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Winnetka Library

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Monday – Thursday: 9am – 9pm
Friday – Saturday: 9am – 5pm
Sunday: 1pm – 5pm

Northfield Library

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Monday – Thursday: 8am – 8pm
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December 5: Staff Training Day
December 24: Christmas Eve
December 25: Christmas Day
December 31: New Year's Eve
January 1: New Year's Day

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News



Celebrating 50 Years as a Library District

Since opening its doors in 1884, the Winnetka Public Library has been a cornerstone for community knowledge and enjoyment. In 1974 we took a bold step forward by becoming a standalone library district, uniting with Northfield to create a stronger, more vibrant library community. This crucial move allowed us to expand our services and resources, bringing our two communities together under one shared mission of lifelong learning and discovery.

We're excited to announce a special exhibit at our libraries that takes you on a journey through our history. Explore how we've grown, adapted, and inspired generations. Join us in celebrating the rich history and bright future of our library district.



YOU'RE INVITED
For Our 50th Anniversary Celebration!

Join us in celebrating the rich history and bright future of our library district. Enjoy a reception and explore an exhibit showcasing our district's journey.

December 7, 2024
10am – 12pm



GET YETI TO READ!

DEC 1 - DEC 31

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10
Day 11	Day 12	Day 13	Day 14	Day 15
Day 16	Day 17	Day 18	Day 19	Day 20

Count every day you read for at least 20 minutes by crossing off a square.

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School _____

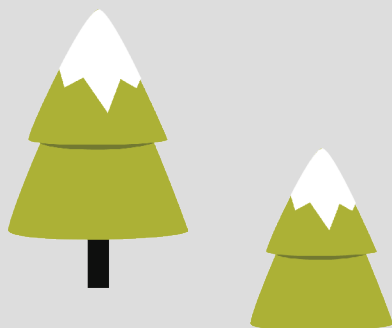
Home Library Winnetka Northfield Other



WIN PRIZES | ALL AGES

Whether you're exploring icy adventures or snuggling up with heartwarming stories, our Winter Reading Challenge is all about embracing the magic of winter through the joy of reading. Happy reading!

Learn about prizes on the next page or at wnpld.org.



Prizes

You did it!

Bring in your completed log between December 20 and January 11 to claim your finishing prize and be entered to win one of our grand prizes!

Finishing Prizes



Kids
Get a Toy



Adults & Teens
Get a Gift Card

Grand Prize Raffles



\$100 LEGO® Gift Card



Peppa Pig Playhouse



Melissa & Doug Wooden Coffee Shop



Fujifilm Instax Mini 12 Camera



\$100 Gift Card to Ballyhoo Hospitality



\$115 Year Membership to the Art Institute



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Discover our NEW Library of Games!

Get ready for some fun with our brand-new collection of games and puzzles! From classic board games to challenging puzzles, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

What's in this new collection?

- A variety of board games for all ages and interests.
- Puzzles in five sizes: 250, 300, 500, 1000, and 2000 pieces.
- Giant board games like Connect 4, Sorry, and Checkers.

Why check out our games and puzzles?

- **Try before you buy:** Test out games and puzzles before starting your own collection.
- **Save space:** Enjoy endless entertainment without cluttering your home.
- **Entertain guests:** Keep your family and friends entertained with engaging activities.

Board games available:

- Taboo
- Ticket to Ride
- Backgammon
- Trash Pandas
- Clue
- Exploding Kittens
- Boggle
- Scrabble
- Sequence
- Monopoly
- CodeNames
- GIANT Connect 4
- Qwirkle
- GIANT Sorry
- Catan
- GIANT Checkers
- Wits & Wagers



Kids

(R) = Registration required | (D) = Drop In | (T) = Ticketed

How to register for an event: Log onto wnpld.org and under “events” you will find the events calendar. Locate the program of interest and register. You may call (847) 446-7220 or email youth@wnpld.org.

Babies, Toddlers, & Preschoolers

Art Play

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

Northfield Library: Wednesdays, December 11, January 8 & 22, February 5 & 19, 10am • Ages 0-4 with Adult (D)

Construction Party

Join us for an afternoon celebration of all things construction.

Winnetka Library: Wednesday, January 8, 4pm
Ages 2+ with Adult (D)

Sensory Shenanigans

Join us for an hour of interactive free play! This program promotes fine and gross motor skills through fun activities. Expect a bit of mess, so wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty!

Winnetka Library: Fridays, January 10 & 24 and February 7 & 21, 10am • Ages 0-4 with Adult (D)
Northfield Library: Wednesdays, January 15 & February 26, 10am
Ages 0-4 with Adult (D)

Busy Bodies

Join us for an hour of movement fun, play, and activities to practice and build gross motor skills.

Winnetka Library: Monday, January 13, 10am
Ages 0-4 with Adult (D)

Little Messy Art

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

Winnetka Library: Tuesdays, January 14 & February 25, 4pm
Ages 0-4 with Adult (D)



Car Crawl

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

Winnetka Library: Fridays, January 17 & February 28, 10am
Ages 0-5 with Adult (D)

Rock 'n' Roll Storytime

Rock 'n' Kids® involves music, movement, and imaginative play to create a one-of-a-kind musical experience!

