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SUMMER ISSUE

June - August 2025

LEVEL UP

With Our
Summer Reading
Challenge

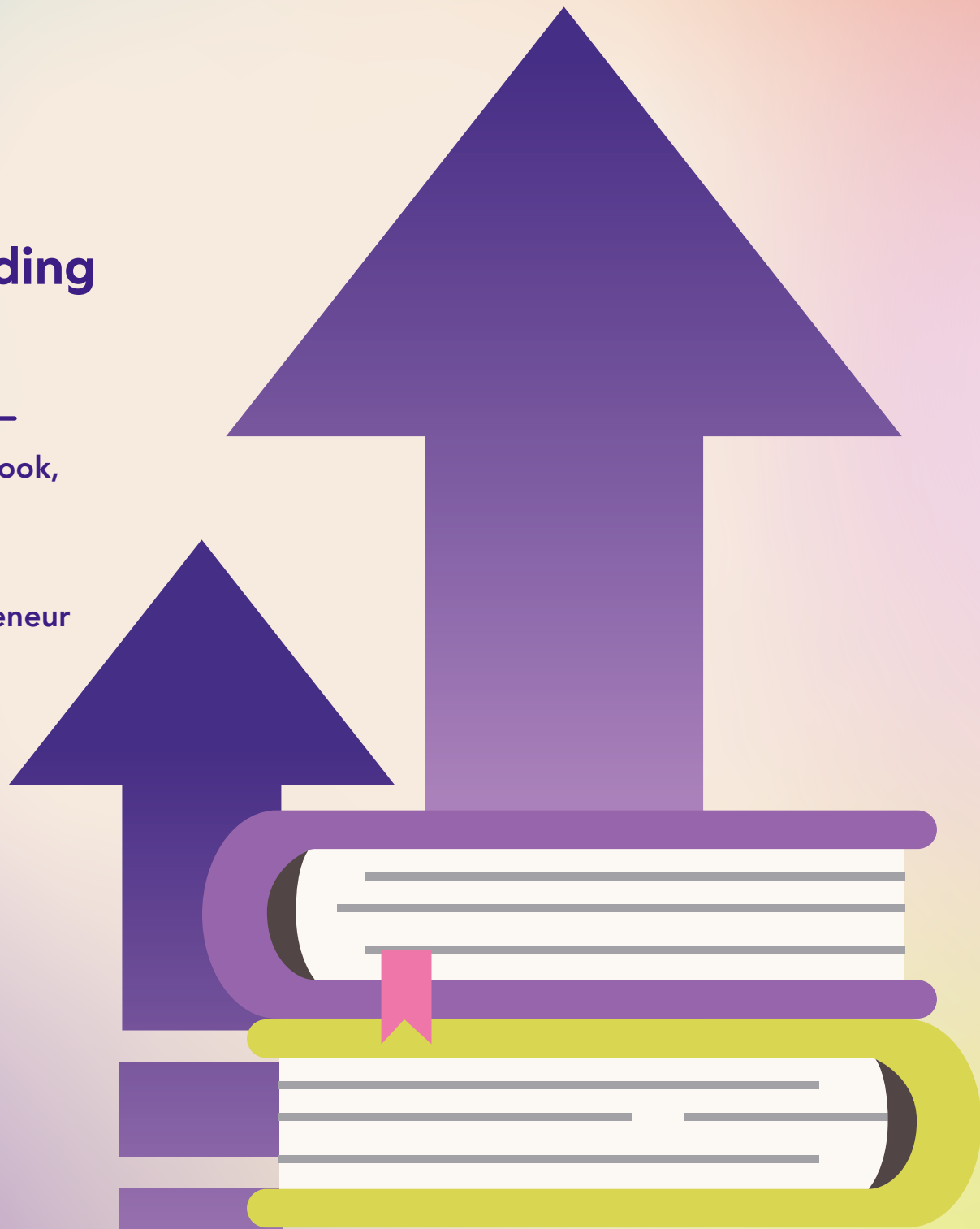
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Notes from the Executive Director



Summer is a time when I think about reading and relaxing. While I enjoy reading serious fiction and non-fiction, I also love books that are light, frothy, and fun. This year's Summer Reading theme,

"Level Up," speaks to my lifelong love of games and books about games. In 5th grade, I was obsessed with *The Girl Who Invented Romance* by Caroline B. Cooney. I carried a legal pad for weeks trying to create my own board game just like the main character. While I never completed one, my fascination with game-centered stories continues through books I've read and loved like *The Inheritance Games*, *Mr. Lemoncello's Library*, and *Ready Player One*.

I hope you'll sign up for our Summer Reading Challenge to track your books and win exciting prizes as you level up your reading journey. Remember, summer reading doesn't have to be serious—it's the perfect time to try something fun or silly! I look forward to seeing you this summer and if you have any great summer book suggestions, send them my way!

Kate Hall
Executive Director

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NEWS & UPDATES

Announcing the next One Book, One Northbrook Selection



We're excited to announce that our next community read is *Symphony of Secrets* by Brendan Slocumb. Join us in October to explore the book's themes with a full lineup of programs and events. Watch for details in our Fall newsletter.



Join us around Northbrook

Here's where you'll find us around town this summer:

- Northbrook Climate Action Day resource fair on June 7 from 10am-2pm, outside Village Hall.
- Northbrook 4th of July parade on July 4 at 4pm. The parade starts near Westmoor Elementary School and ends at Village Hall.
- Northbrook Farmers Market on August 20 from 7am-1pm, in the Meadow Shopping Plaza.

