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Algonquin Area Public Library District
December 2022–January 2023
Winter Reading 2023

For Adults 18+

December 19–January 31

Are you sweet on reading? Indulge in your reading pleasures and treat yourself to our Winter Reading Program for adults! Read up to 15 books to earn coupons to local businesses and chances to win sweet prizes and a special reward after your third book. Sign up online through Beanstack (aapld.beanstack.com) or come to the library to register and get a paper log starting December 19.

The Giving Tree

November 15–December 6

Pick up a tag from our AAPLD Giving Tree at either Library location. Giving Tree tags include general information about the recipient along with their “wish list” items, so shopping is easy. Purchase the item(s) on the tag to make the holidays bright for children, families, and seniors in need in our community. Please bring the unwrapped gifts to either Library location with the Giving Tree tag, as well as a gift bag for the gift. If possible, gift receipts are appreciated.

Gifts are due back to the library by December 6.

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.

From the Director’s Desk

As we look forward to welcoming in a new year, we often find ourselves reflecting on the past and planning for the future. We are doing the same at AAPLD, and are highlighting both in the pages of this newsletter.

We love to share our new programs, services, and resources! Most recently, we’ve announced that we are now accepting passport applications and can renew your license plate stickers at our Main Library. However, while we add new ways to serve you, we don’t want you to forget about some of our tried-and-true resources. Flip to the center spread of the newsletter to be reminded of some of the best we have to offer. Remember, many of these resources are with you on your computer or phone, even when you’re not in the library. Learn a new language with Mango, or check out digital picture books in English, Spanish, and French with Tumblebooks. Enjoy Hallmark holiday movies with Hoopla or binge BBC favorites on Kanopy. While we have made these resources available for years, maybe they are new to you! Your library is so much more than books! Our expert staff is available to provide assistance if you need it.

In the coming year, we are also continuing to plan for the future. The Library Board of Trustees is working on selecting an architectural firm to help us create a vision and master plan for the Eastgate Branch Renovation Project. With their assistance, we will be turning to the community to gather feedback and ideas to make sure that we are doing all we can to meet needs and interests now and into the future. Scan the QR code on the back page of the newsletter to sign up for an e-newsletter dedicated to the Eastgate Branch Renovation Project so you can stay informed and share your voice.

Like friends, the best resources are new and old. Novelty and familiarity. Dependability and excitement. We have it all at AAPLD, and we hope that you will keep using the resources and services you love while also finding something new to you!

Wishing you a warm holiday season,

Sara Murray
Executive Director
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ADULT PROGRAMS

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HOLIDAY TO-DO

Miracle on Main
@ Historic Village Hall, 2 S Main St, Algonquin; All ages
NR Saturday, December 3 • 5–7 pm
Celebrate the holiday season with your family, friends, and neighbors on Main Street. Don’t miss Santa’s arrival, his reindeer, live holiday music performances, ice sculptures and more!

A Christmas Carol: Movie Magic
R0 Thursday, December 8
7–8:30 pm or
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NR Monday, December 12 • 4–5 pm
A holiday favorite! Come support the JHS Madrigals as they perform seasonal songs a capella, both medieval and modern, dressed in traditional Elizabethan costume.

Community Ugly Sweater Photo Contest
NR Sunday, December 18
Whose is the “ugliest” of them all? Submit your ugly sweater photos to social@aapld.org by December 18 for a chance at a gift card. Submissions will be printed and hung up at both libraries from December 19–23. Stop by and vote for your favorite ugly outfits. The winner will be contacted after the holiday season. One submission per person.

The History of the Hershey Chocolate Company
R0 Wed, December 21 • 3–4 pm
Today the name Hershey is synonymous with quality milk chocolate…but that wasn’t always the case. Explore the history behind this beloved American company with presenter Laura Keyes.

Sweet Reads Bingo
RR Mon, December 19 • 6:30–7:30 pm
Join us for a sweet night of bingo! Small prizes will be awarded for each of six rounds.

Duncan Hines: More than Cake Mix
R0 Wednesday, January 11
6:30–7:45 pm or
Who was Duncan Hines? And how did he influence American food history? Explore the traveling salesman’s life and legacy, from the sought-after restaurant recommendations Hines included in his Christmas cards to the ubiquitous products bearing his name. Join writer and history enthusiast Amy Gail Hansen for an in-depth look at his life.

Merry & Bright: A Community Tree Trim
All ages
NR December 19–January 2
Get into the holiday spirit and support your community at our second annual tree trim! Stop by the Harnish Main Library beginning Monday, December 19 to cast your vote for the best-dressed tree. The top three organizations to receive the most votes will win a trophy—and bragging rights! Voting runs through January 2. We are proud to present this program in partnership with multiple community organizations.

Cocoa Crawl
NR Saturday, January 28 • 11 am–4 pm
Sample cocoa creations and sweet treats from some of your favorite local businesses in our first-ever Cocoa Crawl! Celebrate the end of winter reading by participating in this sweet community event. Details will be on our website closer to the event date.

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Finders/Keepers Genealogy Club

**R0 Thu, December 8**  
7–8:30 pm or  
**R0 Thursday, January 19**  
10–11:30 am or 
Join us each month at Finders/Keepers Genealogy Club to explore genealogy topics and resources, and to get help with your family research.

