niños de de 18 años o menores! Las comidas son proporcionadas por el Banco de Alimentos del Norte de Illinois.

Fri., Apr. 19 / vier., el 19 de abril. 11:30-12:30

EVERYDAY HEROES
HÉROES COTIDIANOS

with / con DuPage Health Coalition & HEART

Join us and become an everyday hero, an empowering, interactive opportunity to learn life-saving skills!

¡Diviértete mientras aprendes habilidades para salvar vidas!

Fri., Mar. 29 10:30-12:30 in English / en inglés
Sab., 8 de jun. 2:30-4:30 en español / in Spanish

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Thank you to everyone that participated in our MLK Day of Service this January!

SOLAR ECLIPSE VIEWING PARTY

Don’t miss this extraordinary opportunity to witness the upcoming solar eclipse in a safe and engaging environment! All ages are invited to join us at the library for a live-stream of the eclipse, NASA lotería, and more! Solar eclipse glasses and goodie bags will be available on a first-come, first-served basis starting on Mon., Apr. 1.

Mon., Apr. 8 1:30-3:30 Teen Program Room
**Spotlight On: Friends of the Addison Public Library**

Through their fundraising efforts, the Friends support the mission of the library by donating funds and volunteer hours. Their next major fundraising effort is the Magazine Sale coming up on Mon., Mar. 4! If you prefer books, you can always stop by the Book Sale shelf in the lobby. All items are a dollar or less, and are in new or like-new condition.

These fundraising efforts have supported a variety of projects during the last year. Last summer, the Friends funded our Summer Reading tote bags and the Kona Ice truck at our kick-off party. They also funded scholarships for Career Online High School, as well as our winter decorations on and in our building. Thank you to our Friends of the Library for all that you do!

**Interested in becoming a Friend?**
Visit addisonlibrary.org/join-friends to learn more.

**Your Library... In Your Pocket!**

The free SWAN Libraries + app lets you manage your checkouts, browse for items in the catalog, place holds, and even scan your mobile library card — all from your device!


**Sign Up For Text Notifications**

Receive texts for library messages like hold pickup notices and overdue alerts! Log in to your online account, click your name, and select Text Message Settings from the dropdown menu. You'll be able to customize which notifications you receive via text.

**DOWNLOAD THE FREE SWAN LIBRARIES + APP**

for your Addison Public Library card!

- Manage your account
- Search and place holds
- Access your library card
Celebrate National Library Week With Us!
Sun., Apr. 7 - Sat., Apr. 13

The theme for National Library Week 2024, “Ready, Set, Library!,” promotes the idea that in our always-online world, libraries give us a green light to something truly special: a place to connect with others, learn new skills, and focus on what matters most.

No matter where you find yourself on the roadmap through life’s journey—preparing for a new career, launching a business, or raising a family—your library provides an inclusive and supportive community where everyone belongs.

Get ready to explore, become inspired, and connect with your library this National Library Week. Libraries are there for you, all the way to the finish line.

Mon., Apr. 8: Right to Read Day

Tues., Apr. 9: National Library Workers Day
A day for everyone to recognize the valuable contributions made by library workers.

Weds, Apr. 10: National Library Outreach Day
A day dedicated to library professionals who are meeting their patrons where they are in the community.

Thurs., Apr. 11: Take Action for Libraries Day
A day to rally advocates to urge members of Congress to protect the freedom to read.

Be sure to follow us on social media to see how we’re celebrating!

Visit Us in the Community

The Solar Eclipse is Coming!

All About The Total Solar Eclipse
A total solar eclipse happens when the Sun is completely covered by the Moon, creating a dark sky. Join us for a special presentation all about the upcoming total solar eclipse on Mon., Apr. 8.

Mon., Mar. 11 7:00-8:00 Large Meeting Room

Solar Eclipse Viewing Party
Don’t miss this special chance to see the upcoming solar eclipse in a fun and safe setting! Everyone is welcome at the library for a live stream of the eclipse, NASA lotería, and more. Get your free solar eclipse glasses and goodie bags early – they’ll be given out on a first-come, first-served basis starting on Mon., Apr. 1 at 9:00 AM.