Shop the Friends' Summer Book Sale

Stock up on summer reads at the Friends of the Library Used Book Sale on July 18 & 19 from 10am-4pm. All sale proceeds benefit the Friends of the Library and the library.

Announcing a new Little Free Library

A new Little Free Library is now available at Williamsburg Square Park (200 Lee Road), provided by the Northbrook Park District. A big thanks to our Teen Advisory Board volunteers for painting it, and to the Friends of the Northbrook Library for stocking it with great reads! You can find all of our Little Free Libraries here: northbrook.info/little-free-libraries.



Be someone's hero: donate blood

Consider signing up to donate blood at the library on July 31 from 1-5pm. Walk-ins are also welcome.

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- On-Demand Virtual Program
- Live Virtual Program
- In-Person Program
- Earth Friendly Program
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Program
- Supported Program
- Library Card Required



LEVEL

UP Summer Reading Challenge

June 1–August 10 • All Ages

Sign up • Read books • Win prizes!
Get ready to level up at the library this summer.

ADULTS

Log your reading to be entered into our weekly gift card drawing. And, after you log just four books, you'll earn a bucket hat and a coupon for a free book from the Friends' Bookshop. You'll also be entered in our Grand Prize drawing for the chance to win a \$200 Sunset Foods gift card!



TEENS & YOUTH

Log your reading to earn coupons and prizes. Complete extra reading and bonus activities for additional prizes and tickets.

BABIES

Read and complete other fun activities with your little one and earn a book.

Play our Summer Reading “Crack the Code” Challenge (June 1-8)

Visit the library from June 1-8 and search for numbered cards hidden near our service desks. Then, use our code breaker to spell out a mystery phrase to be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a special prize!



Sign up for Summer Reading at the library or online at northbrook.info starting June 1.




Adult Programs

Register now for all programs on pages 4-10

Advance registration is required for all programs unless noted otherwise. Register at northbrook.info/events. For registration questions, please call 847-272-6224 or email feedback@northbrook.info.

Featured Programs


Allyship 101: A Community Conversation EDI

Learn how to focus your energy and become an ally for the LGBTQ+ community, and practice standing up and speaking out when it matters. 


Monday, June 9, 7:00-8:00pm
Pollak Room

Opioids and Naloxone Education

Learn about opioids and naloxone from healthcare professionals. Adult attendees will have the opportunity to take home naloxone if they wish.


In partnership with Endeavor Health. 
Saturday, June 14, 10:00-11:00am
Pollak Room

Travel Inspiration: Midwest Road Trips


Travel enthusiast Theresa Goodrich shares some of the top places to visit on a Midwest road trip. 

Thursday, June 19, 2:00-3:00pm
Pollak Room

LGBT Tea Party (Drop-In) EDI


Drop by to meet other members and allies of the LGBTQIA+ community, sip on delightful teas (or lemonade), nibble on tasty treats, and craft Pride buttons. *In partnership with Youth Services of Glenview/Northbrook.* 
Saturday, June 21, 2:30-3:30pm
Pollak Room

Private Session with a Financial Planner

Schedule a private 50-minute session with a financial planner from Dickholtz Wealth Management. Sign up online by selecting one of the dates listed below, or by calling the Reference desk. 


Thursdays, June 26, July 10 & August 14,
9:30am-12:30pm, Study Room 12
(2nd Floor)

Cut the Cable


Looking to ditch cable? Learn about the latest technologies and streaming services, and get tips for setting up your own custom viewing experience. 

Monday, June 30, 6:00-7:30pm,
Auditorium

Oakton Literacy Class (Summer Session)


These classes are open to both native and non-native speakers of English. 
Mondays & Wednesdays, July 2–August 27,
12:30-3:30pm **OR** 6:00-8:45pm
Interactive Classroom

Professor Moptop: The Beatles in Film

The popular rock historian will share movie clips and insights from the past six decades, including movies the Beatles made together, movies featuring individual band members, and more. 


Monday, July 7, 7:00-8:00pm
Pollak Room

A Taste for Poison

An entertaining combination of science, true crime, and murder mystery, Dr. Neil Bradbury explores the effects of poisons on the human body, and examines their use in plotting murder. 


Thursday, July 10, 2:00-3:00pm
Pollak Room

Introduction to Fermenting Vegetables

Food preservation expert Emily Paster will demonstrate how to ferment vegetables. You'll also learn the science and health benefits of fermentation. Samples will be provided. 


Monday, July 28, 7:00-8:15pm
Pollak Room

The Fabulous Franklin

Award-winning historian and speaker Barry Bradford explores the life of Benjamin Franklin, the diplomat, inventor, humorist, businessman, philanthropist, and revolutionary, whose ideas continue to inspire. 

Wednesday, August 6, 2:00-3:00pm
Pollak Room

AARP Driver Safety Course


Attendees who complete this two-session defensive driving course may qualify for an auto insurance discount. (Fee required.) 

Monday & Tuesday, August 25 & 26
9:30am-1:30pm, Pollak Room

NORTHBROOK WRITES *In partnership with StoryStudio Chicago.*

Attend our live online writing workshop to learn from a talented author, connect with fellow writers, and spark your creativity in a dynamic, interactive setting.

