



FALL INTO
Reading

Booksgiving

Thursday, November 21 • 7 p.m. • REGISTER

Step into the season of plenty with us as we indulge in a delightful spread of BOOKS! You're warmly welcomed to our relaxed gathering, where our enthusiastic team will regale you with stories of their most cherished reads. And the best part? You'll have the opportunity to select your favorite from the array and take home a complimentary copy to treasure. We extend our sincere gratitude to the Wauconda Area Library Foundation for their generous support of this event.

Your Library Through the Years

THE WAUCONDA LEADER

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OPEN WAUCONDA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Woman's Club and High School Make Reference Works; Late Books are Available

A public library, sponsored by the Wauconda Woman's club and the Wauconda township high school was formally opened Tuesday, January 15. Miss Harrod gave a clear explanation of the kinds of books in the library, in what section they could be found, and the card system by which they could be taken out.

There are books available on practically every subject. It was also explained the late best-sellers would be placed on the rental shelf, at the rate of 1 cent a day for the first week, and 2 cents a day thereafter. The first five on the shelf are: The Importance of Living, Lin Yutang; Listen, the Wind, Anne Morrow Lindbergh; Why Make Toward None, Margaret Murray; The Yearning, Marjorie K. Rawlings; Rebecca, Daphne Du Maurier. Tea was served to 21 members and guests with Mrs. Jessie Dowlin past president, and Mrs. Harriet Hoyer, president, presiding.

1939

The Wauconda Area Public Library District was originally founded by the Wauconda Woman's Club as one shelf housed at Wauconda High School in 1939.



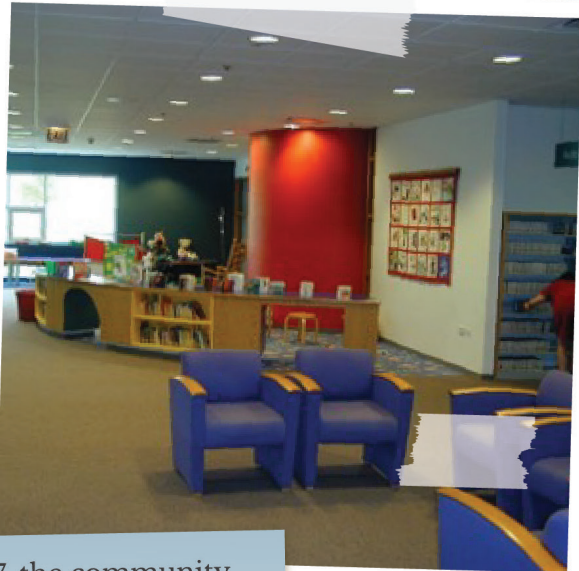
1962

By 1962, the Library was established as a Township Library and moved from the Village Hall into 212 Osage Street the following year.



1987

In 1987, the first floor of the Library building that exists today was built at 801 North Main Street. Kid City, the children's area as it has been known for the past 10 years, and the staff workrooms use the 1987 building. In 1988 the Library became a District Library to align its service area to closely match School District 118 boundaries.



1997

By 1997, the community supported the expansion of the Library, this time using the existing location by adding on a second story.

TODAY

The Library district and the community have grown from a shelf at the High School to a community hub that serves over 28,000 residents!

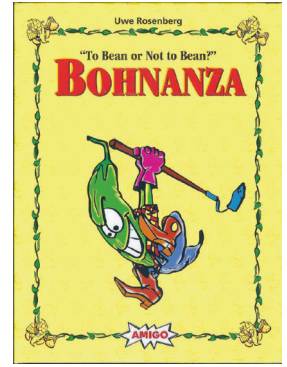
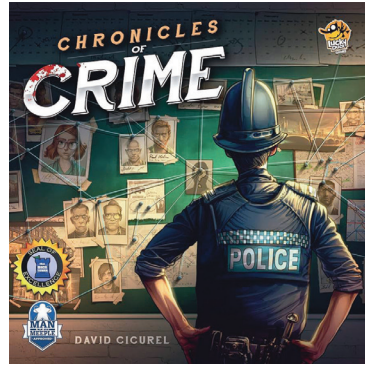


