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From the Director’s Desk

As July concludes, we extend a heartfelt thank you to all participants of our summer reading program, Read Among the Stars, which ends July 31. Your enthusiastic participation has made this summer truly stellar and record-breaking!

Special thanks go to our generous sponsors who contributed coupons and prizes (see back page), including the Friends of the Library for sponsoring the dazzling t-shirt.

As September unfolds, we invite you to join us in celebrating National Library Card Sign-Up Month—a perfect opportunity to discover the incredible benefits of having your own library card. Whether you’re a seasoned library enthusiast or new to our community, there are compelling reasons why a library card is your key to a world of resources and opportunities.

With your library card, you gain access to an extensive collection that includes hundreds of thousands of books, from timeless classics to the latest bestsellers. Dive into a universe of entertainment with our diverse selection of movies, video games, and digital newspapers and magazines. For those who prefer reading on-the-go, explore our wide array of ebooks and audiobooks available at your fingertips. Don’t forget to check out our Library of Things with tools and equipment for your next project or hobby.

While you can enjoy the library without a card, having one enriches your experience immensely. It opens doors to a richer cultural and educational experience, supporting your personal growth and lifelong learning journey. Additionally, your library card signifies your support for our mission to provide access to knowledge, entertainment, and community resources.

Looking ahead, mark your calendars for Banned Books Week, observed from September 22–28. This week highlights the importance of intellectual freedom and the right to read and view materials of your choice. Use your library card to explore books that expand your world and provoke thought.

Whether you’re signing up for your first library card or renewing an old one, we invite you to visit us and embark on a journey of exploration and discovery. Your library card opens up a world of possibilities—come and explore with us!

Thank you for being part of our library community. Let’s celebrate the joy of reading, learning, and growing together.

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Here are some AAPLD cards through the years. Which one do you have? If you have one not pictured here, bring it in and show us!

September is Library Card Sign-up Month

National Library Card Sign-Up Month is here, and we’re thrilled to celebrate the many reasons you should have an Algonquin Area Public Library District card. Whether you’re getting your first library card, have just moved into the area, or are one of our amazing patrons who already has a card, we want to celebrate with you! And so do some of our friends from another planet. Word of our Read Among the Stars summer reading challenge has reached the survivors of planet Cybertron.

If you’ve been thinking about getting a card, now is the time to roll out and visit the library. Optimus Prime and the Transformers are collaborating with the American Library Association to show that there’s more than meets the eye with libraries.

Why should you get a library card? Our director’s message lays out many of the reasons, and here are a few more: digital resources, job search and career development, homework help, genealogy resources, programs…not to mention the cost savings of getting all of these things for FREE!

We’re putting the finishing touches on some fun ways for you to see the true value of your library card, both inside and outside the library. Complete details will be available soon. Be sure to check out aapld.org for more information about National Library Card Sign-Up Month as we get closer to September.

Get excited for National Library Card Sign-up Month at the library!

Show or get your AAPLD library card this month to receive a special gift. Adults and teens can visit the Adult Services Desk at Harnish Main to get a 17 oz. cup. Children will receive a pencil, eraser, and sticker by visiting the Youth Services Desk at Harnish Main. Eastgate patrons, please visit the service desk at the branch with your card to receive your gift. Don’t miss out!
Adult Programs

Hive Talkin’: The Buzz on Bees
**R0 Thursday, August 8 • 7–8 pm **
Join local beekeeper Konni Vukelic of Three Bees for a one-of-a-kind interactive presentation on bees, including how they impact us and the world at large. Learn about the benefits of bees and honey.

Pub Trivia
@ Moretti’s Ristorante & Pizzeria, 220 N Randall Rd, Lake in the Hills
**R0 Monday, August 26 • 7–9 pm **
Grab your friends and meet us at Moretti’s to compete to be named pub trivia champions! AAPLD will provide one appetizer per team and medals for the winners.

Autumn Meditation for Adults
**R0 Tue, September 17 • 7–8 pm **
Connect with your inner peace at this time of seasonal change through guided meditation. Kelley Edwards from Be Moved Yoga will lead a guided seasonal meditation session welcoming the Autumnal Equinox.

Explore Latin-American Art
Ages 14+
**R0 Thu, September 19 • 7–8 pm **
Let’s celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by virtually visiting the Museum of Latin-American Art in LA, a pioneering museum dedicated to ground-breaking exhibits of Latin-American and Latinx artists.

