

# NORTHBROOK PUBLIC LIBRARY

FALL ISSUE

September - November 2024

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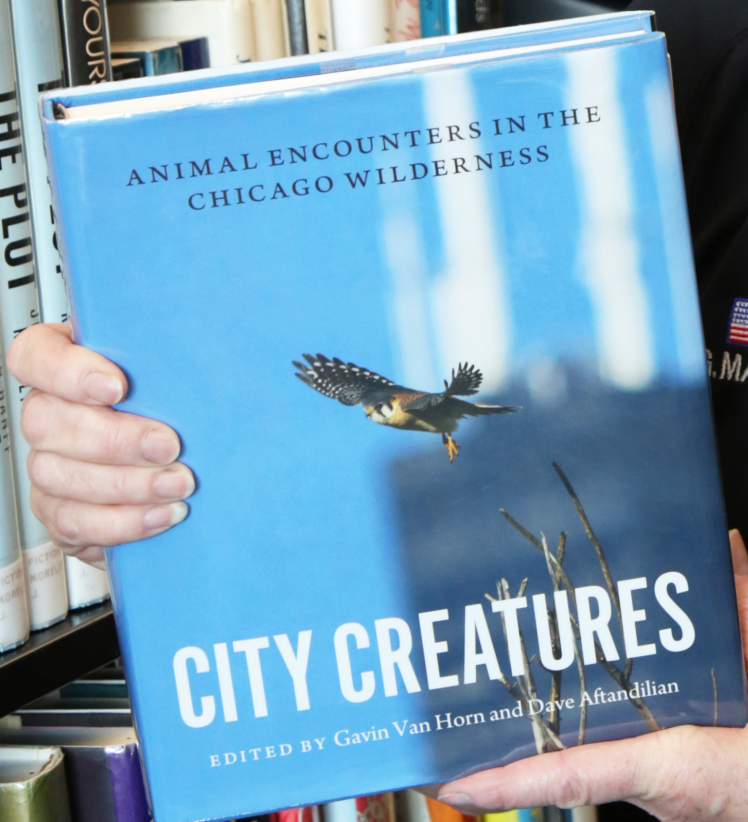
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## Notes from the Executive Director



My family will tell you that I love to plan. Nothing makes me happier than creating a to-do list or putting together a spreadsheet to track progress, much to my husband's dismay. Over the past year, the library has engaged in a

strategic planning process with Fast Forward Libraries. We reached out to the community to find out what we are doing well, what we could do better, and what is important to you. Through community surveys, focus groups, and interviews, you told us what you wanted so we could make a plan to give you the materials, programs, and services you desire.

Here are the three areas we will be focusing on to help guide us in where we will be spending our time and energy:

1. Connect with Our Community
2. Build an Inclusive Culture
3. Create Spaces to Belong

I look forward to keeping the community informed as we move the library forward to meet its evolving needs. Thank you for your continued support as we work together to build a strong community.

Kate Hall  
Executive Director

## Library Information

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# NEWS & UPDATES

## Back to School Success

Students can get a library card that provides free printing, online homework help, and much more. Find out about all the library has to offer Northbrook students at [www.northbrook.info/students](http://www.northbrook.info/students).

## Help Stock the Food Pantry

Please consider donating non-perishable food in our lobby from September 1-30. All food donations will be provided to the Northfield Township Food Pantry to support local families in need.

## Play Library Card Sign-Up Bingo

To celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month in September, everyone with a Northbrook Library card is invited to play Library Card Bingo for a chance to win a great prize. Stop by the library to pick up a bingo card starting Sunday, September 1.

## Join us at Shermerfest

Stop by our table at Shermerfest on Sunday, September 15 from 12:00-4:00pm in Village Green for a historically good time.

## What Should We Choose for Our Next Community Read?



One Book, One Northbrook will return in fall 2025! If you would like to suggest a title, you can fill out our online form at [northbrook.info/onebook](http://northbrook.info/onebook), or email the title and author to [onebook@northbrook.info](mailto:onebook@northbrook.info). Please submit your suggestions by September 30.

## Friends of the Libraries Week & Last Used Book Sale of the Year

Get some holiday shopping done at the Friends' Used Book Sale on October 25-26 from 10am-4pm in the Civic Room. In addition, the Friends of the Northbrook Public Library will be celebrating *Friends of Libraries Week* with a special movie and reception exclusively for members on October 22. (Details on page 19.)

## Be a Hero: Donate Blood

Illinois is currently experiencing a critical blood shortage. Consider donating blood at the library on Tuesday, November 19. You can schedule an appointment from 1:00-5:00pm at [northbrook.info](http://northbrook.info). Drop-ins are also welcome.

## KEY

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

# Strategic Plan Update 2025-2027

Last fall, we conducted a comprehensive survey to better understand our community's priorities, experiences, and needs. Almost 2,000 patrons shared their feedback and ideas with us.

We used this input, along with insights shared by community focus groups, our staff, and the Library Board, to develop our Strategic Plan, which will guide us for the next three years.

Here are our updated Mission and Vision statements, along with our three Strategic Directions and their corresponding goals.

## Mission

We build community, champion intellectual freedom, and provide open access to the world of knowledge in a welcoming, inclusive environment.

