

April–May 2024



# Algonquin Area Public Library District



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Thursday,  
March 14  
9 am





## From the Director's Desk

Every year in April, we celebrate National Library Week and highlight the role libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening our communities. This year's

theme is Ready, Set, Library and it was chosen to remind us that libraries always give the green light to explore the world around us by reading or listening to books, attending classes and programs, building skills, and connecting with others.

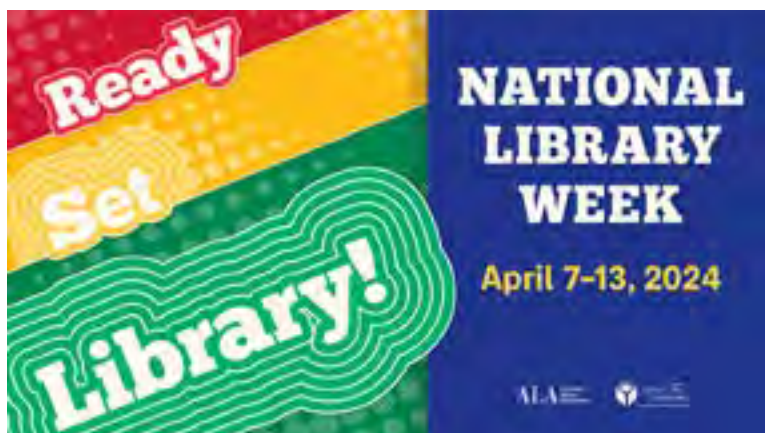
This year, we celebrate from April 7–13. While our newsletter is full of all kinds of entertaining and educational programs during April and May, you can see the programs planned for this special week by finding the stoplight icon on each page. Looking to celebrate with us?

Get **READY** for whatever is on your horizon. Spring is right around the corner! Check out our seed library or plant swap (*page 3*) to prepare your garden for a bounty this year. Anticipating the arrival of a new baby? Attend a Babies and Beans program (*page 14*) to meet with other parents, or ask our staff for suggestions of what to read to your little one—you can never start too soon! Looking ahead to spring finals? Use our resources (pg. 10) to study or relax so you are prepared to ace those tests.

**SET** yourself up for success and fun by learning new skills in our computer lab or makerspace (pg. 7-9). Attend a class or drop-in to discover your technology or crafting talents. Once you become familiar with the equipment and techniques, you can continue to explore on your own at the library or at home.

Head to the **LIBRARY** to see all that we have to offer! Attend a fascinating program, check out something new from our Library of Things, reserve a study room, connect with others over a cup of coffee, discover the work of a new author, or speak with our expert staff to learn more about all your library has to offer. The library is here for YOU, and we hope you get READY, get SET, head to the LIBRARY during National Library Week!

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Celebrate all the things your library has to offer by attending our National Library Week programs. Look for this stoplight graphic that indicates the events throughout this newsletter.



### ADULTS

Spring Wildflowers of  
McHenry County

An Evening with Mystery/  
Thriller Author Charlie  
Donlea & Book Discussion

After Hours Genealogy  
Workshop: Become a  
Census Sensei

Internet Safety and  
Passwords

Forever Young & Unicorns  
& Spaceships Book Clubs

Reusable Dryer Sheets

### TEEN

AAPLD Goodie Bags

Teen Movie Night

### KIDS

Family Stargazing

Craft Morning

Chess Club

Library Bag Decorating

Homeschool Explorers



Week of the Young Child  
Programs

Constructive Play

## FREE COMIC BOOK DAY



FOR All Ages

**NR Sat, May 4 • 9 am–5 pm**  

Celebrate Free Comic Book Day! Stop by the Eastgate Branch and pick up some free comics; or stop by Harnish Main to pick up free comics, do some crafts, try our selfie station, and more. *Costumes are strongly encouraged! See back page for details.*



**PHOTO WAIVER** The Algonquin Area Public Library reserves the right to photograph program participants and patrons. These photos are for Library use only and may be used for promotion in print, digital, and social media. Attending a Library event provides expressed consent to take and utilize photographs of you/your family.


# Adult Programs

AGES 18+ UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE

## Get Together for FUN


### Spring Jigsaw Puzzle Competition

Ages 14+

**R0 Sat, April 6 • 10 am–1 pm** 

Race against other teams to finish the same 500-piece jigsaw puzzle! Register your team of 3 or 4 people. A gift certificate and medals will be awarded to the winning team.


### Quilting Club

**R0 Thursdays • 10 am–3 pm** 

April 25; May 23

Attention, quilt lovers! Beginner to advanced quilters can stop by to work on individual projects, help one another, and spend quilt-ity time together.

### Mah Jongg Club


**R0 Tuesdays • 10 am–noon** 

April 23, 30; May 7, 14, 21, 28

This is a weekly club for Mah Jongg players to have fun and enjoy playing this ancient Chinese tile game

### Line Dancing Class: Live in the Moment

Ages 14+

**R0 Wed, May 15 • 7–8 pm** 

AAPLD welcomes Belynda Head from Chicagoland's Lines 'N Motion for a fun class to work your body and keep your mind sharp. *Please wear something GREEN.*

### Pub Trivia

@ Bullseye Pub & Eatery; Adults 21+


**R0 Monday, May 20 • 7–9 pm** Grab your friends and meet us at Bullseye Pub & Eatery to compete to be named pub trivia champions! AAPLD will provide one appetizer per team and medals for the winners




## The Wonders of Nature

### Spring Photography Contest

APRIL THEME: SHOWERS

**R0 Submission deadline April 14** 

MAY THEME: FLOWERS

**R0 Submission deadline May 20** 

Test out your photography skills in our Spring Photography Contest...you could win a prize! Submit one original photo that you feel best fits each theme. After the submission deadline, each session will have online public voting. *One vote per person, per voting period.*

### Spring Wildflowers of McHenry County



**R0 Wed, April 10 • 7–8 pm**  

Learn about the fleeting presence of spring wildflowers, including what to look for and when to expect to see it, along with some cultural local history, and fascinating folklore. Join Christine Kustra, Community Education Coordinator at the McHenry County Conservation District for a presentation focused on native flowers, their history, and ecology.