Winnetka Library: Monday, January 20, 10am
Ages 0-5 with Adult (T)
Northfield Library: Mondays & Fridays, February 10, 14, 17 & 21, 10am • Ages 0-5 with Adult (T)

STEAM Play

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

January 23: Sounds
February 27: Birds
Winnetka Library: Thursdays, 4pm • Ages 2+ with Adult (D)

Baby Obstacle Course

If you have a crawling baby on the move, this obstacle course is for you! We'll build gross motor skills while having fun.

Winnetka Library: Monday, February 3, 10am
Ages 6 months-18 months 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, February 19, 4pm
Ages 2+ with Adult (D)

Youth Winter Reading Recommended Books

Use the QR Code to see our librarians' recommendations and to place them on hold.



Winter Storytime Schedule

Singing, dancing, stories, and more! Tickets will be available the morning of the event on a first come, first served basis.

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 Move
& Play**
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

We are on Storytime break
Dec 22 – Jan 4 & Feb 9 – 22.

We're making a few changes to improve your Storytime experience.

PRIORITY TICKETS FOR WNPLD CARDHOLDERS

Beginning January 6, please bring your physical WNPLD card or a picture of the barcode to receive priority tickets for storytime. If you're a district resident without a card, we'd love to help you get one beforehand—it's quick and easy to apply!



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: Tuesdays, January 7 & February 4, 4pm • Ages 5+ with Adult (D)

LEGO® Fun

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

Winnetka Library: Mondays, January 13 & February 3, 4pm • Ages 4+ with Adult (D)

Sensational STEAM

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

January 15: Fake Snow

February 5: Flipbook Art

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

Mario Kart Racing

Meet us in the Lloyd Room for an afternoon of thrilling races, banana peels, and blue shells as we compete for victory!

Winnetka Library: Thursdays, January 16 & February 13, 4pm • Ages 5–8 with Adult (R)

Stickerpalooza

Join your friends (or meet new ones!) for an awesome afternoon of sticker fun! Each participant will receive a booklet to decorate and collect stickers. Feel free to bring your own stickers to swap with others.

Winnetka Library: Tuesday, January 21, 4pm • Ages 3+ with Adult (D)

Family Science

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

Northfield Library: Wednesdays, January 22 & February 26, 4pm • Ages 4+ with Adult (R)

Comic Book Workshop



Join our comic book workshop with Do Art Productions to unleash your creativity and learn the art of visual storytelling!

Winnetka Library: Thursday, January 30, 4pm • Ages 7+ (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: Fridays, February 7 & 21, 2pm • Ages 5+ with Adult (D)

FROGLADY REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS



Join us for a hoppin' good time as we meet over 15 live reptiles and amphibians with the FrogLady!

Winnetka Library: Thursday, February 20, 4pm & 5pm
Ages 5–12 with Adult (R)



Family Fun

Gingerbread House Decorating

Decorate your own gingerbread house with candy and frosting.

Winnetka Library: Saturday, December 7, 2pm & 3:30pm and Sunday, December 8, 1:30pm & 3pm • Ages 0-8 with Adult (R)

Candy Cottage

Build a cozy winter cottage from Rice Krispie Treats and decorate it with delicious candy.

Northfield Library: Wednesday, December 18, 4pm • Ages 2-8 with Adult (R)

Spark's Snow Day

Sing, dance, and play with Firefly Family Theatre as they present the story of Spark the Firefly and her first snow day. Get ready for lots of winter fun with puppets, music, and much more.

Winnetka Library: Monday, January 20, 4pm • Ages 2-8 with Adult (R)

Valentine's Day Cookie Decorating

Decorate yummy treats to celebrate Valentine's Day. We will provide cookies, frosting and add-ons. Bring your creativity and appetite!

Northfield Library: Wednesday, February 12, 11am & 4pm

Ages 0-8 with Adult (R)



Illinois Libraries Present Events

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The Magic of Raina Telgemeier

Illinois Libraries Present Raina Telgemeier, author and illustrator of the graphic novels *Smile*, *Drama*, *Sisters*, *Ghosts*, and *Guts*, all #1 *New York Times* bestsellers. She also adapted and illustrated four graphic novel versions of Ann M. Martin's *Baby-Sitters Club* series, and has contributed short stories to many anthologies.

Virtual: Tuesday, December 10, 7pm • All Ages (R)

Experience Little Women: The Musical at Home!

Enjoy this pre-recorded, virtual showing of Louisa May Alcott's classic story of four sisters growing up in 19th-century Massachusetts. This Broadway musical premiered in London in this acclaimed production at Park Theatre in 2022.

Virtual: Friday, December 20-Sunday, December 22 • All Ages (R)

Tweens & Teens

Brush It Off!

Enjoy light beverages as you unwind and make art in a relaxed, fun environment with your friends!