## Vision

The Northbrook Public Library will:

- Inspire lifelong learning
- Connect community members to each other and the world
- Enable the pursuit of knowledge for all



## 1 Connect With Our Community

- Position ourselves as the community's center for information needs.
- Provide exposure to new experiences and ways of looking at the world.



## 2 Build an Inclusive Culture

- Align staff roles and responsibilities and improve decision making processes across the organization.
- Foster a culture of shared growth and learning.
- Embed Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in Operations.



## 3 Create Spaces to Belong

- Reimagine our spaces to increase flexibility and opportunities to explore and connect.
- Cultivate an inclusive and welcoming library environment.
- Improve access to facilities, programs, and materials to better serve all populations.

# ADULT PROGRAMS

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## Featured Programs

Registration is now open for all Adult programs on pages 4-10

### Private Session With a Financial Planner

Schedule a private 50-minute session with a financial planner from Dickholtz Wealth Management. 🧑

Thursdays, September 12, October 10 & November 14, 9:30am-12:30pm  
Study Room 12 (2nd Floor)

### Ukrainian Music and Dance EDI

The Internationals present a program of Ukrainian songs, dances, and tunes along with some Klezmer and Western European songs. 🧑

Thursday, September 12, 7:00-8:00pm  
Auditorium

### Genealogy Research: Reaping a Harvest with Land Records

Join genealogist Larry W. Thomas on Zoom to learn how land records can provide a wealth of genealogical information that is often overlooked. 🗣️

Saturday, September 14, 1:00-3:00pm  
Online

### Professor Moptop: The Music of the Rolling Stones EDI

The popular rock historian and radio personality will follow the history of the Stones through each decade leading up to their most recent album. 🧑

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

### Nature Photo Walk 🌿

Amateur photographer Donna Baiocchi will lead us on a walk outside around the neighborhood while sharing tips and tricks for taking nature photos with your mobile device. 🧑

Sunday, September 22, 2:00-4:00pm  
We'll meet in the Civic Room

### Jewish Allies of the Civil Rights Movement EDI

This thought-provoking presentation examines the mutual admiration between Dr. King and Jewish Americans who committed themselves to Dr. King's goals of freedom, voting rights, and an end to discrimination. 🧑

Monday, September 23, 7:00-8:30pm  
Pollak Room

### BANNED BOOKS PROGRAM

### Books on the Chopping Block

Professional actors from the City Lit Theater Company will join us to read excerpts from the ten most frequently challenged books in the U.S. in 2023. 🧑

Tuesday, September 24, 7:00-8:00pm  
Pollak Room

### Medicare 101

Before open enrollment begins in October, Robin Dawson of Medicare Solutions Network will explain what Medicare does and does not cover, plus Advantage Plans, Part D Prescription coverage, and supplements. 🧑

Thursday, September 26, 7:00-8:30pm  
Pollak Room

### Chicago Scavenger Hunt

Test your knowledge of notable Chicago locations with clues and photos provided by Jessica Mlinaric, author of *Chicago Scavenger*. 🧑

Wednesday, October 9, 2:00-3:00pm  
Pollak Room

### My Father's War: History, Stories, & Music of World War II

Drawing from his father's accounts, Ron Eckberg shares stories of ordinary soldiers while performing popular wartime songs and exploring their meaning in a historical context. 🧑

Thursday, October 17, 2:00-3:00pm  
Pollak Room

### All About Invasive Buckthorn 🌿

Chicago Botanic Garden ecologist Matt Evans explains how buckthorn threatens wildlife habitat and native plants, and how to identify and control it in your own yard. 🧑

Monday, October 21, 7:00-8:00pm  
Pollak Room

### Understanding Bitcoin

Bitcoin educator Antoni Peris will explain what Bitcoin is, how it works, and how to avoid scams related to cryptocurrency. 🧑

Thursday, October 24, 7:00-8:30pm  
Pollak Room

### Forest Bathing in the Woods 🌿

Observe the sounds, scents, and textures of the woods on this contemplative, restorative walk with a forest therapy guide. 🧑

Saturday, November 2, 9:30-11:00am  
Ryerson Woods

### Decoding the Mysteries of Cats

*Why do cats do that?* A cat behaviorist will explain the evolutionary and adaptive forces that drive their often mysterious behaviors. A Q&A session will follow. 🗣️

Monday, November 18, 7:00-8:00pm  
Online



### Access The New York Times online with your library card

**New!** Get unlimited access to the the New York Times website and mobile app, including *News*, *Games*, *Cooking*, *Wirecutter*, and *The Athletic* at the library, at home, or wherever you are. Visit [northbrook.info/nyt](http://northbrook.info/nyt) to get started.