### Solar Eclipse Viewing Glasses

**R0 Pickup begins**

**Monday, March 18**  


Reserve up to four pairs of certified solar-viewing glasses for your household in preparation for the 2024 Total Eclipse on April 8. *Limit four (4) pairs of glasses per household.*

### Seed Library

Don't forget about your own garden! We have herb, flower, and vegetable seeds. Stop by the Adult Services desk at Harnish Main Library to browse the catalog, or visit [as.aapld.org/seed-library](https://as.aapld.org/seed-library) to find plant photos, descriptions, and more. *To request seeds, fill out a seed request form, available online or at the Adult Services desk. Choose up to 20 plant varieties per household, per calendar year.*



### House Plant Swap

**R0 Sat, April 20 • 10–11:30 am** 

Bring your small houseplants and cuttings and learn about houseplants from Jessica Gardner of Platt Hill Nursery. You will go home with new plants and knowledge! Upon arrival, you will receive a ticket for each plant/cutting you bring. Jessica will talk about best houseplant-growing practices and answer your questions before the swap begins. *Please bring a container to take home your new plants.*

### Biomimicry: Nature-Inspired Solutions to Human Problems

Ages 14+

**R0 Thursday, April 25 • 7–8 pm** 

Imagine a world where everything we make is inspired by the natural world. In this fascinating talk, naturalist Kim White will show you examples of when science, technology, engineering, math, medicine, and agriculture looked to nature to solve complex problems. Animal ambassadors: Axolotl, Crested Gecko, and Hedgehog will accompany this program.





## NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK: AUTHOR EVENT

### An Evening with Mystery/ Thriller Author

# CHARLIE DONLEA

@ Luecht Auditorium, McHenry County College,  
8900 Northwest Hwy, Crystal Lake

**R0 Wednesday, April 10 • 7–8:30 pm**

Please join us for an evening with bestselling local author Charlie Donlea who will discuss his latest books and more!

Donlea is the *USA Today* and international bestselling author of *Summit Lake*, *The Girl Who Was Taken*, *Don't Believe It*, *Some Choose Darkness*, *The Suicide House*, *Twenty Years Later*, and *Those Empty Eyes*. His eighth thriller, *Long Time Gone*, explores the science of forensic genealogy and will be released in June 2024. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Register now to reserve your seats!

### THOSE EMPTY EYES BY CHARLIE DONLEA: BOOK DISCUSSION

**Monday, April 8 • 7–8 pm V**

Read and discuss *Those Empty Eyes* before we meet the author in person! Register and place a hold for your copy of the book. eBook and eAudiobook available through Libby.



## Mobile Museum of Tolerance

Ages 10+

**NR Monday, April 1 • 2–7 pm H**

Come aboard this traveling exhibit to hear empowering stories that combat anti-Semitism, bullying, racism, hate and intolerance while promoting human dignity. Affiliated with the Simon Wiesenthal Center Museum. Please note this is an enclosed space that gets dark. While there is no strobing, the sound can be loud. The bus is wheelchair accessible; please contact us at [events@aapld.org](mailto:events@aapld.org) or call 847-458-6060 ext. 143 at least 7 days in advance for assistance.

## Food Waste Prevention

**R0 Tuesday, April 2 • 7–8 pm H V**

Hear about the global benefits of reducing food loss and waste, and how to make small habit shifts. The Waste Reduction Team for the Environmental Defenders of McHenry County will educate and inspire change around food waste to help you save money, reduce the impact of food waste on the environment, and address hunger in our communities.

## Death Defying Acts: The History of the Circus

**R0 Thursday, April 4 • 7–8 pm H V**

Join storyteller William Pack on a journey through the history of the circus. Hear stories of triumph, disaster, and the grand adventure of traveling.



## Chair Tai Chi

WITH STANDING

**R0 Fridays • 10:30–11:30 am V**

April 5, 12, 19, 26; May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

SEATED ONLY

**R0 Tuesdays • 2–3 pm V**

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; May 7, 14, 21, 28

Stay connected, moving, and breathing with instructor Allison Deputy.

## After Hours Genealogy Workshop: Become a Census Sensei

**R0 Friday, April 12 • 4:45–9:30 pm H**

Join us for an after-hours genealogy workshop featuring a presentation by Tina Beaird, author, historian, and lecturer. Stay for help with your genealogy questions and open use of the library's genealogy resources on your own device or our computers.

## Mother's Day Poetry Contest

Ages 14+

**R0 April 15–May 3**

April is National Poetry Month and Mother's Day is just around the corner. Let's celebrate our mothers by writing them a special poem. You could win a gift card...and your mother's heart!

## AI: The Modern Day Pandora

**R0 Wednesday, April 17 • 7–8 pm H V**

Take a deep dive into the complex landscape of artificial intelligence, its implications, ethical concerns, and its transformative role in both private and public sectors with Brian Pichman of Evolve Project.

## Cold Case File Kit

**RR Pickup beginning Wed, May 1 H E**

Do you like true crime and solving puzzles? Sign up for this kit to investigate your own case! One kit per household.

## Dumpling Making Class

**R0 Tuesday, May 7 • 7–8 pm V**

Learn how to make delicious dumplings from scratch with step-by-step instructions and expert guidance from culinary instructor Jenica Paleracio of Lean Bellas Kitchen.