Fall Jigsaw Puzzle Competition
Ages 14+
**R0 Saturday, September 21 • 10 am–1 pm **
Compete against other teams in a thrilling race to complete the same 500-piece jigsaw puzzle! Gather your team of 3 or 4 people and register now for a chance to win.

American Vacation: 12,000 Miles Into the Wild West
**R0 Thu, September 26 • 7–8 pm **
Mark your calendars for a special event featuring Illinois author and AAPLD staff member Raluca Barbu. Join us as she shares captivating tales of her travels accompanied by her photography.

Responding to Your Child’s Mental Health Needs
**R0 Tue, September 17 • 7–8 pm **
Gain essential coping and problem-solving skills to help your teenager navigate this difficult age. Learn how to foster greater self-confidence and self-reliance in your teen.

When Was It Taken: Dating Old Family Photos
**R0 Tue, September 24 • 7–8:30 pm **
Join us for a captivating genealogy class focused on mastering the art of identifying the age of a photograph.

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- Harnish Main
- Eastgate Branch
- Virtual/Online
- YouTube
- Outdoor (weather permitting)

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**CLUBS & GROUPS**

**Quilting Club**
- **RO** Thursdays • 10 am–3 pm
- **August 1; September 5**
- Join our group of beginner to advanced quilters. Work on individual projects, help one another, and spend quil-ity time together. *Stop by or stay the entire time.*

**Drop-in Mah Jongg Club**
- **RO** Tuesdays • 10 am–noon
- **Aug 6, 13, 20, 27; Sep 3, 10, 17, 24**
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**the Wednesday Mix**

Programs for Adults 55+

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**INFORMATIVE & FUN**

**Introduction to Pickleball**
- **RO** August 7
- Learn about the game of pickleball and how it started, plus rules, strategy, and tips for current players and novices.

**Entering the Blue Zones**
- **RO** September 4
- Learn about the relationship between nutrition and longevity.

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**TECHNOLOGY**

**Benefits of eBooks**
- **RO** August 14
- Tired of text size that is too small or having to turn off a light when you’re done reading? Come to this class to learn how to download and read ebooks. We’ll also look at different reading devices.

**Free Information to Keep You Healthy**
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**FLOWERS**

**Flower Ornament**
- **RO** August 21
- This charming flower decoration transforms from a cheerful sunflower to a delightful daisy with a simple flip! Perfect for adding a touch of versatility and whimsy to your décor.

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**MOVIE MATINEE**

**The Fabelmans**
- 2022; Rated PG-13; 151 min
- **RO** August 28
- (until 4:30 pm)
- Sammy lives a simple life until, when finding out a family secret, he falls in love with cinema and its power to tell stories.

**The Holdovers**
- 2023; Rated R; 114 min
- **RO** September 25 (until 4 pm)
- A cranky history teacher is forced to remain on campus over the holidays with a grieving cook and a troubled student who has no place to go.

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**An Afternoon with William Kent Krueger**
- **@ Luecht Auditorium, McHenry County College, 8900 Northwest Hwy, Crystal Lake**
- **RR Sunday, September 8 • 2–3 pm**
- A coalition of McHenry County public libraries are pleased to host William Kent Krueger in an interview by Chicago Tribune journalist Heidi Stevens. Krueger is the author of 25 books, including the popular Cork O’Connor mystery series. Copies of his books will be available for purchase and signing at the event thanks to Read Between the Lynes bookstore of Woodstock.

**THE RIVER WE REMEMBER BY WILLIAM KENT KRUEGER: BOOK DISCUSSION**
- **@ Scorched Earth Brewing Company, 203 Berg St, Algonquin**
- **RO Wednesday, September 4 • 7–8 pm**
- Join us to discuss one of Krueger’s books ahead of his appearance at MCC. *The River We Remember* offers an unflinching look at the wounds left by the wars we fight abroad and at home, a moving exploration of the ways in which we seek to heal, and a testament to the enduring power of the stories we tell about the places we call home.

