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Winter Reading 2024-2025

Challenge yourself to read 100 minutes a week for 4 weeks at the *bear* minimum. Log your minutes online or at the library. We will kick off this year's winter reading challenge with storytime, cookies, and coloring.

DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER 14

Sign up starts

DECEMBER 16

Start logging minutes

JANUARY 21

Last day to enter minutes

JANUARY 10-28

Prize pick up

Winter Reading Festival

Saturday December 14

Sign up for Winter Reading at both events

FOR THE LITTLE BEARS

10 a.m. • REGISTER

Storytime for Little Bears with a craft, cookies, and milk.

FOR THE MAMA & PAPA BEARS

12 p.m.-2 p.m. • REGISTER

Drop in for cookies, coloring, and coffee.



Did you know that your library card can be used at any library in the State of Illinois? Take a tour of McHenry County libraries in the Library Lovers Expedition. Visit 12 or more of the participating Libraries in the months of February and March to be entered into a drawing for a basket full of gift cards to local businesses. Visit the Wauconda Area Public Library to register and pick up your official guide. Participation is free and open to all ages.

Participating Libraries

Wauconda Area Public Library
Algonquin Area Public Library
Barrington Area Library
Cary Area Public Library
Crystal Lake Public Library
Fox Lake District Library
Fox River Grove Public Library
Harvard Diggins Library
Huntley Area Public Library
Johnsburg Public Library
Marengo-Union Library
McHenry Public Library
Nippersink Public Library
River East Public Library
Woodstock Public Library



WORLD LANGUAGE COLLECTION



Did you know that the library offers books in your language?

We have books in Spanish, Polish, and Russian. If you need books or resources in other languages, we can borrow them for you from any library in the United States free of charge. We also have English as a Second Language kits to help people learn or improve their English skills. Please stop by at any Help Desk for assistance locating these books.

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, February 6
7 p.m. • REGISTER

A special book club for food lovers! Register to reserve a copy of this quarter's cookbook selection, *Cooking Light Cooking Through the Seasons*. You'll find many delicious and healthy 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, December 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 once 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. Light snacks and water will be provided.

December 6

My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13)

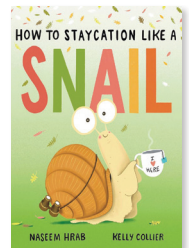
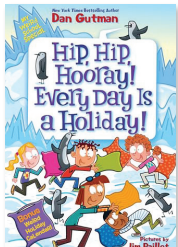
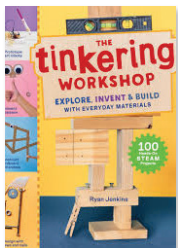
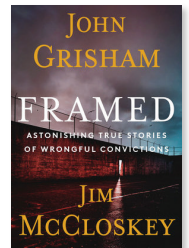
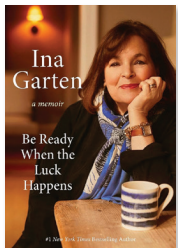
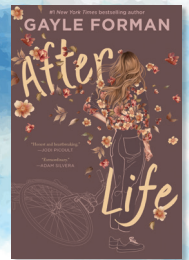
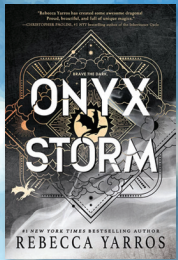
January 10

Unsung Hero (PG-13)

February 7

About my Father (PG-13)

A Flurry of Good Books



fiction

Onyx Storm
by Rebecca Yarros

The Crash
by Freida McFadden

The Note
by Alafair Burke

Eddie Winston Is Looking for Love
by Marianne Cronin

The Bones Beneath My Skin
by T.J. Klune

kids fiction

Mr. Lemoncello's Fantabulous Finale
by Chris Grabenstein

Hip, Hip, Hooray! Every Day is a Holiday
by Dan Gutman

The Great Space Iguana
by Judd Winick

Harriet Hound
by Kate Foster

Alana's Cupcake Garden
by Coco Simon

non-fiction

Be Ready When the Luck Happens
by Ina Garten

Framed
by John Grisham

The Message
by Ta-Nehisi Coates

Good Housekeeping Holiday Cookies

Heartbreak is the National Anthem
by Rob Sheffield

kids non-fiction

Minecraft Festive Ideas
by DK

Big Words for Little Astronauts: The Stellar Dictionary Every Space Explorer Needs
By Lisa M Gerry