## Back Home: Polish Chicago

**R0 Tuesday, May 21 • 7–8 pm H V**

Join us for an evening of Polish history, art, and storytelling with Peter Alter from the Chicago History Museum, focusing on their exhibit *Back Home: Polish Chicago*. The exhibit features artifacts, documents, and reproduced photographs.

**Register online at [aapld.org](http://aapld.org) or by calling 847-458-6060.** For virtual programs, once registered, an invitation will be sent to your email. AAPLD embraces inclusivity in its programs and services. To request accommodations, email [events@aapld.org](mailto:events@aapld.org) or call 847-458-6060, ext. 143 at least 7 days in advance.



# Especially for Seniors

## AARP Smart Driver Course: 2-Day Workshop

Ages 50+

**R0 Monday, April 15 AND**

**Tuesday, April 16 • 9 am–2 pm** 

Claim your safe driver discount! When you take the AARP Smart Driver course, you could be eligible for a multi-year discount on your auto insurance. The course teaches proven driving techniques to help keep you and your loved ones safe on the road. *Bring a check payable to AARP or cash on the first day of class. \$20 for AARP members (bring your membership card); \$25 for non-members. Registration and attendance on both days are required for course completion.*

Do you love reading but aren't able to get to the library?



Let us come to you! We will deliver and pick up books to your residence. Fill out a simple form available at the library or go to [bit.ly/aaplhomebound](https://bit.ly/aaplhomebound) for an online form. For more information call Adult Services at 847-458-6060 x143.


## Making the Most of Social Security

**R0 Thursday, May 9 • 7–8:30 pm** 

Stacy Bromann of The Dala Group will provide details on the various filing strategies available which can often provide monthly lifetime social security benefits higher than the standard filing options that are typically selected. In addition, she will be covering topics such as social security earned income, limits, and the taxation of social security benefits.

# the Wednesday Mix

Programs for Adults 55+

**Wednesdays • 2–3 pm** 

We're hosting a series of programs—crafts, technology, entertainment, informational—just for our more seasoned patrons. *Doors open at 1:30 pm for coffee and conversation; the programs begin at 2 pm.*

## INFORMATIVE & FUN

### Amazing Castles

**R0 April 3**

Join us to learn all about the historic and cultural significance of castles around the world.



### Meditation for Beginners

**R0 May 1**

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Try meditation and find out how calming it can be.

## TECHNOLOGY

### Internet Safety and Passwords

**R0 April 10**

Learn common security and safety concerns for online interactions such as two factor authentication and creating and saving passwords. We'll also discuss phishing and online scams.

### Map Apps

**R0 May 8**

Taking a trip by car this summer? Need help getting around town? Learn how to use your smartphone and map apps to plan your trip and get you to your destination.

## Makerspace CRAFTS

### Spring Sign

**R0 April 17**

Bring a hint of the spring season into your home by making this tasteful décor with a canvas and wood craft sticks.



### Poppy Pin

**R0 May 15**

Learn to make these felt poppy pins to remember all those that have fallen fighting to protect our nation.



## MOVIE MATINEE

### Ticket to Paradise

2022; Rated PG-13; 104 min

**R0 April 24**  
(until 4 pm)

A divorced couple teams up and travels to Bali to stop their daughter from making the same mistake they think they made 25 years ago.



### Barbie

2023; Rated PG-13; 114 min

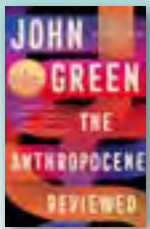
**R0 May 22** (until 4 pm)

Barbie and Ken are having the 'time of their lives' in the colorful and seemingly perfect world of Barbie Land.





# Book Clubs FOR ADULTS



**RO** Books are available at the **H** Adult or **E** Service desks and digitally.

## Stranger than Fiction

**RO** 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday • 7 pm **E**

**Apr 2** *The Creative Act: A Way of Being* by Rick Rubin

**May 7** *The Anthropocene Reviewed* by John Green



## Spinecrackers

**RO** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday • 10 am **H**

**Apr 5** *The Secret Book of Flora Lea* by Patti Callahan Henry

**May 3** *Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers* by Jesse Q. Sutanto

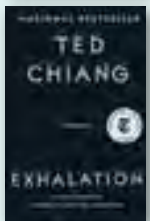


## Forever Young Ages 21+

**RO** 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday • 7 pm **E**

**Apr 8** *Dig* by A.S. King

**May 13** *Scythe* by Neal Shusterman



## Unicorns & Spaceships

**RO** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday • 7 pm **E**

**Apr 9** *The Adventures of Amina al-Sirafi* by Shannon Chakraborty

**May 14** *Exhalation* by Ted Chiang



## Happily Ever After

**RO** 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday • 7 pm **H** **V**

**Apr 15** *Georgie, All Along* by Kate Clayborn

**May 20** *Two Wrongs Make a Right* by Chloe Liese



## The Nail Biters

**RO** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday • 7 pm **E**

**Apr 16** *The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides

**May 21** *Quiet in Her Bones* by Nalini Singh



## Fiction Addiction

**RO** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday • 7 pm **V**

**Apr 18** *The Chilbury Ladies' Choir* by Jennifer Ryan

**May 16** *The Twelve Lives of Samuel Hawley* by Hannah Tinti



## Oh, the Horror!

**RO** Last Tuesday • 7 pm **V**

**Apr 30** *Dolores Claiborne* by Stephen King

**May 28** *The Fervor* by Alma Katsu



# read & tell

*Find out what books other people loved!*

**RO** Thursdays • 10–11 am • April 11; May 9 **H**

Let's talk about books! What are you reading? Join us to chat about recent reads, all-time favorites, and more! New members are always welcome. Refreshments will be served.