Library Trivia

1. How many shelves are in the current Library?
a) 1,110 b) 7,502 c) 2,491
2. How many gallons are in the Library's fish tank?
a) 300 b) 1,000 c) 50
3. How many Library cardholders were there in 1958?
a) 150 b) 4,235 c) 1,100
4. What are the chains on the Library building?
a) These chains hold the Library roof down from wind.
b) These are rain chains and work as gutters.
c) These prevent squirrels from getting on the roof.

Board Game Collection

Our board game collection is a great place to start for anyone who wants to explore new games, or for experienced players looking to try something different. Whether you are attracting birds to your habitats with Wingspan, making colorful tile patterns with Azul, solving mysteries with Chronicles of Crime, or growing and trading beans with Bohnanza, our board games offer hours of fun. Stop by to check out these games and more, available for three weeks at a time.



Book Clubs for Adults

Beyond Fiction

(Nonfiction)

Meets the 4th Monday of the month at 7 p.m.

Novel Thoughts

(Fiction)

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.

Clue

(Mystery)

Meets the 2nd Friday of the month at 10:30 a.m.

Cookbook Lovers

Quarterly Book Club

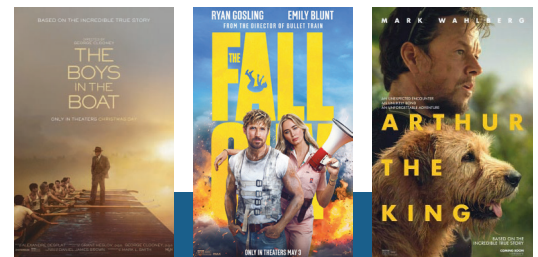
Thursday, November 7
7 p.m. • REGISTER

A special book club for food lovers! Register to reserve a copy of this quarter's cookbook selection. Flip through the wonderful stories and beautiful photography before selecting recipes to try making at home. Then we will come together for a lively discussion about our results.

All the Books Quarterly Book Club

Thursday, September 5 • 7 p.m. • REGISTER

If you love to talk about books, but don't want to commit to a monthly meeting, our quarterly book club is just the place for you. There are no assigned titles or genres. Read any books you like. We will meet each quarter to discuss the ones we loved and even the ones we didn't.



Movie Matinee

Fridays • 1 p.m. • REGISTER

Enjoy these great movies on our big screen.

September 6

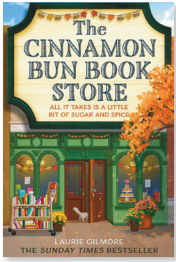
The Boys in the Boat (PG-13)

October 18

The Fall Guy (PG-13)

November 1

Arthur the King (PG-13)



fiction

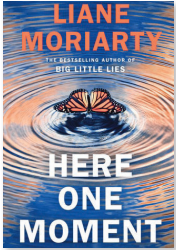
Here One Moment
by Liane Moriarty

The Night We Lost Him
by Laura Dave

The Cinnamon Bun Bookstore
by Laurie Gilmore

The Blue Hour
by Paula Hawkins

The Last One at the Wedding
by Jason Rekulak



non-fiction

The Bookshop: A History of the American Bookstore
by Evan Friss

Freaky Folklore: Terrifying Tales of the World's Most Elusive Monsters and Enigmatic Cryptids
by Carmen Carrion

Puppy Kindergarten: The New Science of Raising a Great Dog
by Brian Hare & Vanessa Woods