Level Up 2025: An AFK Book
by Dynamo Limited

5,000 Awesome Facts About Everything
by National Geographic Kids

The Tinkering Workshop
by Ryan Jenkins

young adult

After Life
by Gayle Forman

The Wilde Trials
by Mackenzie Reed

The History of Everything
by Victoria Evans

The Rival
by Emma Lord

Under the Same Stars
by Libba Bray

picture books

Why Won't You Sleep?!
by Adam Wallace

How to Staycation Like a Snail
By Naseem Hrab

Giddy Up, Unicorn
by Dani Gomez

In My Heart
By Jo Witek

Jonty Gentoo: The Adventures of a Penguin
By Julia Donaldson

ADULT

Registration for Winter programs begins on Friday, November 15 at 9 a.m. online, in-person, and on the phone.

CRAFTS

Deck the Halls

Tuesday, December 10 • 7 p.m. OR
Wednesday, December 11 • 1 p.m.
REGISTER FOR ONE SESSION

Create two stunning ornaments to deck out your tree.

Cookies, Coloring, and Coffee

Saturday, December 14
Drop in between 12 p.m.–2 p.m. • REGISTER
Kick off winter reading with coloring, a warm drink, and a sweet treat!

Framed Snowman

Tuesday, January 14 • 7 p.m. OR
Wednesday, January 15 • 1 p.m.
REGISTER FOR ONE SESSION
Craft a snowman to keep the magic of winter indoors.

Tissue Rosette Kissing Ball

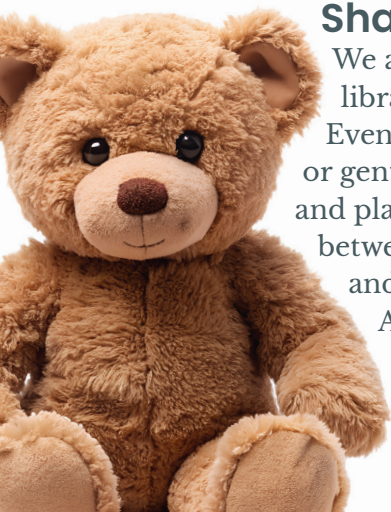
Tuesday, February 11 • 7 p.m. OR
Wednesday, February 12 • 1 p.m.
REGISTER FOR ONE SESSION
Create a glamorous Valentine decoration with crepe paper rosettes.

Doodle Designs

Wednesday, February 26 • 6:30 p.m. OR
Thursday, February 27 • 1 p.m.
REGISTER FOR ONE SESSION
Detangle from life's stresses with a relaxing form of art making using structured patterns. No artistic talent is needed to enjoy this calming form of art. All materials are provided.

Share A Bear

We are collecting bears at the library for a Teddy Bear Adoption Event for kids. Please bring a new or gently used bear to the library and place in either of our trees between the dates of November 21 and December 23. Teddy Bear Adoption will be held on January 3 in Kid City.



Holiday Sides & Salads with Chef Maddox

Tuesday, December 3 • 7 p.m. • REGISTER
Come spend the evening with Chef Susan Maddox learning about sides dishes and salads that are sure to bring comfort and joy.

Women's Health in Aging

Thursday, December 12 • 7 p.m. • REGISTER
From midlife to menopause and beyond, women find themselves facing new questions about what they can do to maintain and improve their health. Join us for an informational session to learn how managing chronic pain, muscle imbalances, nutrition, and pelvic floor health can help you as you age.

Welcome to Winter Solstice

Wednesday, December 18 • 7 p.m. • REGISTER
Embrace the stillness of the season with our Winter Solstice program. A journey of reflection, renewal, and connection.

Drop-In I-PASS Event

Saturday, January 11 • 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
I-PASS on Demand offers comprehensive Tollway services, including: I-PASS Assist Education/Enrollment for income-eligible residents to potentially dismiss fines. Free I-PASS Sticker Tags to replace plastic transponders. Account Services for Illinois Tollway users.