Winnetka Library: Thursdays, January 9 & February 6, 4pm • Ages 9+ (R)

Mario Kart Racing

Meet us in the Community Room for an afternoon of thrilling races, banana peels, and blue shells as we compete for victory!

Winnetka Library: Thursdays, January 16 & February 13, 4pm • Ages 9+ (R)

Pet Moss Ball

Design a moss-terpiece and bring home a unique, low-maintenance buddy! Attend this program in-person or sign up for a take-home craft.

Winnetka Library: Tuesday, January 28, 4pm • Ages 9+ (R)

DIY Love Potion

Brew an enchanting and whimsical potion perfect for Valentine's Day. Attend this program in-person or sign up for a take-home craft.

Winnetka Library: Friday, February 14, 4pm Ages 9+ (R)

Finals Week Study Space

High school students, we've reserved our meeting room spaces so you can focus on finals.

Winnetka & Northfield Library: Sunday, December 8 - Thursday, December 19



Adults

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Author Events

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Chicago Pizza – Past, Present & Future with Steve Dolinsky

Join Steve Dolinsky to dish on *The Ultimate Chicago Pizza Guide: A History of Squares & Slices in the Windy City*, his guide to the styles, locales and people that make the Windy City a prime destination for slices and pies.

Virtual: Thursday, January 9, 7pm (R)

Love and Laughs with Michelle Buteau

An American stand-up comedian, actress, television host, producer, and podcast host, Michelle Buteau is the author of *Survival of the Thickest*, recently adapted into a Netflix series.

Virtual: Thursday, January 23, 7pm (R)

An Evening with James McBride

Join National Book Award winner James McBride, author of *The Color of Water* and *The Good Lord Bird*, as he discusses his latest novel, *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store*.

Virtual: Tuesday, February 4, 7pm (R)

Food & Drink

Holiday Cookie Exchange

Bring a batch of your favorite homemade cookies and a copy of the recipe to share with fellow bakers. Hot chocolate, coffee, and take-home containers will be provided.

Northfield Library: Saturday, December 7, 2pm (R)

The Great British Baking Tour: Holiday Edition

Join UK travel consultant and former resident Claire Evans, author of *High Tea and the Low Down*, for a delightful holiday culinary tour of the UK, inspired by *The Great British Baking Show* on PBS. She will focus on festive baking, translating tricky British recipes for Americans so you can recreate them at home. Plus, pick up a few handy travel tips in case you're inspired to plan your own tour!

Virtual: Monday, December 9, 1pm (R)

Meal Prep

Learn the basics of meal prepping with Chef Amy. She'll share sample menus and easy recipes, as well as helpful resources (websites, cookbooks, podcasts) to help get meals on the table.

Northfield Library: Saturday, December 14, 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 in an accessible way with seated poses. Perfect for beginners.

Virtual: Fridays, December 6 & 13, January 3 & 17, February 7 & 21, 10am (R)

Managing Our Super-Busy Lives: A Practical Discussion

Join artist and author Dick Ryan for a practical discussion about how to navigate the demands of our often-chaotic world.

Winnetka Library: Thursday, January 16, 7pm (R)

Medicare 101

Medicare can be confusing. Medicare Solutions Network will present a free educational seminar to get you up to speed on what Medicare covers, what it doesn't, and your potential out of pocket exposure. We'll discuss Supplements, Advantage Plans, Part D Prescription coverage and cost saving strategies for the years ahead. Whether you are currently enrolled in Medicare, will be enrolling in the future, or are helping a loved one, this seminar is for you.

Northfield Library: Saturday, February 1, 2pm (R)

Games

Mah Jongg

Join instructor Sylvia Taflove for a 4-week series of beginner-friendly mah jongg lessons. Perfect for newcomers, or those needing a refresher, this course will cover the basics of the game, including the card, suits, tiles, and rules. Each session includes time for supervised play.

Northfield Library: Mondays, January 6, 13, 20, 27, 11am (R)



Book Discussions

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.

Mondays, 7pm (R)



December 9: Northfield Library

Holiday Helpers

Food Gifts: 150+ Irresistible Recipes for Crafting Personalized Presents by Elle Simone Scott

The Side Dish Bible: 1001 Perfect Recipes for Every Vegetable, Rice, Grain, and Bean Dish You Will Ever Need by America's Test Kitchen



January 13: Winnetka Library

Let's Live Forever

The Blue Zones American Kitchen: 100 Recipes to Live to 100 by Dan Buettner

The Young Forever Cookbook: More than 100 Delicious Recipes for Living Your Longest, Healthiest Life by Dr. Mark Hyman, MD



February 10: Northfield Library

Celebrating Ina Garten

Modern Comfort Food by Ina Garten

Barefoot in Paris: Easy French Food You Can Make at Home by Ina Garten

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: Tuesdays, 12pm (R)



January 28

2024 Favorites

My Life in Recipes: Food, Family, and Memories by Joan Nathan

Cooking in Real Life: Delicious & Doable Recipes for Every Day by Lidey Heuck



February 25

Smitten for Smitten Kitchen

The Smitten Kitchen Cookbook: Recipes and Wisdom from an Obsessive Home Cook by Deb Perelman

