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November 28 & 29: Thanksgiving

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News

From Garden to Seed: Backyard Seed Saving Tips

Join Master Gardener Cynthia Anderson as she delves into the practice of collecting and saving seeds from ornamental and food crops at home. Seed saving is vital for maintaining the genetic diversity of plant systems and preserving food culture. While seed banks store thousands of specimens in controlled conditions, saving seeds from your own plants can help you save money and propagate particularly beautiful or tasty crops.

This discussion ties in perfectly with our library's successful Seed Library launch this year, which has become a hub for sharing and preserving a diverse range of seeds within our community. Discover how you can contribute to this growing movement and enhance your gardening practices. **Please register to join us Wednesday, September 18 at 7pm at the Winnetka Library.**

Winnetka Library Hosts Township's First Little Free Pantry



Wilmette's Girl Scout Troop 47008 upcycled a cabinet to create New Trier Township's first Little Free Pantry at the Winnetka Library. This self-sustaining resource helps address community food insecurity. Donate food, hygiene, or paper items, and those in need can take them freely, no questions asked.

Wine & Whine

With State Senators Laura Fine & Julie Morrison

The League of Women Voters of Winnetka-Northfield-Kenilworth invites the community for a glass of wine or grape juice and a recap of the 2023–24 IL General Assembly Session, plus a preview of 2024–25, with Illinois State Senators Laura Fine and Julie Morrison. Proof of ID required for wine (21+).

Winnetka Library: Thursday, September 5, 5:30pm (R)

Autumn Reads

We've handpicked our favorite books that capture the cozy spirit of autumn and the thrilling excitement of Halloween. Dive into these enchanting reads and let the fall magic begin!



Picture Book
The Leaf Thief
by Alice Hemming



Picture Book
It's Fall!
by Renée Kurilla



Picture Book
Acorn Was a Little Wild
by Jen Arena



Picture Book
A Very Big Fall
by Emmy Kastner



Beginning Chapter Book
Marya Khan and the Spectacular Fall Festival
by Saadia Faruqi



Beginning Chapter Book
Our Friend Hedgehog: The Story of Us
by Lauren Castillo



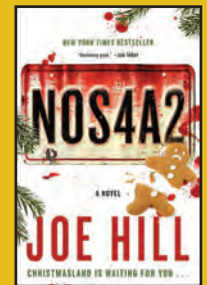
Teen
Pumpkinheads
by Rainbow Rowell



Teen
The Fall of Whit Rivera
by Crystal Maldonado



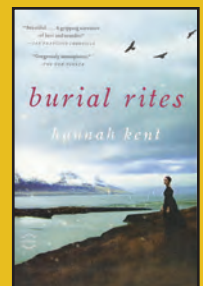
Adult
The Passage Series
by Justin Cronin



Adult
NOS4A2
by Joe Hill



Adult
Sleeping Beauties
by Stephen King



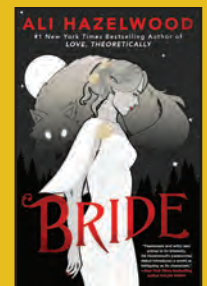
Adult
Burial Rites
by Hannah Kent



Adult
The God of the Woods
by Liz Moore



Adult
The Longest Autumn
by Amy Avery



Adult
Bride
by Ali Hazelwood

Kids

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Babies, Toddlers, & Preschoolers

Art Play

Join us to explore art and creativity with self-directed stations for little ones.

September 4: Apples

October 2: Trees

October 16: Pumpkins

November 6: Corn

November 20: Turkey

Northfield Library: Wednesdays, 10am • Ages 0–4 with Adult (D)

Sensory Shenanigans

Join us for an hour of interactive free play. Activities in this program will foster fine and gross motor skills, and concepts through play. This program is sure to be a little messy (and fun!) so wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty.

Winnetka Library: Fridays, September 6 & 13, October 4 & 18, November 1 & 15, 10am • Ages 0–4 with Adult (D)

Northfield Library: Wednesdays, September 25, October 9 & November 13, 10am • Ages 0–4 with Adult (D)

Playdough Party

Join us for an afternoon of all things Playdough. Sculpt, squish, create, get messy, and work on fine motor skills!

Northfield Library: Wednesday, September 18, 4pm
Ages 2+ with Adult (D)

OMI Interactive Kids' Concerts



Music is fun, so let's play! Sing, dance, and clap along while Our Music® delights you with popular children's songs and fun unknown gems.

Winnetka Library: Saturdays, September 21, October 12 & November 16, 10am • Ages 0–5 with Adult (R)

STEAM Play

Join us for an exciting hour of hands-on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) activities.

September 26: Trees

October 24: Numbers

November 21: Dinosaurs

Winnetka Library: Thursdays, 4pm • Ages 2+ with Adult (D)

Car Crawl

Little drivers will explore, zoom, and giggle their way through imaginative tracks and a mini neighborhood. So grab a toy car and get ready to roll!