Northbrook Writes: Personal Essay Workshop with Caroline Macon Fleischer

Join writer Caroline Macon Fleischer for a workshop to celebrate the art of reframing the personal essay as an ongoing practice. Caroline is a writer, editor, and theatre artist. Her books include the literary horror *A Play About A Curse* and the psychological thriller *The Roommate*. She teaches English at Loyola University. 

Tuesday, June 24, 7:00-8:30pm, Online



Adult Programs

Register now for all programs on pages 4-10

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Health & Wellness: Mind & Body

Chair Yoga

Gentle yoga to help increase flexibility and balance. 🧘

Fridays, June–August, 10:00-11:00am*
Pollak Room

* Registration opens on May 1 for Chair Yoga sessions in June, July & August.
No Chair Yoga on July 4 & August 1.



Mindful Movement

Join us for a mindful movement class where you can explore your body's natural rhythm and flow. 🧘

Saturday, June 28, 10:00am-11:00am
Pollak Room

Balance Strong Live Long

Learn practical exercises that can be done at home to build strength, flexibility, and better balance to prevent falls. 🧘

In partnership with the North Suburban YMCA, IJJI, and the Northbrook Fire Department.

Monday, August 18, 3:00pm-4:00pm
Pollak Room

Sustainable Living

Protein Options That Are Good for You & the Planet 🌱

What is the future of meat, eggs, and dairy? An industry expert will explain the difference between plant-based, cultivated, and fermented protein and discuss the health and environmental implications of each. In partnership with Go Green Northbrook. 🧑

Thursday, June 12, 7:00-8:00pm, Pollak Room

Lights, Lawns & Wildlife 🌱

Learn how to reduce unintended harm to birds, insects, and plants—and help them thrive—by making small changes at your property. 🧑

Monday, June 16, 7:00-8:00pm, Pollak Room

Nature Walk in Somme Prairie Grove 🌱

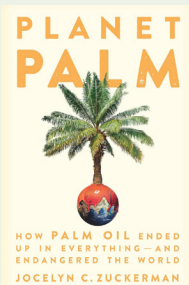
Join volunteer stewards on an interpretive walk looking at rare native plants in Northbrook's restored prairie, savanna, and woodland. 🧑

Saturday, August 9, 9:00-11:00am, Off Site

The Environmental Impact of AI 🌱

Segio Vargas, Conservation Manager with the Illinois Environmental Council, will explain the impact of AI and cryptocurrency on energy, land, and water use, and how companies and regular people can mitigate these climate concerns. In partnership with Go Green Northbrook. 🧑

Monday, August 11, 7:00-8:00pm, Pollak Room



Environmental Book Discussion 🌱

Join Mardi and Jake to discuss *Planet Palm: How Palm Oil Ended up in Everything—and Endangered the World* by Jocelyn C. Zuckerman. 🧑
In partnership with Go Green Northbrook

Wednesday, July 9, 7:00-8:00pm, Civic Room

* Copies available at the Reference desk

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Book Groups & Discussions

Books will be available at the Fiction & Media desk one month before each discussion unless noted otherwise.



Evening Book Discussion with Lori Siegel

Come discuss a book with librarian Lori Siegel. 🧑

Tuesdays, June 10 & August 12, 7:00-8:00pm, Civic Room

June 10: *Help Wanted* by Adelle Waldman

A funny, moving tale of ordinary people trying to make a living.

August 12: *The Bandit Queens* by Parini Shroff

A razor-sharp tale of murder and mayhem, laced with biting humor and astute social observations.



Ben Goluboff Book Discussion

Join Ben on Zoom to discuss *The Color of Water* by James McBride. 🗣️

Wednesday, June 11
10:00-11:30am, Online



Classic Great Books with Robert Waterbury

Mondays, 10:00-11:30am, Civic Room 🧑

June 16: *Moll Flanders* by Daniel Defoe

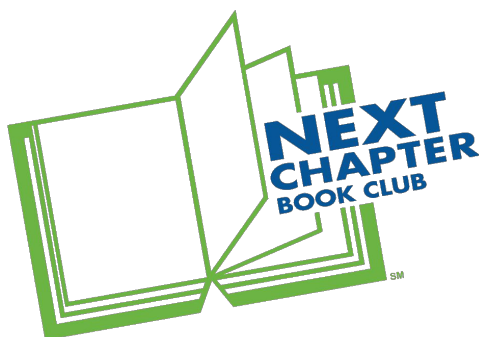
July 21: *The Red Badge of Courage*
by Stephen Crane

August 18: *Emma* by Jane Austen

Nancy Buehler Book Discussion

Join Nancy on Zoom to discuss *The Instrumentalist* by Harriet Constable. 🗣️

Tuesday, July 15, 10:00-11:30am, Online



Next Chapter Book Club EDI SP New!

This new book club provides opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to read, discuss a book, and make friends in a relaxed, community setting, accompanied by trained facilitators. Everyone is welcome to participate, whatever their reading or ability level. Books are chosen by the group and distributed at each session.

The Next Chapter Book Club is not a reading class or tutoring program. Although members may improve literacy skills, the goal is for members to interact more frequently, and in new ways with reading materials, with each other, and with the community around them.