Smitten Kitchen Every Day: Triumphant and Unfussy New Favorites by Deb Perelman

Smitten Kitchen Keepers: New Classics for Your Forever Files by Deb Perelman

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)



December 10

The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon

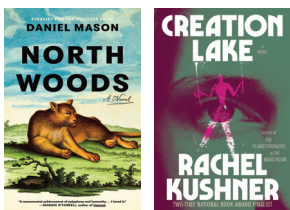
February 11

Mastering the Art of French Murder by Colleen Cambridge

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)



December 19

The Year in Review: As 2024 wraps up, join us to share the books you loved—and the ones you didn't! Feel free to bring refreshments for our final meeting of the year.

January 16

North Woods by Daniel Mason

February 20

Creation Lake by Rachel Kushner

Great Decisions

Join us for a lively discussion on current global events. Participants read an article from the Foreign Policy Association briefing book, available for purchase or to borrow from the library. We meet for eight consecutive Wednesday afternoons, watch a related video, and discuss key questions.

The Great Decisions series is sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Winnetka-Northfield-Kenilworth in cooperation with the Winnetka-Northfield Public Library District.

Winnetka Library: Wednesdays, January 22 & 29, February 5, 12, 19 & 26, March 5 & 12, 1:15pm (R)

History

Splendors of the Vatican Museums with Jeff Mishur

Art historian Jeff Mishur will discuss art in the Vatican Museums, including works by Leonardo, Michelangelo, Raphael, and Caravaggio, and will examine objects from the Early Christian, Renaissance, and Baroque periods that serve as connections to Church history. He will also focus on iconography and patronage. Objects to be discussed include Leonardo's Saint Jerome, Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel Ceiling, Raphael's School of Athens, and Caravaggio's Deposition.

Virtual: Monday, December 2, 7pm (R)

Behind the Scenes: National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation

Go behind the scenes of *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation* and explore the world of the Griswold family! Test your knowledge of the movie and discover fun facts that will deepen your appreciation of this holiday classic. Plus, learn about Chicago's (minor) role in setting the stage for the Griswolds' festive misadventures.

Virtual: Tuesday, December 3, 7pm (R)

Elvis: The King's Rise, Fall, and Comeback

Elvis revolutionized popular music when he exploded onto the scene in 1956 with his unique blend of rhythm and blues and country music. Join us as film historian Gary Wenstrup recounts Elvis' wild ride of huge musical successes, underwhelming films, an astonishing comeback, and a sad downward spiral to his death at age 42.

Virtual: Wednesday, December 18, 7pm (R)



Notes of Legacy: Fanny and Felix Mendelssohn's Marvelous Musical Journey

Join historian Anette Isaacs to explore the remarkable musical journey of 19th-century siblings Fanny and Felix Mendelssohn. While Fanny's talents were constrained by societal expectations, Felix gained acclaim for his innovative compositions. As descendants of philosopher Moses Mendelssohn, their family made a lasting impact on classical music and Jewish heritage.

Virtual: Tuesday, January 21, 7pm (R)



Christmas on State Street with Leslie Goddard

For decades, Christmas in Chicago meant a trip or two to the big department stores on State Street. Historian Leslie Goddard will use photos, ads, and memorabilia to trace cherished traditions, including the animated window displays and beloved characters like the Cinnamon Bear and Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer.

Virtual: Tuesday, December 17, 7pm (R)

Mexican Muralism: From Rivera to Street Art

The contemporary boom of street art in Mexico, and in the Mexican American neighborhoods in American cities, can be traced to the Mexican muralist movement of the 1920s. Although there were many artists who were part of the movement, The Big Three (Siqueiros, Orozco, and most famously, Rivera) are generally considered to have led and shaped it. Today they have notably influenced public art in Chicago's Mexican communities.

Virtual: Monday, January 27, 7pm (R)

Married in the Movies with Annette Bochenek

Love is in the air in classic Hollywood! Many beloved Hollywood classics featured wedding scenes across a broad range of film genres. In real life, many film stars also happened to have high-profile and eagerly anticipated weddings. Join Film Historian Dr. Annette Bochenek as she presents memorable classic film wedding moments, both on the screen and off.

Virtual: Tuesday, February 11, 7pm (R)

Casting a Historic Vote: Suffrage for Women in Illinois

Before 1920, women in the U.S. were largely denied the right to vote, despite advocating for it since the nation's founding. While wealthy women played a key role in the suffrage movement, they were not the only advocates. From attorney Ellen Martin, the first woman to vote in Illinois, to Ida B. Wells, who fought against racism, women's suffrage in Illinois was a hard-fought battle led by a diverse group of activists.

Virtual: Wednesday, February 12, 7pm (R)

Citizen Soldier: African Americans in Times of War

Discover the powerful stories of African Americans in times of war, from early patriotism to the journey toward desegregation in the armed forces. This lecture explores key conflicts, from the American Revolution to Operation Desert Storm, highlighting the social inequalities and racism African Americans faced at home while defending their country.