Winnetka Library: Fridays, September 27, October 25 & November 8, 10am • Ages 0–5 with Adult (D)



JOIN US FOR A STORYTIME!

Singing, dancing, stories, and more!

Tickets will be available the morning of the event on a first come, first served basis.

Each storytime is designed to incorporate the five practices of early literacy: singing, talking, reading, writing, and playing. Here's how you can help:

- Please attend to your child
- Please save any conversations until after storytime
- Some days children aren't in the right mood for storytime, so please feel free to take a break



Fall Storytime Schedule

Mondays

Northfield Library

Family Storytime
Ages 0–5 with Adult
10am

Tuesdays

Winnetka Library

Family Storytime
Ages 0–5 with Adult
9:30am

Move & Play
Ages 0–5 with Adult
10am

Wednesdays

Winnetka Library

Baby Storytime
Ages 0–18 months
with Adult
9:30am

Baby Play & Wiggles
Ages 0–18 months
with Adult
10am

Thursdays

Winnetka Library

Family Storytime
Ages 0–5 with Adult
9:30am

Move & Groove
Ages 0–5 with Adult
10am

Fridays

Northfield Library

Family Storytime
Ages 0–5 with Adult
10am

Special Events During Storytime Break

Mondays

Northfield Library

Guest Entertainer
September 9 & 23
10am

Miss Make-Believe's Imagination Waystation
September 30,
October 28 &
November 4
10am

Tuesdays

Winnetka Library

Rock 'n' Roll Storytime
September 3 & 10
10am

Wednesdays

Winnetka Library

Rock 'n' Roll Storytime
September 4 & 11
10am

Thursdays

Winnetka Library

Rock 'n' Roll Storytime
September 5 & 12
10am

Fridays

Northfield Library

Guest Entertainer
September 6 & 13
10am

OMI Interactive Kids' Concerts
November 1 & 8
10am

We will be on storytime break:
September 1 – 14
September 23 & 30
October 27 – November 9

Totally Roarsome

Dinosaur Discoveries



Join T-Rexplorers to see dinosaur bones up close and experience what it's like to go on a paleontological dig. Get a glimpse of authentic dinosaur fossils from species like Triceratops and T-Rex.

Winnetka Library: Tuesday, November 5, 4pm • Ages 5–12 with Adult (R)

DiNovember Dinosaur Dig

Let's talk about dinosaurs! Together we'll excavate to find dinosaurs.

Winnetka Library: Monday, November 11, 4pm • Ages 5+ with Adult (R)

DiNovember Dinosaur Dig Jr.

Let's talk about dinosaurs! Together we'll excavate to find dinosaurs.

Winnetka Library: Tuesday, November 12, 4pm • Ages 3–6 with Adult (R)

Cooks and Books: Dragons Love Tacos



Join Sticky Fingers Cooking as they provide a fun, healthy cooking class for kids. We will be making Dragon Party Street Tacos, Cilantro Lime Rice, and Easy (not spicy!) Salsa. Kids only.

Winnetka Library: Thursday, November 14, 3:45pm • Ages 7–12 (R)



School-Age

After School Free Play

Join us after school for an hour of interactive free play. This program is sure to be a little messy (and fun!) so wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty.

Winnetka Library: Wednesdays, September 11, October 2 & November 13, 4pm • Ages 5+ with Adult (D)

Paint 'n Sip

Come make a beautiful piece of art! We have a variety of art supplies to let your creative side shine.

Winnetka Library: Thursdays, September 12, October 10 & November 7, 4pm Ages 5+ with Adult (D)

Magical Crafts

Join us for some magical crafts. Decorate a wand and craft some potions.

Winnetka Library: Tuesday, September 17, 4pm • Ages 7–12 (R)

LEGO® Fun

Lots of LEGO bricks will be available so come ready with your imagination!

Winnetka Library: Mondays, September 23, October 28 & November 18, 4pm Ages 4+ with Adult (D)

Sensational STEAM

Join us for an exciting hour of hands-on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) activities.

September 25: Apple Volcanoes

October 16: Pumpkin Picker

November 6: Bug in Amber

Winnetka Library: Wednesdays, 4pm • Ages 7–12 (R)

Crafternoon

No school today? Join us for an afternoon of crafting fun. Stay the whole time or drop in when you'd like!

Winnetka Library: Thursday, October 3, Fridays, November 1 & 15 & Wednesday, November 27, 2pm • Ages 5+ with Adult (D)

Compost Jar Workshop

Watch nature's recycling system in action with this simple experiment. Join Go Green Northfield to learn the importance of keeping food scraps out of the landfill, as well as what happens when organic materials are made into compost. Each child will create and decorate their own compost jar to take home and watch the transformation of leftovers into "nature's gold" (compost!).

Northfield Library: Monday, November 4, 4pm • Ages 5–10 (R)

Minecraft Scarecrow Contest



Join TD3 Innovative Gaming as we participate in a Scarecrow Building Contest! Equipped with hay bales, pumpkins, and more, you'll craft your own unique scarecrow masterpieces within Minecraft. This program is for kids only. Please bring your own device. You will need an active Minecraft account and Minecraft installed on your device.