Mon., Apr. 8 1:30-3:30 Teen Program Room

Puzzle Exchange
Freshen up your puzzle collection by swapping with your neighbors! For each gently used puzzle you donate starting on Fri., Mar. 15, you will get a ticket to use on the day of the exchange for your "new" puzzle! You are also welcome to drop-in on the day of the swap and exchange then!

Sun., Mar. 17 1:00-4:45 Large Meeting Room
FOR ADULTS

Movement & Meditation

Ageless Grace® Timeless Fitness for the Body and Brain
Join Sherie Shapiro from Ageless Grace® for a session that activates all 5 functions of the brain and simultaneously addresses all 21 physical skills needed for lifelong optimal function. Music and laughter guaranteed!
**Thurs., Mar. 21 and Apr. 18**
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., Mar. 14 and 28, Apr. 11 and 25**
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., Mar. 6 and Apr. 17**
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., Mar. 7 and Apr. 4**
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., Apr. 1**
7:00-8:00  Large Meeting Room

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., Mar. 15 — Uno**
11:00-12:00  Large Meeting Room

**Fri., Apr. 12 — Bingo**
11:00-12:00  Large Meeting 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.
**Mon., Mar. 18 – Fri., Mar. 22**
crowd.live/GDX6X
**Mon., Apr. 15 – Fri., Apr. 19**
crowd.live/LYK9B

For History Lovers

Women Today: Maureen Heffern Ponicki, PhD.
March is Women's History Month. Join us as we explore the status of women in today's world. This discussion will provide an overview of the state of women's rights both in the U.S. and abroad, and will include updates on issues such as gender pay equity, violence, discrimination, and other challenges impacting girls and women today. An American Sign Language interpreter will be present at the event.
**Mon., Mar. 18**
7:00-8:00  Large Meeting Room

Smoky the War Dog
Join producer and professional public speaker Adrian Brigham as he shares the remarkable story of Smoky the War Dog. Enjoy a special guest appearance by therapy dog "Hairy Pawter" – a renowned pooch in his own right!
Co-sponsored by the Addison Historical Society.
**Thurs., Mar. 21**
7:00-8:00  Large Meeting Room

The History of The Beatles in One Hour
Thanks to a treasure chest of memorable songs and an uncanny ability to chart fresh musical direction with each new album, The Beatles remain one of the world’s most popular and iconic bands. With performance and interview clips, we’ll trace the arc of the Beatles career. Co-sponsored by the Addison Historical Society.
**Thurs., Apr. 25**
7:00-8:00  Large Meeting Room
Featured Events

Everyday Heroes with DuPage Health Coalition & HEART
Join us and become an everyday hero, an empowering, interactive opportunity to learn life-saving skills! In this program presented in partnership with DuPage Health Coalition & HEART, participants will:
• Learn hands-only CPR
• Practice with a model AED
• Be educated on NARCAN/overdoses
Fri., Mar. 29  10:30-12:30  Large Meeting Room

All About The Total Solar Eclipse
A total solar eclipse happens when the Sun is completely covered by the Moon, creating a dark sky. Join us for a special presentation all about the upcoming total solar eclipse on Mon., Apr. 8, 2024.
Mon., Mar. 11  7:00-8:00
Large Meeting Room

Can't get enough solar eclipse?
Don’t miss our solar eclipse viewing party on Mon., Apr. 8 at the library! More information on page 3.

The College Process and SAT Test Updates
In 2024, there are big changes in college planning. Come learn about the updated SAT and how to understand test-optional admissions. We’ll share new strategies to help you or your student get admitted and secure more scholarships! Presented by College Inside Track.
Wed., Apr. 10  6:30
Adult Program Room & Zoom

Edible Landscapes
By combining fruit and nut trees, vegetables, herbs, edible flowers or berry bushes in aesthetically pleasing ways, edible landscapes can be just as attractive as ornamental ones. Learn how to create a tasteful home landscape using edible plants. Presented by the University of Illinois Master Gardener Gail Sanders.
Mon., Apr. 22  7:00-8:00
Large Meeting Room

Self-Care and Creativity

Mindful Moments: Rock Painting
Take a mindful moment, a small portion of your month dedicated to self-care and intentionality, by joining us in painting rocks to brighten your day. Rocks provided!
Tues., Mar. 26  7:00-8:00  Adult Program Room

