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Thank You to all who participated in our Giving Tree drive. You helped make the holidays special for local kids!
From the Director’s Desk

One hundred years ago, our community gave itself and future residents a perpetual gift. February 23, 2021 marks the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Algonquin Public Library, and we are so excited to celebrate our history and milestones with you!

The Library first opened to serve the public on February 23, 1921, with 126 donated books and $600 in book funds. Local businesses agreed to donate $1 a month to support the new library until it became tax-supported in 1925. Emma Taylor served as the first Librarian, and thanks to her and the Algonquin Women’s Club, the library was born on the shelves in the council room above the Algonquin Village Hall on Main Street.

So much has changed for the library and community in 100 years! We now own over 200,000 physical items (supplemented by a comprehensive digital collection), we process over 800,000 checkouts each year, and we serve more than 40,000 community members. From the original Algonquin Village Hall location to the now Eastgate Branch to the newly renovated Harnish Main Library, our spaces have continued to grow over time to accommodate all the materials and technology we offer and the expert staff who provide valuable assistance and services.

We hope you’ll celebrate with us on February 23 during our special birthday event! We’ll be giving out limited edition gifts for our 100th Birthday, and we’ll keep the party going all year long with “decades-themed” programming and social media highlights from the history and milestones of the Library.

From humble beginnings with donated books to advanced technology in our state-of-the-art Makerspace, our community has supported and embraced the Library. Celebrate with us by sharing your library stories and getting to know what we have to offer. We are proud to continue to serve you and celebrate all we can do together!

Sara Murray
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My personal library history in 2009 performing in a Summer Reading skit for Youth Services.

Your Library is turning 100!

We’re celebrating by reflecting on historical events big and small of the last century.

Each month we’ll look at a new decade with our programming. Our 100 Years logo will indicate these programs throughout newsletter.
ADULT PROGRAMS

All programs are for ages 18 and older unless noted otherwise. Please register by calling 847-458-6060 or at www.aapld.org.

Registered participants will receive a virtual meeting invitation in their email prior to the class time.

Virtual Tai Chi
◇ All February and March
Feeling stressed? Stay connected and moving and breathing through these uncertain times we are living through. Join instructors from MoonWillow Tai Chi & Wellness. Check our online calendar to register for available classes.

Virtual Yoga
You should consult a physician or other health care professional before starting this or any other fitness program. Watch on our YouTube channel (new videos posted on listed dates.)

YIN YOGA
Mondays • Feb 1, 15; March 1, 15, 29
A yoga class suitable for all ability levels, targeting the connective tissues of the body that normally are not exercised.

YOGA FOR ALL
Mondays • Feb 8, 22; March 8, 22
A yoga class where everyone from beginners to experienced practitioners can learn and benefit.

Worth 1000 Words Camera Club
Ages 14+
◇ Wednesdays • 7–8 pm
February 3; March 3
Photographers of all experience learn, discuss, and practice photography from basics tips to DIY hacks.

Genealogy 101
Tuesday, February 9 • 6–7 pm
Learn the basics of genealogy research to get started.

All About Seed Catalogs
Wednesday, February 10 • 7–8 pm
A University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener will share how to find reputable sources for ordering seeds and plants by mail, online, or other methods.

Chicago: The First 100 Years, 1833-1933
Thursday, February 11
7–8:30 pm
It’s hard to imagine that the metro-Chicago area today has a population of nearly ten million when just 200 years ago the land was inhabited by the Potawatomi Indians. Local historian and author of Dundee Township: Moments Frozen in Time Phil Aleo will explore the very beginnings of the Windy City.

Retirement Planning for the New Normal
Tuesday, February 16 • 6:30–7:30 pm
Join CPFA Ted Buckley of Mooney Lyons Financial Services for an educational seminar that focuses on all things retirement: assessing factors that affect needs, developing sources of income, determining savings goals, implementing investment strategies, and safeguarding assets from the unexpected.

Transitioning to Senior Living
Thursday, February 18 • 6:30–7:30 pm
Get planning advice from expert Rick Graffagna of Senior Solutions including the variety of housing types available to seniors, what to look for when touring a potential residence, and how to pay for it.