Navigating the Winter Blues

Monday, January 13 • 7 p.m. • REGISTER
A representative of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), will provide an overview of the various stressors people can experience over the winter months, symptoms of Seasonal Affective Disorder, and strategies you can use to mitigate stress.

Intermediate English as a Second Language

Mondays, January 20–February 24
7 p.m.–8:30 p.m. • REGISTER
This intermediate-level English class teaches skills and vocabulary to help you at your job, in school, and in the community. Students should be able to understand and speak basic English.

Celebrate the Season

Chicago Bronze Handbell Ensemble

Saturday, December 7
1 p.m. • REGISTER

This must-see handbell ensemble concert features sacred, secular, classical, jazz, and old favorites.

This program is presented in partnership with the Wauconda Township Historical Society and the Wauconda Woman's Club.

'Tis the Season: Holiday Traditions from Radio's Golden Age

Sunday, December 15
2 p.m. • REGISTER

This presentation offers a box full of classic seasonal sounds from radio's past, designed to spur the imagination and share a bit of Yuletide spirit.

Corner Boys Concert

Saturday, January 25
2 p.m. • REGISTER

Not your typical acoustic cover band.

The Corner Boy's playlist runs from Lyle Lovett, to Michael Jackson, to the wonderful Kris Nichols. The attention to detail, dynamics, and nuance makes for an afternoon of fabulous music.

Celebrating the Lunar New Year

Tuesday, January 21 • 7 p.m. • REGISTER

The Chinese New Year season (also known as Lunar New Year) is a holiday observed by 20% of the world's population. Educator Yvonne Wolf will tell us about the rites, activities, symbols, and foods associated with it.

What's the New Buzz About Coffee?

Thursday, January 23 • 7 p.m. • REGISTER

Today, we have many varieties to choose from, including the newest entry: mushroom coffee. Join local coffee roasters to discuss the latest methods of creating and sourcing fabulous coffee and the benefits of adding adaptogens to your morning brew. Samples will be provided.

Strictly Self Defense

Friday, January 24 • 10 a.m. OR
Thursday, January 30 • 6:30 p.m.
REGISTER FOR ONE SESSION

Attendees will participate in a series of discussions and be introduced to basic physical self-defense skills and techniques. *All participants must sign a waiver.

The Rich and Romantic History of Valentines

Wednesday, February 5 • 6:30 p.m. • REGISTER

Who was St. Valentine really? What is the oldest valentine in existence? How did sending paper valentine cards become so popular? Learn the answers to these questions and more, then browse a collection of vintage valentines and make your own!

The Great Jigsaw Puzzle Race

Saturday, February 8 • 1 p.m.-3 p.m. • REGISTER

Gather a team of 2 to 4 people (ages 14 and up) and put your jigsaw puzzle skills to the test for a puzzling good time! Each registered team receives the same 500-piece puzzle and will have up to 2 hours to complete as much of the puzzle as possible. Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Spectators are welcome to come and watch the puzzles come together too!

Cast Iron Care and Cooking (VIRTUAL)

Thursday, February 20 • 7 p.m. • REGISTER

Unlock the secrets of cast iron cooking in this interactive class! Learn how to season, maintain, and cook with cast iron to perfection. We will whip up delicious recipes that showcase its versatility.

TECHNOLOGY

Holiday Tech Gifts

Wednesday, December 11 • 7 p.m. • REGISTER

iPhone and iPad Advanced Tips and Tricks

Monday, January 20 • 7 p.m. • REGISTER

Master Your Apple Watch

Monday, February 17 • 7 p.m. • REGISTER

KIDS & FAMILY EVENTS

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READ

Book Buddies

Wednesdays • January 8–February 26
4:30 p.m.–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. Enjoy great books, a relaxed reading time, and making a new friend.

Celebrate Our Favorite Authors

Monday, February 3 • 4:30 p.m. • REGISTER
Grades K–2
Read any Ryan T. Higgins book, then come celebrate our favorite grumpy bear.

Choose your Own Adventure Pokémon Style

Monday, February 24 • 6 p.m. • REGISTER
Grades 3–5
We'll read out loud from Pokémon Alolan Academy and work together to choose our journey. Participants will make and trade their own cards.

ART • MAKE • CREATE

Mini Propeller Car

Monday, December 2 • 6 p.m. • REGISTER
Grades 3–5
Build your own mini propeller car with craft materials and a simple circuit in this fun STEM activity!