Cozy Creatives: Low-Stress Craft Nights
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., Apr. 8  7:00-8:00  Large Meeting 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., Apr. 18  7:15-8:15  Adult Program Room

Mindful Moments: Walking Meditation and Nature Collage
Take a mindful moment, a small portion of your month dedicated to self-care and intentionality, by joining us for a meditation walk. Items collected on our walk will be used to create a nature collage.
Tues., Apr. 30  6:30-7:30  Large Meeting Room

New Crafting Resource: Craft & Hobby
Explore Craft & Hobby, our newest database, that offers in-depth, online instructional videos and classes spanning 22 different creative categories, including painting, decorating, crochet and knitting, quilting, woodworking, cake decorating, and more. Also included is a craftsy section and craftsy en español.
Upcoming Workshops

**Smart Phone Photography**
The best camera is the one that is with you — your smart phone! Learn the basics of photography, common smart phone camera features, and tips for photo backups.
**Weds., Mar. 13** 6:30-8:00 Adult Program Room
**Fri., Mar. 22** 10:00-11:30 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., Mar. 18** 3:30-4:30 Creative Studio
**Mon., Apr. 15** 3:30-4:30 Creative Studio
**Mon., Apr. 22** 3:30-4:30 Creative Studio

**Cricut Craft: Framed Pressed Flowers**
Learn the basics of the Cricut Maker cutting machine to make framed pressed flower decor. Patrons will cut a vinyl decal to combine with pressed flowers to make great wall art. All supplies included.
**Weds., Mar. 20** 6:30-7:30 Creative Studio

**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.
**Weds., Mar. 27** 6:30-8:00 Creative Studio
**Weds., Apr. 10** 6:30-8:00 Creative Studio
**Fri., Apr. 12** 10:00-11:30 Creative Studio

**Silhouette Craft: Custom Water Bottle**
Learn the basics of the Silhouette Cameo cutting machine with this water bottle craft. Patrons will create vinyl decals of their name to decorate a water bottle. All supplies, including the water bottle, are included in the class.
**Weds., Apr. 17** 6:30-7:30 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., Apr. 24** 6:30-8:00 Adult Program Room

Maker Day
Join us for a Maker Day! All ages and skill levels welcome! We’ll have activity stations and craft sessions available. Meet local clubs and organizations, including a few trade schools for those interested in a career. A more detailed schedule will be available at addisonlibrary.org/MakerDay.
**Sat., Mar. 9** 1:00-4:00

International Women’s Day-Themed Cross Stitch Kit
Pick up an International Women’s Day cross stitch kit in our Creative Studio starting 9:00 AM on Fri., Mar. 8. All supplies included in the kit. Kits are available on a first-come, first-served basis.
**Fri., Mar. 8** Creative Studio

**What is International Women's Day?**
IWD is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating women's equality.

Technology Made Simple

**Computer Basics**
Explore the basics of using a computer! In this class, you’ll learn how to turn on the computer, save and open files, create folders, and other essential skills.
**Thurs., Mar. 21** 2:00-3:00 Adult Program Room
**Tues., Apr. 2** 6:30-7:30 Adult Program Room

**Windows 10 Basics**
Build confidence and get the most out of Windows 10! In this class, you’ll learn to navigate, use the task manager, manage your files, and more with Microsoft’s latest operating system.
**Thurs., Apr. 18** 2:00-3:00 Adult Program Room
**Tues., Apr. 23** 6:30-7:30 Adult Program Room
Events For Job Seekers

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. Registration is required, and sessions will be on a first-come, first-served basis.
**Weds., Mar. 13 and Apr. 17**
10:00-12:00  Second Floor Desk

Career Changes: What You Need to Know About Navigating a Career Change
Are you thinking about a career change? Whether you are looking to switch industries, transition to a different role, or explore a new field, this program will provide guidance and resources to facilitate a successful career transition.
**Tues., Mar. 19**
10:00-11:00  Zoom

Resumes vs. Robots
When you submit your resume online, computer algorithms determine whether you are a qualified candidate. Learn how to customize your resume so it gets past the Applicant Tracking System and into the hands of a human being.
**Thurs., Apr. 4**
10:00-11:00  Adult Program Room

Improve Your Resume With Practical Strategies
Read a resume like a hiring manager. In this workshop, you’ll learn how to help your resume stand out and communicate your strengths.
**Thurs., Apr. 11**
7:00-8:00  Adult Program Room