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### Learn About Civic Resources

Join us on Zoom to discover the best civic-oriented websites and apps. Learn how to stay informed, engage with your community, and access essential services online. Perfect for anyone looking to become a more active and informed citizen. 🗣️

Monday, September 9  
6:00-7:00pm, Online

### Nobody's Fool: Why We Get Taken In and What We Can Do About It

Author Dan Simons will join us on Zoom to explain why we're all susceptible to misinformation, how deception works, how to recognize the signs, and empower ourselves against it. 🗣️

Thursday, September 19  
7:00-8:00pm, Online

*In partnership with the League of Women Voters of Illinois*

### Election Analysis

Join historian Barry Bradford for a nonpartisan analysis of the upcoming election to learn about the six swing states, the Senate races that will determine control of Congress, and a breakdown of the electoral map possibilities. 🗣️

Wednesday, October 30  
2:00-3:00pm, Pollak Room

## Health & Wellness: Mind & Body

### Chair Yoga with Olga Rudiak

Gentle yoga to help increase flexibility and balance. 🗣️

Fridays, 10:00-11:00am\*  
Pollak Room



\* No chair yoga on November 29

### Reiki Healing Meditation

Experience Reiki and guided meditation. Come unwind and rejuvenate. 🗣️

Saturday, September 7  
10:00-11:00am, Pollak Room

### OsteoFit Fusion

Safe and gentle flexibility exercises to improve strength, balance, and coordination. This class offers a safe and supportive environment to enhance bone health and overall well-being. 🗣️

Thursday, September 26  
10:00-11:00am, Pollak Room

*ParkWell sponsored by the Northbrook Park District*

### Meditation

Guided meditation to help promote relaxation and reduce stress. 🗣️

Thursday, October 10  
12:00-1:00pm, Pollak Room

*ParkWell sponsored by the Northbrook Park District*

### Tai Chi

Slow, gentle movements to increase flexibility and balance. 🗣️

Thursday, November 21  
1:00-2:00pm, Pollak Room

*ParkWell sponsored by the Northbrook Park District*

## Northbrook Writes

### Dialogue Workout with Joe Scapelleto

Joe Scapelleto, author of *Big Lonesome* and *The Made-Up Man*, will provide a back-to-the-basics study of dialogue in fiction and nonfiction writing. 🗣️

*In partnership with StoryStudio Chicago.*

Monday, September 30, 7:00-8:30pm, Online

### NaNoWriMo Write-Ins

If you're participating in National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo), come join us to get some writing done and meet fellow writers. 🗣️

Sundays, November 10 & 24, 2:00-4:00pm, Civic Room

### Getting from Abstract to Concrete (or, How to Make the Political Personal) with Jenn Solheim

Join fiction writer, teacher, and literary critic Jenn Solheim for a workshop on incorporating the political into your fiction. 🗣️

*In partnership with StoryStudio Chicago.*

Tuesday, November 12, 7:00-8:30pm, Online



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## Meet the Author Fair

Saturday, October 19  
10:00am–2:00pm, Pollak Room

Drop by to connect with local authors, get your books signed, purchase books from authors, and enjoy some light refreshments. The fair will feature local authors including:



Katherine Reay *The Berlin Letters*  
Rowan Beard *The Divorcées*  
Skyler Schrempp *Three Strike Summer*  
Libby Fischer Hellman *Max's War*  
Stephanie Jayne *I've Got My Mind Set on Brew*

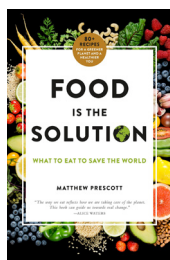
Learn more at [northbrook.info/author-fair](http://northbrook.info/author-fair)

Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate and support local literary talent!



## Book Groups & Discussions

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



### Environmental Book Discussion 🌱

Join us to discuss *Food is the Solution: What to Eat to Save the World* by Matthew Prescott.\* You're encouraged to try a recipe or two before the discussion and share what worked (or what didn't). 👤

In partnership with Go Green Northbrook  
Wednesday, September 18, 7:00-8:00pm, Civic Room

\* Copies are available at the Reference desk.

### ← BANNED BOOK



### Graphic Novel Discussion

Join us on Zoom to discuss *The Walking Dead Vol. 1*,\* the volume that launched the hit *Walking Dead* franchise. 🗣️

Tuesday, October 29, 7:00-8:00pm, Online

\* Copies are available at the library, and the eBook is available on Hoopla.

### Ben Goluboff Book Discussion

Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30am, Online 🗣️

September 11: *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead* by Tom Stoppard

October 9: *The Empathy Exams* by Leslie Jamison

November 13: *The Awakening* by Kate Chopin



### Classic Great Books with

#### Robert Waterbury

Mondays, 10:00-11:30am, Civic Room 👤

September 16: *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man* by James Joyce

October 21: *Tom Jones*

by Henry Fielding

November 18: *The Stranger*

by Albert Camus

### Nancy Buehler Book Discussion

Tuesdays, 10:00-11:30am, Online 🗣️

September 17: *Absolution* by Alice McDermott

October 15: *We Must Not Think of Ourselves* by Lauren Grodstein

November 19: *Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon

## Illinois Libraries Present: Conversations with Best-selling Authors



### Being Imperfect with Erika Sánchez

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with the award-winning author of *I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter*, joined in conversation by Cynthia Pelayo.

Wednesday, October 9, 7:00-8:00pm, Online 🗣️



### Holiday Tips & Tricks with Chef Art Smith 📺 EDI

The two-time James Beard Foundation award winner will share some culinary inspiration this holiday season.

Wednesday, November 20  
7:00-8:00pm Online 🗣️

Register at [www.northbrook.info/ilp](http://www.northbrook.info/ilp) These events are made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration between public libraries offering premier events.