Art & Literary Magazine

Accepting submissions Dec. 3–Jan. 23
Published Feb. 3 • REGISTER
Grades 4–12
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 *Blue & Berry Bulletin*, WAPL's Art and Literary Magazine. Please email submissions to egossell@wauclib.org.

Come Fly Away!

Monday, December 16 • 6 p.m. • REGISTER
Grades K–2
Calling all paper pilots! Just one sheet of paper can lead to a whole lot of fun. Build different planes and launchers and test their limits.

Artist in the Library

Monday, January 13 • 6 p.m. • REGISTER
Grades K–2
Learn about MC Escher and make a tessellation creation.

LEGO® Snow Globes

Monday, January 27 • 6 p.m. • REGISTER
Grades 3–5
Everything will be awesome when you create your own snow world.

Pokémon Zoology

Thursday, February 27 • 5 p.m. • REGISTER
Grades 2–5
Become a Pokémon professor with this Poke-biology crash course! Learn about the incredible real animals that inspired your favorite pocket monsters and craft your own scientific specimen to continue your study at home.



CELEBRATE!

The Birthday Era

Friday, December 13 • 4 p.m.
Grades 2–5 • REGISTER
Come dressed in your favorite era and bring your bracelets as we celebrate Taylor Swift's special day.

Sonic Racing Gaming Tournament

Saturday, December 21 • 1 p.m.
Grades 2–5 • REGISTER
Celebrate the release of the new Sonic movie in style by outpacing your competitors in this very fast Sonic Racing tournament--no running required.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

Little Parade Concert

Monday, December 9 • 10 a.m. • REGISTER
Grab your favorite stuffy and get the whole family singing and dancing! Little Parade is a childhood music group that offers a creative learning experience through music, rhyme, and dance.

Family Movie Matinee Open Season 4: Scared Silly

Friday, December 27 • 1:30 p.m. • REGISTER
Kick-back and relax as we dim the lights and start the show. Boog and Elliot are back in a fun-tastic adventure! Light snacks and a take home craft will be provided.
Rated PG • Runtime: 85 minutes

Bingo and Bluey New Year Dance Party

Monday, December 30 • 11 a.m. • REGISTER
Wear your favorite party clothes as we say "goodbye to 2024" and "hello to 2025". Bust a move with Bingo and Bluey and take a selfie.

Teddy Bear Adoption

Friday, January 3 • 10 a.m.-12 p.m. • REGISTER
Our library celebrated "A Very Bear-y Holiday" with bear decorated trees. Now that the holidays are over we are looking for some loving children that would like to adopt a bear. Stop by the library and pick out your cuddly friend on day of the event and fill out an adoption certificate.

The Great Boodini Presents... SCAREY OBJECTS... and Wizard Spells are Cast!

Monday, January 20 • 1:30 p.m. • REGISTER
Objects float... pages turn by themselves... and wizard's spells are cast! This amazing all-ages experience features costumed characters, authentic wizardly props, incredible theatrical effects, magic, illusion, and LOTS of audience helpers.

Pokémon Science

Monday, February 17 • 1:30 p.m. • REGISTER
Discover the Science behind Pokémon, with America's "Mr. Science". Students will touch a Pikachu lightning bolt, help capture Charizard in a jug, launch Poké Balls, and more.

Storytime

Winter session begins the week
of January 6 for 8 weeks.

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 in December • 9:30 a.m.
Ages 1-5 • 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.

Little Bear Storytime

Saturday, December 14
10 a.m. • REGISTER

Calling all little bears to join us for a special Saturday storytime. Bear-tastic fun will be had with stories, music, and a craft. We'll kick off winter reading with cookies and milk too!



TEENS

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Holiday Bad Art Paint & Sip

Wednesday, December 4 • 3 p.m.–4:30 p.m.

Grades 6–12 • REGISTER

Drop in & enjoy a cold weather beverage while we do our best to make a truly terrible masterpiece. Perfect for a holiday party gift to truly leave the recipient speechless.

Book Buddies

Wednesdays • Jan 8–Feb 26 • 4:30 p.m.–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!

GAMING

Dungeons & Dragons

Thursdays • 6 p.m.–8 p.m.