Events For Businesses

Boost Your Money Management Skills For Your Small Business
Whether you’re starting a new business or already managing one, it’s important to understand how to manage your business finances. Having good money management skills can help increase your business’s opportunity for success. Plus, you’ll learn money management mistakes to avoid.
**PART 1: Thurs., Mar. 7**
7:00-8:00  Adult Program Room
How to separate and track business and personal finances

**PART 2: Thurs., Mar. 14**
7:00-8:00  Adult Program Room
Understanding cash flow and profit & loss

Understanding Business Structures for Entrepreneurs
Uncover the secrets behind sole proprietorships, LLCs, and corporations, arming entrepreneurs with the knowledge to navigate legal mazes, optimize taxes, and strategically design their business framework for success.
**Mon., Mar. 18**
6:30-8:00  Zoom
Presented with SCORE Business Mentoring

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 get guidance on crafting a compelling news release, establish your expertise, and harness the power of social media.
**Thurs., Mar. 28**
7:00-8:00  Adult Program Room

Pricing for Enhanced Profits
Dive into the world of pricing strategy and discover how to set the perfect price for your product or service to make money and boost profits. Learn practical skills like figuring out how much your product costs and how much money you can make, checking out the competition, and testing your pricing plan before making it official.
**Mon., Apr. 15**
6:30-8:00  Zoom
Presented with SCORE Business Mentoring

Design Thinking for Entrepreneurs
Discover how to create a collaborative environment where everyone is responsible for design. We’ll explore design challenges that can be incorporated into any workplace or startup as a way to unlock creativity and innovative thinking.
**Fri., Apr. 26**
10:00-11:00  Adult Program Room

Small Business: Next Level Networking
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 and registration is not required to attend.
**Tues., Apr. 9**
9:00-10:30  Large Meeting Room
IF YOU LIKED...

- Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann
- Yellow Bird by Karen Abbott
- Searching for Savannah by Mona Gable
- Truevine by Beth Macy

- The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store by James McBride
- Everything I Never Told You by Celeste Ng
- The House of Eve by Sadeqa Johnson

- The Inheritance Games by Jennifer Lynn Barnes
- Thieves' Gambit by Mackenzie Reed
- Truly Devious by Maureen Johnson
- Hotel Magnifique by Emily E. Taylor

- The One and Only Ruby by Sharon Creech
- Saving Winslow by Kayvion Lewis
- Once Upon a Camel by Kathi Appelt
- The Shelterlings by Sarah Beth Durst

- The Crayons Go Back to School by Simon Rich
- Back to School, Backpack! by Tom Toro
- Rick the Rock of Room 214 by R.A.M. Riendeau
- Creepy Carrots! by Aaron Blabey

...THEN TRY THESE!

Browse this list and more at addisonlibrary.org/Spring2024Readalikes
Free Early Dismissal Lunch
School’s out early and we’re hosting a free lunch at the library for children 18 and under! Meals are provided by the Northern Illinois Food Bank. They are nut-free and usually include a sandwich, fruit, and milk.
Fri., Apr. 19 11:30-12:30 Large Meeting Room

NaPoWriMo
NATIONAL POETRY WRITING MONTH
Mon., Apr. 1 - Tues., Apr. 30
Join poets across the country and write 30 poems in 30 days. It could be rap, a novel in verse, blackout poetry, or whatever inspires you. We’ll help you track your progress, set milestones, get feedback, and connect with a community of writers. Write 30 poems and get an exclusive t-shirt!
Sign up and get a starter kit filled with some goodies to get you motivated, along with a poetry challenge. Stop by the teen desk throughout the month to pick up button badges for your writing achievements like completing 10 poems, using a simile, or performing your poem. We’ll also have daily activities like magnet poetry or rhyming challenges to spark your creativity and get you writing.