Virtual: Thursday, February 13, 7pm (R)

From Reel to Real: The Evolution of Documentary Films

Join film professor Zbigniew Banas for a journey through the evolving genre of documentary films. Once viewed as simple recordings of reality, documentaries now feature diverse styles, including experimental forms and docufiction. This lecture will offer a historical overview of documentary filmmaking and explore the future of this dynamic genre.

Virtual: Saturday, February 15, 2pm (R)

Chicago's Greatest Architecture and Buildings

Chicago is an architectural pioneer, known for its legendary styles and iconic buildings. Join us to explore the stories behind its famous structures and their global impact, including the invention of the skyscraper, the Columbia Exposition, notable architects, and the evolution of modern skyscrapers.

Virtual: Wednesday, February 19, 7pm (R)

All Aboard the Iconic Chicago 'L': A Journey Through Time

The thundering "L" is one of Chicago's enduring icons, operating 24/7 since 1892 as a working antique. Join Greg Borzo to learn how the early "L" lines helped shape Chicago and how today's system revitalizes neighborhoods and connects the city.

Northfield Library: Saturday, February 22, 2 pm (R)

Wild Child to Grande Dame: The Life of Alice Roosevelt Longworth

Prepare to be captivated by the extraordinary life and legacy of Alice Roosevelt Longworth. From her rebellious youth as the daughter of President Theodore Roosevelt to her influential role as a political matriarch, we'll explore the remarkable journey of a woman who defied convention and left an indelible mark on American history.

Virtual: Monday, February 24, 7pm (R)

Swindlers, Grifters, and Shapeshifters: The Untold Stories of Female Con Artists

The lives of male con artists have been well chronicled in history, but what about their female counterparts? Tori Telfer delves into the long and venerable tradition of the art of the con, shining a light on history's notorious yet often overlooked female con artists.

Virtual: Tuesday, February 25, 7pm (R)



Home

Decluttering Our Hearts and Homes

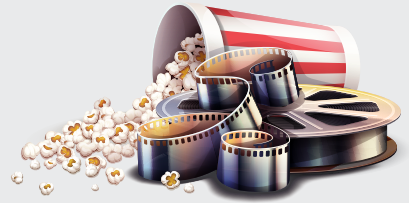
"I can't get rid of that!" is a statement heard in every home and business. This presentation will outline effective steps for decluttering our living and workspaces while exploring the emotional connections we have to our belongings.

Virtual: Monday, February 3, 7pm (R)

Romance 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 at home through our Kanopy streaming service.

Virtual: Fridays (R)



December 20

His Girl Friday

A classic rom-com with Cary Grant and Rosalind Russell.



January 24

The Whole Wide World

A unique true life love story with Renee Zellweger and Vincent D'Onofrio.



February 28

Gregory's Girl

An unheralded 80's coming-of-age comedy from Scotland.

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

Science

The Weirdest Birds Ever

Meet the weirdest birds on our planet! These birds showcase the incredible diversity and weirdness of the avian world, each with unique adaptations that make them truly remarkable.

Virtual: Thursday, December 12, 7pm (R)

Weather Extremes

Learn the science of tornadoes, lightning, flooding, and hail from storm chaser and weather educator Chelsea Burnett. Chelsea will share footage from her own storm chases.

Virtual: Thursday, February 6, 7pm (R)

Global Climate Change: What You Need to Know

Dr. Rich Schultz taught classes on global climate change for many years at the university level. Although the topic can be highly politicized, in this presentation he will focus on the scientific facts.

Virtual: Thursday, February 27, 7pm (R)

Travel

Magical Morocco

Fall in love with the vibrant colors, stunning sites, and electrifying energy that is Morocco. World traveler Brian Michalski will share his experiences with the culture, history, economy, and geography of this majestic country. Learn about Harira soup, chicken tagine, vegetable couscous, with a Q&A for dessert.

Virtual: Thursday, February 20, 7pm (R)



Live Performance

Laura Ingalls Wilder, The Real Story: A Dramatic Portrayal

Do you know the real Laura Ingalls Wilder? Not the girl from the books or the woman from television, but the true Laura Wilder. We'll explore her personal history and discover the times, places, and people who inspired her beloved Little House books.

Virtual: Tuesday, January 7, 7pm (R)

Martha Washington: Our Founding Mother with Lynn Rymarz

While George Washington is known as the Founding Father of our nation, what about his wife, Martha? Join us to hear her story and learn about the vital role she played in becoming our nation's Founding Mother.

Winnetka Library: Saturday, February 1, 3pm (R)

The Hostess in Chief: Mamie Doud Eisenhower

Visit with Mamie as she relates her life as Ike's wife, our First Lady and "just a good friend" – and serves some amazing fudge!