December 19, January 16, & February 13

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.

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Saturday, December 21 • 2:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

Grades 6–12 • REGISTER

Celebrate the release of the new Sonic movie in style by outpacing your competitors in this very fast Sonic Racing tournament—no running required.

Minecraft and Munchies

Monday, December 30 • 1 p.m.–3 p.m.

Grades 6–12 • REGISTER

Enjoy some snacking and gaming with friends.

Pokémon Felty

Thursday, January 30 • 4 p.m.–5:30 p.m.

Grades 6–9 • REGISTER

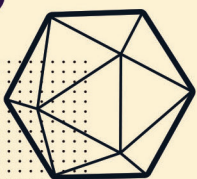
Sew your own Pokémon felty. Choose from Pikachu, Oddish, Jigglypuff, Bulbasaur, and Psyduck.

Pokémon Gaming Tournament

Tuesday, February 25 • 3 p.m.–5 p.m.

Grades 6–12 • REGISTER

If you're ready to prove your skills as a Pokémon Master, drop in for this Pokkén Tournament DX competition and find out if you're the very best (like no one ever was).



La inscripción para todos los programas de invierno comienza el 15 de noviembre a las 9 a.m. en línea, en persona y por teléfono.

Adornos Navideños

Martes 17 de diciembre • 6:30 p.m. • REGISTRATE
Para toda la familia

Acompáñanos a elaborar unos lindos adornos Navideños para que le des un toque mágico a tu casa en estas fiestas navideñas.



La Rosca de Reyes

Viernes 3 de enero • 3 p.m.-4:30 p.m.
Para toda la familia • REGISTRATE
Acompáñanos en la biblioteca a disfrutar de una tarde de cuentos y la tradicional Rosca de Reyes. ¡No te lo pierdas!

Aprendizaje Aventura Durante la Hora del Cuento

Los jueves durante 8 semanas
A partir del 9 de enero • 1:30 p.m.
De 4 a 6 años • REGISTRATE
Los primeros años son perfectos para construir una base para el aprendizaje a largo plazo. Una excelente manera de preparar a su hijo para un salón de clases. Esta clase se impartirá en inglés, con una asistente bilingüe.

Lotería Tradicional Mexicana

Martes 7 de enero y 18 de febrero
6:30 p.m. • Para toda la familia
¡Ven a jugar Lotería en la biblioteca! regalaremos premios y nos divertiremos mucho. Trae a toda la familia, a los amigos e incluso a los vecinos.

Pequeños Picassos

Martes 25 de febrero • 6:30 p.m. • REGISTRATE
Para niños de kínder a Tercer grado y papás
¡Bienvenidos amiguitos! Únete a nosotros para escuchar un cuento y tomar una clase donde pondrás experimentar con pinturas, texturas, y otros materiales que despertarán al artista que llevas dentro.

PARA ADULTOS

Un Corazón Lleno de Amor

Martes 4 de febrero • 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
REGISTRATE • Para adultos
¡Feliz día de San Valentín! Ven a realizar un bonito corazón de flores de papel para alguien a quien tú amas. Te proporcionaremos todos los materiales.

Inglés Intermedio como Segundo Idioma

Lunes, 20 de enero al 24 de febrero
7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. • REGISTRATE
Esta clase de inglés de nivel intermedio enseña habilidades y vocabulario para ayudarte en tu trabajo, en la escuela y en la comunidad. Los estudiantes deben poder comprender y hablar inglés básico.

HOURS:

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

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

December 18: 9 a.m.–12 p.m.
December 24 & 25
December 31 & January 1

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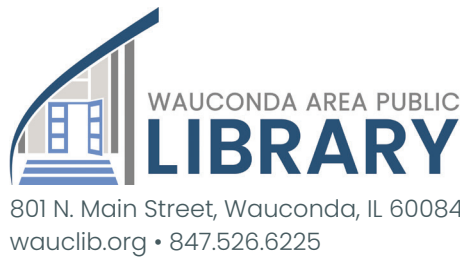
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Wauconda Area Library FOUNDATION

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.

Preschool Fair

Tuesday, January 28 • 6 p.m.–8p.m.

Preschools from the surrounding communities will be present to provide information to prospective families.