# Concerts


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## Fine Arts Fall

Enjoy classical concerts on Sundays  
in the Auditorium from 3:00-4:30pm  FRIENDS  
of the Northbrook Library


### Tango with Winnie

Be transported to Argentina with classic tango music for double bass, violin, piano, and bandoneon.   
Sunday, October 6, 3:00-4:30pm, Auditorium


### Ayse Celasun

Renowned pianist Ayse Celasun will perform works by Chopin, and the Bach-Brahms Chaconne in D Minor for the Left Hand.   
Sunday, October 13, 3:00-4:30pm, Auditorium


### Opera Aeterna

Enjoy famous opera arias and duets by Italian, French, German, and Russian composers performed by singers Franco Pomponi, Tiana Dubal and Irina Feoktistova.   
Sunday, October 20, 3:00-4:30pm, Auditorium

### Andrew Snow


Cellist Andrew Snow will perform Beethoven's first cello sonata and other works.   
Sunday, October 27, 3:00-4:30pm, Auditorium

### Andrew Schultze


Enjoy a repertoire featuring "The 3 Bs," works for voice and piano by Bach, Beethoven, and Brahms.   
Sunday, November 3, 3:00-4:30pm, Auditorium



### Danny Lai


CSO violist Danny Lai and friends will perform a chamber music recital featuring the works of Mozart, Schumann, and Paganini.   
Sunday, November 17,  
3:00-4:30pm, Auditorium

### Neal Alger


Guitarist Neal Alger will perform classical and jazz compositions by women composers, featuring works by Marion Bauer, Valerie Capers, Cécile Chaminade, Chiquinha Gonzaga, Zenobia Powell Perry, Florence Price, and more.   
Sunday, November 24, 3:00-4:30pm, Auditorium



### Shout Section Big Band

Enjoy music from the 1930s to the 1960s from this popular Chicagoland big band. Regular performers at Fitzgerald's and Andy's Jazz Club, they've also been featured on TV shows like *The Vampire Diaries* and *A League of Their Own*.   
Monday, September 9, 7:00-8:00pm  
Auditorium

### Jeanne Becker: The Music of Halloween


Vocalist Jeanne Becker will bewitch you with songs of the season, including *The Masquerade is Over*, *Devil May Care*, *Ding Dong the Witch is Dead*, *Bewitched*, *Bothered and Bewildered*, *Blue Moon*, *Ghost of a Chance*, *Round Midnight*, and *Witchcraft*.   
Monday, October 28, 7:00-8:00pm Auditorium

### Brian Kavolius-Matherne: The STAN Effect

If you're a fan of the French horn, electronic music, classical music, or simply enjoy discovering new sounds, this is a show you won't want to miss! Brian, a French horn and electronics soloist, draws inspiration from Strauss, French acoustic folk, Rachel K. Collier, and Daft Punk. Together with his computer companion, Stan, Brian will push the boundaries of the most acoustic instrument in the world with the least, creating an unforgettable experience.   
Sunday, September 29, 3:00-4:30pm, Auditorium



### Appreciating Classical Music

Join librarian Madison Vienna on Zoom to explore a different classical music topic each month.   
Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30pm, Online

**September 10:** Why Did Beethoven Write Only Nine Symphonies?

**October 8:** Were the Critics Right?

**November 5:** Music Inspired by Birdsong

# Movies

Register now for all movies

**ADA Requests:** We welcome patrons of all abilities. To request an accommodation, including captioning or American Sign Language services, please indicate the accommodation when you register online or call 847-272-6224 at least 72 hours before the event.

## SILENT FILMS *with Live Piano Accompaniment*

Presented in the Auditorium on Wednesdays in September at 2:00pm & 7:00pm 



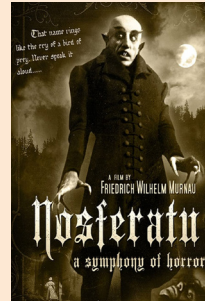
**September 4\***  
**Poker Faces**  
1926 (83 minutes)



**September 11**  
**Speedy**  
1928 (86 minutes)



**September 18**  
**Beverly of Graustark**  
1926 (77 minutes)



**September 25**  
**Nosferatu**  
1922 (94 minutes)




Pianist David Drazin improvises the perfect score for each of our silent films. David is one of only about 35 silent film pianists around the country. Don't miss this truly unique experience!



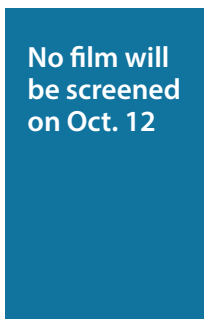
\* Join us for coffee and refreshments on September 4 at 1:00pm before the 2:00pm screening of *Poker Faces* and learn more about our annual Silent Film series.

## Saturday First-Run Films & Discussions

Presented in the Auditorium on the second Saturday of the month at 2:00pm. A discussion led by film professor Zbigniew Banas will follow the film. 




**September 14**  
**Perfect Days**  
2023 (124 minutes)  
Rated PG



**November 9**  
**Janet Planet**  
2023 (113 minutes)  
Rated PG-13

## Saturday Family Films

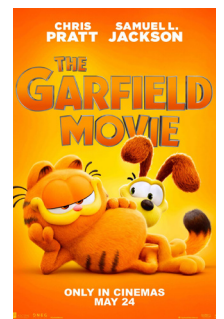
Presented in the Auditorium on the last Saturday of each month at 2:00pm. 