Young Adult Programs
Mindful Moments: Rock Painting
Take a mindful moment, a small portion of your month dedicated to self-care and intentionality, by joining us in painting rocks to brighten your day. Rocks provided!
Tues., Mar. 26 7:00-8:00 Adult Program Room

Cozy Creatives: Low-Stress Craft Nights
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., Apr. 8 7:00-8:00 Large Meeting Room

The College Process and SAT Test Updates
Come learn about the updated SAT and how to understand test-optional admissions. We’ll share new strategies to help you get admitted and secure more scholarships! Presented by College Inside Track.
Wed., Apr. 10 6:30 Adult Program Room & Zoom

Walking Meditation and Nature Collage
Take a mindful moment, a small portion of your month dedicated to self-care and intentionality, by joining us for a meditation walk. Items collected on our walk will be used to create a nature collage.
Tues., Apr. 30 6:30-7:30 Large Meeting Room

We're on Twitch!
We're thrilled to announce our brand-new Twitch channel! Dive into a world where books meet pixels, as we bring the library to you through engaging live streams, book discussions, and interactive events. Follow us on Twitch now at twitch.tv/addisonpubliclibrary to be a part of this exciting journey and to receive updates on the upcoming premiere of our first live stream!
FOR CHILDREN

Storytimes & Early Learning Programs
Join us for storytimes and early learning programs! 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, but all ages welcome. Please register for each session separately.
- Mon., Mar. 4-18 10:00-10:30 Children’s Program Room
- Mon., Apr. 1-22 10:00-10:30 Children’s Program Room

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., Mar. 7-21 and Apr. 4-18 10:00-10:30 and 11:15-11:45 Children's Program Room

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. 6 10:00-10:30 Children’s Program Room

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. Limit 12 participants. Please make sure to register. Ages 2 and up.
- Fri., Mar. 8 10:00-10:30 Children’s Program Room

Bilingual Stories & Crafts
Enjoy drop-in stories and crafts and learn some new words in Spanish!
- Mon., Mar. 11 6:00-6:30 Children’s Program Room

End of the Rainbow Storytime
Help us celebrate St Patrick’s Day with books all about rainbows and pots of gold!
- Weds., Mar. 13 10:00-10:30 Children’s Program Room

Let’s Move!
Join us for songs, stories, and fun in this movement-oriented storytime! Limit 15 participants.
- Fri., Mar. 15 10:00-10:30 Large Meeting Room
- Fri., Apr. 5 10:00-10:30 Large Meeting Room

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.
- Tues., Mar. 19 2:00-2:30 Children’s Program Room

Spring Storytime
It’s finally spring! Join us for some spring stories and songs.
- Weds., Mar. 20 10:00-10:30 Children’s Program Room

Toddler Time
Stimulate your child’s senses at our sensory table, get them moving with our active toys, and spark their creativity by making some simple crafts or artwork. Geared for toddlers, but all ages welcome.
- Thurs., Mar. 28 10:00-10:45 Children’s Program Room
- Thurs., Apr. 25 10:00-10:45 Registration opens Apr. 1

NEW! Science Club for Littles
Join us in finding out how the world works with different science experiments!
Ages 3 and up.
- Thurs., Apr. 18 4:00-4:45 Registration opens Apr. 1

Earth Day Storytime
Celebrate our favorite planet in the Solar System with fun books about Earth and how to take care of it.
- Weds., Apr. 24 10:00-10:30 Children’s Program Room
Registration opens Apr. 1

Día de los Niños Storytime
Join us to celebrate Día de los niños/ Día de los libros! We'll read stories and do an activity celebrating children and their families. Drop-in.
- Tues., Apr. 30 6:00-6:30 Children’s Program Room

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.
Special Events

Jenny Appleseed: Lost Lore and Tall Tales
Come and see Jessica Michna from Historic First Impressions as she becomes Jenny Appleseed, the fictional sister of Johnny Appleseed! Learn all about the tall tale legend and characters such as Rip Van Winkle and Paul Bunyan. This program is presented in partnership with the Addison Historical Society. Geared towards grades K-3, but all ages (including adults) are welcome.
Sat., Mar. 9 10:00-11:15 Children’s Program Room

Pisanki
In Poland, people decorate eggs called Pisanki for Easter. All are welcome to join us in this Eastern European tradition. If you want to decorate an egg, please sign up. Supplies will only be given to those who register.
Tues., Mar. 12 6:30-7:30 Large Meeting Room

Meet & Greet with Judge Chantelle Porter
Join local Judge Chantelle Porter as she reads the story Abe Lincoln’s Hat and teaches us all about the day in the life of a judge. Geared towards grades K-4, but all ages welcome.
Wed., Mar. 13 6:30-7:00 Children’s Program Room