## LibBox Theme Box

Ages 14+

Answer a few questions to help us select some materials just for you. All items included in your box will fall under the umbrella of the theme.

### LIBRARY READS

**RR** Pickup in April **H** **E**

### TRAVEL BOX

**RR** Pickup in May **H** **E**

## Algonquin Area Writers Group

Ages 14+

**RO** Thursdays • 6:30–8:30 pm • April 25; May 23 **H**

Local writers of all experience levels are welcome to join us for critiques, discussion, and brainstorming sessions.



## @ the Library

**Got tests?** We have study rooms available for 2 hours per day and you can reserve them up to 7 days in advance by calling 847-458-6060 x 143. **NOTE:** local high schools have AP tests and finals the first three weeks of May and will be reserving the study rooms a lot, so call ahead.



## Finals Week 10-Minute Massages

High School & College Students ONLY

**RO** Thursday, May 23 • 4–7 pm **H**


A licensed massage therapist will be available for 10-minute massages. **HIGH SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE THE PRIORITY.** See page 10 for details.

# TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

AGES  
14+

*Most classes require basic computer, mouse, and internet skills.*

## Apple MacBook Basics

**RO** Wednesday, April 17 • 10–11:30 am  

Whether you use an Apple MacBook, recently got one or you're thinking of getting one, then this is the class for you. Learn the basic functions of a MacBook and how it differs from other laptops. If you are planning on attending this class in the library, please bring your own MacBook to class or you're more than welcome to just come and observe and ask questions.



## PRESERVATION WEEK

**APRIL 28–MAY 4**

### What is Preservation Week?



Sponsored by the American Library Association, Preservation Week inspires action to preserve personal, family, and community collections in addition to library, museum, and archive collections. Learn more at [preservationweek.org](http://preservationweek.org).

## Digital Preservation

Celebrate Preservation Week all month long by learning about our equipment that converts your old media into digital copies for viewing, sharing, or archiving your family history.





### VHS & 8MM CONVERSION

**RO** Monday, April 8 • 7–8:30 pm  



Learn how to convert your old VHS cassettes and 8MM film to digital files so you can save them forever.

### PHOTOS, CAMERA FILM, & SLIDES

**RO** Monday, April 15 • 7–8:30 pm  

You can learn to transfer your hard copies of photos, film, and slides into the digital world so you can save and share them!

### DOCUMENTS, CASSETTES, AND MORE

**RO** Monday, April 29 • 7–8:30 pm  


Find out how to scan important documents to your computer, copy the contents of cassettes to digital files, and more!



*Are you over 55? Join Kenny at the Wednesday Mix!*



### Internet Safety and Passwords

**RO** Wed, April 10 • 2–3 pm 

Learn common security and safety concerns for online interactions. See page 5 for details.

### Map Apps

**RO** Wednesday, May 8 • 2–3 pm 



Taking a trip by car this summer? Need help getting around town? Learn how to use your smartphone and map apps to plan your trip and get you to your destination.

*Doors for the Wednesday Mix programs open at 1:30 pm for coffee and conversation. Have other technology questions or need help with your device? Drop-ins are welcome!*





## MAKER MAY

### Silhouette Cameo

**RO** Monday, May 6 • 7–8:30 pm  



Learn how to use the program Silhouette Studio to create craft designs for the Silhouette Cameo machine found in our MakerSpace. This electronic cutting and drawing machine can put your designs onto material like paper, cardstock, vinyl, and fabric to create signs, custom t-shirts, greeting cards, and so much more!


### Inkscape for Laser Cutter

**RO** Monday, May 13 • 7–8:30 pm  

Learn how to use Inkscape software to create vector images for use with the library's Laser Cutter. *If you're planning on taking the class over Zoom, please download Inkscape to your computer before class.*

### Cricut

**RO** Monday, May 20 • 7–8:30 pm  

**RO** Wednesday, May 22 • 10–11:30 am  

Did you know the library has two Cricut Explores and a Cricut Joy that you can check out and bring home? Learn how to use the software and start crafting at home! Cricut is an electronic cutting machine that works with a computer to cut materials including paper, cardstock, vinyl, and fabric up to 12" wide. *\*AAPLD card required to check out items from our Library of Things.*



# Makerspace

For  
**AGES 14+**  
unless noted  
otherwise.

Register at [bit.ly/aapldevents](http://bit.ly/aapldevents) or call 847-458-6060 + press 7. If not filled, **RR** programs will change to **R0** two weeks prior to date of program.

## Makerspace Hours

Sunday • 1–4 pm

Monday • CLOSED

Tuesday–Thursday • 10 am–8 pm


Friday & Saturday • 10 am–4 pm

Bring your projects, use our equipment, and find inspiration. One of our Makerspace specialists will be on hand to guide you. *PLEASE NOTE: the Makerspace closes for pre-scheduled programming, and equipment use ends 30 minutes before the Makerspace closes.*

## DROP-IN CRAFTS

Drop in during Makerspace open hours to make these fun projects. If coming with a party of 4+, please call ahead. Check the calendar or call 847-458-6060 ext. 148 to ensure availability for the drop-in project.

### Leather Cord Necklace

**NR April** 

Use leather, charms, and chain to create a lariat style necklace.

### Foaming Face Wash

**NR May** 

Make your own face wash using essential oils and other natural ingredients.



## 3D PRINTING

Please register to reserve your spot. Registered virtual participants will receive a meeting link a few days before class via email. The email will also include instructions for creating a Tinkercad account, which needs to be done prior to class. *Basic computer skills are required and a mouse is recommended.*

### 3D Printed Coffee Spoon Rest

**R0 Thursday, April 18**

**6:30–8 pm**  

Learn the basics of the free 3D printing software, Tinkercad, to create a personalized coffee spoon rest.