Saturdays, June 14 & 28, July 12 & 26, and August 9 & 23
1:30-3:00pm, Interactive Classroom

Concerts

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Classical Concerts

Don't miss your chance to be inspired! Come experience the incredible talent of the young classical performers chosen as the winners in our annual Youth Solo Competition.

Second Place Contest Winners

**Ava Lee (Piano) &
Noah Shankman (Piano)**

Join us for an exciting performance by the young musicians who were awarded second place in the Northbrook Youth

Solo Competition, Ava Lee and Noah Shankman, who will be performing music for the piano. 🧑

Sunday, July 20, 3:00-4:00pm
Auditorium

First Place Contest Winners

**Alison Chung (Violin) &
Robert Tang (Piano)**

Join us for an exciting performance by the young musicians awarded first place in the Northbrook Youth Solo Competition. 🧑

Alison Chung will perform *Sibelius Violin*

*Concerto Mvt. 1, Brahms Sonata No. 1 Mvt. 1, and
Bach Sonata No. 2 Mvt. 1.*

Robert Tang will perform *Impromptu in C# minor* by Reinhold, *Nightingale Variations in G Major* by Glinka, and *Sonata Pathétique, Op. 13* by Beethoven.

Sunday, July 27, 3:00-4:00pm, Auditorium

Jazz, Blues & Bluegrass

Tom Lowery Trio (Jazz)

Celebrate summer with the smooth sounds of swinging jazz with drummer Tom Lowery, guitarist Steve Kaiser, and bassist Michael Crane. 🧑

Monday, June 23, 7:00-8:00pm, Auditorium



Rockin' Johnny (Blues)

Enjoy a night of authentic blues with guitarist and singer Johnny Burgin, Stephen Dougherty on drums, and Marie Martens on slide guitar. Johnny's latest album, *Ramblin' From Coast to Coast*, was released in 2024. 🧑

Thursday, July 24, 7:00-8:00pm, Auditorium

Jonas Friddle (Bluegrass)

Experience award-winning bluegrass music from this talented banjo player, whose captivating songs have earned him numerous awards, including the John Lennon Songwriting Award. 🧑

Monday, August 25, 7:00-8:00pm, Auditorium



Klezmer Concerts

TRADITION! Stewart Figa Sings Yiddish! EDI

The Yiddish vocalist, actor, and cantor will sing his favorite songs from Yiddish theater and folk repertoire, and reminisce about his experiences and his love of his mother tongue.

In partnership with YIVO Chicago. 🧑

Sunday, July 13, 3:00-4:15pm, Auditorium

Maxwell Street Klezmer Quintet EDI

Audiences of all backgrounds and ages will enjoy the variety, virtuosity, and humor of a Maxwell Street Klezmer Quintet performance. In partnership with YIVO Chicago. 🧑



Tuesday, August 5, 7:00-8:15pm, Auditorium

Movies

Register now for all movies

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Saturday First-Run Films

Presented in the Auditorium on the second Saturday of each month at 2:00pm, followed by a discussion led by film professor Zbigniew Banas.   FRIENDS of the Northbrook Library



June 14
I'm Still Here
2024
(137 minutes)
Rated PG-13



July 12
Mickey 17
2025
(137 minutes)
Rated R



August 9
The Penguin Lessons
2024
(110 minutes)
Rated PG-13



June 28
Moana 2
2024
(100 minutes)
Rated PG




July 26
Paddington in Peru
2024
(106 minutes)
Rated PG




August 30
Dog Man
2025
(89 minutes)
Rated PG

Pride Month Film Screening & Discussion




Portrait of a Lady on Fire **EDI**
This award-winning French historical drama tells the story of the forbidden love between a female painter and the young woman whose portrait she is commissioned to paint. *In French with English subtitles.* 
2019 (122 minutes) **Rated R**
Wednesday, June 18, 2:00-4:00pm
Auditorium

 A short discussion led by film professor Zbigniew Banas will follow the film.

Silent Film Screening in Partnership with YIVO Chicago



East and West **EDI**
This silent film comedy tells the story of a New York gambler who returns to Galicia with his daughter for a family wedding. *With Yiddish and English Subtitles.* 
1923 (85 minutes) **Not Rated**
Sunday, June 22, 3:00-4:30pm,
Auditorium

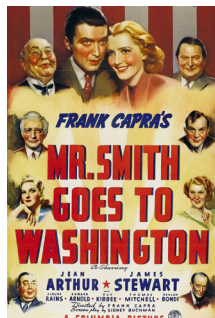
Movies

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July Passion & Persistence Film Series

Enjoy these films in the Auditorium each Wednesday in July at 2:00pm & 7:00pm 



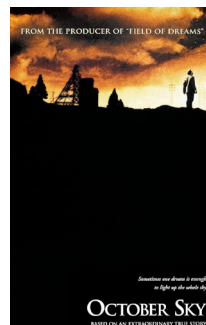
July 2
Mr. Smith Goes to Washington
1939
(129 minutes)
Rated Not Rated



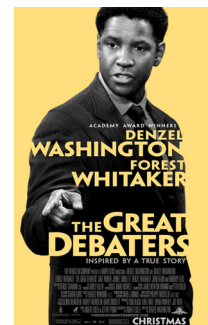
July 9
Akeelah and the Bee
2006
(112 minutes)
Rated PG



July 16
The Karate Kid
1984
(126 minutes)
Rated PG



July 23
October Sky
1999
(108 minutes)
Rated PG



July 30
The Great Debaters
2007
(126 minutes)
Rated PG-13


Wednesday Evening First-Run Film



Black Bag
In this stylish thriller, when an intelligence agent is suspected of betraying her country, her husband must choose between loyalty to his marriage, or his nation.
2025 (93 minutes) **Rated R**
Wednesday, August 13,
7:00-9:00pm, Auditorium

Film Discussions


Virtual Film Discussions with Margo

Watch the film at home and then join Margo on Zoom to discuss it. (You can stream these films on Kanopy or check out the DVD from the library.) 