Online Pub Trivia
Monday, February 22 • 7–9 pm
Team up online and match your wits against others to see who will be the trivia champions! Due to the visual nature of some trivia clues, it is highly recommended that you connect using a device with a screen.

Women in History
Tuesday, March 2 • 7–8:30 pm
Kickoff Women’s History Month with performer Martina Mathisen as she portrays women who’ve made an impact on the American experience, from Annie Oakley to Amelia Earhart and beyond.

Murder, Mayhem & the Mob: Chicago’s Beer Wars of the Roarin’ 20s
Wednesday, March 10 • 7–8:30 pm
Clarence Goodman talks all things Capone, the Volstead Act, and the St. Valentine’s Day Massacre. He will also discuss the lead-up to Prohibition, the rise of Al Capone, the “Beer War,” and the eventual end of Prohibition.

Notorious:
The Life of Ruth Bader Ginsburg
Thursday, March 18
6:30–8 pm
Ruth Bader Ginsburg’s tireless crusade for women’s rights ultimately led to her appointment to the United States Supreme Court in 1993 where she served until the time of her death in September 2020.

Using Newspapers.com
Tuesday, March 23 • 6–7 pm
Propel your genealogy using this resource to find out more about your ancestors.

Becoming Queen Elizabeth II
Wednesday, March 31 • 7–8:30 pm
In this new historical portrayal, crowd favorite Leslie Goddard, Ph.D., explores the life of Queen Elizabeth II. Get to know the woman behind the images, her sense of humor, and savvy intelligence with which she meets her demanding obligations.

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.

Program locations:
Harnish Main
Eastgate Branch
Virtual/Online
YouTube

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TAKE & MAKE
INSTRUCTIONS AND SUPPLIES INCLUDED. Register online at www.aapld.org to reserve your project for pick up at either library location. Limit one each project per person. SUPPLIES LIMITED. We will contact you when the project is ready for pickup.

**Soy Wax Candle**
Available in March
Create a scented melt-and-pour soy wax candle.

**Bird Seed Feeder**
Available in March
Create a bird feeder for our feathered friends.

**Love Letter Garland**
Available in February
Create a decorative garland of love notes.

**Book Page Wall Decor**
Available in February
Create a charming piece of wall decor made from recycled books. LIMIT 1 PER FAMILY.

**Painted Wine Glass**
Available in February
Create a hand painted wine glass. Cheers!

**Clover Centerpiece**
Available in February
Create a clover mason jar centerpiece for your home.

**Vintage Hair Bow or Bow Tie**
Available in March
Create a 20’s style hair bow or bow tie accessory.

**HEART-SHAPED POTHOLDER**
Available in February
Sew your own adorable heart-shaped potholder perfect for your kitchen.

**ZIPPER POUCH**
Available in March
Sew your own handy zipper pouch.

**Makerspace 1-on-1**
Ages 18+
We are still here to offer individual support through virtual appointments! Want to create laser etched art? Need help designing and cutting a Cricut project on our machine? Interested in learning how to use the CNC software? We have access to equipment and can help you with your individual creative needs. After meeting date and time is arranged, a Zoom meeting invitation will be sent to your email.

Email makerspace@aapld.org or call 847-458-6060 ext. 148 to schedule a virtual 1-on-1 appointment.

**VIRTUAL PROGRAMS**
Please register using our online calendar at www.aapld.org. Once registered, a virtual meeting invitation will go to your email.

**I Miss You: Handmade Valentine Postcards**
Saturday, February 6 • 2–2:45 pm
Who doesn’t love receiving a handmade card in the mail? Shari Pontillo of Twisted Fiber Studio will take you through the process of creating your own personal postcard. Materials will be available for pickup prior to the date of the workshop at no cost to you! We’ll email you when ready.