**Genealogy**

German Genealogy: Tips & Tidbits with Dan Jungclas the Ancestry Guy

**R0 Thursday, December 15**  
10–11:30 am
Join us virtually for an informative presentation by Dan Jungclas, and learn what to expect when researching German ancestry. Dan’s tips and tricks will help you handle many challenges common to Germanic genealogy research.

No One Sees Indians: Native Americans in the Media

**R0 Thursday, December 1** - 7–8 pm
Road Scholar Ernest M. Whiteman III discusses the many representations of Native Americans in media and how these representations inform audiences’ perceptions of Native peoples and issues. Presented in partnership with multiple Illinois public libraries and the College of DuPage.

Tai Chi

Stay connected, moving, and breathing with instructor Allison Deputy. You will need a sturdy, armless chair.

**CHAIR: WITH STANDING**

**R0 Fridays • 10:30–11:30 am**  
December 2, 9, 16, 23; Jan 6, 13, 20, 27

**CHAIR: SEATED ONLY**

**R0 Tuesdays • 2–3 pm**  
December 6, 13, 20; Jan 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Turning Point, Inc.

**NR Tuesday • 10 am–noon**  
December 6; January 3
Turning Point offers a comprehensive array of services for families experiencing domestic violence. Chat with a representative about their important work.

Babies and Beans

**R0 Mondays • 10–11 am**  
December 12; January 9
First-time parent to a child under two or expecting? Come have a hot beverage, snack, and conversation with other new parents. Toys available for the babies!

Immigration Assistance

**IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ALIANZA HISPANOAMERICANA**

**NR Thursday, December 15 • 1–5 pm**
Do you have questions about immigration benefits and the path to citizenship? DOJ accredited representatives from Alizana Hispanoamericana will offer free, personal, first-come, first-served consultations. Please contact Kate at 847-458-3144 with questions regarding this program.

¿Tiene preguntas sobre los beneficios de inmigración y el camino a la ciudadanía? Profesionales reconocidos por DOJ de Alizana Hispanoamericana ofrecerán consultas personales gratuitas disponibles para discusiones privadas por orden de llegada. Por favor llame a Kate al 847-458-3144 si tiene alguna pregunta.

Craft Supply Swap

**Ages 14+**

**NR Saturday, January 14**  
9:30 am–1:30 pm
Bring your new or gently used craft supplies and swap them for something new to you! Leftover craft supplies from library programs and supplies donated by patrons like you will be available to exchange or take, while supplies last. Those that donate items for the craft supply swap will also receive an entry to participate in a drawing for a Sweet ‘n Crafty prize basket, in honor of our Sweet Reads Winter Reading Program. Hot cocoa and coffee provided.

Game Night Out: Bunco

**R0 Thursday, January 19**  
6:30–7:45 pm
Let the good times roll! Test your luck with the social dice game, Bunco. Small prizes will be awarded to the winners.
Remember when we asked you for recipes to commemorate our big anniversary? Well, you answered! We collected recipes from residents to commemorate our first 100 years—now we have this wonderful community cookbook as a part of AAPLD's history, and you can, too!

**Book Clubs FOR ADULTS**

- **Spinecrackers**
  - **R0** 1st Friday of the month • 10 am
  - Friday, December 2
  - *The Story of Arthur Truluv* by Elizabeth Berg
  - Friday, January 6
  - *The School for Good Mothers* by Jessamine Chan

- **Stranger than Fiction**
  - **R0** 1st Tuesday of the month • 7 pm
  - Tuesday, December 6
  - *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer
  - Tuesday, January 3
  - *The Honey Bus* by Meredith May

- **Unicorns & Spaceships**
  - **R0** 2nd Tuesday of the month • 7 pm
  - Tuesday, December 13
  - *Project Hail Mary* by Andy Weir
  - Tuesday, January 10
  - *The Inheritance of Orquidea Divina* by Zoraida Córdova

- **Library Reads**
  - **R0** 3rd Thursday of the month • 7 pm
  - Thursday, December 15
  - *If: The Untold Story of Kipling’s American Years* by Christopher Benfey
  - Thursday, January 19
  - *Of Women & Salt* by Gabriela Garcia

- **The Nail Biters**
  - **R0** 3rd Tuesday of the month • 7 pm
  - Tuesday, December 20
  - *The Line Between* by Tosca Lee
  - Tuesday, January 17
  - *The Night Shift* by Alex Finally

- **Enjoying the Classics**
  - **R0** 3rd Wed of the month • 7 pm
  - Wednesday, December 21
  - *America is in the Heart* by Carlos Bulosan
  - Wednesday, January 18
  - *The Razor’s Edge* by W. Somerset Maugham

- **Forever Young**
  - Ages 21+
  - **R0** 2nd Monday of the month • 7 pm
  - Monday, December 12
  - *The Girls I’ve Been* by Tess Sharpe
  - Monday, January 9
  - *Heartstopper: Volume One* by Alice Oseman

- **Happily Ever After**
  - **R0** 3rd Monday of the month • 7 pm
  - Monday, December 19
  - *Royal Holiday* by Jasmine Guillory
  - Monday, January 16
  - *Bellewether* by Susanna Kearsley

- **LibBox Subscription Box**
  - **RR** Pickup in December
  - Reg. begins 11/15
  - Not sure what to read, watch, or listen to next? Let us choose for you! Fill out a form with your reading, watching, and listening preferences. Based on your answers, we’ll prepare a few items that you’ll enjoy, and a few surprises, too.