### 3D Printed Memorial Day Art

**R0 Thursday, May 16**

**6:30–8 pm**  

Use Tinkercad to create 3-dimensional text. Then receive the supplies to create a multimedia flag art piece honoring our military.

AAPLD embraces inclusivity in its programs and services. To request accommodations, email [events@aapl.org](mailto:events@aapl.org) or call 847-458-6060, ext. 143 at least 7 days in advance.





## IN-PERSON SEWING

Don't know how to use a sewing machine? Schedule a 1-on-1 appointment with Makerspace staff to learn! *Fabric choices may differ from images.*

### Reusable Dryer Sheets

**RR Wed, April 10 • 6–8 pm** 

**RR Fri, April 12 • 10 am–noon** 

**RR Wed, April 17 • 6–8 pm** 


Ditch the disposable dryer sheets and learn to sew your own with a planet-friendly mixture that will leave your clothes smelling clean and fresh.


*Beginners welcome.*



### Celebration Banner

**RR Wed, May 8 • 6–8 pm** 

**RR Wed, May 15 • 6–8 pm** 

**RR Friday, May 17 • 10 am–noon** 

Sew a celebration banner using colorful fabric. This banner is reusable and perfect for any occasion throughout the year!





## IN-PERSON PROGRAMS

Please register for only **ONE** of the dates from each program.



### Glowing Mushrooms

**RR Tuesday, April 16 • 6–8 pm**

**RR Tuesday April 23 • 6–8 pm**

**RR Friday April 26 • 10 am–noon**

Let's put the "fun" in fungi by creating this light-up mushroom display using hot glue and fairy lights. We promise you will love it so much! *This project requires the use of a hot glue gun for most of the class.*

### Pastel Animal Art

**RR Thursday, May 2 • 6:30–8 pm**

**RR Thursday, May 9 • 6:30–8 pm**

**RR Friday, May 10 • 10–11:30 am**

Use soft pastels to design a picture showcasing an adorable animal parent and baby. Keep this artwork for your collection or give as a gift for Mother's Day.



### Star Wars Themed Drink Set

**RR Saturday, May 4**

**10 am–noon OR 2–4 pm**

Make a Star Wars themed drink set of two glasses and coasters using etching cream and our laser cutter. *May the 4th be with you!*



### DROP-IN EXTRA

#### Cricut Days

**NR Saturdays • 10 am–4 pm**

**April 6, 13; May 18, 25**

Stop by the Makerspace to create a greeting card using the Cricut Joy before it's added to our Library of Things! Choose from a variety of free templates in Cricut Design Space.



## One-on-One Makerspace Session

*Want to learn how to use our equipment or a new skill?*

*Personal projects upon approval.*

Email us at [makerspace@aapld.org](mailto:makerspace@aapld.org) to set up an appointment! Get up to one hour of personal instruction on the following equipment/skill:

- Tinkercad 3D Design
- Silhouette Cameo or Cricut
- Inkscape Illustration Software
- Sewing or Embroidery Machine
- Laser Cutter/Engraver



### VIDEO PROJECT

Go to [bit.ly/MSpace](https://bit.ly/MSpace) or scan the QR code to make this project using materials that you can easily obtain. *No supplies provided.*

#### Floral Spring Ring

Welcome spring with this beautiful floral ring to hang on a door or wall.



### We can etch cylindrical objects!

Use our laser cutter's rotary attachment to engrave a pub glass, wine glass, or stainless steel powder coated mug. Fill out the online laser cutter request form and upload your image to schedule time for your project!

*Need help designing?* Contact the Makerspace to set up a 1-on-1 appointment with a Makerspace expert.



# Teen Programs

GRADES 9–12 UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE



## Teen Solar Powered Bugs

Grades 6–12

**R0** Wednesday, April 3 • 4–5 pm **H**

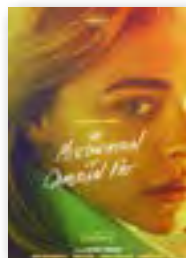
Create a solar powered insect toy that moves with this fun filled STEM project! Learn about solar energy by creating a simple solar circuit in minutes using only conductive tape.

## Teen National Library Week: AAPLD Goodie Bags

@ Jacobs & Dundee Crown High School Libraries

**NR** Pickup Monday, April 8

Hey Chargers & Golden Eagles! Visit your high school library this week and grab a National Library Week goodie bag from AAPLD. While supplies last. Goodie Bags will include candy, a couple to-go crafts, and info about studying @ AAPLD for AP/Finals.



## Teen Movie: *The Miseducation of Cameron Post*

2018; Rated PG-13; 91 min

**R0** Wednesday, April 10 • 6:30–8 pm **H**

Based on the celebrated novel by Emily M. Danforth, Cameron is sent to gay conversion therapy after getting caught with another girl in the back seat of a car on prom night.

## Library VolunTeens

**R0** Tuesdays • 4–6 pm • April 23; May 29 **H**

Help out behind the scenes for service hours! Snacks and drinks provided.

## Teen International Snack Club

**R0** Wednesdays • 4–5 pm • April 24; May 30 **H**

Meet up in the Teen Room to try some international snacks and learn a little bit about a country's history and culture.

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### Teen Hot Dogs & 'Zines

**R0** Monday, May 20 • 4–5 pm **H**

Come for a Portillo's hot dog! Stay and make your own finals week inspired 'zine. Good luck on finals this week everyone!

### Teen Coffee & Clue

**NR** Tuesday, May 21 • 4–5 pm **H**

Come for coffee & doughnuts! Stay for a game of Clue if you need a study break. Supplies from Dunkin Donuts.

### Teen DIY Barbie & Ken Visor

**R0** Wednesday, May 22 • 4–5 pm **H**

It's Barbie day at AAPLD! Take a study break to make a personalized holographic visor— just like Barbie & Ken.