**Hoppy Easter! DIY Wooden Sign**
Saturday, March 13 • 2–3:30 pm
Erika Guillen of Simple Treasures will take participants through the process of creating their very own wooden Easter sign. Tools and supplies will be available for pickup prior to the date of the workshop at no cost to you! We’ll email you when ready.
EXCLUSIVELY @ EASTGATE

TAKE & MAKE

Get these fun kits exclusively from our Eastgate Branch. We have a limited number of kits available, so please register in order to reserve! Pick up begins on date listed. Please wait for a call or email to let you know that your kit is ready to be picked up. Instructions included.

Valentine Mason Jar Hot Chocolate
Ages 14+
- Pickup begins February 8
- An easy stylish way to enjoy hot chocolate with a reusable glass. Inspiration photo: thriftynorthwestmom.com

Valentine Candle
Adults 18+
- Pickup begins February 8
- Decorate a candle for Valentine’s Day!

DIY Dog Snuffle Mat
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- Keep your pup busy for hours with this fun, DIY snuffle mat! Inspiration photo: dreamalittlebigger.com

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Curious Bunny Easter Pots
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YOUR LIBRARY @ HOME
Your library card gives you access to this information and more!

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RESEARCH
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JOB AND CAREER
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MICROSOFT OFFICE
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LibBox Subscription
Adults 18+
◆ Registration begins January 18 for pickup beginning February 22
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Not sure what to read, watch, or listen to next? Let us choose some materials for you with our new LibBox Subscription!

Silent Reading Hour
Adults 18+
◇ 7–8:10 pm
Mondays • February 1; March 1
Tuesdays • February 16; March 16
Wednesdays • February 10; March 10
Thursdays • February 25; March 25
Silently read whatever you want for an hour with other people on Zoom! After the hour is up, we will share what we are reading, and then log off for the night.

An Evening with Mary Kubica
Adults 18+
◇ Thursday, March 25 • 7–8:30 pm
New York Times bestselling author Mary Kubica discusses the success of her latest thriller and her upcoming novel. See back page for details.

BLOOD DRIVE
Wednesday, March 17
3–7 pm
Support community health by donating blood. Appointments at bit.ly/AAPLDMarchDrive

Book Clubs FOR ADULTS
◇ Books available at the library or online (see following key).
eBook: * Libby/Overdrive; § Hoopla
eAudiobook: † Libby/Overdrive; ‡ Hoopla

Spinecrackers
1st Friday of the month • 10 am
Dec 4  The Turn of the Key by Ruth Ware *
Jan 8  The Body: A Guide for Occupants by Bill Bryson *

Stranger than Fiction
1st Tuesday of the month • 6:30 pm
Feb 2  The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America’s Great Migration by Isabel Wilkerson *

Cozy Corner  Ages 14+
1st Wednesday of the month • 7 pm
Feb 3  Theme: Poisoned Pens
Mar 3  Antiques Roadkill by Barbara Allan $

Forever Young  Ages 21+
2nd Monday of the month • 6:30 pm
Feb 8  Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi *
Mar 8  Crying Laughing by Lance Rubin *

Happily Ever After  NEW!
3rd Monday of the month • 7 pm
Feb 15  Now That You Mention It by Kristan Higgins *
Mar 15  A Bollywood Affair by Sonali Dev *

Enjoying the Classics
3rd Wednesday of the month • 7 pm
Feb 17  The Remains of the Day by Kazuo Ishiguro †
Mar 17  Lucky Jim by Kingsley Amis

Library Reads  NEW!
3rd Thursday of the month • 7 pm
Feb 18  Longbourn by Jo Baker *
Mar 18  The Library of Lost and Found by Phaedra Patrick *

Oh, the Horror!  NEW!
Last Tuesday of the month • 6:30 pm
Feb 23  Abraham Lincoln, Vampire Hunter by Seth Grahame –+
Mar 30  Bird Box by Josh Malerman *§‡

Fill out our form with your reading, watching, and listening preferences. Based on your answers, we will prepare a box with several options for you to enjoy, including some goodies! Keep the goodies and return the materials (and box) when they are due.
Virtual Stuff To Do

Join us virtually using online services!