Make It Easy: A Healthy Meal Prep & Menu Planning Guide
by Danielle Walker

Farewell Yellow Brick Road: Memories of My Life on Tour
by Elton John

young adult

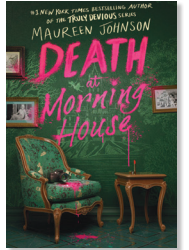
Nothing Like the Movies
by Lynn Painter

Games Untold
by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

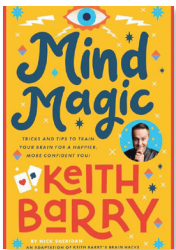
Celestial Monsters
by Aiden Thomas

Under the Surface
by Diana Urban

Death at Morning House
by Maureen Johnson



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kids fiction

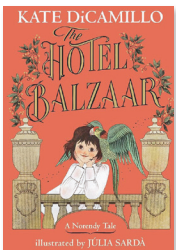
A Strange Thing Happened in Cherry Hall
by Jasmine Warga

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Hot Mess
by Jeff Kinney

The Hotel Balzar
by Kate DiCamillo

Second to None
by Destiny Howell

Black Star
by Kwame Alexander



kids non-fiction

Mind Magic
by Keith Barry

What's Inside a Caterpillar Cocoon?
By Rachel Ignotofsky

Farm Charm In the Barn
by Pearl Markovics

Smithsonian Transportation! Cars, Trains, Ships, and Planes as You've Never Seen Them Before
by Ian Fitzgerald

National Geographic Kids Animals

picture books

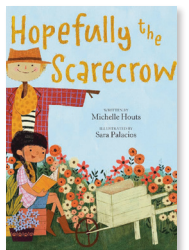
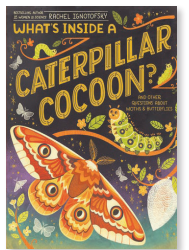
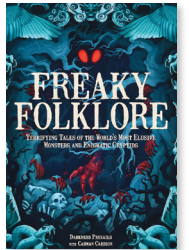
Hopefully the Scarecrow
by Michelle Houts

Carry Me!
By Georgie Birkett

Sheepwrecked
by Ashley Belote

Pajamarama!
By Julie Gonzalez

Shake It Off!
By Vanessa Brantley-Newton



ADULT

Registration for Fall programs begins on Friday, August 16 at 9 a.m. online, in-person, and on the phone.

Huitzillin Mexican Dancers

Saturday, September 7 • 1 p.m. • REGISTER

Come celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with us on the library patio! Enjoy an enchanting performance by the Huitzillin Mexican Dancers amidst the vibrant colors and rhythms of their traditional dances.

The Pentagon and Beyond 9/11: A Survivor's Story

Monday, September 9 • 7 p.m. • REGISTER

Decorated for his actions on that historic day, Lieutenant Colonel US Army veteran, 9/11 Attack survivor, and communications executive, Ryan Yantis will share his personal account of the events that unfolded at the Pentagon 23 years ago.

Native Perennial Fall Clean-up and Prep

Saturday, September 14 • 11 a.m. • REGISTER

Learn new ways to keep your natives happy, healthy, a continuing food source for animals and pollinators, as well as how to prepare them for lush and full blooms for the upcoming Spring.

Paranormal Illinois: Tales of Ghosts, UFOs, and Mysterious Creatures

Tuesday, September 24 • 7 p.m. • REGISTER

This presentation is an eerie compilation of some of the strangest cases of alien abductions, haunted places, mysterious creatures, crop circles, and everything else weird and unusual.

Virtual: Tour of the Museum of Latin-American Art

Thursday, September 19 • 7 p.m. • REGISTER

Let's celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by virtually visiting MOLAA, a pioneering museum dedicated to ground-breaking exhibits of Latin-American and Latinx artists.

Cemetery Walk with Wauconda Township Historical Society

Sponsored by the Wauconda Park District

Saturday, September 28 • 1 **OR** 2:30 p.m.

REGISTER at Wauconda Area Public Library
Our tour guide, Mary Cook, will lead us through the Wauconda Cemetery as we listen to several local historical figures tell captivating stories about themselves and their lives.

We Select a President in 37 Days

Sunday, September 29 • 2 p.m. • REGISTER

Join Professor Gary Midkiff for a balanced comparison and analysis of the policies favored by each major candidate for the November 2024 Presidential Election. At the end of 90 minutes (including Q&A) you should be more confident in how you will vote.