### Finals Week 10-Minute Massages

High School & College Students

**R0** Thursday, May 23 • 4–7 pm **H**

A licensed massage therapist from Fox River MedSpa Algonquin will be available for 10-minute massages. *Call 847-458-6060 ext 143 to secure a time slot. High school and community college students are the priority. Non-students permitted only in the event of no-shows.*



### Free Comic Book Day

All Ages

**NR** Saturday, May 4 • 9 am–5 pm **H E**

Celebrate Free Comic Book Day! See back page for details.

### TEEN VOLUNTEERS FOR SUPERHERO CRAFTING

**R0** Saturday, May 4 • 11 am–1 pm OR 1–3 pm **H**

Help our youth librarians and kiddos with this crafting program.

### Teen DIY Sugar Scrub

**R0** Wednesday, May 8 • 4–5 pm **H**

Stop by the Makerspace to make your own scented sugar scrub: vanilla, lavender, coffee, rose, lemon, or lime.



# Youth Programs

BIRTH–GRADE 8

What are we going to do today?



## Solar Eclipse Viewing Glasses

**RO** Pickup begins **Monday, March 18** **H** **E**

Reserve up to four pairs of certified solar-viewing glasses. *Limit four (4) pairs of glasses per household. See page 3 for details.*

## Family Stargazing

**●** Families with children of all ages

**●** **NR Thursday, April 11 • 7:30–8:30 pm** **H**

Come check out the night sky through a telescope.

## Book Swap

**NR Wednesday, May 29 • 10:30 am–12:30 pm** **H**

Do you need new books to read for summer break? Do you have books that you know you won't read again? Bring your gently used paperbacks to our book swap and trade your books for someone else's. *Please limit the number of books you bring to 15 or fewer per child.*



All Ages

**NR Saturday, May 4!**  
**9 am–5 pm** **H** **E**

Celebrate Free Comic Book Day! Stop by the Eastgate Branch and pick up some free comics; or stop by Harnish Main to pick up free comics, do crafts, take pictures, and more. *Costumes are strongly*

*encouraged! See back page for details.*

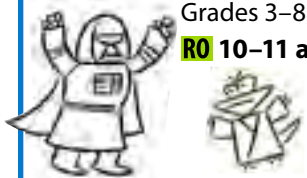
## League of Enchantment

**NR 10 am–4 pm** **H**

## Cartooning with Mark Anderson: Space Fights!

Grades 3–8

**RO 10–11 am** **H**



## Superhero Crafting

Ages 3–14 years with a caregiver

**NR 11:30 am–3 pm** **H**

## When Worlds Collide: Princess Leia and Spiderman

Ages 3–14 years with a caregiver

**NR 1–3 pm** **H**



## TAKE & MAKE: Monthly Kids Craft

**NR** Pickup beginning **Friday, April 5** **H** **E**

Stop at the Youth Services Desk or Branch Desk and pick up a fun craft to make at home. *Crafts available while supplies last.*

## Craft Day for Kids

Children of all ages and caregiver

**NR Thursdays OR Fridays • 11 am–4 pm** **H**

**April 4, 5, 11, 18, 19\*, 25; May 3, 10, 17, 24**

Drop in to make a craft! Visit the Creation Center at the Harnish Main Library to color or to make a fun craft.

**\*1:30–4 pm this session only.**

## Eastgate Button League

Children of all ages and a caregiver

**NR April and May** **E**

All month long complete the STEM or Picture Book activity crate while you are at the Eastgate Branch. *See next page for details.*

## Craft Morning

Preschool through middle school with a caregiver

**NR Tuesday, April 9 • 9:30 am–noon** **H**

**NR Tuesdays • 9:30 am–2 pm • April 16, 23, 30** **H**

Enjoy crafting in our creation center with your child!

ESPECIALLY FOR

# OLDER KIDS



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Children of all ages and a caregiver

**NR** April and May **E**

All month long complete the STEM or Picture Book activity crate while you are at the Eastgate Branch. After completing the activity in the crate, kids earn a themed button. Ask for them at the desk!

## Mobile Museum of Tolerance

Ages 10+

**NR** Monday, April 1 • 2–7 pm **H**

Come aboard this extraordinary bus-sized traveling exhibit to hear empowering stories that combat anti-Semitism, bullying, racism, hate and intolerance while promoting human dignity. *See page 4 for details.*

## Teen Solar Powered Bugs

Grades 6–12

**RO** Wednesday, April 3 • 4–5 pm **H**

Middle schoolers can join the teens to create a solar powered insect toy that moves with this fun STEM project! Learn about solar energy by creating a simple circuit using only conductive tape.

## Read & Gaze

Grades 4–8

**RO** Thursdays • 7–8 pm **H**

April 4; May 2

Explore mind-boggling topics in astronomy and space through crafts, discussion, and stargazing!

## Library Bag Decorating

Grades K–8

**NR** Tue, April 9 • 3:30–5 pm **H**

Decorate a bag and make it your own. Fill it up with books and enjoy National Library Week! *While supplies last.*



## Chess Club

Ages 8–13

**RO** Wednesdays • 6:30–8 pm **H**

April 10; May 8

Meet with other players to play and learn chess strategy. Experienced or beginner—all are welcome!

## Homeschool Explorers

Families with children in grades K–5

*Don't forget: we're meeting at Harnish while Eastgate is under construction!*

## EARTH SCIENCE

**RO** Thursday, April 11

1:30–2:30 pm **H**

Get ready for Earth Day by learning more about the planet we call home.

## FIELD DAY

**RO** Thu, May 23 • 1:30–2:30 pm **H**

Play games and celebrate the end of the school year with friends. If the weather cooperates we will play some outdoor games, but if not we will stay inside and have an indoor field day.