**September 28**  
**Kung Fu Panda 4**  
2024 (94 minutes)  
Rated PG



**October 26**  
**IF**  
2024 (104 minutes)  
Rated PG



**November 30**  
**The Garfield Movie**  
2024 (101 minutes)  
Rated PG

## TUESDAY EVENING FILM

Join us in the Auditorium for a special Tuesday evening screening of this first-run film.

**The Fall Guy**  
2024 (126 minutes)  
Rated PG-13

**Tuesday, October 15, 7:00-9:00pm**



Scan to register for the movies on pages 8 & 9.



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## "Noirvember" Film Series

Enjoy these great film noir classics in the Auditorium on Wednesdays in November at 2:00pm & 7:00pm 



**November 6**  
**Gun Crazy**  
1950 (87 minutes)  
Not Rated



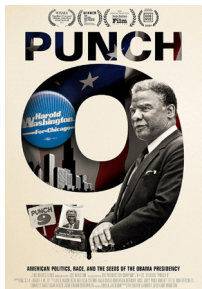
**November 13**  
**Bad Day at Black Rock**  
1955 (81 minutes)  
Not Rated




**November 20**  
**Drive**  
2011 (100 minutes)  
Rated R



## Documentary Films & Discussions



### **Punch 9 for Harold Washington** Documentary & Discussion

This inspiring documentary tells a story of American politics, race, and triumph against all odds that chronicles the captivating rise, surprising reign, and enduring legacy of Chicago's first Black Mayor. 

**Saturday, September 21, 2:00-4:30pm, Auditorium**


*In partnership with RAIN (Racial Awareness in the North Shore).*



A Q&A with Director-Producer Joe Winston will follow the screening.



### **The Upstanders** Documentary & Discussion

This compelling documentary about bullying combines personal anecdotes from children and their families with insights from educators, neuroscientists, and mental health professionals. It highlights new laws and programs that are reducing bullying in schools and explains how we can all become "upstanders." 

**Sunday, September 22, 3:00-5:00pm, Auditorium**


*In partnership with CATCH (Community Action Together for Children's Health), the Northbrook Community Commission, and Cook County United Against Hate.*



An expert panel discussion featuring mental health experts, educators, and students moderated by Cook County Commissioner, Scott Britton will follow the screening.




## Virtual Film Discussions


Use your library card to stream the film on Hoopla or Kanopy or check out a DVD and then join us on Zoom to discuss it. 



### **Film Discussion with Margo**

**Juniper** 2021 | Not Rated   
**Thursday, October 17, 7:00-8:00pm**  
7:00-8:00pm, Online

### **Film Discussion with Aaron**

**The Manchurian Candidate** 1962 | Rated PG-13   
**Monday, October 10**  
7:00-8:00pm, Online

# Tech & Business Programs

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## Software Classes

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### Microsoft

#### Word Basics

Create, save, open, and print text-based documents. 🧑

Tuesday, September 10, 6:30-8:00pm

Interactive Classroom

#### Excel Basics

Create, modify, and format spreadsheets. 🧑

Tuesday, September 17, 6:30-8:00pm

Interactive Classroom

#### Excel Formatting

Format data and cells to make clear, clean, useful spreadsheets. 🧑

Tuesday, September 24, 6:30-8:00pm

Interactive Classroom

#### Excel Formulas & Functions

Explore formulas and functions, absolute references, and conditional formatting. 🧑

Tuesday, October 8, 6:30-8:00pm

Interactive Classroom

#### Excel Pivot Tables

Reorganize and summarize data in a new spreadsheet or database table to create a desired report. 🧑

Tuesday, October 15, 6:30-8:00pm

Interactive Classroom

#### Excel VLookup

Use the VLookup function to compare two lists. 🧑

Tuesday, October 29, 6:30-8:00pm

Interactive Classroom

#### PowerPoint Crash Course

Create presentations with transitions, animations, graphics, and media. 🧑

Tuesday, November 5, 7:00-8:30pm

Interactive Classroom

#### Excel Charts & Graphs

Add visual interest and tell data stories by displaying numbers and data sets in chart or graph format. 🧑

Tuesday, November 12, 6:30-8:00pm

Civic Room

### Tech Talk

#### Appy Hour: Foodie Apps

Join us to explore the best food-related apps (recipes, grocery shopping, and more). Don't miss this tasty tech talk! 🗣️

Friday, November 1, 1:00-2:00pm

Online

#### Senior Tech Bootcamp

If you need support with technology, this introductory class is for you. We will cover computer and internet basics. 🧑

Friday, November 8, 1:00-3:00pm

Interactive Classroom

### iPhone Basics

#### Getting to Know Your iPhone

Whether you've just made the switch from a different smartphone or are completely new to mobile devices, this one-hour lecture is designed to help you become a confident iPhone user. 🗣️

Friday, September 27, 1:00-2:00pm,

Online

#### Using Accessibility Features on Your iOS Device

Bring your iPhone or iPad and learn how to make the most of its accessibility features, including voice control, screen readers, magnification, and more.

Perfect for users of all abilities looking to enhance their tech experience. 🧑

Friday, October 4, 1:00-2:00pm,

Interactive Classroom

## BUSINESS & CAREER HELP

#### Job Seekers Help (Drop-In)

We can help with job search sites, crafting a polished resume, and more.