Bunnies, Chocolate, and Eggs, Oh My!
Join us for an afternoon filled with Easter stories, songs, and crafts. All ages; please make sure to register.
Sat., Mar. 16 2:00-2:30 Children’s Program Room

Celebrate Ramadan
Join us to celebrate Ramadan with a special story and craft activity! Drop-in; all ages.
Sat., Mar. 23 2:00-2:30 Children’s Program Room

Celebrate Eid al-Fitr
Join us to celebrate Eid al-Fitr with a special story and craft activity! Drop-in; all ages.
Sat., Apr. 20 2:00-2:30 Children’s Program Room

Free Early Dismissal Lunch
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Fri., Apr. 19 11:30-12:30 Large Meeting Room

For Grades K-5

In-person; registration required

Learn to Crochet
Join us for this special learn to crochet class with local crochet artist Carol Lesson. Please make sure to register! Grades 3 and up.
Thurs., Mar. 14 6:00-7:00 Children’s Program Room

Robot Club
Have you ever wanted your own robot? Come check out our Coji bots and learn how they work. Grades 1-5.
Thurs., Mar. 21 4:00-4:45 Children’s Program Room

Building STEAM Fun
Drop by the library to build a bridge using popsicles, straws, or cardboard! We’ll test out its strength with some books. Drop-in. Grades K-5.
Tues., Mar. 26 1:00-3:00 Children’s Program Room

LEGO Challenge: Mini Builds
Let’s get creative and make miniature fantasy animals, cars, and more out of LEGO! Grades K-5.
Thurs., Apr. 11 4:00-4:45 Children’s Program Room

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 and crafts, as well as some fun movement activities available.
Mon., Mar. 25 10:00-12:00

Craft & Build
Pick your fun! Join us on early dismissal day to do a craft or create a masterpiece with LEGO.
Fri., Apr. 19 1:00-3:00
A Behind the Scenes Look: Book Boxes

A great way to discover new reads and enhance your reading experience is by signing up for a library book box.

Every two months, six times per year, our Book Box team provides hand-picked titles and some goodies in the book boxes we create. Book Boxes are actually a two-month process that involves many library staff members! Staff in the Children’s, Teen, and Adult Services departments are part of the Book Box team.

When registering, patrons answer brief questions about the types of books they like and any requests they have for their next read. The more information the patron gives about their likes and dislikes, the easier it is for the librarians to make the best book choice possible. Registration is open for about a month. During this time, the Book Box team chooses and orders goodies related to that book box’s theme.

Staff members in each department review all registered patron responses and get to work selecting books! Staff in the Materials Management department then pull the selected titles from the shelves, and librarians work on assembling the boxes. We enjoy making sure each box has the correct book and the fun goodies that patrons get to keep!

Once the boxes are ready, Guest Services staff places the books on hold for the patrons. Patrons come in throughout the month to pick up their boxes, and Guest Services staff check them out. When patrons return the boxes and books, Guest Services staff check them back in. Don’t forget to keep the goodies inside!

Now you know how Book Boxes are made! Ready to sign up?

If you have any questions about Book Boxes, give us a call at 630.543.3617, visit us in-person, or reach out on our website at addisonlibrary.org/contact.

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

Upcoming Book Discussions

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

**Master Slave Husband Wife**
by Ilyon Wo

The remarkable true story of Ellen and William Craft, who escaped slavery through daring, determination, and disguise, with Ellen passing as a wealthy, disabled White man and William posing as “his” slave.

Tues., Mar. 12  7:00-8:00
Adult Program Room

**The Measure**
by Nikki Erlick

Eight ordinary people. One extraordinary choice. It seems like any other day. You wake up, get ready, and head out. But today, when you open your front door, waiting for you is a small box, holding the answer to the number of years you will live. Suddenly, everyone on earth is faced with the same choice: Do they wish to know how long they’ll live? And, if so, what will they do with that knowledge?

Tues., Apr. 9  7:00-8:00  Adult Program Room

Sign Up for a Book Box!

The June Book Box theme is "Adventure Awaits". Registration begins Mon., Apr. 1 and ends May 4. Book Boxes will be available for pickup June 1-30.