- **Animangiacs**
  - For ages 18+
  - Adults can discuss and watch their favorite anime and manga, network with other anime lovers, and enjoy themed activities.

  **CHRISTMAS IN JAPAN**
  - **R0** Thursday, December 8
  - *6–7:45 pm*
  - Watch and discuss clips of Christmas-themed anime episodes and how several winter holiday traditions and marketing in the West have shaped the way Japan celebrates Christmas.

  **SWEET SLICE OF LIFE**
  - **R0** Thu, January 12 • 6–7:45 pm
  - Watch and discuss clips of *Elegant Yokai Apartment Life, I Can’t Understand What My Husband Is Saying, Sweetness & Lightning*, and other slice of life anime favorites.

- **Algonquin Area Writers Group**
  - Ages 14+
  - **R0** Thursdays • 6:30–8:30 pm
  - December 15; January 26
  - Local writers of all experience levels are welcome to join us for critiques, discussion, and brainstorming sessions.

**Books are available at the Adult or Service desks or digitally.**
eBook: * Libby/Overdrive; § Hoopla; ‡ Axis360
eAudiobook: † Libby/Overdrive; ‡ Hoopla; ‡ Axis360

**Available for purchase or checkout today!**

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**Program locations:** H Harnish Main | E Eastgate Branch | V Virtual/Online | Y YouTube | O Outdoor
TAKE & MAKE

These are projects you can make from the comfort of your own home! Please register then wait for us to contact you to let you know your project is ready for pickup. Send photos of your finished projects to social@aapld.org to be featured on social media.

Scandinavian Tree
**Pickup begins Tue, December 6** or V
Welcome Scandinavian design into your home with this white, minimalistic winter tree decoration.

Shower Melts
**Pickup begins Tue, January 3** or V
Turn your shower into a spa with these aromatic shower melts created with simple ingredients.

Makerspace Hours
- **Sunday** • 1–4 pm
- **Monday** • CLOSED
- **Tuesdays–Thursdays** • 10 am–8 pm
- **Friday & Saturday** • 10 am–4 pm
Bring your projects, use our equipment, find inspiration. One of our makerspace specialists will be on hand to help you. Please note, the Makerspace will close 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. Please check the calendar or call 847-458-6060 (ext. 148) to ensure availability for the drop-in project.

Vintage Ornament
**NR All December**
Arrange a miniature scene inside of a jar lid to create an imaginative decoration reminiscent of 1950s diorama-style ornaments.

Chocolate Caramel Sugar Scrub
**NR All January**
Combine some delicious ingredients for a body scrub that will leave your skin feeling smooth and smelling sweet.

3D PRINTING
Please register to reserve your spot. Registered virtual participants will receive an emailed meeting link prior to class time. Basic computer skills are required and mouse skills are recommended.

3D Printed Cookie Cutter
**RO Thursday, December 15**
7–8 pm or V
Join us this month to learn how to use the free cookie cutter design software, CookieCad. Design a custom food-safe cookie cutter just in time for all your holiday baking.

3D Printed Carabiner Keychain
**RO Sat, January 14 • 10–11 am** or V
Learn the basics of the free 3D printing software, Tinkercad, to make a personalized carabiner keychain.

Go to bit.ly/aapldevents to register. If not filled, RO programs will change to RR two weeks prior to date of program.
IN-PERSON PROGRAMS

You’re welcome to join us for every program, but please register for only ONE of the dates from each.

Candy Cane Decor
RR Wed, December 7 • 6–8 pm
RR Tue, December 14 • 6–8 pm
RR Thursday, December 15
10 am–noon

Decorate your house with these colorful candy canes that will have you saying “home sweet home.”

Monogrammed Mug with Watercolor Card
RR Fri, December 16 • 2:30–4 pm
RR Tue, December 20 • 6:30–8 pm

Decorate a monogrammed mug and then use watercolors to paint a handmade holiday card to go with it. Finish up your holiday shopping or keep it for yourself! We’re not Santa. We don’t judge.

Drawstring Gym Bag
RR Sat, January 7 • 10 am–noon
RR Tue, January 10 • 10 am–noon
RR Wed, January 11 • 6–8 pm

Get inspired to reach your fitness goals in the new year by sewing a drawstring bag for all your workout gear. Basic sewing machine skills required.

DIY Snowy Village in a Jar
Adult Drop-In Craft
NR Thu, December 15 • 3–7 pm

Drop in at the Eastgate Branch and make your own snowy village in a jar!

Scented Heat Pack
RR Tue, December 13
10 am–noon
RR Wed, December 21
6–8 pm
RR Thu, December 22
6–8 pm

Warm up this gingerbread-scented heat pack to help you relax during the busy holiday season.