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**The Wednesday Mix**

Programs for Adults 55+

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.
Book Clubs FOR ADULTS

Stranger than Fiction
- 1st Tuesday • 7 pm LOCATION TBD
  Aug 6  Raw Dog: The Naked Truth About Hot Dogs by Jamie Loftus
  Sep 3  Bad Mexicans: Race, Empire, and Revolution in the Borderlands by Kelly Lytle Hernández

Spinecrackers
- 1st Friday • 10 am
  Aug 2  The Mitford Affair by Marie Benedict
  Sep 6  Yellowface by R.F. Kuang

Forever Young Ages 21+
- 2nd Monday • 7 pm LOCATION TBD
  Aug 12  The Upper World by Femi Fadugba
  Sep 9  You’d Be Home Now by Kathleen Glasgow

Unicorns & Spaceships
- 2nd Tuesday • 7 pm LOCATION TBD
  Aug 13  Fairy Tale by Stephen King
  Sep 10  Never Let Me Go by Kazuo Ishiguro

Happily Ever After
- 3rd Monday • 7 pm
  Aug 19  Thank You for Listening by Julia Whelan
  Sep 16  We Could Be So Good by Cat Sebastian

The Nail Biters
- 3rd Tuesday • 7 pm LOCATION TBD
  Aug 20  The Tenant by Katrine Engberg
  Sep 17  Twenty Years Later by Charlie Donlea

Fiction Addiction
- 3rd Thursday • 7 pm
  Aug 15  Vera Wong’s Unsolicited Advice for Murderers by Jesse Q. Sutano
  Sep 19  The Secrets of Hartwood Hall by Katie Lumsden

Oh, the Horror!
- Last Tuesday • 7 pm
  Aug 27  Gallows Hill by Darcy Coates
  Sep 24  The Devil Takes You Home by Gabino Iglesias

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.

Algonquin Area Writers Group
- Ages 14+
  Thursdays • 6:30–8:30 pm • August 22; September 26
  Local writers of all experience levels are welcome to join us for critiques, discussion, and brainstorming sessions.

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- @ Luecht Auditorium, McHenry County College, 8900 Northwest Hwy, Crystal Lake
  Sunday, September 8 • 2–3 pm
  Meet Author William Kent Krueger. See page 5 for details.

True Crime Podcast Discussion Group
- WHO THE HELL IS HAMISH? EPISODES 1–3
  Tue, September 10 • 7–8 pm
  Over three decades and four continents, Hamish McLaren stole millions of dollars from the vulnerable and the naïve, using romance, lies and multiple identities to tear lives apart. Listen to episodes of this popular podcast at home, then come to the library to discuss in person. Discussions will continue in October and November.

Book Club SOS
- Thursday, September 19 • 2–3 pm
  Is your book club running low on titles? Are you looking for engaging books to read? This program will provide you with a year’s worth of options for your book club.

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Learn the skills you need to get the job you want or make the job you currently have easier. Still in school, going back to school, or have kids with school computers? Discover the apps needed to create docs and presentations, and more.

**Gmail**

**R0 Monday, August 5 • 7–8:30 pm**

Learn how to use Gmail to create emails, attach documents and pictures, send mass emails, create vacation responses, and more.

**Excel Basics**

**R0 Monday, August 12 • 7–8:30 pm**

Learn the basics of Excel so that you can create spreadsheets, do data entry and calculations, insert charts, and start managing finances.

**Google Sheets**

**R0 Monday, August 19 • 7–8:30 pm**

Learn how to use this Google app to create spreadsheets and charts and start managing finances.

**Computer Basics**

**R0 Wednesday, August 21 • 10–11 am**

Computers don’t have to be confusing. Learn how to use function keys and shortcuts, how to organize with folders and pinning, and about different storage options.

**Intermediate Excel**

**R0 Monday, September 9 • 7–8:30 pm**

Build on the skills learned in Excel Basics: learn how to add visual elements, use pivot tables, sort data, and create workbooks.

**Google Docs**

**R0 Monday, September 16 • 7–8:30 pm**

Learn to use this Google app to write documents. We’ll cover margins, indents, tabs, inserting images, and researching your paper with the Explore button.

**Microsoft Word Basics**

**R0 Monday, September 23 • 7–8:30 pm**

Learn to use Word to create documents, resumes, and more. We’ll cover margins, indents, tabs, inserting images, saving, and printing.

**Job Skills and Resume Resources**

**R0 Wednesday, September 25 • 10–11 am**

Come learn about the different resources the library offers to help you build your job skills, create a resume or cover letter, prepare for an interview, and find a job near you.