Registration is not required. 🧑

Thursdays, September 12,  
October 10 & November 14  
2:00-4:00pm, Reference desk

#### Looking for more?

Find both live and on-demand career workshops at [careercollab.org](http://careercollab.org)

#### Overcoming Imposter Syndrome

Motivational speaker and author Gail Meriel will share strategies for identifying and overcoming different types of imposter syndrome. 🗣️

Thursday, November 7, 7:00-8:00pm  
Online

Hosted by Glenview Public Library

### Tech Tuesdays

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

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

Stop by or sign up for a library card at [northbrook.info/card](http://northbrook.info/card)



# The Power of Books with Gina Manski

When she's not rescuing abandoned ducks, a rooster left in a box, or a deer that had burst through a home window, Northbrook's Animal Control Officer Gina Manski has an escape of her own. Books. She devours them.

One day, she plans to write a book herself titled *A Year in the Life of a Bibliophile*. And if she could see her book in her beloved Northbrook Public Library?

"Oh, I would love it. I would probably sit and look at it all day long," Gina says with a laugh.

For now, her library card lets her chase down an array of print books, eBooks, and audiobooks as passionately as she pursues a wayward animal. She keeps Hoopla and Libby open on her phone and says, "Trust me, if it's available, I know about it. And I will use it and take advantage of it."

In addition to books, she and her family have enjoyed the library's programs, Collaboratory, games, and more.

"People don't realize how much the library has to offer," Gina says. "A library can also bring people together to learn and grow. You can't put a price on libraries because the opposite is ignorance, and where is that going to get us?"

## The healing power of books

Gina prefers reading a book before listening to it but is a huge fan of audiobooks. They free her hands, rest her eyes, and offer voices that enhance the experience—and, in one case, changed her life.



While undergoing treatment for salivary-gland cancer a few years ago, Gina listened to her favorite narrator, British actor Steve West, read *The Little Paris Bookshop*. His voice on that book touched her.

"I actually wrote Steve West a letter and told him how much it helped me," says Gina, who was 14 months cancer-free at the time. "He responded, and I have this voicemail." Gina clicks play.

"Thank you for that lovely message," West said during a long and heartfelt response. "I feel like I got as much out of this as I hope you do from hearing from me."

The cancer has not returned, and *The Little Paris Bookshop* by Nina George remains her favorite book.

"So, when they say books can change your life, this quasi-changed my life," Gina says, "because it helped me get through that horrible time."

## The stories of a lifetime

Books have shaped Gina's life since she was a child growing up in Chicago.

"The only library I had access to when I was young was the school library, and you couldn't access it until you were in third grade," she says.

So she improvised by binging on encyclopedias at home. Her favorite? The letter "D" (for dog, of course).

Gina was always rescuing stray animals and looking for books. When she was old enough, she would walk two miles each way to the local public library. In eighth grade, she wrote in her memory box that she wanted to be a veterinarian and a private investigator.

On Gina's first night with her driver's license, she and a friend interrupted a food run to check a cardboard box by the tracks for strays. Inside, they found a cat with her kittens. Now what?



Someone suggested the Anti-Cruelty Society downtown. Gina had never driven on a highway, but they loaded up the box and off they went.

"That was our first "something in a cardboard box" rescue," she says. "It's sort of apropos, isn't it?"

Gina has spent the last 20 years working for the Northbrook Police Department, often rescuing animals. This is why she says her second book would be titled *Something in a Cardboard Box*.

"And that," she jokes, "is the story of my life."

## Some books Gina loves

*Long Walk to Freedom: The Autobiography of Nelson Mandela*

*The Little Paris Bookshop* by Nina George

*The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margo* by Marianne Cronin

Louise Penny's Inspector Gamache series

Martin Walker Bruno's Chief of Police series

## Play Library Card Bingo in September

To celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month, everyone with a Northbrook Library card is invited to play Library Card Bingo for a chance to win a great prize. Stop by the library to pick up a bingo card starting Sunday, September 1.

# Maker Programs

Registration for Maker programs begins on the first day of the month before the program date.


**ADA Requests:** We welcome patrons of all abilities. To request an accommodation, including captioning or American Sign Language services, please indicate the accommodation when you register online or call 847-272-6224 at least 72 hours before the event.

## Teen/Adult Maker (Age 13–Adult)


All materials provided unless noted otherwise. Limit of one registration per library card, per class. The **CR** symbol indicates a Northbrook Library card is required to register.

### Fiber Arts


#### DIY Macrame Rainbow Keychains **CR**

Make rainbow keychains using macrame cord and embroidery floss.   
Thursday, September 5, 6:00-7:30pm  
Interactive Classroom

#### Spooky Fabric Bookmarks **CR**


Hand-sew your very own fabric bookmark, and customize it with spooky decals.   
Wednesday, October 9  
5:00-6:30pm, Civic Room

#### DIY Punch Needle Bookmarks **CR**


Learn basic punch needle techniques to make a bookmark.   
Thursday, November 7, 6:00pm-7:30pm  
Interactive Classroom

### Fun with Paint

#### Miniature Painting Workshop **CR**


Come paint a miniature (or bring your own from home to paint).   
Thursday, September 19, 6:00-7:30pm  
Pollak Room A

#### Water Marbled Coasters **CR**

Make marbled coasters using carrageenan and acrylic paints.   
Thursday, October 24, 6:00-7:30pm  
Interactive Classroom

### Create with Cricut


#### Halloween Window Decorations **CR**

Learn how to use Cricut Design Space to create Halloween window cling decals.   
Thursday, October 10, 6:00-7:30pm  
Interactive Classroom


### Digital Media

No patron media will be digitized during these classes.