Winnetka Library: Monday, November 25, 4pm • Ages 7–12 (R)

ALL TREATS, NO TRICKS!

Mini Pumpkin Decorating

Use stickers, gems, and other craft materials to decorate mini pumpkins.

Northfield Library: Saturday, October 19, 10am • All Ages with Adult (R)

Winnetka Library: Saturday, October 19, 2pm & 3pm • All Ages with Adult (R)

Monster Repellant

Fill a small spray bottle with cute, funny charms to create a magical monster repellant spray! Use it while trick-or-treating or spray it at the monster in the closet if you get scared.

Winnetka Library: Tuesday, October 22, 4pm • Ages 5–8 with Adult (R)

Not So Spooky Halloween

Happy Halloween! Please join us for a fun (and not too frightening) time!

Winnetka Library: Saturday, October 26 & Sunday, October 27, All Day • All Ages with Adult (D)

Edible Haunted Houses

Celebrate spooky season by making a haunted house out of cereal treats, frosting, and candy.

Northfield Library: Wednesday, October 30, 4pm • All Ages with Adult (R)



Family Fun

Duckie Cosplay

Stop by the Youth Services desk anytime in September to pick up a rubber duckie, then make it a costume! Will your duckie be Taylor Swift? Tanjiro from Demon Slayer? Maybe it will be Percy Jackson? There are so many options! Bring it back by September 30th to be on display in the Youth Services Department during October.

Winnetka Library: September 3–30 • All Ages (D)

Winnetka Weeders and Readers

Celebrate monarchs with the Winnetka Weeders Garden Club as they present a nature-based storytime and activity. Tickets will be available the morning of the event on a first come, first served basis.

Winnetka Library: Monday, September 9, 10am • All Ages with Adult



Messy Mondays

Drop in for a messy craft and leave the cleanup to us!

Winnetka Library: Mondays, September 9, October 14 & November 4, 4pm • All Ages with Adult (D)

Sears School Free Play

Do your cooped-up kids need a place to run around and be loud? Join us at Sears School for a free play opportunity.



Sears School Cafenadium: Mondays, September 30, October 28 & November 18, 3:30pm • All Ages with Adult (D)

Family Science

Have fun while experimenting! Participate in fun STEAM activities that will leave a lasting impression.

October 23: Not-So-Spooky Ghost Science Experiment

November 20: Pumpkin Slime

Northfield Library: Wednesdays, 4pm • Ages 4+ with Adult (R)

Diwali Delights



Experience Diwali with author Srividhya Venkat as she reads from her picture book, *Dancing in Thatha's Footsteps*. Try out a few Bharatanatyam dance moves and engage in fun craft activities.

Winnetka Library: Wednesday, October 30, 4pm

All Ages with Adult (R)

Candy Sushi

Play with your food! Make sushi out of candy and snack on-site or take home to enjoy.

Northfield Library: Wednesday, November 6, 4pm

All Ages with Adult (R)

Tweens & Teens

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G.A.M.E. Club

Do you love TTRPGs like Dungeons & Dragons? Video Games? Anime? Join us at the G.A.M.E. (Game Anime Manga Entertainment) Club! We'll have a different activity each time, and we will vote on next month's theme at each meeting.

Winnetka Library: Tuesdays, September 10, October 8 & November 12, 4pm • Ages 10–18 **(R)**

Halloween D&D

Get ready for a spooky Dungeons & Dragons game! Bring a level 5 character or use a pre-made one.

Winnetka Library: Wednesday, October 30, 4pm • Ages 13–18 **(R)**

Tiny Bookshelf

Print out the covers of your favorite books and make some tiny books for a tiny bookshelf! All supplies to make the tiny books and shelf are provided.

Winnetka Library: Tuesday, November 26, 4pm • Ages 13–18 **(R)**

NEW!

Teen Learn It Gaming Kits

Get ready to embark on epic adventures with games like D&D and Cats of Cthulhu, especially designed for you to pick up and play!



Author Event

Raise Your Voice with Jason Reynolds

Join us for an evening with Jason Reynolds, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author and former National Ambassador for Young People's Literature. Reynolds, a Newbery Honor and NAACP Image Award recipient, is known for *Stamped*, the *Track* series, *All American Boys*, and *Long Way Down*. His documentary *Dear, Dreamer* and podcast *My Mother Made Me* explore his shared history with his mother, Isabell.

Virtual: Tuesday, October 22, 7pm **(R)**



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Adults

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Arts & Crafts

Sit & Knit

Come hang out with fellow knitters. All levels of experience are welcome. Basic supplies will be available, and help will be available for beginners.

Northfield Library: Thursdays, September 5 & 26, October 10 & 24, November 7 & 21, 3pm (R)

Relaxing Watercolors with Audrey Ra

Learn to slow down with simple watercolor techniques with Audrey Ra of Audrey Ra Design.