Decoración de Bastón de Caramelo
RR sábado 17 de diciembre
10 am–mediodía

Decora tu casa con estos coloridos bastones de caramelo que te harán decir “hogar, dulce hogar.”

This class will be conducted entirely in Spanish.

Fleece Scarf
RR Wed, January 4 • 2–4 pm
RR Thursday, January 5 • 6–8 pm
RR Friday, January 6 • 10 am–noon
RR Thu, January 12 • 6–8 pm

No sewing involved here! Make this scarf as a gift or use it for yourself to keep you warm and cozy this winter.

Alice in Wonderland Scene
RR Thu, January 19 • 6–8 pm
RR Fri, January 20 • 10 am–noon
RR Thursday, January 26 • 6–8 pm
RR Fri, January 27 • 1:30–3:30 pm

Celebrate Lewis Carroll’s birthday by painting a dimensional wooden scene that depicts some of Alice in Wonderland’s most beloved characters.

IN-PERSON SEWING

Don’t know how to use a sewing machine? Schedule a 1-on-1 appointment with Makerspace staff to learn! Fabric availability may vary from images.

Contact makerspace@aapld.org to set up an appointment!

Get up to one hour of personal instruction on the following equipment:
- Silhouette Cameo
- Sewing Machine
- Embroidery Machine
- Cricut
- Dremel LC40 Laser Cutter/Engraver
- Personal projects upon approval.

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Has the weather got you stuck inside?

We wanted to feature just some of the great resources we have to offer you that you can use from the comfort of your home. Whether you are looking for something to read or do, homework help for you or your child, a movie to watch, where your great grandparents immigrated from, or some help trying to find a job, we have what you need…and more!

You will need an AAPLD card to access these resources. Don’t have one yet? You can apply at aapld.org to get digital access until you can come pick up your new library card!

To access all these items and more, go to aapld.org or scan this QR code.

What resource has these items?
Most of the items on this page are from these amazing providers:

- **H hoopla**
- **K kanopy**
- **F freegal**
- **L libby**
- **L OverDrive**

your next great read

Sometimes deciding what to read next gets you as stuck as a snowstorm on your evening commute. Let us clear the way to your next favorite book.

- **H Binge on Some Sweet Reads**
  We’ve got stories to fulfill your sweet tooth! Sign up for Winter Reading and start a fun new series.

- **H QUICK PICK**
  [The New York Times Best Sellers](lead.me/NYTBestsellers)

Entertain the Kids for Hours!

Kids can enjoy storytime on their own with animated picture books, talking read alongs, and amazing graphic novels on TumbleBooks. They have puzzles, games, and books in Spanish, too!

- **H Get in a Festive Mood**
  Everyone in the family can find something they’ll love on their favorite holiday…whichever one that might be! Titles include Nantucket White Christmas, Latke the Lucky Dog, Klaus (a graphic novel), My Family Celebrates Kwanzaa, and more!

- **H QUICK PICK**
  [Lead.me](lead.me/midnights)

entertain me

What better than movies, television, and music to entertain when the weather has you down. Escape the cold with your chosen genre today!

- **H Quicks Pick**
  [Freegal](lead.me/NFTBestsellers)

Oscar Winners & Nominees

There’s a list for everything, but especially for the best of the best. Watch the movies that the movie industry felt were worth honoring.

- **F Holiday Jams**
  We’ve compiled the most festive playlist EVER on our streaming music service, freegal.

Sensational Series

Kanopy has television galore with bingeable shows from BBC favorites to docuseries. Did we mention they have an entire section just for kids?

- **K Sensational Series**
  [The Librarians](lead.me/NYTBestsellers)

Get a Little Romance in Your Life

Haven’t seen your favorite 90s sitcom or reality TV stars recently? They might be the next big thing in romcoms! From Hallmark to Lifetime, from Christmas to royalty, we’ve got all the implausible plots to warm your heart.

- **H Get a Little Romance in Your Life**
  [Love, Simon](lead.me/NYTBestsellers)

**Registration required** with an AAPLD card. **Registration required, open to all.** **Drop in, no registration.**
we’re bored
Need something to shake up those winter blues? Get dancing, start a new hobby, read a newspaper, or hold your own bake off… the sky’s the limit!

Knit One
You’re more creative than you think! Creativebug has tons of award-winning art & craft video classes taught by experts and artists.

Bake it Out
What’s better than baking a cake? Eating it! Pick recipes that the whole family will love, or even make it a friendly competition.

Get the News
Pressreader offers unlimited, effortless access to over 6,000+ newspapers and magazines from around the world, in 60+ languages, all on your smartphone, tablet, or laptop.

Polish Up Your Credentials
Need a new job? Try JobNow, an all-in-one service where you can search for jobs, get feedback from live résumé experts, prepare for your interview, and more!

Get some work done
Can’t stand the state of your closet? Want to rehab your résumé? Does your child need help with their homework? We’ve got you covered.

New Year, New Stuff
Need to replace appliances or even your car? Get ratings, reviews, recommendations, and buying advice for thousands of products and services from Consumer Reports.

Find Your Great-Great Grandpa
Research your family history with Heritage Quest, an indexed, full-image census records from 1790-1950 making genealogy research easier than ever!