Grab & Go Cold Case

October 1 • REGISTER

Recommended for 18+ only

Challenge yourself to solve a mystery! All of the faux cold case information will be provided.

TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

Master Your Apple Watch

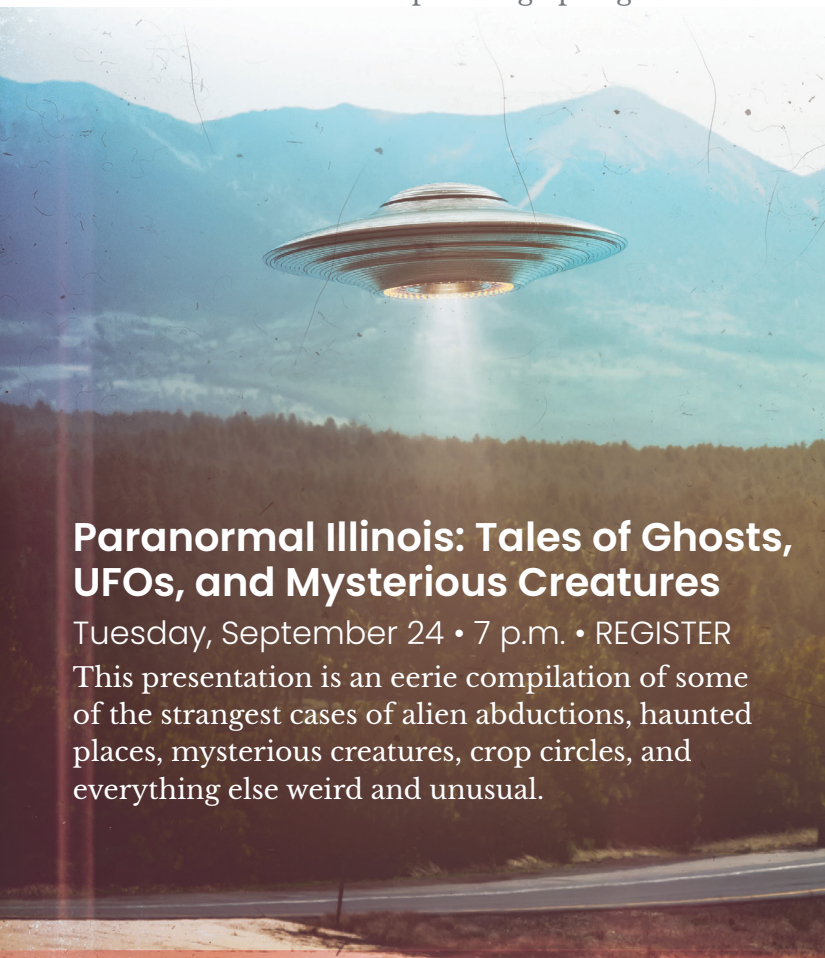
Monday, September 16 • 7 p.m. • REGISTER

AI: ChatGPT and Beyond

Thursday, October 24 • 7 p.m. • REGISTER

Your Smart Home

Monday, November 4 • 7 p.m. • REGISTER



Craft Swap

Drop off supplies: October 3 & 4

Event: Saturday, October 5 • 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Drop off all unwanted new or gently used craft supplies on Thursday, October 3 and Friday, October 4. We are accepting art supplies, yarn, fabric, games, puzzles, scrapbooking, and decor. All are welcome to attend the craft swap event whether or not you donated.

Moon Over Wauconda

Tuesday, October 8 • 7:30 p.m.

*Rain date Thursday, October 10 • 7:30 p.m.

Drop in to join the Lake County Astronomical Society in the Library's parking lot to view the moon and other objects in the night sky.

Native American Storytelling by Chief White Winnebago

Wednesday, October 16 • 7 p.m. • REGISTER

In his Native American Storytelling presentation, Chief White Winnebago tells five Native American stories, primarily of HoChunk origin, for all ages. This program is brought to us in partnership with the Illinois Humanities Road Scholars Speakers Bureau.