Northfield Library: Wednesday, October 9, 5pm (R)



Brush Calligraphy with Audrey Ra

Revive the art of calligraphy with a modern twist. Instructor Audrey Ra of Audrey Ra Design will teach participants how to write with a brush pen by practicing basic strokes and the lowercase alphabet.

Northfield Library: Wednesday, November 13, 5pm (R)

Home & Gardening

Trees, Trees, Trees!

Learn proper tree care from sapling to maturity. Go Green Northfield’s certified Openlands TreeKeeper will guide you through the techniques to keep your trees healthy and happy.

Northfield Library: Friday, September 13, 1pm (R)

Understanding Our Trash

Illinois landfills are on schedule to reach capacity in 19 years. Join Go Green Northfield as they dive into the history of American trash, how it’s processed, and what we can do to reduce it.

Northfield Library: Tuesday, October 1, 1pm (R)

Author Events



Illinois Libraries Present Author Events

These events are made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events.

October 9: Being Imperfect with Erika Sánchez

November 20: Holiday Tips & Tricks with Chef Art Smith

Virtual: Wednesdays, 7pm (R)

Nobody’s Fool: Why We Get Taken In and What We Can Do About It

We’re all susceptible to misinformation, often spreading it unknowingly. While stopping it entirely is impossible, author, professor, and co-author Dan Simmons will join us to explain how deception works, how to recognize the signs, and how we can empower ourselves.

Virtual: Thursday, September 19, 7pm

Writing Workshop

So, You Want to Write a Book: A Workshop for Curious Writers

Join local award-winning author John Wendell Adams as he shares invaluable tips on writing fiction. Adams will guide participants through creating and publishing a book, offering insights for both seasoned writers and those intrigued by the creative process.

Winnetka Library: Thursday, September 12, 6:30pm (R)

Understanding Your Child’s Individualized Education Plan (IEP)

This workshop is designed for parents who would like help understanding their child’s IEP and how to prepare for meetings. Learn strategies to develop meaningful partnerships with your child’s school team and better advocate for your child’s learning differences.

Northfield Library: Tuesday, September 24, 6:30pm (R)

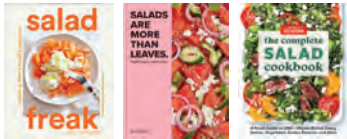


Book Discussions

Savor & Share: Cookbook Book Club

Join us for a delightful daytime escape into the world of cuisine. This club welcomes all who share a love for cooking and exploring new flavors. Check out one of the spotlighted cookbooks, try some recipes and bring a dish to share.

Northfield Library (R)



Thursday, September 26 at 12pm

Sensational Salads

Salad Freak by Jess Damuck

Salads Are More Than Leaves by Elena Silcock

The Complete Salad Cookbook by America's Test Kitchen



Tuesday, October 29 at 12pm

Souper Soups

Every Season is Soup Season: 85+ Souper-Adaptable Recipes to Batch, Share, Reinvent, and Enjoy by Shelly Westerhausen

Good Soup: 52 Colorful Recipes for Year-Round Comfort by Joris Bijdendijk

Easy Soups from Scratch with Quick Breads to Match by Ivy Manning

Go Green Reads

Come participate in this lively book discussion as we aim to raise environmental awareness one fascinating book at a time!

These events are offered by Go Green Northfield, Go Green Wilmette, and Go Green Winnetka, in partnership with The Book Stall.

September 16: *Song for the Blue Ocean* by Carl Safina

November 18: *Life As We Know It (Can Be)* by Bill Weir

Virtual: Mondays, 7pm (R)

Food for Thought: Cookbook Book Club

Do you love browsing through cookbooks and trying new recipes? Check out one of the spotlighted cookbooks, try some recipes and bring a dish to share. The books are available for checkout at the Library and through Hoopla, when available.

Mondays, 7pm (R)



September 9: Winnetka Library

A Taste of the Tropics

Islas: A Celebration of Tropical Cooking—125 Recipes from the Indian, Atlantic, and Pacific Ocean Islands by Von Diaz

Aloha Kitchen: Recipes from Hawai'i by Alana Kysar



October 14: Northfield Library

If It Has Crust...

Justice of the Pies: Sweet and Savory Pies, Quiches, and Tarts by Maya-Camille Broussard

The Hoosier Mama Book of Pie by Paula Haney



November 11: Winnetka Library

Make it Savory

Savory Baking: Recipes for Breakfast, Dinner, and Everything in Between by Erin Jeanne McDowell

The Savory Baker: 150 Creative Recipes, from Classic to Modern by America's Test Kitchen

Clue: A Mystery Book Club

Join a lively discussion about all kinds of mystery books, ranging from true crime, dark thrillers, police procedurals, and historical mysteries.