**Google Slides**

**R0 Monday, September 30 • 7–8:30 pm**

Learn to use this Google app to create presentations by inserting text, images, and videos. Customize your presentations by adding animations, transitions, and themes.

**Are you over 55?**

**Join Kenny at the Wednesday Mix!**

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

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For AGES 14+
unless noted otherwise.

Makerspace

**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.

**DROn-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.

**3D PRINTING**
Please register to reserve your spot. Registered virtual participants will receive a meeting link via email prior to class time. Basic computer skills are required and a mouse is recommended. Designs created during these classes must be submitted within one week or they will not be printed.

**3D Printing 101**
**R** Thursday, August 8 • 7–8 pm  
Interested in 3D printing but don’t know where to start? This beginner program teaches you how to find free 3D models, explore user-friendly software, upload designs for printing, and more!

**3D Printed Ring Holder**
**R** Thursday, September 19 • 6:30–8 pm  
Choose your favorite animal from our selection and design a unique ring holder using the free 3D printing software, Tinkercad, to keep your jewelry safe and stylish!

**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.

**Journal Pocket**
**R** Wed, August 7 • 6:30–8 pm  
**R** Tuesday, August 20 • 6:30–8 pm  
**R** Wed, August 21 • 10–11:30 am  

Keep your pens and supplies organized with a DIY pocket for your favorite notebook! This simple sewing project creates a functional compartment that attaches to your journal with an elastic band.

**Fabric Sunflower**
**NR August**  
This delightful sunflower decoration brings sunshine to any space! Create this charming floral accent in no time using fabric petals and wood pieces.

**Lotion Bars**
**NR September**  
Skip the greasy bottle and create your own nourishing lotion bars! Simply melt a few ingredients, pour into molds, and take home to enjoy healthy, natural hydration.

**One-on-One Makerspace Session**
Need help mastering a new skill or learning how to use our equipment?

Sessions offer personalized instruction for up to one hour. Get started with:
- Tinkercad 3D Design  
- Silhouette Cameo or Cricut  
- Inkscape Illustration Software  
- Sewing or Embroidery Machine  
- Laser Cutter/Engraver

Book your appointment today at makerspace.aapld.org/contact-us

**Unleash your creativity!**
RESERVE YOUR SESSION
For personalized guidance, schedule a one-on-one appointment with a knowledgeable staff member. They’ll walk you through the equipment and answer any questions you have.

**BE PREPARED**
Come with all your project materials and any digital files you might need. Having a clear idea of what you want to create will help maximize your time.

**EMBRACE THE JOURNEY**
This is a place for exploration and learning. Don’t be afraid to experiment and refine your approach.

**BONUS TIP**
Bring extra materials for testing, as things don’t always work perfectly on the first try!

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IN-PERSON PROGRAMS

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

Cactus Clutch
Presented in English and Spanish

- **RR** Tue, September 17
  6–8 pm ★
- **RR** Tue, September 24
  6–8 pm ★

Sublimate a canvas bag with a stunning Mexican-inspired design. Finish with a playful hand-stitched cactus keychain for a unique zipper pull.

Ven a estampar una pequeña bolsa con un diseño inspirado en el arte mexicano y termina de decorarla con un divertido llavero de cactus, cosido a mano.

Laser Cut Wood Map
This is a beginner design program. Basic computer skills are required.

- **RR** Tuesday, August 6
  2–3:30 pm OR 6:30–8 pm ★
- **RR** Tuesday, August 13
  2–3:30 pm OR 6:30–8 pm ★
- **RR** Sat, August 17 • 10–11:30 am ★

Create a map of your favorite city or town using Snazzy Maps and Inkscape design software. Then schedule a laser cutting session to bring your project to life!

Faux Stained Glass

- **RR** Thu, August 29 • 6–8 pm ★
- **RR** Thursday, September 5
  6–8 pm ★
- **RR** Friday, September 6
  10 am–noon ★

Ever admired the beauty of stained glass but found it intimidating or expensive? Here’s a fantastic alternative: creating stunning faux stained glass using vinyl and paint!

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.

Summer Gnome
Keep the summer energy in your home with this easy-to-make, adorable gnome. It won’t water your flowers, but it will brighten your day!

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**Make Your Mark**

**Laserable Notebooks in the Makerspace!**

Calling all creative minds! Laserable, engraveable notebooks are now available for purchase in the Makerspace. Personalize your notebook by etching a design or your name onto the sleek, leather-like surface using our Epilog Laser Cutter/Engraver. Upload your design to the Laser Cutter Request Form on our website to get started! Limit of two (2) notebooks per person per week. Supplies are limited and not guaranteed.