#### Digitizing Vinyl Records and Cassettes

Watch a demo on how to digitize your vinyl records and audio cassettes.   
Thursday, September 12, 6:00-7:00pm  
Interactive Classroom


#### Digitizing Photos & Negatives

Watch a demo on digitizing photos & negatives.   
Thursday, October 17, 6:00-7:00pm  
Interactive Classroom

#### Digitizing Slides

Watch a demo on digitizing slides.   
Thursday, November 14, 6:00-7:00pm  
Interactive Classroom


#### Making a Looping Animation in Blender (Age 13-Adult) **CR**

Watch a demonstration of how to use Blender software to make a looping animation.   
Thursday, November 21, 6:00-7:30pm  
Interactive Classroom


### Glass Fusion

Limit of one glass fusion class per calendar year.


#### Pocket Vase **CR**

Create a small glass fused vase.   
Tuesday, September 10, 6:00-8:00pm  
Civic Room

#### Rectangular Dish **CR**


Create a glass fused rectangular dish.   
Tuesday, October 22, 6:00-8:00pm  
Interactive Classroom **OR**  
Tuesday, October 29, 6:00-8:00pm  
Pollak Room A

#### Icicles **CR**

Create glass fused icicles.   
Tuesday, November 5, 6:00-8:00pm  
Pollak Room A, **OR** Tuesday, November 19, 6:00-8:00pm, Interactive Classroom

### Jewelry

#### Wire-Wrapped Beaded Necklace **CR**

Learn the fundamentals of wire wrapping beads and make a beautiful necklace using semi-precious stones.   
Tuesday, October 15  
6:00-8:00pm, Pollak Room A  
**OR** Tuesday, November 12  
6:00-8:00pm, Interactive Classroom

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## Teen/Adult Maker (Age 13–Adult) continued

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### Sewing

These classes are limited to new attendees. Sewing machines will be provided. Please do not bring your own.

#### Sewing Machine Basics **CR**

Learn sewing machine basics in this hands-on class. 👤

Saturday, September 21

10:30am-12:00pm, Interactive Classroom

OR Thursday, October 17, 6:00-7:30pm

Pollak Room A

#### Intermediate Sewing Machine **CR**

For those who have taken basic sewing classes. 👤

Tuesday, September 24, 6:00-7:30pm

Civic Room OR Wednesday, October 23

6:00-7:30pm, Interactive Classroom

#### Advanced Sewing Machine **CR**

For those who have taken basic and intermediate sewing classes. 👤

Saturday, November 16

10:30am-12:00pm

Interactive Classroom

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## Youth Maker

 All materials provided unless noted otherwise.

#### Make Your Own Moving Figures (Grade 6-8)

Learn how to create an animated figure called an automaton and make it move using different mechanisms. 👤

Wednesday, September 25

4:30pm-6:00pm, Pollak Room A

#### 2 Frame Animations (Grade 3-5)

Get started with stop motion and simple animation principles using only two pictures. Get creative and bring everyday objects to life! 👤

Wednesday, October 16

4:15pm-5:15pm, Pollak Room A

#### Make A Grabber Arm (Grade 3-5)

Come make an extendable arm and then modify it to change or improve what it can grab. 👤

Wednesday, November 13, 4:15-5:15pm, Pollak Room A



**DON'T TOSS IT— REPAIR IT!**

**Saturday, November 2**  
**1:00-3:30pm, Pollak Room**

At Northbrook Repairs, skilled volunteers will do their best to help you repair a household item, free of charge. At past events, lamps, toys, clothing, bags, and bicycles have been repaired. 👤🌱

**Please register in the Pollak Room when you arrive.**

Be prepared to wait with your item for your turn to meet with a volunteer. (No drop-offs.)

**Can I bring it?** Your item must be small enough for you to carry. (Please don't bring anything that is leaking, dangerous, contains gasoline, or that has a strong odor.)

**Limit 1 item per person.**

After your repair, you may return to the end of the line with an additional item.

**We cannot accept items for repair after 3:00pm.**

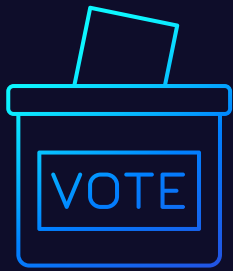


Questions? Please call 847-272-2098 or visit [northbrook.info/repairs](http://northbrook.info/repairs)

# Teen Programs

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## Book Ballots (Grades 6–12)

Make your voice heard and help other teens discover great books! Vote online for your favorite book for a chance to win a **\$50 Book Bin gift card**. We will draw one winner from all ballots received. To cast your ballot, visit [northbrook.info/book-ballot](http://northbrook.info/book-ballot) or scan the QR code.