Sign up at addisonlibrary.org/book-box. Open to all Addison Public Library cardholders. Space is limited.
New Video Games
We have new video games! You can find them shelved at the beginning of our video game collections in the Children’s and Adult Services departments. We have video games for the following systems: Nintendo Switch, PlayStation 5, PlayStation 4, Xbox One, and Xbox Series X. New video games can be checked out by cardholders from other libraries visiting our library, but holds can only be placed by Addison Public Library cardholders.

Check Out a Memory Kit
Did you know you can check out a memory kit from the library? March 21 is National Memory Day! Our interactive kits are a great way to connect with your loved ones who may be experiencing memory-related issues.

While each Memory Kit is different, you can expect to find a mix of books, DVDs, music, and activities or games. Kits also include at least one fidget toy or stress ball to help the person experiencing memory loss have an outlet for anxiety or restlessness they may feel. Some kits also include a book specifically designed to give caregivers tips and support while caring for their loved ones with memory loss.

Some of our memory kit themes include:
- Chicago
- "I Love Lucy"
- Zoos
- Gardening
- 1950s
- Cooking
- 1970s
- Farms

The idea of memory kits is to spur conversation, whether it’s talking about memories that the kits bring out, or just spending quality time together.

To browse all of our memory kits, visit the 2nd floor of the library. Kits are located in the Library of Things collection and can be checked out by Addison Public Library cardholders only.

New Travel Books
Planning on traveling this spring or summer? Check out our new travel books section! Located on the new nonfiction shelves on the 2nd floor of the library, you’ll find a variety of new travel guidebooks for trips here in the United States and abroad. New travel books can be checked out by cardholders from other libraries visiting our library, but holds can only be placed by Addison Public Library cardholders.

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NEW with your Addison Library card!

Linkedin Learning
• Access thousands of expert-led video courses
• Strengthen your business, technology, and creative skills
• Available on-demand and on your schedule

addisonlibrary.org/LinkedinLearning
College of DuPage Classes

English Classes
Free English language classes offered by College of DuPage. Stay tuned for our summer semester test dates.

Citizenship Classes
Free citizenship class to prepare adults for U.S. Citizenship tests, including the application process and passing the interview. Stay tuned for summer testing dates.

Literacy To-Go Kits
Pick up a bi-monthly kit with exercises and activities to help you improve your English. Stop by the second floor Adult Services desk 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 You Are Looking For is in the Library by Michiko Aoyama. 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., Mar. 7, 14, 21, and 28 5:45-6:45 Large Meeting Room

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 Large Meeting Room (Drop-in)

EN ESPAÑOL

¡Somos parte de SWAN!

¿Qué es SWAN?
SWAN (System Wide Automated Network) es un consorcio o un grupo de 100 bibliotecas ubicadas en Illinois que colaboran para mejorar el acceso a más de 8 millones de artículos. ¡Nosotros somos la biblioteca #101!

¿Qué significa para mí?
• Ahora tienes acceso a más de 1.5 millones de títulos.
• Puedes usar tu tarjeta en las otras 100 bibliotecas que están en la red SWAN.
• Es más fácil pedir materiales de otras bibliotecas y tienes la opción de recogerlos aquí o en otra biblioteca que te quede más cercana.

Inscríbete para recibir notificaciones por texto
Recibe alertas de la biblioteca por mensaje de texto cuando tus materiales están listos para recoger y recordatorios cuando sea tiempo de regresarlos. Entra a tu cuenta, haz clic en tu nombre y selecciona ‘Configuraciones de mensajería’ en el menú. Solo ingresa tu número celular y seleccionar cuáles alertas quieres recibir.