## Take-Home Seed Science

Ages 4–13

**RO** Wednesday, April 17 **H E**

Collect the supplies to grow a seed in a CD case. Watch the roots grow and the sprout develop through the clear case. This seed-d sounds like a hit to me!

## Middle School Volunteers

Grades 6–8

**RO** Thursdays • 6–7 pm **H**

April 18; May 16

Earn volunteer hours by assisting with a variety of behind-the-scenes projects.

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## LEGO Club

Grades K–8

**NR Monday, April 29 • 6–7 pm**

Explore your creativity! Come free build or participate in a challenge.

## Stories and Science

Grades K–3

**RO Tuesday, May 7 • 4–5 pm**

Hear stories about Asian American architects and build your own creations.

## Taylor Swift Celebration

Grades 3–5

**RO Monday, May 20 • 4–5 pm**

Celebrate the release of the latest Who Was? book: *Who Is Taylor Swift?*, with games, trivia, and friendship bracelets. For extra shimmer dress as your favorite Taylor era.



## Pet Portraits

Ages 8–13

**RO Monday, May 6 • 6–7 pm**

Celebrate the pets and animals in your life by creating a colorful portrait.

## Bunny Bag

Grades 2–8

**RR Tuesday, May 14**

**4–4:45 pm or 5–5:45 pm**

Turn an ordinary canvas tote into a spring inspired bag.

## BookFix Book Box

Grades 5–8

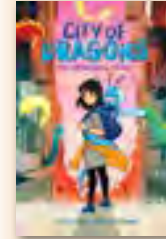
**RR Request beginning May 17**

If you love to read, you'll love our BookFix personalized book box! Tell us about your favorite reads and we'll select a few books we're sure you'll enjoy, and a few surprises too! Bring the books and the box back but the extra goodies are yours to keep.



# BOOK DISCUSSIONS for Kids

Register to get a free copy of the book!



## Graphic Novel Discussion

Grades 3–5

**RO Thursday, April 11 7–8 pm**

*City of Dragons:*

*The Awakening Storm* by Jaimal Yogis

**RO Thursday, May 9 • 7–8 pm**

Let's discuss your favorite graphic novel or chapter book! Bring a copy and share what you love about it.

## Pageturners

Grades 5–8

**RO Thu, April 11 7–8 pm**

*A Wish in the Dark* by Christina Soontornvat



**RO Thursday, May 9 • 7–8 pm**

Please bring up to three books that you loved (or hated!) to share with the group. We will also play a trivia game with questions about the books we read this year!

**DON'T FORGET TO FINISH YOUR PATCHES!**

# Reading Patch Club



**RR** Grades K–8

This year's club is coming to an end! Don't know what Patch Club is? Earn fun fabric patches by reading. Pick a patch and read towards it. Earn five patches during the school year and receive a special tote bag! *This year's club ends May 31 and starts back up again September 3.*

# for the YOUNG ONES



## Eastgate Button League

Children of all ages and caregiver

**NR April and May**

All month long complete the STEM or Picture Book activity crate while you are at the Eastgate Branch. After completing the activity in the crate, kids earn a themed button. Ask for them at the desk!

## Play to Learn: Library

Ages 2–6 with a caregiver

**NR Tuesday, April 2**

**11 am–7 pm**

**NR Wednesday, April 3**

**9 am–noon**

Let's play library and unleash your child's inner librarian! We'll have hands-on activities to spark your imagination.



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**Week of the Young Child**  
April 6–12, 2024

The Week of the Young Child® is a time to recognize that children's opportunities are our responsibilities, and to ensure that every child experiences environments that promote early learning.

## Block Party

Ages 2–6 with a caregiver

**NR Monday, April 8 • 6–8 pm**

Drop in to our "block party" extravaganza. We provide the building blocks, you bring the imagination. We can't wait to see what you create!



## Tiny Chefs

Children ages 3–6 with a caregiver

**RR Tuesday, April 9 • 1–2 pm**

Tiny Chefs will learn how to prepare a NO BAKE recipe to take home, and can add to the family cookbook. Learn about healthy foods, how to read recipes, ingredient identification, and measuring techniques. *Presented in partnership with The Lake in the Hills Department of Parks and Recreation.*

## Artsy Friday

Ages 3–5 with a caregiver

**RO Friday, April 12**

**9:30–10 am OR 10:30–11 am**

Let's get artsy! We'll supply all the materials needed to create an artistic masterpiece. Please dress for a mess!

## Constructive Play

Ages 0–6 with a caregiver

**NR Wednesdays • 10–11 am**

**April 10; May 8**

Stop by to play with blocks, puzzles, toys, and early literacy games! *Refreshments will be served.*

## Babies and Beans

Ages 0–23 months with a caregiver

**RO Thursday, April 18 • 10–11 am**

**RO Monday, May 20 • 10–11 am**

Parent or caregiver to a child under two? Come to the library for a hot beverage, snack, and conversation with other parents and their babies. Toys will be available for the babies! Expectant parents are welcome.

## Baby Footprint Art: Spring Designs

Ages 0–2 with a caregiver

**RO Friday, April 26**


**10:30 am–1:30 pm**

Stop in to create some spring-themed art that will make a great gift for someone you love. We provide the art supplies; you provide the feet!



## Potty Power

Ages 1–4 with a guardian

**NR Friday, May 17 • 10–10:45 am** 

Are you potty training, thinking of potty training, or has your child just learned? Join us for fun songs and stories to reinforce your teaching.