The Kids Aren’t Alright

expand your horizons
With a new year comes a new you… or at least a chance to improve on you. Learn a new language, find out how to train your dog, plan your garden for spring, and much more!

Learn a New Language
With over 70 world languages to explore and more than 20 ESL courses, Mango can help you anytime and anywhere with remote access and FREE mobile app!

Get Healthy!
Get the latest tips from pros to get healthier. Titles include Prevention, Food Network, Real Simple, Women’s or Men’s Health, and more!

New Skill Time
Let LinkedIn Learning improve your technology, creative, and business skills so you can achieve personal and professional goals with thousands of courses taught by real-world industry experts.

Just Breathe
Start the new year off right by teaching the whole family to recenter. We could all use a little calm in our busy lives. Titles include The Distracted Mind, Breathe Like a Bear, Breath of the Gods, and more!
TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

The classes in this column require basic computer, mouse, and internet skills.

Silhouette Cameo
**R0 Monday, December 5 • 7–8:30 pm **
Learn how to use the program Silhouette Studio to create craft designs to customize holiday gifts or decorations. Designs created on a computer using Silhouette Studio can be cut or drawn onto material such as paper, cardstock, vinyl, and fabric.

Microsoft Word Basics*
**R0 Monday, January 2 • 7–8:30 pm **
Learn how to use Word to create documents. We’ll cover margins, indents, tabs, inserting images, saving and printing.

Excel Basics*
**R0 Monday, January 9 • 7–8:30 pm **
Learn the basics of Excel so that you can begin managing finances by creating spreadsheets, entering data, performing calculations, inserting charts and more!

Intermediate Excel*
**R0 Monday, January 16 • 7–8:30 pm **
This Excel class will build on the skills learned in Excel Basics. Here you will learn how to add visual elements, use pivot tables, sort data, and create workbooks. Basic Microsoft Excel skills required.

Word & Excel: Working Together*
**R0 Monday, January 23 • 7–8:30 pm **
Learn how these two popular Microsoft Office programs work together. Explore the many different ways to copy and paste. Basic Microsoft Excel and Word skills required.

Holiday Streaming
**R0 December 7**
Learn how to use your library card and library apps to stream holiday music, movies, and even old radio shows to your device or smart TV. Bring your own device(s) to class.

Windows 11 Basics
**R0 January 4**
This is a basic computer class for Windows 11. We’ll learn how to organize your desktop, taskbar, and files. Bring your own Windows 11 laptop to class.

Kindle Fire Tablet: Basics
**R0 January 11**
In this class, Kenny will show you how to add, remove, and organize apps. He’ll also go over library apps that can be used on your Kindle Fire and teach you how to download books, audio, and more. Bring your Kindle Fire tablet to class. You’re welcome to bring your Kindle Paperwhite and we’ll work on answering your questions. You can also come if you don’t have a Kindle, but you’re thinking about getting one.

One-on-One Tech Assistance
**R0 Monday, December 12 • 4–7:45 pm **
Need some one-on-one assistance with MS Office, your smartphone or tablet, downloading ebooks, or some other piece of technology that has you confused? Then schedule a one-on-one with Kenny. Please let us know if you need help signing up for a session.

*These programs include an introduction to BrainFuse JobNow and LinkedIn Learning so you can continue building your skills at home.

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**TEENS GRADERS 9–12**

For Grades 9–12

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**Teen Movie Night**

Stop by for movie night and snacks!

**NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS**

1993; Rated PG; 76 minutes

**R0 Monday, December 5 6:30–8 pm**

Jack Skellington, king of Halloween Town, discovers Christmas Town, but his attempt to bring Christmas home causes confusion.

**LA LA LAND**

2016; Rated PG-13; 128 minutes

**R0 Monday, January 30 6–8 pm**

A jazz pianist falls for an aspiring actress in Los Angeles.

**Jacobs High School Madrigals Holiday Performance**

**NR Monday, December 12 4–5 pm**

See page 3 for details.

**Finals Week at the Library**

**Gingerbread House Kit**

**R0 Pickup December 12–17**

A gingerbread house to make at home!

**Edible Marshmallow Slime Kit**

**R0 Pickup January 9–14**

Get messy with marshmallow slime!

*Call 847-458-6060 x143 to register.

**Teen Anime Club**

We have an Anime Club just for YOU! Create and watch anime on Crunchyroll. Program same at either location.

**CHRISTMAS IN JAPAN**

**R0 Tue, December 13 • 4–5:30 pm OR R0 Wed, December 14 • 4–5:30 pm**

Did you know fried chicken is the traditional Japanese Christmas dinner? Learn customs and watch holiday anime.

**TOKYO GRAND SUMO**

**R0 Tue, January 17 • 4–5:30 pm OR R0 Wed, January 18 • 4–5:30 pm**

Tis the season for the Tokyo Grand Sumo Tournament! Learn more about sumo wrestling and watch anime with us.

**Tree Trim: Decorate the Teen Volunteer Tree**

**NR Sat, December 17 • 3–4 pm**

Our Community Tree trim is back by popular demand! Earn a service hour by assisting in decorating the Teen Volunteer Tree. Enjoy some warm drinks when we’re all finished.