### The Makerspace now has a SUBLIMATION PRINTER!

This exciting technology allows you to transfer printed designs onto a variety of polyester-coated objects using a heat press. With sublimation, you can personalize mugs, coasters, keychains, clothes, mousepads, tumblers, and more! The possibilities are endless!

Want to learn more? Check out our webpage on sublimation at [makerspace.aapld.org/equipment/technology/sublimation/](http://makerspace.aapld.org/equipment/technology/sublimation/)

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Want more craft ideas?
Teen Super Smash Bros Tournament
**R0** Monday, August 5 • 2–4 pm
Find out who is the best at Super Smash Bros Ultimate! The winner gets a $20 Gamestop gift card.

Teen Movie Nights

**10 THINGS I HATE ABOUT YOU**
1999; Rated PG-13; 97 min
**R0** Wednesday, August 7 • 6:30–8 pm
In this 1999 classic set in high school, popular girl, Bianca, is forbidden to date until her older sister also finds a boyfriend in this update of Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew.*

**PAPER TOWNS**
2015; Rated PG-13; 113 min
**R0** Tuesday, September 17 • 6:15–8 pm
A nerdy teen falls for the girl next door, who vanishes after they have an adventure one night. She leaves behind a trail of clues, which lead him and his pals to go on a road trip to find her.

Drumming & Percussion Workshop with Sones de México
Ages 6–18 years
**R0** Wed, September 18 • 6–6:30pm OR 6:30–7 pm
Learn the basics of drumming and percussion in Mexican folk music with a hands-on workshop lead by Sones de México Ensemble.

Teen SINGO BINGO
**R0** Wednesday, September 25 • 4–5 pm
We’ll play about a minute of each song and you match the song to a tile, just like bingo. The person to get the most SINGOs in one hour wins. This month’s musical theme is 2000s music.

Library VolunTeens
**R0** Tuesdays • 4–5 pm • August 20; September 24
Help out behind the scenes for service hours! *Snacks and drinks provided.*

Teen Volunteers: Summer Sunset Festival Parade
@Sunset Park area, Lake in the Hills
**R0** Saturday, August 31 • 9:30–11:30 am
Walk with the Algonquin Library in the Lake in the Hills Summer Sunset Festival Parade! *Details will be sent to those who sign-up.*

ACT vs SAT: What is the Difference?
Grades 9–12 (and Parents)
**R0** Tuesday, September 10 • 7–8 pm
The IL State Board of Education is switching to the ACT starting with the 24/25 school year. Learn the difference between ACT and SAT from an expert with Huntington Learning Center, Lake in the Hills.

TEEN: Preparing for College
Grades 9–12 (and Parents)
**R0** Monday, September 16 • 7–8 pm
Learn more about how to prepare for college with David from Hill College Advisors from West Dundee.
Youth Programs

**Hot Air Balloon Show-and-Tell**

*All Ages*

- **RO Saturday, August 10 10 am–1 pm**

  Take advantage of this unique opportunity to hop into a hot air balloon basket and explore the inside of the inflated balloon. Take photos and enjoy this special occasion!

**Aviation Stations**

*For all ages*

- **NR Saturday, August 10 • 10 am–1 pm**

  Drop-in to experiment with fun aviation themed activities and crafts.

**Back to School Movie Night: Encanto**

*Families with children of all ages; 2021; Rated PG; 102 min*

- **R0 Friday, August 16 • 7–10 pm**

  Celebrate the start of a new school year with us! Bring your blankets, chairs, and picnics and enjoy a movie on our lawn.

**Find Your Wild**

*All ages*

- **NR Runs through September 2**

  There is still time to participate in this outdoor adventure! We are partnering with McHenry County Conservation District to encourage outdoor exploration as part of this summer challenge. Learn more about the challenge at MCCD.me/FindYourWild.