The 100-Year-Old Man (2013) | **Rated R**
Thursday, June 5, 7:00-8:00pm, Online

The Crime is Mine (2023) | **Not Rated**
Thursday, August 14, 7:00-8:00pm, Online

Films & Discussion with Aaron

Enjoy these films at the library, introduced by Aaron from our Events Production department. 

Alien: Romulus (2024) | **Rated R**
Tuesday, June 17, 7:00-9:00pm Auditorium

Big Trouble in Little China (1986) | **Rated PG-13**
Tuesday, August 19, 7:00-9:00pm Auditorium

A Northbrook Entrepreneur's Appearance on National Television Has a Library Connection

Ari Siegel, a Northbrook resident and entrepreneur, recently shared an inspiring story with us about the role the library played in helping him achieve his goal of appearing on a popular national television show.

Ari's business, History By Mail, creates and mails replicas of historical documents that look and feel like the real thing. He started the business to help others experience the joy of discovering these precious documents.

To help his business grow, Ari dreamt of appearing on the TV show *Shark Tank*, where he could pitch to a panel of wealthy investors, known as the Sharks, for a chance to gain business expertise, financial backing, and instant visibility.

But first, Ari had to beat the odds. Over 40,000 people apply to be on *Shark Tank* each year, and only 100 are selected. So Ari came up with an idea to help him stand out from the rest, and that's where the library enters the story.

"I discovered the green screen at the library's Digital Media Lab—an incredible studio just minutes from home, and free to use," Ari said.

"The staff is friendly, the space is beautiful, and the resources are top-notch. On short notice, I was able to film pitch videos and swap out the green screen for a *Shark Tank*-style background, which helped the show's producers envision me in the Tank," he explained.

To guarantee his video would stand out from the rest, Ari had one more great idea—he dressed like Abraham Lincoln!

Ari's creativity and hard work paid off, and he was invited to travel to Sony Studios in Los Angeles to tape an episode. He told us he prepared for hundreds of hours and even practiced his pitch in front of life-sized cutouts of the Sharks.



Ari faces the Sharks dressed as Abraham Lincoln

After the taping, Ari was required to wait until the episode aired—seven long months—before he could talk about his experience in the Tank.

We're thrilled to share that Ari's pitch was a success! He accepted a six-figure investment in his business from two Sharks: Barbara Corcoran and Daniel Lubetzky.

"I'm so grateful to have the Northbrook Public Library in our community. Thank you to the library team for supporting local creators and entrepreneurs—you helped make this dream possible," he said.

We couldn't be happier for Ari's success, and we thank him for including us in his inspiring story.

Ari's episode (Season 16, Episode 15) aired on April 4. To learn more about his business, visit historybymail.com.

If you have a story to share about how the library helped you achieve a goal, we would love to hear about it. Please email us at feedback@northbrook.info.



Ari holds up a poster of a historical replica in the Digital Media Lab

Get creative in the Collaboratory this summer

Stop in and get creative during any of the Collaboratory's open hours this summer. We'll resume our Maker classes in September, and registration opens on August 1. For the latest Collaboratory information, visit northbrook.info/collaboratory or call 847-272-2098.

Collaboratory Hours: Tuesday-Thursday: 10:00am-8:00pm • Friday: 10:00am-5:00pm
Saturday: 10:00am-4:00pm • Sunday & Monday: Closed



Tech & Business Programs

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Register now for all programs on pages 4-10

Password Management

We'll explore the many different ways to save and manage your passwords, from composition notebooks to paid password management software. 🧑

Wednesday, June 11, 7:00-8:00pm
Civic Room

iWork Essentials: Mastering Pages, Numbers, and Keynote on Mac

Apple Distinguished Educator Charlene Chausis will explain how to use this powerful suite to create professional documents, spreadsheets, and presentations. 🧑

Friday, July 18, 1:00-3:00pm
Interactive Classroom

Intro to Google Workspace

Learn to navigate the Google Workspace environment, create and share documents, manage emails effectively, and collaborate in real-time. 🧑

Tuesday, August 19, 6:00-8:00pm,
Interactive Classroom

Cybersecurity

Start your cybersecurity journey and build the skills to keep yourself and others safe online. 🧑

Wednesday, August 27, 7:00-8:00pm
Civic Room

Artificial Intelligence

Introduction to Generative AI

Learn how artificial intelligence, such as ChatGPT, is changing schools, businesses, and popular culture. 🧑

Friday, June 20, 1:00-2:30pm, Pollak Room

Exploring Generative AI Tools and Prompts

In this hands-on workshop for beginners, you'll learn how to use popular AI tools and create effective prompts to use in everyday tasks. 🧑

Fridays, June 27 **OR** August 8, 1:00-3:00pm
Interactive Classroom

Business & Career Workshops

Personal Branding 101: Building Your Professional Presence on LinkedIn

Learn how to create and maintain a polished LinkedIn profile that reflects your skills, goals, and personality. 🧑

Sunday, June 15, 2:00-4:00pm Interactive Classroom

Whether starting a new business, growing your existing business, or entering a new market, the library can provide resources to help you achieve your goals. Learn more about the library's resources for small businesses & entrepreneurs at:
www.northbrook.info/business-resources

Looking for more career workshops?