Hybrid (Northfield Library & Virtual): Tuesdays, 7:30pm (R)



September 10

A Disappearance in Fiji by Nilima Rao

October 8

Hollow Beasts by Alisa Lynn Valdés

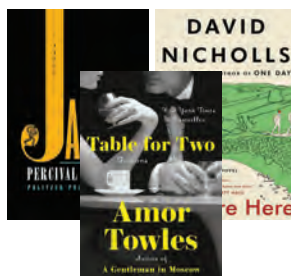
November 12

Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers by Jesse Sutanto

Next Chapter Book Club

Come join us as we explore all that popular fiction has to offer. We'll bring books to life through colorful conversation.

Winnetka Library: Thursdays, 11:30am (R)



September 19

James by Percival Everett

October 17

Table for Two by Amor Towles

November 21

You Are Here by David Nicholls

Food & Drink

Lost Restaurants of Chicago

Explore the nostalgia of Chicago's iconic dining spots with Greg Borzo as he serves up memories of beloved institutions like Maxim's, Charlie Trotter's, Trader Vic's, and the Blackhawk. These restaurants may no longer take reservations, but their legacy lives on in the city's culinary history.

Northfield Library: Monday, September 23, 6:30pm (R)

Fall Cookie Decorating

Join our fall cookie decorating class with pastry chef Kelly Dull. Decorate four cookies using hands-on tips and techniques. Supplies and expert instructions are provided for a fun, creative experience.

Northfield Library: Saturday, October 12, 12pm (R)

Holiday Cookie Decorating

Join our holiday cookie decorating class with pastry chef Kelly Dull. Decorate four festive cookies with hands-on tips. Supplies and expert instructions provided.

Northfield Library: Sunday, November 10, 2pm (R)

Health & Wellness

Chair Yoga

Join instructor Isabel Raci, C-IAYT, for a session of gentle chair yoga and guided meditation. Tune in to stretch, breathe, gain flexibility, and strengthen the body.

Virtual: Fridays, September 6 & 20, October 4 & 18, November 1 & 15, 10am (R)

Understanding Mindfulness and Meditation

Curious about mindfulness and meditation? Join us for an informative session followed by a brief kindness meditation guided by instructor Jeffrey Bunn.

Winnetka Library: Sunday, September 15, 2pm (R)

Get Therapy Clarity: Free Consultation Session

Wondering how a therapist can help with a tough dilemma or relationship issue? A therapist from the Counseling Center of the Northshore can answer your therapy questions, provide guidance, and help you decide if further help is right for you.

September 18: Winnetka Library

October 16: Northfield Library

November 13: Winnetka Library

Wednesdays, 2pm (R)

Forest Therapy

Join Gayle Byck, a certified forest therapy guide, for a Japanese-inspired "shinrin-yoku" or forest bathing. We will gather near the sign for Forest Way Grove in the Skokie Lagoons for this gentle walk including meditation, self-reflection, and engaging all five senses in therapeutic relaxation.

Skokie Lagoons (Directions on event registration page): Wednesday, September 25, 1:30pm (R)

Medicare Plus

Medicare Plus is a comprehensive workshop designed to empower Medicare recipients. Learn the basics of Medicare, how it works, and your rights, options, choices, and entitlements according to Federal law.

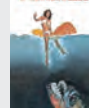
Winnetka Library: Saturday, October 5, 10am & Wednesday, November 6, 7pm (R)

Horror Film Series

Register to receive a pre-recorded introduction and critique by our resident film expert Scott Siegel, along with a link to watch the film through our Kanopy streaming service. Virtual: Fridays (R)



PIRANHA



September 27

Piranha

What's freakier than one shark? Thousands of these guys!



October 25

The Wicker Man

The original occult classic starring Christopher Lee and Edward Woodward.

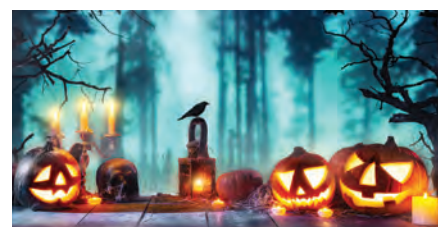


November 22

The Ninth Configuration

Overlooked psychological horror from the author of *The Exorcist*.

Find Scott's previous movie reviews at: wnpld.org/film-series.



Halloween Horror Trivia Night

Grab your friends or family or participate individually and test your knowledge of all things horror! Three lucky winners will receive a prize.

Virtual: Wednesday, October 30, 7pm (R)

History

Lady Killers with Tori Telfer

Author and true crime podcaster Tori Telfer investigates female serial killers and their crimes through the ages. Learn how pre-1950s husbands met their untimely ends, about the dangers of narcissistic bosses in 18th century Russia, and why you should never trust a killer named Elizabeth!

Virtual: Wednesday, September 4, 7pm (R)

Forensic Detectives

Dr. Hal Tinberg reveals how a single misdirection can derail a murder investigation. From 1993 to 2003, three serial killers terrorized Southwest Louisiana. The investigation went awry until a skilled technologist and new forensic DNA technology provided a crucial clue.