**National Night Out**

*All ages*

This annual community-building campaign promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods better places to live. *These free events are open to all.*

**COMMUNITY COOKOUT WITH THE LAKE IN THE HILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT**

- **@ Irv Floress Safety Education Center, 1109 Crystal Lake Rd, LITH**

  - **NR Saturday, August 3 • 11 am–2 pm**

    Check out the LifeNet helicopter up close, watch a live K-9 demo, meet “PC” the Patrol Car Robot, see and touch police and fire vehicles, and more. *Free hotdogs, chips, and pop will be provided.*

**WITH THE ALGONQUIN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

- **@ Old Town, Main St, ALG**

  - **NR Tuesday, August 6 • 5–8:30 pm**

    Enjoy live music, games and activities for kids, snacks, and fun with your Algonquin Police, Fire Protection Districts, and more.

**Algonquin Kite Festival**

*All ages*

- **NR Sunday, September 29 • 11 am–3 pm**

  Bring the whole family out for a fun, relaxing afternoon watching professional stunt kite flyers and giant size kites. Bring your own kite to fly in the participant flying area. *Presented in partnership with the Village of Algonquin Recreation.*

**Lunchapalooza with Super Stolie**

*Families with children of all ages*

- **R0 Wednesday, August 7 • 11 am–noon**

  Bring your lawn chairs, lunch, imagination, and dancing feet for this fun concert. *Presented in partnership with Algonquin Recreation and FNBO Bank.*

**Grandparents’ Day**

*Families with grandparents of all ages*

- **R0 Saturday, September 7 • 1–2:30 pm**

  Join us in celebrating all the “grand” folks in our lives—Grandma, Grandpa, Nana, or Papa—with activities, crafts, stories, and fun!

**Art for Kids**

*Children of all ages and a caregiver*

**TAKE & MAKE: Weekend Kids Craft**

*Pickup beginning **Fridays in September**

Pick up a fun craft to make at home. *While supplies last.*

**Craft Mornings**

*Caregivers can craft with children in our Creation Center!*

- **NR Weekdays • 9:30 am–noon**

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ESPECIALLY FOR
OLDER KIDS

Cartooning with Mark Anderson: Summer Games!
Going into grades K-8
RO Monday, August 5 • 2–3 pm
Have you heard of the 400 meter handstand? Greco-Roman staring? Hamster dressage?! Join us and draw some of the weirder summer games sports and see who will go home with the aluminum foil medal!

Chess Club
Ages 8–13
RO Wednesdays • 6:30–8 pm
August 14; September 11
Meet with other players to play and learn chess strategy. Experienced or beginner—all are welcome!

Middle School Volunteers
Going into grades 6–8
RO Thursdays • 6–7 pm
August 15; September 19
Earn volunteer hours by assisting with a variety of behind-the-scenes projects.

Pom Pom Pokeball
Going into Grades 2–8
RO Tuesday, August 20
4–4:45 pm
Use a pom pom maker to be the very best crafter!

LEGO Club
Going into grades K–8
NR Mondays • 6–7 pm
August 26; September 30
Explore your creativity! Come free build or participate in a challenge.

Drumming & Percussion Workshop with Sones de México
Ages 6–18 years
RO Wednesday, September 18
6–6:30 pm OR 6:30–7 pm
Learn the basics of drumming and percussion in Mexican folk music with a hands-on workshop lead by Sones de México Ensemble. Sign up for ONE session only, please.

Register online at aapld.org or by calling 847-458-6060.
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**Program locations:**

- **H** Harnish Main
- **E** Eastgate Branch
- **V** Virtual/Online
- **Y** YouTube
- **O** Outdoor (weather permitting)

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**Programs**

**Baby-Sitters Club Party**
Grades 3–5

**R** Thursday, September 26

4–4:45 pm

Celebrate the release of the latest Baby-Sitters Club graphic novel, *Kristy and the Walking Disaster*, with games, friendship bracelets, and a chance to win a copy of the book.

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**Book Discussions for Kids**

Register to get a free copy of the book!

**Graphic Novel Discussion**
Grades 3–5

**R** Thursday, September 12

7–8 pm

**The Bawk-ness Monster**
by Sara Goetter and Natalie Riess

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**Pageturners**
Grades 5–8

**R** Thursday, September 12

7–8 pm

**Me, Frida, and the Secret of the Peacock Ring**
by Angela Cervantes

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**2025 Illinois Reading Challenge**

**MONARCH**

2025 READING CHALLENGE
Grades K–3

Read 5 books to vote, 10 to earn a patch, and 20 to earn a book!

**BLUESTEM**

2025 READING CHALLENGE
Grades 3–5

Read 4 books to vote, 5 to earn a patch, and 10 to earn a book!