Northfield Library: Sunday, February 9, 2pm (R)

Personal Finance

Financial Planning Appointments

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, December 10, January 14, February 11, 10am & 11am (R)

Unlock the Secrets to Financial Freedom: A Transformative Workshop

Are you tired of feeling overwhelmed by debt? Do you dream of taking back control of your credit and your life? Join us for an empowering workshop that promises to change your financial trajectory. Ronald Lawless, an expert from the Association of Financial Educators, will guide you through proven strategies to reduce debt and manage your credit effectively.

Winnetka Library: Wednesday, December 4, 6:30pm (R)

Social Security Benefits

Do you want to learn more about Social Security? This presentation by Ronald Lawless, from the Association of Financial Educators, will cover topics including: how Social Security benefits are calculated; factors that reduce or increase retirement benefits; and how personal circumstances impact when to claim benefits.

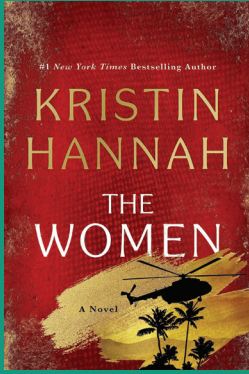
Winnetka Library: Saturday, January 18, 11am (R)

Pensions, 401(k)s, and IRAs

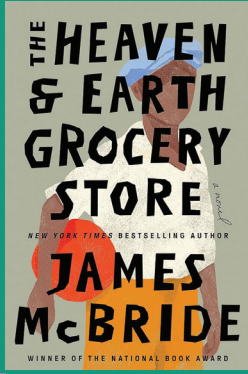
Ronald Lawless from the Association of Financial Educators will explain the differences between 401(k)s, IRAs, and pensions, and the benefits and tax implications of each.

Winnetka Library: Tuesday, February 18, 6:30pm (R)

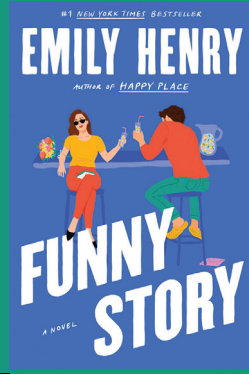
WNPLD's 2024 Favorites



◀ **ADULT FICTION**
Frankie McGrath leaves her privileged life to nurse in the Vietnam War. The novel explores patriotism, friendship, and the overlooked stories of women who served.

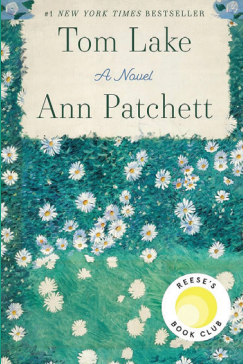


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In 1972, workers in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, uncovered a skeleton, exposing long-hidden secrets of Chicken Hill, a neighborhood where Jews and African Americans shared ambitions and struggles.



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When Daphne's fiancé leaves her for his childhood best friend, she ends up rooming with the friend's ex, Miles. What starts as a plan to fake fun summer adventures soon blurs into something real.

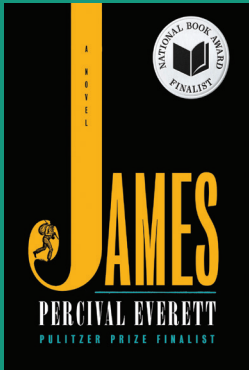
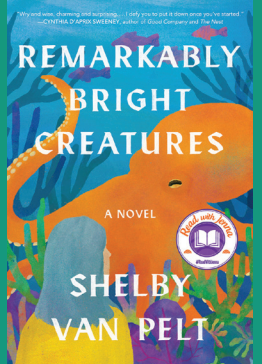
▶ **ADULT FICTION**
A meditation on youthful love, married love, and the lives parents have led before their children were born. Both hopeful and elegiac, it explores what it means to be happy even when the world is falling apart.



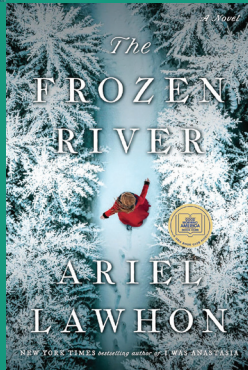
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Evie Porter has everything a nice Southern girl could want: a doting boyfriend, a house with a white picket fence, a tight group of friends. The only catch: Evie Porter doesn't exist.



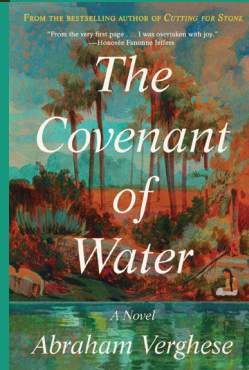
▶ **ADULT FICTION**
A charming, witty and compulsively readable exploration of friendship, reckoning, and hope that traces a widow's unlikely connection with a giant Pacific octopus.



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A brilliant, action-packed reimagining of *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, both harrowing and darkly humorous, told from the enslaved Jim's point of view.

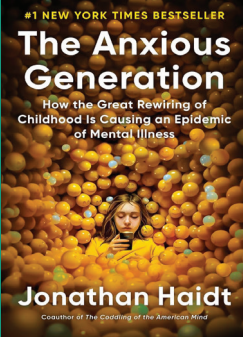


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A gripping tale of a forgotten heroine determined to uncover the truth in a time when women's voices were dismissed.