Virtual: Gardening Can Be Murder

Monday, October 21 • 7 p.m. • REGISTER

Join Marta McDowell to explore the many ways in which writers—from Edgar Allen Poe and Wilkie Collins to Agatha Christie and some of today's top crime fiction authors—have found inspiration in the sinister side of gardening.

Cannoli Making 101

Tuesday, November 19 • 7 p.m. • REGISTER

The Tony Cannoli Dessert Shop of Mundelein will show us how to make the classic crunchy shell and how to fill a cannoli. Mini cannoli bite sampling will be available with Tony Cannoli's signature and seasonal fillings.

Broadway Bound

Friday, November 22 • 1 p.m. • REGISTER

Leslie Gray has been performing across the US and Europe for the past 30 years. Join us for classic Broadway songs, from Chicago, Funny Girl, Sound of Music, and more.



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CARE OF
YOURSELF

CycleBar Ride

Tuesday, September 17 • 6:30 p.m. • REGISTER

Ages 18+ • Signed Waiver Required

Location: CycleBar Kildeer

CycleBar is a music-driven, instructor-led, high-intensity cycling class focusing on emotional and physical well-being, and riding together in a supportive environment.

Virtual: Drift into Better Sleep Now!

Thursday, October 3 • 7 p.m. • REGISTER

Dr. Lemke will teach you simple, evidence-based strategies that can be used immediately. This workshop will give you control back of your sleep and allow you to finally have the sleep that you have only dreamed about.

Crafts

Fall Wreath

Tuesday, September 10 • 7 p.m.

OR Wednesday, September 11 • 1 p.m.

REGISTER FOR **ONE**

Design a fresh, fall inspired wreath, perfect for the changing of the seasons.

Halloween Ghosts

Tuesday, October 15 • 7 p.m.

OR Wednesday, October 16 • 1 p.m.

REGISTER FOR **ONE**

Create a cheesecloth ghost for some chic Halloween décor.

Wooden Ring Vase

Tuesday, November 12 • 7 p.m.

OR Wednesday, November 13 • 1 p.m.

REGISTER FOR **ONE**

Construct a unique vase or bowl from wooden macramé rings.

KIDS & FAMILY EVENTS

Registration for Fall programs begins on Friday, August 16 at 9 a.m. online, in-person, and on the phone.

FAMILY

Ahoy Matey!

September 13-22 • Drop-In

Yo, ho, ho! Join us for swashbuckling pirate games and treasure.

Firefly Family Theatre Presents Harvest Moon

Sunday, September 15 • 1:30 p.m.

Ages 2+ • REGISTER

Firefly Family Theatre creates unique theatre shows for young audiences that include puppets, original music, and interactive storytelling techniques. Bring your Grandparents or special person in your life to the library for this special event.

Family Fall Extravaganza

Friday, September 27 • 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Drop-In

Join us at the Wauconda Park District for pumpkin decorating and other activities.

*Weather permitting, while supplies last.

Family Scarecrow Fest

Monday, October 14 • 1 p.m. • REGISTER

We will provide each family with all you need to make a scarecrow head and all the stuffing. Families should bring clothes for the body and join us on the back lawn to build a scarecrow together.

*One Scarecrow per family.

*Rain date will be announced if needed.



Preschool Halloween Party

Thursday, October 31 • 10 a.m.

Preschoolers & caregivers • REGISTER

Come in costume for a Halloween parade and get ready to sing with Nanny Nikki. This high energy, fun, and interactive musical show includes singing, dancing, puppets, and more.

Andy Head: Wonderful Wacky Juggler

Tuesday, November 5 • 1:30 p.m. • REGISTER

With a trunk full of tricks and some hilarious help from his “Audience All-Stars”, Andy presents a knock-out comedy juggling show that will have everyone laughing, smiling, and cheering!

V is for Voting

November 1-11 • Drop-In

Cast your vote for your favorite food, cookie, or even your favorite pet.