Winnetka Library: Monday, September 16, 6:30pm (R)

Heroes on Deck: World War II on Lake Michigan

Discover the true story of a little-known WWII U.S. Navy program that trained 15,000 aircraft carrier pilots on Lake Michigan. Due to challenging weather and pilot inexperience, over 100 planes sank in the lake. Join us for a screening of this documentary about the recovery and restoration of three warbirds, followed by a Q&A with Emmy Award-winning producer and editor Harvey Moshman.

Winnetka Library: Sunday, September 22, 3pm (R)

The History of the Hollywood Musical with Annette Bochenek

Musicals transitioned from stage to screen, taking Hollywood by storm and presenting many challenges. Join Film Historian Dr. Annette Bochenek as she explores the history of classic Hollywood musicals, top stars, and more.

Virtual: Tuesday, September 24, 7pm (R)



The Dogs of Chernobyl: A Story of Hope and Resilience

Through personally shot photos and videos, Stephen Quandt will tell the story of the dogs and towns around the Chernobyl nuclear power plant, including Chernobyl City and Pripjat, and the radiation's current effects on them. It is a surprisingly uplifting story of resilience, hope, life, and even heroism.

Virtual: Thursday, September 26, 7pm (R)

There's Something Strange in Your Neighborhood

Join author Troy Taylor for an evening of history and hauntings from all around the region. We'll go beyond just the legends and lore and reveal the real stories behind the area's famous and little-known haunts. It's going to be an eerie evening that will have you leaving the lights on after you go to bed at night!

Virtual: Wednesday, October 2, 7pm (R)

Fleeing the Nazis: A Journey of Two Sisters and the Hero Who Outwitted the Gestapo

Bruce Mainzer recounts his mother's and aunt's escape from Nazi-occupied Prague in 1939, aided by a hero who impersonated an embassy employee. Discover this harrowing yet inspiring story of survival, based on research, family accounts, and the hero's own recollections.

Hybrid (Winnetka Library & Virtual): Thursday, October 17, 7pm (R)

The Reintroduction of Native Americans to Illinois

Gerald Savage (Chief White Winnebago) will examine the history of his HoChunk tribal territory and settlements, how his family was relocated into Starved Rock, tribal names and culture, and his regalia and artifacts.

Winnetka Library: Sunday, October 20, 2pm (R)

Chicago's Movie Ghouls, Spirits, and Demons

Explore haunted tales and eerie legends from movies filmed in Chicago. Join us to uncover spooky elements set against the city's iconic neighborhoods, including the legends of *Candyman*, *Flatliners*, and *Nightmare on Elm Street*.

Virtual: Thursday, October 24, 7pm (R)

The Power and Limitations of Political Films

Since cinema's beginnings, films have served as both entertainment and political tools. Film professor Zbigniew Banas explores how political cinema has evolved, from propaganda to influencing change, through controlled storytelling.

Virtual: Saturday, October 26, 2pm (R)

Travel

Wild West Africa

Brian Michalski has visited over 50 countries and now tackles his most challenging region: Mauritania, Senegal, The Gambia, and Sierra Leone. Through original photos, discover his firsthand experiences, the populations' staggering challenges, and the region's stunning natural beauty, accessible wildlife, and genuine hospitality.

Virtual: Thursday, November 14, 1pm (R)



Day of the Dead Exhibit Tour from the National Museum of Mexican Art

The National Museum of Mexican Art is home to one of the country's largest Mexican art collections, including more than 18,000 seminal pieces from ancient Mexico to the present. Join us for a virtual tour of their Día de Muertos, Day of the Dead, art exhibit.

Virtual: Monday, October 28, 7pm (R)



Grace and Grit: A Journey Through the Lives of the Princesses of Wales

Step into the world of royalty and embark on a captivating journey through the lives of the Princesses of Wales. In this illuminating lecture, historian Valerie Gugala will delve deep into the fascinating stories of the women who have held this esteemed title, exploring their triumphs, trials, and enduring legacies.

Virtual: Tuesday, November 5, 7pm (R)

Crime of the Century: Leopold, Loeb, and the Murder of Bobby Franks

In May 1924, young Bobby Franks vanished on his way home from school and was soon found dead. This sparked an investigation that uncovered Nathan Leopold and Richard Loeb, affluent neighbors, as the killers. Join us as we explore the 100-year legacy of the "Crime of the Century."

Virtual: Thursday, November 7, 7pm (R)

Chicago: An Illustrated History

Join author and Chicago tour guide Ellen Shubart on this detail-packed, visual journey through one of America's most iconic cities, with an added bonus: winter traditions of the North Shore!

Northfield Library: Saturday, November 9, 3pm (R)

Science

Migration Birding Walk

Join Josh Engel, founder of Red Hill Birding, at Skokie Lagoons to witness fall bird migration. September's end marks a peak for diverse bird species passing through on their southern journey. Our easy, educational walk promises a chance to observe many birds in this renowned local birding hotspot.

Skokie Lagoons (Directions on event registration page): Monday, September 30, 9am (R)

Decoding the Mysteries of Cats

Ever wondered why your cat chatters at birds or "makes biscuits?" Feline Behaviorist Stephen Quandt will explain cat behavior basics to help you understand your furry friend better. The program includes a 30-minute informational presentation followed by a Q&A session, so come prepared with your questions!