**CAUDILL 2025**

READING CHALLENGE
Grades 4–8

Read 3 books to vote, 5 to earn a patch, and 10 to earn a book!

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**Illinois Readers’ Choice Award Kickoff Party**

Grades K–8 with parent/caregiver

**R** Wednesday, August 21 • 6:30–7:30 pm

Celebrate the start of our 2025 Illinois Readers’ Choice Award Challenges! Learn about the nominated books while enjoying pizza and playing games.

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**Monarch Club**
Grades K–3

**R** Tuesday, September 3 • 4–4:45 pm

Hear two of the Monarch nominees read aloud and then enjoy some hands-on fun.

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**Paw-sitively purr-fect… check it out meow!**

The adventures of everyone’s favorite feline

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**2025 Illinois Reading Challenge**

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for the YOUNG ONES

Constructive Play
Ages 0–6 with a caregiver
NR Monday, August 5 • 10–11 am
NR Wed, September 4 • 10–11 am
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 Wednesdays • 10–11 am
August 14; September 18
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.

TAKE & MAKE
Yay for Pre-K: Colors
Ages 3-5
RO Pickup begins Mon, August 19
Pick up a kit that contains a few ready-to-go activities that will keep your preschooler engaged and learning at home.

Baby Jamboree
Ages 0–23 months with a caregiver
RO Friday, August 23 • 10–10:30 am
Join us for a special circle time full of songs and movement with your baby!

Little Explorers: Apples
Ages 3-5 with caregiver
RO Tuesday, September 3
10–10:45 am
Enjoy a story, songs, and hands-on science explorations!

Play to Learn: Pizzeria
Ages 2–6 with a caregiver
NR Friday, September 13 • 1–4 pm
NR Saturday, September 14
9:30 am–4 pm
NR Sunday, September 15
12:30–3 pm
Join us for a slice of imagination and a sprinkle of learning. We’ll count toppings, sort ingredients, and even take pretend orders!

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OR
OR
download the free LOTE4Kids App.

AAPLD.org
Music & Movement at Historic Village Hall
@ Historic Village Hall, 2 S Main St, ALG; Ages 0–5 with caregiver
**R0** Mondays
9:30–10 am, 10:15–10:45 am, OR 11–11:30 am • September 9, 16, 23

Terrific Tales for Two’s & Three’s
Ages 2–3 with a caregiver
**R0** Tuesdays • 9:30–10 am • September 10, 17, 24

Preschool Storytime
Ages 3–5 on their own
**R0** Tuesdays • 10:30–11 am • September 10, 17, 24

Music & Movement
Ages 0–5 with a caregiver
**R0** Wednesdays • 6–6:30 pm • August 7; September 4

Family Storytime
@ Historic Village Hall, 2 S Main St, ALG; Ages 0–5 with a caregiver
**R0** Thursday, September 19
10:30–11:15 am

Baby Storytime
Ages 0–23 months with a caregiver; no older siblings, please
**R0** Fridays
9:30–10 am OR 10:30–11 am • September 13, 20

Polish-English Storytime / Czas Opowieści
Ages 3–7 with a caregiver / Dzieci w wieku 3–7 z opiekunem
**R0** Mondays • 6–6:30 pm • August 12; September 9
Stories, songs, and rhymes in Polish and English. Opowiadania, piosenki i rymowanki w języku polskim i angielskim.

Milk and Cookies Storytime
Ages 0–5 with a caregiver
**R0** Tuesday, August 13 • 6–6:30 pm

Storytime at Stoneybrook
@ Stoneybrook Park, 1200 N Huntington Dr, ALG; Ages 0–5 years with caregiver
**R0** Thu, August 15 • 10:30–11 am

Toddler Time
18–35 months with a caregiver
**R0** Tuesday, August 27
9:30–10 am OR 10:30–11 am

Drop-In Family Storytime
Ages 0–5 with a caregiver
**NR** Wednesdays • 10–10:30 am • September 11, 25

Cooking Storytime
Families with young children
**R0** Kit pickup begins Tue, Sep 17
Sat, September 21 • 10–10:30 am
Cook up some storytime fun on Zoom!
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Harnish Main Library
Wednesdays • 7 pm
August 28; September 25

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Sun, Sep 1 & Mon, Sep 2
OPENING LATE • 1 PM
Friday, September 27