READ

Book Buddies

Wednesdays • September 11–October 30

4:30-5 p.m. • Grades K-5 • REGISTER

Readers looking for a new way to gain confidence and practice reading skills? Kids will enjoy being partnered with a young volunteer buddy.

Wings of Fire Party

Monday, November 4 • 1 p.m.

Grades 3-5 • REGISTER

Calling all dragons! WOF fans are invited to come in and celebrate your favorite books with dragon themed crafts, trivia, and activities.

Celebrate Our Favorite Authors Book Club

Monday, November 18 • 4:30 p.m.

Grades K-2 • REGISTER

Read any of Mo Willems' books, then come to the celebration of all things Elephant, Piggie, and Pigeon, and draw your favorite character.

ART • MAKE • CREATE

Art & Literary Magazine

Accepting submissions: Sept. 3 – Oct. 24

Published: November 4

Grades 4-12 • REGISTER

Are you an artist or an author? Submit your original artwork, poetry, short stories, or personal essays for a chance to be published in our first ever edition of the Blue & Berry Bulletin, WAPL's Art and Literary Magazine. Please email submissions to egossell@wauclib.org.

Creepy Crawly Stem

Monday, September 16 • 6 p.m.

Grades 3-5 • REGISTER

Build a solar powered insect! Learn about solar energy by creating a simple solar circuit in minutes using only conductive tape.

Artists in the Library

Monday, September 30 • 6 p.m.

Grades K-2 • REGISTER

Learn about Vincent Van Gogh and create your own sunflower.

Día de Muertos – Sugar Skull Dolls

Monday, October 7 • 6 p.m.

Grades 3-5 • REGISTER

Celebrate the rich traditions of Día de Muertos by making a Sugar Skull Doll.

Build Your Own LEGO® Puzzle

Monday, October 21 • 6 p.m.

Grades K-2 • REGISTER

Using classic LEGO® we'll build a logic puzzle that will stump all your friends!

Felt Fox Sewing Class

Friday, October 25 • 1-3 p.m.

Grades 3-5 • REGISTER

Stop by and continue building your sewing skills with this cute felt fox.

STORYTIME

Fall session begins the week of September 9 for 8 weeks. Registration required.

Time for Twos

Mondays • 9:30 a.m.

Age 2

Bounce and Books

Tuesdays • 9:30 a.m.

Age 12-24 months

Wondertime

Wednesdays • 9:30 a.m.

Age 3

Learning Adventure

Thursdays • 1:30 p.m.

Ages 4-6

Sing and Sign with Pediatric Interactions

Fridays November 8, 15, 22, 29

9:30 a.m. • REGISTER

Join us for 4 weeks of singing and signing. Kids will have fun learning with repetition, as they develop language and communication skills while moving and shaking.

Thankful Storytime

Monday, November 11 • 10 a.m. • REGISTER

We will sing, dance, and listen to a good story and create a seasonal craft.

TEEN & YOUNG ADULT

Registration for Fall programs begins on Friday, August 16 at 9 a.m. online, in-person, and on the phone.



Animal Crossing: Build a Library Contest

September 3 -29
Ages 15+ • REGISTER

Hi there, islander! We're challenging you to create your own library in Animal Crossing: New Horizons. Winners will receive a prize and we'll highlight our favorite submissions in a YouTube video. Please email your island's Dream Address to egossell@wauclib.org.

Book Buddies

Wednesdays • September 11–October 30
4:30–5 p.m. • Grades 6–12 • REGISTER

Earn volunteer hours and become a mentor by reading with young patrons. We will match you up with a reader in grades K-5 so you can help young readers build their skills and confidence!

Dungeons & Dragons

Thursday, September 26 & October 17
6:30–8 p.m. • Grades 6–12 • REGISTER

Beginners and veterans alike are invited to join this introduction to tabletop roleplaying games. Journey with us as we encounter enemies, explore new lands, and solve puzzles as a team.

Mystery Box

Pick-up October 1–31
Ages 10–15 • REGISTER

Take your own mystery home this spooky season with a Mystery Box! Sink your teeth into an engaging story, hunt for clues, and uncover the secrets lurking inside.