Virtual: Thursday, October 10, 7pm (R)

Branching Out: A Tree Identification Tour

Join us for a walk to enjoy our native trees. Lynn Zaransky, TreeKeeper with Openlands, will lead a fall tree identification walk. We will begin on the patio at the Winnetka Library and walk to The Village Green. Please dress for the weather and expect to walk a half mile. *Co-Sponsored by Go Green Winnetka.*

Winnetka Library: Saturday, October 12, 9:30am (R)

Theories of Solar System Formation

Our Solar System was once thought to be a typical model for planetary systems elsewhere in the universe. However, as we discover more exoplanetary systems, we're realizing how unique our own system is. Explore fascinating theories that explain how our family of planets formed.

Virtual: Thursday, November 14, 7pm (R)

Artemis: Returning to the Moon

In the next few years, NASA will land the first woman and first person of color on the Moon and explore more of the lunar surface than ever before. The goal of Artemis is to establish the first long-term human presence on the Moon, and later send the first astronauts to Mars. We'll discuss the plans and technologies that will get us back to the Moon for the first time since 1972.

Virtual: Tuesday, November 19, 7pm (R)

Personal Finance

Financial Planning Appointment

Do you have questions about how to invest, budget, or safeguard your finances? Schedule a free, one-hour in-person consultation with a Certified Financial Planner®. There is a limit of one session per person.

Winnetka Library: Tuesdays, September 10, October 8 & November 12, 10am & 11am (R)

The Annuity Blueprint

Gain practical advice, strategies, and insights to secure a financially stable retirement through the effective use of annuities, ensuring a steady income stream in your golden years.

Winnetka Library: Thursday, November 21, 7pm (R)

Technology

What is a VPN and Do You Need One?

Using a VPN (Virtual Private Network) service can significantly enhance your online privacy and security. This class will explore how VPNs work and which services to consider.

Virtual: Wednesday, September 11, 1:30pm (R)

Finding The Best Online Events

There are now thousands of online classes, workshops, and performances available from top universities, museums, schools, nonprofits, and businesses—all accessible from home.

Virtual: Wednesday, September 18, 1:30pm (R)

Cut the Cord – Alternatives to Premium Cable Services

Are you spending hundreds each month on a thousand channels you never watch? Explore affordable alternatives for broadcast TV, premium channels, movies, and more.

Virtual: Wednesday, September 25, 1:30pm (R)



iPhone & iPad Series

These classes will help you learn to use the many functions of your iPhone and iPad. Learn more about each class in the calendar at wnpld.org.

October 2: Advanced Settings

October 9: Using the Calendar

October 16: Using GPS/maps

October 23: Music Services

October 30: Taking Great Photos (Part 1)

November 6: Taking Great Photos (Part 2)

November 13: Photo Editing (Part 1)

November 20: Photo Editing (Part 2)

Virtual: Wednesdays, 1:30pm (R)

Live Performance

Mozart's Women: His Family, His Friends, His Music

Dramatic book reviewer Jenny Riddle, in character as Constanze Mozart, brings to life the fascinating story of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and the most important women in his life, based on the best-selling book *Mozart's Women* by Jane Glover.

Winnetka Library: Saturday, September 21, 3pm (R)

Just Jane: A Visit with Jane Austen by Debra Ann Miller

Actress Debra Ann Miller embodies Jane Austen in 1815, reflecting on her life and novels including *Sense and Sensibility*, *Pride and Prejudice*, *Mansfield Park*, and her latest work, *Emma*. Using Austen's letters, early writings, and novels, the portrayal offers insight into the personal life of this renowned 19th-century novelist.

Winnetka Library: Saturday, September 28, 3pm (R)

Colleen Moore: Silent Film Star, Fairy Doll House Creator with Lynn Rymarz

Learn about Colleen's childhood dream to become a movie star and how her passion for dollhouses led to a creation still exhibited at Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry.

Winnetka Library: Saturday, October 5, 3pm (R)

Kaleen Dolan Piano Show

Kaleen Dolan returns for an all-ages, all-request piano show. Bring your song requests for an engaging performance!

Winnetka Library: Sunday, October 13, 2pm (R)

Lucille Ball: A Portrayal by Leslie Goddard

In the 1950s, comedienne Lucille Ball captivated TV audiences nationwide. Off-screen, with her husband Desi Arnaz, she established a groundbreaking television studio and pioneered new technologies. Explore the complexities that emerge when a TV star's on-screen persona clashes with reality. This portrayal honors both the comedic legend and the woman behind the myth.

Virtual: Tuesday, October 15, 7pm (R)

Abraham Lincoln: A New Birth of Freedom

Join us for a firsthand account from Abraham Lincoln, portrayed by Kevin Wood, as he recounts United States history from his frontier upbringing to the tumultuous years of 1854–1865 that nearly destroyed our young nation but ultimately resulted in a "new birth of freedom."