Explore more live and on-demand career workshops through our partnership with the Lake Cook Career Collaborative. You can find them at careercollab.org/workshops.

Tech Tuesdays

Tuesdays, 3:00-5:00pm, Reference desk

Drop by for help with your tech questions, like accessing eBooks, streaming media, email, social media, and more. Please bring your device and any passwords. Registration is not required. 🧑





The Hidden Costs of eBooks & eAudiobooks

Like libraries across the country, we continue to experience a strong demand for digital materials, including digital books, audiobooks, and magazines, as well as streaming movies, TV, and music. Digital materials account for about 20% of our checkouts each year. For example, in 2024, Northbrook Library cardholders used the Libby app over 162,000 times to check out ebooks and eaudiobooks, in addition to accessing films, magazines, and music via the other digital library services.

How does digital lending work?

When libraries acquire digital materials from publishers, it's more like leasing than purchasing—similar to streaming a movie on Netflix rather than buying a DVD. This leasing model allows publishers to place restrictions on digital items, including limiting the number of times an item can be checked out, the number of people who can borrow it, or even how many people can borrow it at once. In some instances, a publisher can remove items from its catalogs entirely.

What does digital lending cost libraries?

Increased digital usage means increased costs to libraries, both for accessing the digital platforms and, in some cases, for acquiring individual titles. For example, some eBooks on Libby can cost from \$25 to \$80 per copy, and an eAudiobook can cost from \$50 to \$100. That cost is in addition to the yearly fee for accessing the Libby platform.

When you combine the individual costs with many publisher checkout restrictions, libraries might purchase an eBook for \$50 and then have to purchase a new copy after two years, or after 26 checkouts. Other online services, such as Hoopla and Kanopy, charge the library on a pay-per-use basis, which typically ranges from \$1 to \$4 per checkout.

What can you do to help?

Illinois is currently working on passing legislation to limit the price gouging by publishers and help libraries afford to purchase the digital resources patrons want in the quantities they need.

If passed and adopted into law, these laws would require publishers to provide equitable pricing and purchasing terms to libraries that purchase e-books with public funds.

If you are a fan of eBooks or eAudiobooks, consider reaching out to your state or federal elected officials and sharing how much eBooks mean to you and what having access to these services at your local library means. By sharing the impact of the high pricing and stringent restrictions with legislators, we can hopefully make eBooks and eAudiobooks more affordable for all libraries.

Help cut the wait time: tips for digital borrowing

Here are some easy ways you can help even more people enjoy our digital collection:

- When you are notified that a digital item you placed a hold on is available, try to check it out as soon as possible.
- You can also schedule an item on hold to be delivered later or cancel the hold entirely if you no longer want it. This reduces the number of titles waiting to be checked out.
- If you finish a book or audiobook before its due date, return it early so others can enjoy it sooner.

Top 5 Libby Book Titles

Here are the most popular digital books at our library, according to checkouts.

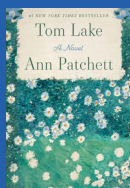
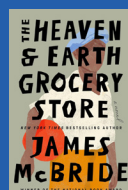
The Women by Kristin Hannah

The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride

The Fourth Wing by Rebecca Yarros

Tom Lake by Ann Patchett

First Lie Wins by Ashley Elston



Questions?

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Teen Movie Night (Ages 13-18) **LEVEL UP**

Kick off your summer by watching *Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves* on the big screen. After the movie, we'll serve pizza and snacks in the Pollak Room.

2023 (134 minutes) Rated PG-13

Thursday, June 5, 6:00-8:30pm, Auditorium



Personal Branding 101: Building Your Professional Presence on LinkedIn (Ages 16 & Up)

Learn how to create and maintain a polished LinkedIn profile that reflects your skills, goals, and personality.

Sunday, June 15, 2:00-4:00pm, Interactive Classroom



Books & Bites (Grades 6-12)

Join us for a book discussion and enjoy some snacks. The first 8 registered teens will receive a *free copy of the book*.

The Sunbearer Trials by Aiden Thomas **EDI**

(Recommended for grades 7 & up)

Thursday, June 26, 5:00-6:00pm, YS Activity Room

Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys

(Recommended for grades 7 & up)

Thursday, July 31, 5:00-6:00pm, Civic Room



LEVEL UP

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

June 1 – August 10



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Special Events

Drop In Games (Families) **LEVEL UP**

Kick off your summer with some games! Stop by Youth Services and see if you can level up your play. 🧑

Wednesday-Friday, June 4-6, All Day, Youth Services Department

Games Outside the Box (All Ages, Drop-In) **LEVEL UP**

Calling all gamers, players, builders, and out-of-the-box thinkers: drop by to try a new activity each week! 🧑

Tuesdays, June 10-24 & July 8-29*

3:00-4:00pm, YS Activity Room

June 10: Egg Drop Challenge*

June 17: Tangrams

June 24: 8-Bit Art

July 8: Nintendo Switch™:
Just Dance 2019

July 15: Build Your Own
Game Dice

July 22: Contraptions and
Domino Races

July 29: Suncatchers

*The Egg Drop Challenge on June 10 will end at 4:30pm.
No Games Outside the Box on July 1.