Overcooked Gaming Tournament

Friday, November 29 • 1–3 p.m.
Ages 10–14 • REGISTER

If you're not overly stuffed after Thanksgiving, maybe you'll be hungry for delicious victory in this Overcooked tournament! Savor the competition as you vie for the highest score and out-chop, out-cook, and out-plate your fellow chefs.

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La inscripción para todos los programas de otoño comienza el 16 de agosto a las 9 a.m. en línea, en persona y por teléfono.

HUITZILLIN *Danza Mexicana*

Sábado 7 de septiembre • 1 p.m.
Para toda la familia • REGISTRATE

¡Ven a celebrar el Mes de la Herencia Hispana con nosotros en el patio de la biblioteca! Disfruta de una encantadora actuación de los bailarines de Huitzillin Danza Mexicana en medio de los vibrantes colores y ritmos de sus bailes tradicionales. En caso de lluvia, trasladaremos la presentación al interior del salón Lincoln. ¡No pierdas esta oportunidad de sumergirte en la rica cultura y patrimonio de México!

Lotería Tradicional Mexicana

Martes • 3 de septiembre y 1 de octubre
6:30 p.m. • Para toda la familia
Ven a la biblioteca a jugar lotería, gánate premios padrísimos y diviértete con la familia.

Piñata para llevar

Del 9 al 13 de septiembre
Para toda la familia
Celebra el mes patrio haciendo una linda piñata. Hasta agotar existencia.

Mini Altar del Día de Muertos

Haz un mini-altar del día de muertos y tráelo al departamento de niños para ponerlo en exposición. Recoge materiales a partir del 30 de septiembre al 20 de octubre. Trae tu altar a la biblioteca entre el 21 al 27 de octubre. Exposición 28 de octubre al 3 de noviembre.

Computación Básica

Sábados • 9:30-11:30 a.m. • Para adultos
Del 7 de septiembre al 2 de noviembre
REGISTRATE

Computación Básica es un curso de 9 semanas diseñado para familiarizar a los estudiantes con los conceptos básicos que integran el funcionamiento de la computadora, la terminología, los equipos, el software y los dispositivos de entrada y salida de datos, así como la importancia de la gestión de archivos.

Bienvenido Otoño

Jueves, 19 de septiembre • 6:30 p.m.
Para toda la familia • REGISTRATE
Acompáñanos hacer una manualidad muy otoñal para celebrar la llegada del otoño.

Cuentos en el Huerto de Calabazas

Martes 22 y 29 de octubre • 6:30 p.m.
Para toda la familia • REGISTRATE
En la primera sesión todos los miembros de tu grupo familiar seleccionarán un personaje del cuento que más les guste, ustedes se llevarán a casa una calabaza para que la decoren de acuerdo al personaje del cuento que ustedes eligieron. En la segunda sesión traerán su calabaza en forma de personaje para realizar con ellos un huerto. Se otorgarán 3 premios a las calabazas más creativas del huerto.

Cuentos en Pijamas

Martes 26 de noviembre • 6:30 p.m.
Para toda la familia • REGISTRATE
Ponte tu pijama favorita y únete a nosotros para escuchar un cuento y realizar una manualidad divertida.

Calabazas de Estambre

Martes 5 de noviembre • 6:30 p.m.
Para adultos • REGISTRATE
Si deseas que tu mesa se vea con un toque de festividad para el Día de Acción de Gracias, ven a crear un bonito arreglo de centro de mesa. Todo el material está incluido.

HOURS:

Mon-Thur: 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Friday: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sunday: 12 p.m. – 4 p.m.

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

September 2
November 27 at 5 p.m.
November 28

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Looking for a way to donate or give back to the Library?

Zelle at the included email to donate to the Wauconda Area Library Foundation. We are a nonprofit organization that is here to support and elevate the library's programming and events.

Looking for a way to get involved?

Become a member of the Foundation. Reach out to waucondaarealibraryfoundation@gmail.com for more information.