## Baby Prom


Babies 0–23 months with a caregiver

**RO Friday, May 24 • 10–11 am** 

Babies in formal wear? Yes please! Dress your baby up in their fanciest duds and join us for Baby Prom. We will have a story, dancing, and playtime. Take a fabulous photo in front of our backdrop and leave with a Prom Party Favor. *No older siblings, please.*

## Messy Masterpieces

Ages 3–5 with caregiver

**NR Thursday, May 23 • 9:30–11 am** 

Drop in and create with us! We'll supply all the materials needed to create an artistic masterpiece. *Dress for a mess!*


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# Storytimes



## Music & Movement

Ages 0–5 with a caregiver

**RO Wednesdays • 6–6:30 pm** 

April 3; May 1

## Music & Movement at Historic Village Hall

@ Historic Village Hall, 2 S Main St, ALG;

Ages 0–5 with caregiver

**RO Thursdays • 10:30–11:15 am**

April 11; May 9

**RO Mondays**


10:15–10:45 am OR 11–11:30 am

April 8, 15, 22, 29; May 6

While the Eastgate Branch is being renovated, we'll be taking our regular Monday Music & Movements on the road!

## Terrific Tales for Two's & Three's


Ages 2–3 with a caregiver

**RO Tuesdays • 9:30–10 am** 

April 9, 16, 23, 30; May 7

## Preschool Storytime


Ages 3–5 on their own

**RO Tuesdays • 10:30–11 am** 

April 9, 16, 23, 30; May 7

## Baby Storytime


Ages 0–23 months with a caregiver;  
*no older siblings, please*

**RO Fridays • 9:30–10 OR 10:30–11 am** 

April 5, 12, 26; May 3, 10

## Polish-English Storytime / Czas Opowieści

Ages 3–7 with a caregiver /  
Dzieci w wieku 3–7 z opiekunem


**RO Mondays • 6–6:30 pm** 

April 15; May 13

Stories, songs, and rhymes in Polish and English. Opowiadania, piosenki i rymowanki w języku polskim i angielskim.


## Drop-In Family Storytime

Ages 0–5 with a caregiver

**NR Wed, April 17 • 10–10:30 am** 

## Milk and Cookies Storytime

Ages 0–5 with a caregiver


**NR Tuesdays • 6–6:30 pm** 

April 23; May 14

## Toddler Time

18–36 months with a caregiver

**RO Tuesday, May 14**

9:30–10 am OR 10:30–11 am 



## Storytime at LaBahn Hain House


@ LaBahn Hain House, 149 Hilltop Dr, Lake in the Hills; Ages 0–5 with caregiver

**RO Thu, May 23 • 10:30–11 am**

## Socks and Shoes Storytime

Families with young children



**RO Kit pickup begins Mon, Apr 15**  


**Sat, April 20 • 10–10:30 am** 

Pull up your socks and put on your favorite shoes for this storytime on Zoom!

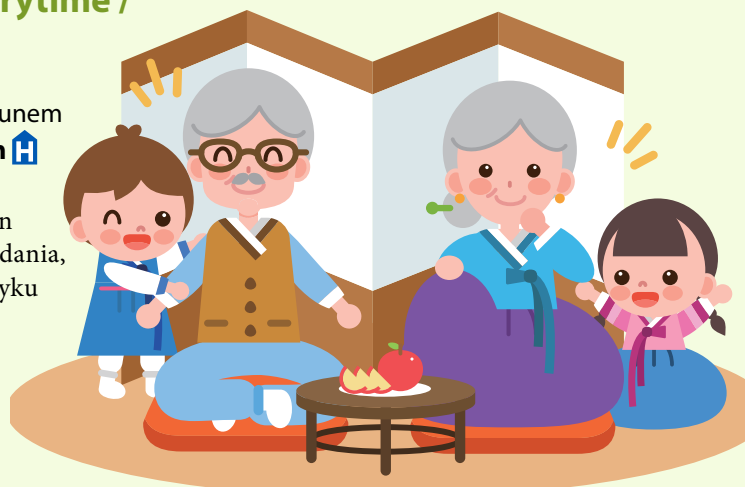
## AAPL Month: Celebrating Grandparents Storytime

Families with young children

**RO Kit pickup begins Mon, May 13**  

**Sat, May 18 • 10–10:30 am** 

Celebrate Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month with stories about grandparents on Zoom!





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#### Board Meetings

Harnish Main Library  
Wednesdays • 7 pm  
April 24; May 22

#### HARNISH MAIN LIBRARY

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115 Eastgate Dr • 847-658-4343

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**Fridays • April 19; May 31**

#### CLOSED

**Sun, May 26 & Mon, May 27**



### League of Enchantment

**NR 10 am–4 pm**

Members of the cosplay group League of Enchantment will be stopping by Harnish Main. Take a photo with them at our selfie station or find them roaming around!

### Cartooning with Mark Anderson: Space Fights!

Grades 3–8

**RO 10–11 am**

Cartoonist Mark Anderson will teach you how to draw your favorite Space Fight characters as they battle with laser sporks, fly at dark speed, and take on other intergalactic adventures.



**NR FOR ALL AGES**

**Saturday, May 4 • 9 am–5 pm**

Celebrate Free Comic Book Day! Stop by the Eastgate Branch Library and pick up some free comics; or drop by Harnish Main to pick up free comics, do some crafts, try our selfie station, and more. *Costumes are strongly encouraged!*

### Star Wars Themed Drink Set

Ages 14+

**RR 10 am–noon OR 2–4 pm**

Make a Star Wars themed drink set of two glasses and coasters using etching cream and our laser cutter. *May the 4th be with you!*

### Superhero Crafting

Ages 3–14 years with a caregiver

**NR 11:30 am–3 pm**

Stop by and create comic, superhero, and Star Wars themed crafts.

### When Worlds Collide: Princess Leia and Spiderman

Ages 3–14 years with caregiver

**NR 1–3 pm**

Princess Leia and Spiderman are joining forces to train a new generation of superheroes and Jedi!