LGBTea Party

(All Ages, Drop-In) **EDI**

Come meet other members and allies of the LGBTQIA+ community as we sip on delightful teas (or lemonade), nibble on tasty treats, and craft Pride buttons. Spark joy, find community, and have fun!

In partnership with Youth Services of Glenview/Northbrook. 🧑

Saturday, June 21, 2:30-3:30pm, Pollak Room



Miss Katie Sings! (All Ages, Drop-In)

Join us for 30 minutes of music, movement and fun with Miss Katie Sings! Miss Katie is a performer, songwriter and teaching artist based in Chicago. 🧑

Thursdays, June 19 & 26, and July 10, 17, 24 & 31

10:00-10:30am, YS Story Corner



Family Concert: Justin Roberts

(All Ages, Drop-In)

Get ready to dance and sing with five-time Grammy nominee Justin Roberts as he brings his upbeat power pop to our stage! 🧑

Saturday, June 21, 10:30-11:15am, Auditorium



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Gamefest (All Ages, Drop-In) LEVEL UP

Storyfest has leveled up! Join us for an afternoon of fun with crafts, stories, and ... games! The games and fun will start at 3:30pm and the Storytime starts at 4:40pm. **Costumes encouraged! Dress like a character from your favorite game!** 🧑

Friday, June 27, 3:30-5:00pm, Youth Services Department



The ABC's of Magic Class! (Ages 5-10)

Taught by award-winning magician, Mr. Terrence Hunter, students will learn magic tricks with everyday objects like rubber bands, cards, pencils, and more. 🧙

Saturday, July 19, 11:00am-12:00pm, Pollak Room

Children's Theatre Performance: Captain Louie Jr. (Families)

Ensemble Society, a local children's theatre group, will perform the story of a young boy who must adjust to a new neighborhood after leaving his old friends behind. Based on the children's book, *The Trip* by Ezra Jack Keats, and featuring a score by Stephen Schwartz, Captain Louie Jr. is a delightfully fresh and touching story about friendship — the ability to make new friends, and the importance of old ones. 🧑

Thursday, July 31 OR Friday, August 1, 3:30-5:00pm, Auditorium



Stuffed Animal Sleepover (All Ages)

Your stuffed animal is invited to a sleepover at the library! Drop off your stuffed pal at the library for one night, and then join us in the Auditorium the following week to watch a video of all the fun they had! Only one stuffed animal per person. 🧑

Drop Off: Monday, July 28, 3:30-5:30 pm, YS Activity Room

Pick Up: Tuesday, July 29, 9:00am-9:00pm, Youth Services Desk

Sleepover Video Screening: Friday, August 8, 4:00-4:30pm, Auditorium

Everyone is welcome to attend the screening!

Stuffed Animal Sleepover



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School-Age Programs

Chess Club (Grades K-6)

Learn new moves, strategy, and checkmates at our monthly club. Materials and instruction will be provided. 🧑

Mondays, June 2, July 7, & August 4
6:00-7:00pm, YS Activity Room



Family Chess Program (Families, Drop-In)

Join us for an afternoon of chess with friends and family. Chess master, Arjun Vishnuvardhan, will be on hand to offer tips and strategies. All materials will be provided. 🧑

Sundays, June 15, July 13 & August 10
Pollak Room, 2:00-3:30pm



Checkmates Drop-In Chess (Grades K & Up)

Stop by anytime after 3:30 and play some chess! Bring your chess friends or meet some new players. Independent play for kids and teens. No chess instruction. 🧑

Fridays, June 13 & 20, July 11, 18, & 25, and August 1
3:30-5:00pm, YS Activity Room



Cool Reads (Grades K-2, Drop-In)

Join us for a fun discussion and activities exploring *The Crayon Man* by Natascha Biebow. The book does not need to be read to attend the program. 🧑

Wednesday, June 11, 4:15-5:00pm
YS Activity Room

Video Game Science (Grades 3-5) LEVEL UP

Find out how science influences your favorite video games. Create catapults, build, race, and engineer video game scenarios in real life. 🧑

Thursdays, June 19 & July 17
4:15-5:00pm, YS Activity Room



Board Game Group (Grades 3-8, Drop-In) LEVEL UP

Enjoy classic board and card games, or learn new ones! Each month we'll feature a different board game for you to try, as well as offering old favorites for you to play. 🧑

Thursdays, June 12, July 10, & August 14, 4:00-5:30pm
YS Activity Room

June 12: *Flamecraft*

July 10: *Forbidden Island*

August 14: *Calico*

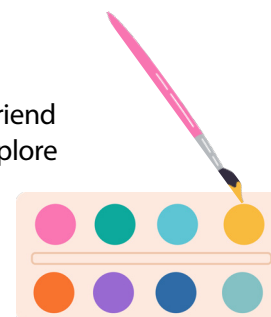
Summer Art (Grades 2-5)

Let's get creative! Sign up with a friend or make some new ones as we explore different art projects. 🧑

Mondays, June 23 & July 21
4:00-5:00pm, YS Activity Room

June 23: Watercolor

July 21: Paper Mosaics



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School-Age Programs (continued)