**Finals Week Study Break: DIY Mini Candy Piñata**

**NR Mon, December 19 6–8 pm**

Drop by the teen room to make a custom mini piñata, complete with candy to fill it up. A “Sweet Reads” activity for the stressed-out high school student who needs to break something!

**Finals Week Study Break: Pop-Up Hot Cocoa & Coffee Bar**

**NR Wed, December 21 6–8 pm**

Studying for finals at the library? Take a study break in the downstairs meeting room to make yourself a warm drink. The end is almost here!

**Teen Locked in the Library: Sweet Reads**

**R0 Friday, January 27 • 4:45–8 pm**

Join us for an after-hours teen party at the library! Our theme will be all things sweet. Be sure to turn your winter reading log in by January 31 for delightful prizes.

**Teen BINGO for World Braille Day**

**R0 Wednesday, January 4 • 4–5 pm**

Celebrate World Braille Day with a special edition of the classic BINGO game. World Braille Day is observed to raise awareness of the importance of Braille as a means of communication for the blind.

**Teen Anime BINGO**

**R0 Wednesday, January 18 • 4–5 pm**

Celebrate World Braille Day with an anime bingo game! Win prizes by matching anime characters and titles.

**Teen Pop-Tart Mini Pillow**

**R0 Tuesday, January 10 • 4–5 pm OR Thursday, January 12 • 4–5 pm**

Make a cute little pop-tart pillow!

**VolunTeens**

**R0 Tuesdays • 4–6 pm**

December 27; January 24

Assist with behind-the-scenes tasks for volunteer hours. High school students only.

**Teen Super Smash Brothers Ultimate Tournament**

**R0 Tuesday, January 3 • 2–4 pm**

Compete to see who is the best at Smash! Winner gets a $20 Gamestop gift card.

**Therapy Dogs for Finals Week**

**R0 Monday, December 19 6–8 pm**

Does finals week have you stressed out? Snuggle up to Oakley and Walter, the K9 Therapy Dogs for the McHenry and Carpentersville police departments.

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YOUTH FOR CHILDREN FROM BIRTH TO GRADE 8
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Sweet Fun for All Ages

Sensory Friendly Movie
Families with children
**R0** Wednesday, December 14
Move, talk, sing, and enjoy the experience in your own way. The lights will be dim, the volume lower, and the audience size smaller than in our typical showings. Sensory tools from the Autism Resource Center at Options and Advocacy for McHenry County will be available to try.

**PAW PATROL: THE MOVIE**
3–4:30 pm
2021; Rated G;
86 min

**DC LEAGUE OF SUPER-PETS**
5:30–7:30 pm
2022; Rated PG;
105 min

Drop In: Braille Writing
Preschool–Grade 8
**NR** Wednesday, January 4
9:30 am–5 pm
It’s World Braille Day! Visit the Harnish Creation Center to learn and craft in Braille. This craft includes small gemstones which may be a choking hazard. **Younger children must be accompanied by an adult.**

Life-Size Candyland
Ages 5–10
**R0** Thursday, January 5
10–10:30 am; 11–11:30 am;
1–1:30 pm; 2–2:30 pm
**R0** Wednesday, January 11
3–3:30 pm; 3:45–4:15 pm; 4:30–5 pm
Sign up for your chance to step inside one of your favorite board games! This is sure to be the highlight of your young one’s day. **SIGN UP FOR ONE TIME SLOT ONLY.**

Bilingual Family Music with Renée Nanzer
All ages
**R0** Friday, January 6 • 11–11:45 am
Sing, shimmy, and sway with la maestra Renée! Learn new songs and enjoy old favorites in Spanish and English at this concert for the whole family led by teaching artist Renée Nanzer on her guitar.

Miracle on Main
@Historic Village Hall, 2 S Main St, Algonquin; All ages
**NR** Saturday, December 3
5–7 pm
Celebrate the holiday season with your family, friends, and neighbors on Main Street. Don’t miss Santa’s arrival, his reindeer, live holiday music performances, ice sculptures, and more!

Merry & Bright: A Community Tree Trim
All Ages
**NR** December 19–January 2
Get into the holiday spirit and support your community at our second annual tree trim! **See page 3 for details.**

Noon Year’s Eve Dance Party
Families with children
**R0** Friday, December 30
11:30 am–12:15 pm
Ring in the New Year with a family-friendly party! Dance to pop hits and storytelling favorites, try our photo booth, make a memory book, and countdown to noon with an apple juice toast!
Winter Reading 2023

Sweet Reads

Baby–Grade 8

**December 19–January 31**

Join our Winter Reading Program and enjoy some sweet reads and earn even sweeter prizes this winter. You can register online through Beanstack or come into the library to register and get a paper log starting December 19. You will receive a yummy treat and a scratch-and-sniff bookmark when you register. Finishers will get coupons, their choice of paperback prize book, and an additional sweet prize. For every hour you read you will also be entered into a drawing for our popular prize gift baskets!

Families with children

**Monday, December 19**

10–11:30 am OR 4–6:30 pm

Winter Reading begins today! Drop by to enjoy a sweet read and a delicious treat at our reading café. Register for Winter Reading and be entered into a special drawing for an even sweeter prize.