Winnetka Library: Wednesday, October 16, 7pm (R)

Petra Sings, Andy Swings

Experience live music with jazz vocalist Petra van Nuis and guitarist Andy Brown.

Northfield Library: Saturday, October 19, 3pm (R)

Gardening Can Be Murder

Discover how gardens inspire murder mysteries with Marta McDowell, a writer, gardener, and mystery enthusiast. From Edgar Allan Poe to Agatha Christie and modern authors, learn how these writers draw from the darker side of gardening. McDowell, an expert in landscape history and horticulture who teaches at the New York Botanical Garden, explores these intriguing connections in her latest book, *Gardening Can Be Murder*.

Virtual: Monday, October 21, 7pm (R)

Monet Lives!

Actor and painter Jim Parks portrays Claude Monet and tells stories of his struggles and obsessions, and dishes about other Impressionists like Renoir and Degas.

Northfield Library: Saturday, November 2, 3pm (R)

The Studio

The Studio is your one-stop shop for creative exploration!

Appointments are required to use The Studio's equipment and workspace Monday – Thursday. Same-day appointments are available if space permits.

Schedule your appointment by calling us at 847-386-5230 or visiting our website.

Window Hats

Create a stylish hat you can wear with pride.

The Studio: Wednesday, September 4, 6pm
Adults & Teens (R)

Mario Kart Night

Join us for an evening of thrilling races, banana peels, and blue shells as we compete for victory!

The Studio: Tuesday, September 10, 6:30pm • All Ages (R)

Fall Luminary

Design your own stencil using the Silhouette cutting machine and transform a plain mason jar into a beautiful autumn decoration.

The Studio: Saturday, September 14, 10am & Thursday, September 26, 6:30pm
Adults & Teens (R)

Wooden Icosahedron Lamp

Create a wooden lamp using the laser cutter, showcasing its 20 pentagonal faces for a unique design.

The Studio: Wednesday, September 18, 6:30pm • Adults & Teens (R)

Sports-Themed Coasters

Use the laser engraver to personalize coasters showcasing your favorite sport.

The Studio: Wednesday, September 25, 10am • Adults & Teens (R)

3D Printed Functional Mini Car

While building a full-size car with a 3D printer might be the ultimate dream, this workshop brings you a step closer!

The Studio: Wednesday, October 5, 10pm
Ages 9–14 (R)

GOURDgeous Wreath

Assemble a stunning fall-themed wreath with pumpkins and gourds taking center stage.

The Studio: Thursday, October 3, 6:30pm
Adults (R)

Intro to Hatch Embroidery Software

Want to enhance your clothes, bags, or home decor? Join us for an introduction to our new embroidery software.

The Studio: Fridays, October 11 & 25, 10am
Adults (R)

Wooden Jack-O-Lanterns

Create a stack of rustic wooden pumpkins with design software and the laser cutter.

The Studio: Saturday, October 12, 10am
Adults & Teens (R)

Digitizing for Embroidery: Turn Your Designs into Stitches!

Learn how to transform your images, logos, or artwork into embroidery files ready to be stitched onto fabric.

The Studio: Wednesday, October 16, 6:30pm • Adults & Teens (R)

Introduction to CorelDRAW

Learn the basics of the design software used with laser cutters, embroidery machines, and Cricut machines.

The Studio: Wednesday, November 6, 6:30pm • Adults & Teens (R)

Northfield Studio Events

Back to School Study Aid

Create a personalized dry erase board with vinyl.

Northfield Library: Tuesday, September 17, 4pm • All Ages (R)

Countdown to Halloween

Assemble your own wooden Halloween calendar.

Northfield Library: Tuesday, October 1, 4pm • Adults (R)



Pumpkin Pie Garland

Create your own charming felt pumpkin pie garland using our laser cutter.

The Studio: Thursday, October 24, 6:30pm & Saturday, November 9, 10am • Adults & Teens (R)

Sewing 101: Potholder

Learn sewing machine basics while creating a festive Thanksgiving potholder.

The Studio: Friday, November 15, 10am
Adults (R)

Personalized Family Shirts

Start a new holiday tradition! Choose from a selection of holiday decals and an array of vinyl colors.

The Studio: Monday, November 11 & Tuesday, November 12, 6:30pm
All Ages (R)

Polymer clay earrings

Learn how to use colorful clays to design and craft unique earrings!

The Studio: Wednesday, November 20, 6:30pm • Adults & Teens (R)

Pumpkin Decorating Contest

Bring your family to turn a plain pumpkin into a masterpiece and compete for a prize!

Northfield Library: Tuesday, October 15, 4pm • All Ages (R)

Thanksgiving Table Decor

Join us to craft charming Thanksgiving decor for your table.

Northfield Library: Tuesday, November 5, 4pm • Adults (R)

DIY Decor Tray

Personalize a wooden decor tray to perfectly match your style.

Northfield Library: Tuesday, November 19, 4pm • Adults & Teens (R)



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