Now Trending Book Discussion (Grades 4-6) **NEW!**

Join our lively book discussion on the latest trending titles. Books will be available for pick up at the YS desk one month prior to the program. 🧑

Wednesdays, June 25 & July 23, 4:00-5:00pm, YS Activity Room

June 25: *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown

July 23: *Scattergood* by H.M. Bouwman

Andertoons Drawing Workshops (Grades K-6)

Join us on Zoom for these fun online drawing workshops led by a professional cartoonist featuring a different theme each month. 🖍️

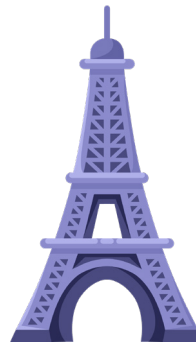
Tuesdays, June 24, July 29, & August 19

4:00-5:00pm, Online

June 24: Super Strangely Familiar Character Brawl

July 29: Cartoon Escape Room

August 19: Kart-oon Racing



Around the World: France (Grades K-3)

Join us to learn about France through stories, maps, crafts, and games. 🧑

Wednesday, July 9

4:00-5:00pm

YS Activity Room

Saturday Family Films

Enjoy family films in the Auditorium on the last Saturday of each month at 2:00pm. 🧑 🧑 🧑 🧑 🧑 FRIENDS of the Northbrook Library



June 28
Moana 2
2024
(100 minutes)
Rated PG



July 26
Paddington in Peru
2024
(106 minutes)
Rated PG



August 30
Dog Man
2025
(89 minutes)
Rated PG

Play our Summer Reading "Crack the Code" Challenge (June 1-8 • All Ages)

Visit the library from June 1-8 and search for numbered cards hidden near our service desks.

Then, use our code breaker to spell out a mystery phrase to be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a special prize!



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Storytimes & Early Childhood

A parent or caregiver is required to attend Storytime and early childhood programs unless noted otherwise.



Storytime in the Park (All Ages, Drop-In)

Meet us at the gazebo in Village Green for stories, rhymes, and songs. Please bring chairs or a blanket to sit on. Storytime will be relocated to the library in the event of inclement weather. 🧑

Fridays, June 6 & 20, July 11 & 18, 10:00-10:30am, Village Green (1810 Walters Ave. – near the gazebo)

My First Yoga (Ages 3-5)

Preschoolers will have fun learning basic yoga poses.

Please register each child individually. 🧑

Mondays, June 23, July 21, & August 18

11:00-11:30am, Pollak Room



Little Explorers (Ages 2-6, Drop-In)

Calling all Little Explorers! Visit with an adult to experience basic S.T.E.M concepts through experiments and activities. 🧑

Friday, July 25, 10:30-11:30am, YS Activity Room

Morning Movers (All Ages, Drop-In)

Get ready to move, sing, read, and have fun! 🧑

Thursday, June 12, 10:00-10:30am, Story Corner

Music & Me with Teacher Dan (All Ages, Drop-In)

Kids will have a blast singing and dancing to songs performed on a variety of instruments. 🧑

Wednesdays, August 13, 20 & 27, 10:30-11am, Story Corner



Wiggleworms (Birth-24 months)

Join us for 30 minutes of songs and music with Old Town School of Folk Music. Classes are limited to 15 babies. Check in at the Youth Services desk to secure your spot. 🧑

Wednesday, August 6, 10:00-10:30am **OR** 10:45-11:15am

Pollak Room



STORYTIMES

Saturday Storytime (All Ages, Drop-In)

Join us on the first Saturday of the month. 🧑

Saturdays, June 7, July 5, & August 2

10:00-10:30am, YS Story Corner

Storytime at the Library (All Ages, Drop-In)

Featuring a new theme each week. 🧑

Tuesdays, June 10–July 22,* 10:00-10:30am

YS Story Corner *No Storytime on July 1

Babytime (Birth-24 months)

Songs and simple stories to nurture your baby's curiosity while providing caregivers a chance to socialize. Please check in at the Youth Services desk. Space is limited. 🧑

Wednesdays, June 11–July 23,* 10:00-10:45am

YS Activity Room *No Babytime on July 2

Preschool Storytime (Ages 3-5, Drop-In)

Stories and activities for preschoolers. 🧑

Thursdays, June 12–July 24,* 2:00-2:30pm

YS Activity Room *No Preschool Storytime on July 3

BILINGUAL STORYTIMES

Our bilingual storytimes are great for both native language speakers and anyone interested in the language and culture.

Spanish Language Storytime with Señora Kus (All Ages, Drop-In) **EDI**

Gain a brain-building dose of Spanish with stories and songs. 🧑

Mondays, June 30, July 7 & August 4, and

Wednesday, July 30, 10:00-10:30am, YS Story Corner

Hebrew Language Storytime

(Ages 2-6, Drop-In) **EDI**

Drop by to learn about the Hebrew language and culture through stories, songs, and sensory activities. 🧑

Mondays, June 16, July 14 & August 11

10:00-10:30am, YS Activity Room

Korean Language Storytime (All Ages) **EDI**

Learn and practice speaking Korean with stories, songs, and rhymes. 🧑

Friday, August 15,* 10:00-10:30am, YS Activity Room

*No Korean Language Storytime in June or July

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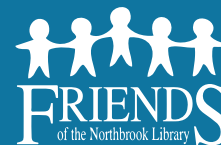
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