Read It! Teen Book Subscription Box

If you love to read, you’ll love our new subscription box. Answer a few questions about your reading habits and your interests and we will curate a Read It! book box with a library book you’ll hopefully love and a variety of goodies! Keep all the goodies and return the book (and box) when it’s due.

Teen Volunteering

Please email teen@aapld.org to learn more about virtual volunteering opportunities!

Cozy Corner Book Club

WEDNESDAYS • 7–8 PM

March 3
Antiques Roadkill
by Barbara Allan

See page 6 for details.

Teen Advisory Board

Thursdays • 3:30–5 PM

February 7; March 7
Help plan events, suggest books, and much more! Volunteer hours earned.

Page by Page

A Teen-Friendly “Storytime” Video Program

WEDNESDAYS • FEBRUARY & MARCH

Stories are for all ages, not just kids! Join us every week for a read aloud of short stories featuring art scenes created by VolunTeens for a digital “picture” book experience. Check the library’s YouTube page each Wednesday for new installments.

Interested in earning volunteer hours by providing art? Email teen@aapld.org for more information.

Programs subject to change or cancellation; call, chat online, or check website to confirm.

50 BB Pages & Panels

A Graphic Novel Book Club

WEDNESDAYS • 6–8 PM

February 17

ROMANCE

The Prince and the Dressmaker by Jen Wang

An exuberantly romantic fairy tale of identity, young love, art, and family.

March 17
HISTORICAL
March by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, & Nate Powell
Chronicles John Lewis’s fight for civil rights.

*Email teen@aapld.org to reserve a free copy of the book that you get to keep! You can also always share any books that you’ve been reading. You will be sent a link to join the meeting on the day of the program.

WE’RE MAKING VIDEOS!

Make It! Bake It! Yum!

Week of FEBRUARY 22 & MARCH 22

Make It! Bake It! Yum! returns this winter with a special monthly episode featuring more complex recipes and cooking tips! Check out bit.ly/aapldyoutube today.

After each episode, email teen@aapld.org the name of the recipe we baked to get your Book Bucks!

Take & Make DIY Kit

Choose from five different kits to do at home (available February and March, while supplies last). Request one or all five! Reserve your kit for pick up online or contact a staff member. You pick which location works best for you. We’ll email you when it is ready for pickup!

Animal Crossing Fandom

Calling New Horizons fans! This kit will include everything you need to make a Shrinky Dink pendant keychain and includes an Animal Crossing button!

Valentine’s Day Bottle Cap Magnets

Receive all the supplies to make adorable bottle cap magnet Valentines!

Gnome-prechaun!

Adore those cute holiday gnomes? With this kit you can craft their Irish counterpart—the Gnome-prechan!

Among Us Hand Warmers

These hand warmers are SUS! Receive all the supplies to sew a microwavable crewmate hand warmer!

Mini Art Canvas Magnets

Channel your inner Bob Ross to paint a cute mini art canvas you can turn into a magnet!
Please register online at www.aapld.org, or contact a staff member via online chat. If it is a virtual program, once registered, an invitation for the program will be sent to your email.

Family & All Ages Fun!

Registration required with an AAPLD card.
Registration required, open to all.
All other programs are no registration necessary.

YOUTH PROGRAMS
FOR CHILDREN FROM BIRTH TO GRADE 8

Family Nature Club
For families with children of all ages
SNOW
diamond Pick-up begins February 1

GEOCACHING
diamond Pick-up begins March 1
Get out and explore the natural world and earn a Club token. The AAPLD Family Nature Club offers new activities, programs, or discovery kits each month. Register to reserve your kit. You’ll get a field guide, activity sheets and project materials. One kit per family.

Black History Stories
All Ages / Family
Celebrate Black History Month each week with stories about these amazing figures in American History.
THURGOOD MARSHALL
Friday, February 5
Thurgood by Jonah Winter and Bryan Collier

ANN COLE LOWE
Friday, February 12
Fancy Party Gowns by Deborah Blumenthal and Laura Freeman

ERNST EVERETT JUST
Friday, February 19
The Vast Wonder of the World by Melina Mangal and Luisa Uribe

MAE JEMISON
Friday, February 26
Mae Among the Stars by Roda Ahmed and Stasia Burrington

Junior Master Gardeners
Grades K-8
Pick up a take home discovery kit each month which includes a field guide, craft, activities, and lessons. One kit per family.