### Program locations:

- Harnish Main
- Eastgate Branch
- Virtual/Online
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- Outdoor

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**Sweet Reads Café**

Families with children

**Monday, December 19**

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**Play to Learn**

Ages 2–6 with caregiver

**BAKERY**

**Friday, December 2**

9:30 am–4:30 pm

**Saturday, December 3**

9:30 am–3:30 pm

Calling all bakers! Join us as we use our imagination to whip up delicious desserts and sell them at our pretend bakery.

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**WINTER WONDERLAND**

**Friday, January 6**

9:30 am–4:30 pm

**Saturday, January 7**

9:30 am–3:30 pm

Stretch your imagination and enjoy some hands-on winter fun with your little one!

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**Babies and Beans**

**Monday, December 12; January 9**

First-time parent to a child under two, or expecting? Come have a hot beverage, snack, and conversation with other new parents. Toys available for the babies!

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### Play for the YOUNG ONES

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**Baby Footprint Art:**

**The Comeback Tour**

Ages 0–2

**Friday, December 16**

10:30 am–12:30 pm

**Saturday, December 17**

10:30 am–12:30 pm

Missed one of our kits? Just in time for gift-giving season, make some art with our premade templates and a little paint. We provide the supplies; you provide the feet! Most families need under 30 minutes to complete a project. Drop-ins welcome.

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**Messy Masterpieces**

Ages 3–5 with caregiver

Pop in and paint with us! We’ll supply all the materials needed to create an artistic masterpiece. Please dress for a mess.

**GIVE A GIFT OF ART**

**Tuesday, December 20**

9:30–10 am OR 10:30–11

**COOKIE CUTTER PAINTING**

**Thursday, January 19**

9:30–10 am OR 10:30–11

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**Constructive Play**

Baby–6 years with caregiver

**Tuesday, January 3**

10–11 am

Play with blocks, puzzles, toys, and early literacy games in this open activity time! Refreshments served.

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**Take & Make**

**Yay for Pre-K:**

**Penguins**

Ages 3–5

**Pickup begins Mon, January 23**

Pick up a kit that contains a few ready-to-go activities that will keep your preschooler engaged and learning at home.

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**Preschool Information Night**

**Wednesday, January 11**

6:30–7:30 pm

Stop in for the opportunity to talk one-on-one with preschool representatives.

**Preschool Information Booths**

**January 12–15**

Is your child almost ready to start preschool? Stop by the Youth Services Department to learn all about our local preschools. Browse information booths to collect brochures, compare programs, and find the perfect fit for your family.
Storytime is an opportunity for focused quality time with your children. While sharing stories, songs, rhymes and movement, children are making important connections in their brains: learning words, developing fine and gross motor skills, and so much more! And the best part? It’s just plain fun!

### Music & Movement
Ages 0–5 with a caregiver  
**RO** Mondays  
10:15–10:45 am OR 11–11:30 am  
December 5; January 9, 16, 23, 30

### Terrific Tales for Two’s & Three’s
Ages 2–3 years with a caregiver  
**RO** Tuesdays • 9:30–10 am  
December 6; January 10, 17, 24, 31

### Preschool Storytime
Ages 3–5 years who can attend on their own  
**RO** Tuesdays • 10:30–11 am  
December 6; January 10, 17, 24, 31

### Family Storytime
Ages 0–5 with a caregiver  
**RO** Thursdays • 10–10:30 am  
December 1, 8  
**RO** Wednesdays • 6–6:30 pm  
December 7; January 11, 18, 25; Feb 8  
**NR** Wednesdays • 10–10:30 am  
January 11, 18, 25; Feb 1, 8

### Baby Storytime
Ages 0–23 months with a caregiver; no older siblings, please  
**RO** Fridays • 10–10:30 am  
Dec 2; Jan 13, 20; Feb 3

### Milk & Cookies Storytime at LaBahn Hain House
Ages 0–5 with a caregiver  
**RO** Thu, December 1 • 10:30–11 am

### Storytime at Village Hall
@ Historic Village Hall, 2 S Main St, ALG;  
Ages 0–5 with caregiver  
**RO** Thursdays • 10:30–11 am  
December 8; January 12

### Cookies Storytime
**RO** Kit pickup begins **Mon, Dec 5**  
Storytime **Saturday, December 10**  
10–10:30 am  
Cook up something delicious on Zoom!

### Sweet Treats Storytime
**RO** Kit pickup begins **Mon, Jan 16**  
Storytime **Saturday, January 21**  
10–10:30 am  
Celebrate all things sweet on Zoom.

### Swim with Frosty at Goldfish Swim School of Algonquin
@ Goldfish Swim School, 750 S Randall Rd, Algonquin; 0–5 with caregiver  
**RO** Friday, December 16  
10:30 am–12:30 pm  
Join us for a morning at Goldfish Swim School! You’ll meet Frosty, enjoy stories, and wrap up the morning with an hour of free swimming. **Children must have an adult in the pool with them at all times**

### 2023 Illinois Reading Challenge
**RO** through **February 2023**  
Make your voice heard! Read books from the 2023 Illinois Readers’ Choice lists and vote on which is your favorite. Meet the reading goal for your award to get your invitation to vote in February 2023; keep reading from your list to earn a patch and a paperback book! The Monarch and Bluestem Awards are sponsored by the Association of Illinois School Library Educators. The Rebecca Caudill Award is administered by the RCYRBA Board of Directors.