Eventos para niños

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., el 1 de abr. 7:00-8:00 Large Meeting Room

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Eventos para niños

Cuentos y manualidades bilingües
¡Únete a nosotros para cuentos bilingües y manualidades, y aprende algunas palabras nuevas en español! No necesitas inscribirte.
Lun., el 11 de mar. 6:00-6:30

Construyendo Diversión con STEAM
Pase por la biblioteca para construir un puente con palitos, popotes (pajitas) o cartón. Luego prueba la fuerza del puente con algunos libros. Grados K-5. No necesitas inscribirte.
Mar., el 26 de mar. 1:00-3:00

Almuerzo gratis saliendo temprano
¡La escuela termina temprano y estamos organizando un almuerzo gratis en la biblioteca para los niños de de 18 años o menores! Las comidas son proporcionadas por el Banco de Alimentos del Norte de Illinois. No contienen frutos secos y suelen incluir sándwich, fruta y leche.
Vier., el 19 de abr. 11:30-12:30 Large Meeting Room

Hora de cuentos del Día de los niños
¡Acompáñanos para celebrar el Día de los niños/Día de los libros con! Vamos a leer cuentos y hacer una actividad para celebrar a los niños y sus familias.
Mar., 30 de abr. 6:00-6:30 Children’s Program Room
Tecnología, ¡simplificada!

Conceptos básicos de los dispositivos móviles (Serie de dos partes)
Acompáñenos para explorar todas las funciones básicas y aprovechar al máximo su dispositivo. Platicaremos sobre cómo conectarse, aplicaciones comunes, y cómo usar su dispositivo de manera segura.
Juev., 7 y 14 de mar. 11:00-12:00 Adult Program Room

Computación básica (Serie de dos partes)
Si quiere aprender cómo usar una computadora, iesta es la clase para usted! Esta serie de dos partes hablará sobre como usar el ratón y el teclado, navegar la computadora y organizar sus archivos.
Lun., 15 y 29 de abr. 6:00-7:00 Adult Program Room

Aprenda inglés

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

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

Grupo 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

Regístrese para La Caja de Libros!
El tema para el Book Box de junio será “La aventura espera”. Registración comienza el 1 de abril y termina el 4 de mayo. Las cajas estarán disponibles durante el mes de junio. Los cupos se agotan rápidamente, así que ¡regístrese pronto!

¿Necesita ayuda con la preparación de la declaración de impuestos?
¡Ya llegó la temporada de los impuestos! La fecha límite para presentar su declaración personal de impuestos es el 15 de abril, 2024. No le podemos llenar su declaración de impuestos, ¡pero si tenemos herramientas para ayudarle!
• Computadoras para imprimir los documentos necesarios; como los formularios 1040, 1099, W-2, y W-4.
• Envíe sus documentos a imprimir desde casa usando la página addisonlibrary.org/print.
• Escanear y enviar documentos por correo electrónico o fax sin costo.

Para más información, comuníquese con el departamento de Servicios para Adultos al 630.458.3320 o visítenos en el segundo piso.

Colegio de DuPage

Clases de inglés
Clases gratuitas de inglés ofrecidas por el Colegio de DuPage. Le mantendremos informado sobre el semestre de verano.

Spanish GED Class
El GED es una certificación de equivalencia de la escuela preparatoria estadounidense. Le mantendremos informado sobre el semestre de verano.

Héroes cotidianos con DuPage Health Coalition y HEART
¡Diviértete mientras aprendes habilidades para salvar vidas!
• APRENDE RCP solo con las manos
• PRACTICA con un modelo de DEA
• NARCAN/Educación sobre sobredosis

Sab., 8 de jun. 2:30-4:30 Large Meeting Room
SHAREING 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:

81 new library cards were given out this month.
new library cards this fiscal year

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percentage of new cardholders who signed up between 12 and 24 months ago and actively use the library

Q3 2022: 52% APL, 50% libraries with similar budget, 51% libraries with similar population size
Q4 2022: 51% APL, 49% libraries with similar budget, 51% libraries with similar population size
Q1 2023: 52% APL, 50% libraries with similar budget, 52% libraries with similar population size
Q2 2023: 53% APL, 50% libraries with similar budget, 51% libraries with similar population size

What is it?
The chart on the upper-left shows how many new library cards were given out each month starting in May 2023. The pie chart shows the total percent of Addison residents that have library cards. The bar chart on the lower-right shows the percent of recent new cardholders that actively use their library card.

Why is it important?
We want everyone to have and use a library card! One way we can tell if we’re offering services, programs, and collections to meet the needs of Addison residents is to look at the number of active library cardholders. If our numbers start to drop, we need to take a hard look at where we can improve.

Where does this data come from?
The data comes from the database used to store circulation, patron, and collection data. We upload this to a third-party vendor that helps us understand trends in library usage. We value your privacy and do not share your name, title, or author information with the third-party vendor.