MAPLE SYRUP
diamond Pick-up begins February 15
Learn all about how Sugar Maple trees make syrup!

GARDEN JOURNALS
diamond Pick-up begins March 15
Make your own garden journal!

PROGRAM LOCATIONS:
Harnish Main
Eastgate Branch
Virtual/Online
YouTube

Zoom Birthday Celebration Storytime
For families with children
Saturday, February 27
The Library is celebrating its 100th birthday! Join in the party with our Birthday Storytime on Zoom. Pick up a bag of birthday goodies beginning February 22 to use along with the storytime.

2021 Illinois Readers’ Choice Challenges
diamond Voting begins February 15
Read titles from the 2021 lists to earn the chance to vote for your favorite! Track your reading in Beanstack at (aapld.beanstack.com) or pick up a paper log at the Youth Services Desk at Harnish Main Library or the Customer Service Desk at Eastgate Branch Library.

MONARCH
Grades K-3
Read 5 titles to vote and 10 for a patch.

BLUESTEM
Grades 3-5
Read 4 titles to vote and 5 for a patch.

CAUDILL
Grades 4-8
Read 3 titles to vote and 5 for a patch.

Family Fort Night Kit
All Ages / Family
diamond Pick-up begins March 15
Turn your living room into a secret family fort with this kit. We will provide some stories and snacks.
Baby Footprint Art Kit: Love Bug
Ages 0–2
Available in February
Create baby’s first artwork with this take home kit. Use your baby or toddler’s footprint to make this cute Valentine’s Day gift. We provide the art supplies; you provide the feet!

Yay for Pre-K
Ages 3–5
Pick-up begins February 15 and March 8
Each kit explores a new theme and contains multiple activities to keep your preschooler active, engaged, and learning at home!

Preschool Picasso
Ages 3–5
Sponge Painted Heart Canvas
Pick-up begins February
Get the supplies needed to unleash your inner artist at home. Inspiration Photo: www.theresourcefulmama.com

Creativity Playhouse Learning Kit
PreK–Grade 3
Rhythm
Pick-up begins February 22
Play with Clay
Pick-up begins March 29
Spark your creativity and ignite your imagination exploring a new subject each month with these kits that have a variety of activities, exercises, and projects. One per family each month.

Science to Go
Ages 4–7 years
I Love Science
Pick-up begins February 8
Shamrock Science
Pick-up begins March 15
Get the supplies for a fun science activity to explore at home.

Want more storytimes?
All of the virtual storytimes we have been creating are available to watch…and watch again! Go back to see your favorites or watch ones you may have missed.
Check out bit.ly/aapldyoutube today.
**Registration required with an AAPLD card.**

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**BOOK DISCUSSIONS FOR KIDS**

**Graphic Novel Discussion**
*Grades 3–5*

Join us as we discuss a different graphic novel each month and learn about the graphic novel writing process. Register and pick up a free copy of the book at the Youth Services Desk.

- **Thursday, February 11**
  - 7–8 pm V
  - *CatStronauts: Mission Moon* by Drew Brockington

- **Thursday, March 11**
  - 7–8 pm V
  - *Lowriders: Blast From the Past* by Cathy Camper

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**Pageturners**
*Grades 5–8*

Each month we will discuss a different book. Pick up a copy of the book at the Youth Services Desk or through the drive thru. You will receive a Zoom link the week of the event.

- **Thursday, February 11**
  - 7–8 pm V
  - *The Stars Beneath Our Feet* by David Barclay Moore

- **Thursday, March 11**
  - 7–8 pm V
  - *Restart* by Gordon Korman

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**BookFix Book Subscription Box**
*Grades 5–8*

Available in **February & March**

- February registration: Jan 18–February 12
- March registration: December 15–January 14

If you love to read, you’ll love BookFix! Answer a couple of questions about your favorite reads and we’ll select a book we’re sure you’ll enjoy and a few surprises too! Bring the book (and box) back when it’s due, but the special goodies are yours to keep.