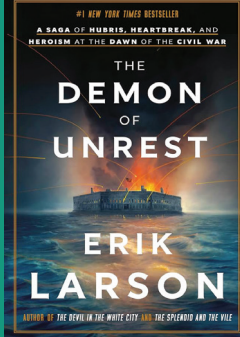


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A stunning and magisterial epic of love, faith, and medicine, set in Kerala, South India, following three generations of a family seeking the answers to a strange secret.

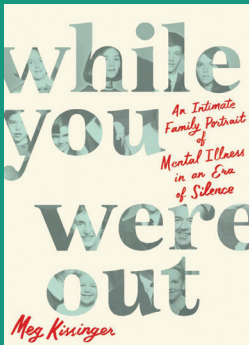
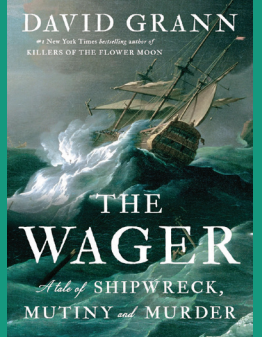
▶ **ADULT NONFICTION**
Social psychologist Jonathan Haidt explores the rise of teen mental illness and the shift from "play-based childhood" to "phone-based childhood," which began in the 1980s.



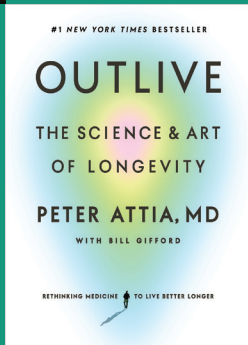
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A gripping account of the chaotic months between Lincoln's election and the Confederacy's shelling of Sumter, marked by errors, miscommunications, egos, ambitions, and personal tragedies.



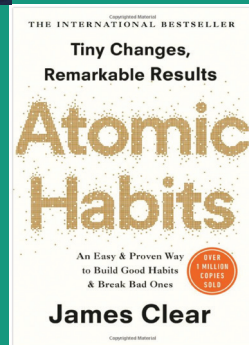
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A shipwrecked British crew struggles to survive on a desolate island, facing brutal conditions and inner conflict. As survivors return with conflicting stories, a fierce trial unfolds, revealing the dark extremes of human nature.



◀ **ADULT NONFICTION**
A searing memoir of a family besieged by mental illness, as well as an incisive exploration of the systems that failed them and a testament to the love that sustained them.



◀ **ADULT NONFICTION**
In this guide to longevity, Dr. Peter Attia offers cutting-edge nutritional interventions, exercise and sleep optimization techniques, and tools for improving emotional and mental health.



◀ **ADULT NONFICTION**
Atomic Habits offers a proven framework for daily improvement. James Clear shares practical strategies to build good habits, break bad ones, and master the small behaviors that lead to significant results.

Technology



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.

January 8: Editing Videos

January 15: Organizing Photos

January 22: Sharing Photos

January 29: Learn Email Tips & Tricks

February 5: Texting

February 12: Using Notes and Reminders

February 19: Using Apple's iCloud

February 26: Backing Up

Virtual: Wednesdays, 1:30pm (R)

Computer Basics

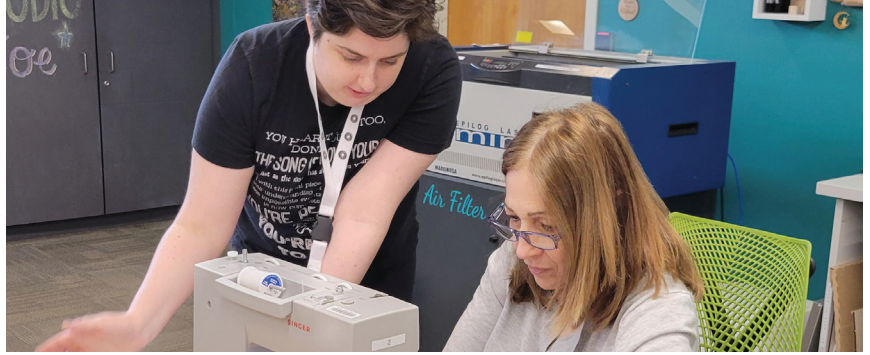
Are you new to computers? This introductory class will provide you with the essential skills to get started. Learn how to open files, navigate your computer's interface, and perform basic tasks. Whether you're a complete beginner or looking to refresh your computer knowledge, this class will give you a solid foundation for exploring the digital world.

**The Studio: Wednesday, January 8, 6pm
Adults (R)**

Do You Need Tech Help?

Get free help with phones, emails, documents, and more at our Device Advice drop-in sessions.

Thursdays from 3–5pm



The Studio

Want to make something amazing? The Studio is your one-stop shop for creative exploration.

Appointments are required to use our equipment and workspace for independent projects, with each session lasting up to 1.5 hours. Same-day appointments are available depending on space.