#### MONARCH 2023 READING CHALLENGE
Grades K–3  
Read to earn:  
VOTE: 5 books  
PATCH: 10 books  
BOOK: 20 Books

#### BLUESTEM 2023 READING CHALLENGE
Grades 3–5  
Read to earn:  
VOTE: 4 books  
PATCH: 5 books  
BOOK: 10 Books

#### CAUDILL 2023 READING CHALLENGE
Grades 4–8  
Read to earn:  
VOTE: 3 books  
PATCH: 5 books  
BOOK: 10 Books

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**ESPECIALLY FOR OLDER KIDS**

**BookFix Book Box**
Grades 5–8
Available January
Reg. begins 12/15
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.

**Kids After School STEM Club**
Grades K–5
**R0** Thursdays • 3–3:45 OR 4–4:45 pm
December 1; January 12
Join us once a month to hang out with other kids after school. We will complete a different science, technology, engineering, or math project, challenge, or experiment each month.

**Read & Gaze**
Grades 4–8
**R0** Wednesdays • 7–8 pm
December 7; January 4
Explore mind boggling topics in astronomy and space through crafts, discussion, and stargazing!

**Gingerbread-Palooza**
Grades 1–5
**R0** Tuesday, December 13
4–4:30 pm OR 5–5:30 pm
Work in teams to decorate gingerbread houses that will be displayed in the library. The rest of the month, everyone will vote for their favorites!

**Middle School Volunteers**
Grades 6–8
**R0** Thursdays • 6–7 pm
December 15; January 19
**R0** Wednesday, January 25
4:30–5:30 pm
Earn volunteers hours by assisting with a variety of behind-the-scenes projects.

**Candy Sushi**
Grades 4–8
**R0** Wed, December 21 • 6–7 pm
The only fish in this sushi is Swedish Fish! Unleash your creativity and make a sweet sushi treat.

**Gingerbread-Palooza for KIDS**
Grades 1–5
**R0** Tuesday, December 13
4–4:30 pm OR 5–5:30 pm
Work in teams to decorate gingerbread houses that will be displayed in the library. The rest of the month, everyone will vote for their favorites!

**Middle School Volunteers for KIDS**
Grades 6–8
**R0** Thursdays • 6–7 pm
December 15; January 19
**R0** Wednesday, January 25
4:30–5:30 pm
Earn volunteers hours by assisting with a variety of behind-the-scenes projects.

**Graphic Novel Discussion**
Grades 3–5
**R0** Thursday, December 8
7–8 pm
Sidekicks by Dan Santat
**R0** Thu, January 12
7–8 pm
Spy School by Stuart Gibbs

**Pageturners**
Grades 5–8
**R0** Thursday, December 8
7–8 pm
New Kid by Jerry Kraft
**R0** Thu, January 12
7–8 pm
The Mysterious Disappearance of Aidan S. by David Levithan

**Register to get a free copy of the book!**

**Take & Make**

**Yummy Gummy Challenge**
Grades 3–8
**R0** Pickup begins Wednesday, December 21
2–3 pm OR 6–7 pm
A challenge for the whole family! Use the supplies provided to save your candy from floating away in the water. Gummy lifesavers will save the day! Can you handle this challenge? ONE KIT PER FAMILY.

**Perler Beads**
Grades 3–8
**R0** Tuesday, December 27
2–3 pm OR 6–7 pm
Create designs using Perler beads and watch them become solid with heat!

**Primary Art**
Grades K–2
**R0** Mon, January 16 • 10–10:45 am
Create an art piece honoring MLK Jr. Day.

**Art Explorers**
Grades 3–5
**R0** Mon, January 16 • 11:15 am–noon
Create an art piece honoring MLK Jr. Day.

**Kids Mario Kart RC Cars**
Grades K–8
**R0** Tue, January 17 • 5–6:30 pm
Race into the library to play Mario Kart! Use a remote controlled car and zoom around a pretend track.

**Chocolate Olympics**
Grade 3–8
**R0** Wed, January 18 • 6–7 pm
There is nothing bittersweet about this crazy candy event. Visit several candy-inspired stations to play mini-games.
We are positive you’ll find some during our 2023 Winter Reading Program, Sweet Reads. Enter a world of candied adventure by attending themed events and reading through the frosty season with AAPLD. It’s an all-ages program that will challenge you to explore an array of books. After turning pages with your , be sure to log and review all your reading to points for chances at prizes via Beanstack, our online book-logging platform. The more you read, the more it will feel like a as you earn chances at stellar prizes like gift cards, prize baskets, and little goodies along the way.

Be sure to ask our fun-loving staff for book recommendations if you do not know where to start. Our librarians are literacy . Apologies if you found this blurb to be a bit , but you and yours really have nothing to lose by signing up for Sweet Reads this year! Join to feel like a .