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**Kids Simple Sewing Kit**
*Grades 2–8*

Watch Miss Lauren’s youtube videos to see how to make these projects!

- **TIE HEART PILLOW**
  - Pick-up begins **February 1**
  - Create a small tie heart pillow.

- **AMONG US CHARACTER PLUSH**
  - Pick-up begins **March 8**
  - Create a character plush from Among Us.

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**Soap Science Kit**
*Ages 9-14*

- Pick-up begins **February 8**
- Make your own glycerin “melt and pour” soap.

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**Virtual Pixel Art with Google Sheets**
*Ages 9-14*

- **Thursday, February 25**
  - 7–8 pm V
  - Create digital art using Google Sheets! A Google Account is required.

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**Owl Pellet Dissection Kits**
*Ages 9-14*

Pick-up begins **March 1**

- This kit comes with a real owl pellet, dissection tools, and informational materials for you to work on at home.

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**Girls Who Code From Home: Digital Storytelling**
*Ages 9-14*

- **Monday, March 8** • 6–7 pm V
- Celebrate International Women’s Day by learning how to plan and program a digital story in Scratch!
Register to reserve a kit that contains all the materials and instructions needed to make something fun! Limited number of kits available. Register to reserve and designate your pick-up location choice. You will receive a call or email when your kit is ready.

**Valentines for Clarendale Residents**
All Ages
◊ Pick-up begins February 1
Pick up a valentine card kit and make a valentine card for the residents of Clarendale. Return your card by February 9, so we can deliver them on Valentine’s Day.

**Primary Art Craft Kit**
Grades K-3
◊ Pick-up begins February 1; March 1
Register to pick up a Primary Art craft kit. New craft each month.

**J.R.R. Tolkien Reading Day Kit**
Ages 9-14
◊ Thursday, March 25
Celebrate Tolkien Reading Day with a Middle Earth themed craft kit.

**Bunny Marble Run Kit**
Ages 7-14
◊ Pick-up begins March 29
Welcome spring with a take-home marble run activity kit.

**Take-and-Make Kids Craft**
All ages
Pick-up begins February 1, 8, 15, 22; March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Stop at the Youth Services desk or Branch Desk and pick up everything you will need to make a fun craft at home. New craft each week.

**EASTGATE TAKE & MAKE**
Pick up these fun kits exclusively at our Eastgate Branch. We have a limited number of kits available, so please register in order to reserve your materials! Please wait for a call or email to let you know that your kit is ready to be picked up. Instructions included.

**Random Acts of Kindness Challenge Kit**
All Ages
◊ Pick-up begins February 1 ONLY
Help make our community a better place by completing a variety of random acts of kindness.

**Crafts for Gamers Take & Make**
Ages 10+
◊ Pick-up begins February 15 ONLY
Do you like Roblox, Minecraft, Fortnite, Among Us, Animal Crossing, Fall Guys, or Mario? Pick up a kit with a variety of video game themed projects that you can customize!

**Leaping Leprechauns Take & Make**
Grades K-8
◊ Pick-up begins March 8 ONLY
Learn about potential and kinetic energy by building a Leprechaun that can leap across the room!

**Dragon Egg Take & Make**
Ages 10+
◊ Pick-up begins March 22 ONLY
Pick up a kit with all the supplies you need to make your own dragon egg! Inspiration photo: craftyourhappiness.com
An Evening with Mary Kubica

Adults 18+

Thursday, March 25 • 7–8:30 pm

New York Times bestselling author Mary Kubica discusses the success of her latest thriller and her upcoming novel. Kubica is the bestselling author of The Good Girl and five other thrillers. Her latest novel, The Other Mrs., scored her a film deal with Netflix. Mary will discuss her writing process, how she balances her personal and professional life, and the unprecedented success of The Other Mrs. Mary’s next title, Local Woman Missing, will be released in May.