Holiday Projects & Hours

Get creative with hands-on projects—perfect for making unique holiday gifts! Supplies will be available to help bring your ideas to life.

From November 1 to January 1, The Studio will be open by appointment only, but Device Advice will still be drop in. Reserve your spot by calling 847-278-0857 or visiting wnpld.org/the-studio.

Intro Classes

Sublimation Basics: Creating Vibrant Prints

Unlock your creativity with sublimation printing! Learn how to create vibrant, long-lasting prints on a variety of surfaces, including fabrics and ceramics.

The Studio: Monday, January 20, 6pm • Age 14+ (R)

Mastering the Silhouette: A Beginner's Guide

Learn the fundamentals of Silhouette Studio and discover how to create stunning designs for a variety of projects.

The Studio: Thursday, January 23, 6pm • Age 14+ (R)

CorelDRAW Basics

Learn how to use CorelDRAW to create designs that are compatible with our laser cutters. Understand the software's features and techniques to ensure your designs are ready for production.

The Studio: Wednesday, January 29 & February 26, 6pm • Age 14+ (R)

Unlock Your Creativity with Cricut Access

Explore the possibilities of the Cricut Access platform. Learn how to use this versatile tool to design and cut a variety of materials, from vinyl to paper.

The Studio: Wednesday, February 5, 6pm • Age 14+ (R)

A Beginner's Guide to Hatch Embroidery

Discover the art of embroidery with Hatch Embroidery Software. From simple designs to intricate patterns, learn how to bring your creations to life.

The Studio: Monday, February 17, 6pm • Age 14+ (R)

Events in The Studio

Warmest Wreath Wishes

Get into the Holly-Jolly spirit by crafting a whimsical wreath made entirely out of paper!

The Studio: Thursday, December 12, 6:30pm • Adult (R)

Funky Monster Friend

Learn hand sewing basics and own your creativity while creating a felt monster.

The Studio: Saturday, January 4, 1pm • Ages 12 to 18 (R)

Yarn Spinning

Learn how to spin yarn from wool on a drop spindle!

The Studio: Saturday, January 25, 10am • Adults (R)

Beaded Lizard Keychain

Make a 90s-style beaded lizard keychain and team up to create a giant version with pool noodles.

The Studio: Saturday, February 1, 12pm • Ages 12 to 18 (R)

Hand Sewing Basics

Learn basic stitching techniques and button sewing to aid in any future quick fixes.

The Studio: Thursday, February 20, 6pm • Ages 14+ (R)

Events at Northfield Library

Warmest Wishes Wreath

Get into the Holly-Jolly spirit by crafting a whimsical wreath made entirely out of paper!

Northfield Library: Saturday, December 7, 11am • Adult (R)

Sit & Knit

Join fellow knitters of all skill levels! Basic supplies and beginner assistance will be provided.

Northfield Library: Thursdays, December 12 & 26, January 9 & 23, February 13 & 27, 3pm • Adults (R)

Candle Making

Learn candle making and craft unique scented candles with personalized fragrances.

Northfield Library: Tuesday, January 14, 4pm • Adults (R)

Paint Watercolor Crystals with Audrey Ra

Learn the techniques of painting watercolor crystals.

Northfield Library: Thursday, February 6, 3pm • Adults (R)

Paper Flower Shadow Box

Discover the art of paper flower making and create a shadow box display. Learn a variety of techniques to craft lifelike paper flowers and arrange them into a beautiful composition.

Northfield Library: Tuesday, February 11, 4pm • Adults (R)

New Equipment & Software in The Studio

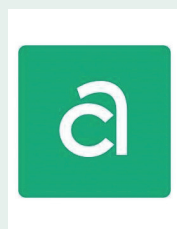
We're excited to announce new equipment joining our library makerspace!



Create Big with the CRICUT Venture

A high-speed, wide-format vinyl cutter for big projects!

- Large wall decals
- Vinyl lettering for signs and banners
- Custom car decals
- Window clings



Bring Your Ideas to Life with CRICUT Access Subscription

From intricate patterns to simple shapes, you'll find everything you need to bring your creative visions to life. Our subscription includes 700 fonts, project templates, and thousands of images.



Print on Fabrics and Ceramics

Create stunning prints on a variety of materials, including fabrics and ceramics.

- Custom mugs
- Personalized phone cases
- Fabric transfers for clothing, tote bags, and pillows



Experience the EPILOG Fusion Maker

Precision laser cutting and engraving.

- Custom signage
- Acrylic engraving
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Embroidery Made Easy with Hatch Embroidery Software

Bring your embroidery designs to life with user-friendly software.

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Best Books of 2024

Join us at The Book Stall to discuss our favorite books of 2024.

Librarians from the Winnetka-Northfield Public Library District and staff from The Book Stall will share their favorite books of the year and preview exciting new releases for 2025. Participants are encouraged to share their own recommendations.

Refreshments will be provided.

The Book Stall (811 Elm St., Winnetka): Wednesday, January 15, 6:30pm (R)

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