**Online voting is open from November 1 – November 30**



## Teen Advisory Board (Grades 6-12)

Join the Teen Advisory Board to help us plan library programs and complete service projects for volunteer hours. 🧑

Tuesday, September 10, October 8, November 12  
5:00-6:00pm, Pollak Room

## How the Heck Can I Write a Winning College Essay? (Grades 10-12)

Students will learn how to generate ideas and start a well-written and memorable essay.

Wednesday, September 11, 5:00-6:30pm  
Pollak Room

## Board Game Group (Grades 4-12, Drop-In)

Enjoy classic board and card games or discover new ones. Each month we feature a different board game and also offer some old favorites for you to play. 🧑

Thursdays, September 12,  
October 10 & November 14  
4:00-5:30pm, YS Activity Room

September 12: Fluxx  
October 10: Mysterium Park  
November 14: Clue



## BOOKS & BITES

### 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.** 🧑



**Looking for Alaska** by John Green  
(Recommended for grades 9 & up)

Thursday, September 26  
5:00-6:00pm, Civic Room



**The 57 Bus** by Dashka Slater **EDI**  
(Recommended for grades 6 & up)

Thursday, November 21  
5:00-6:00pm Pollak Room

## Raise Your Voice with Jason Reynolds **EDI**

Join us on Zoom for a conversation with the bestselling author, advocate, mentor, and National Ambassador for Young People's Literature.

Tuesday, October 22  
7:00-8:00pm, Online 🗣️

This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration between public libraries offering premier events.

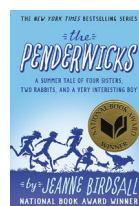
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## Nintendo Switch: Mario Kart™ 8 (Grades 6-12, Drop-In)

Race your way through the Mushroom Kingdom and beyond. Join us to race your friends, but watch out for blue shells! 🧑

Tuesday, November 5, 2:00-4:00pm, YS Activity Room



## Ink and Insights: *The Penderwicks* by Jeanne Birdsall (Grades 6-8)

After reading *The Penderwicks*, join us and use writing prompts and exercises to enhance your skills. Pick up a copy of the book at the Youth Services desk, available one month prior to the program. 🧑

Monday, November 11, 5:00-6:00pm  
YS Activity Room

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## Special Events

### Accessibility Hour (Drop-In) EDI SP

Accessibility Hour is a supported program for families with disabilities. You're invited to visit the library one hour before we open to browse and check out materials and engage in a sensory-friendly activity. 🧑

Sunday, September 15, 12:00-1:00pm, Library-wide



### In Concert: Ben Tatar (Families, Drop-In)

Get ready to wiggle, giggle, dance, and sing at this fun concert for the whole family. Full of humor and funky, catchy tunes, no two Ben Tatar concerts are like. Everyone will leave with a different favorite moment! *Seating is limited to 200 patrons.* 🧑

**Saturday, September 21, 10:30-11:15am, Auditorium**

### In Concert: Miss Jamie's Farm (Families, Drop-In)

Miss Jamie's popular music show shares values from life down on the farm through songs both new and familiar. Sing, dance, laugh, and learn with Miss Jamie and her farm puppet friends! *Seating is limited to 200 patrons.* 🧑

**Saturday, October 19, 10:30-11:15am, Auditorium**

Costumes encouraged!



(ALL AGES)

## HALLOWEEN STORY FEST

Join us for a Halloween celebration filled with stories, crafts, and fun. Register for a spot, then come in any time after 3:30pm. (Storytime begins at 4:30pm). 🧑

**Friday, October 25, 3:30-5:00pm, YS Department**

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## School-Age Programs



### Chess Club (Grades K-6)

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

Mondays, September 9, October 7 & November 4, 6:00-7:00pm

YS Activity Room



### Board Game Group (Grades 4-12, Drop-In)

Enjoy classic board and card games or discover new ones. Each month, we'll feature a different board game to try and also offer some old favorites for you to play. 🧑

Thursdays, September 12, October 10 & November 14, 4:00-4:30pm

YS Activity Room

Sept. 12: Fluxx

Oct. 10: Mysterium Park

Nov. 14: Clue

### Y-Art (Families, Drop-In)

Start your Saturday with art! Brought to you by the NSYMCA Art Academy. 🧑

Saturdays, September 14, October 12, November 9, 10:00-11:00am

YS Activity Room



### Andertoons Drawing Workshops (Grades K-6)

Join us online for these fun and creative drawing workshops led by professional cartoonist Mark Anderson. 🎥

Tuesdays, September 17, October 15 & November 19, 4:00-5:00pm, Online



### Noggin Builders (Grades 3-5)

Build, create & explore with unique, hands-on S.T.E.M. experiences with Noggin Builders. 🧑

Thursdays, September 19, October 24 & November 7, 4:00-5:00pm

YS Activity Room



### Art Pops! (Grades 2-5)

Explore the life and works of iconic pop and contemporary artists and create your own masterpieces in their signature styles. 🧑

Mondays, September 23 & November 18 4:00-5:00pm, YS Activity Room

Sept. 23: Yayoi Kusama

Nov. 18: Keith Haring

### Create Club (Grades 4-8)

Get creative and try something new! All supplies are provided—just bring your ingenuity. 🧑

Tuesdays, September 24 and October 22 4:00pm-5:00pm, YS Activity Room

Sept. 24: Acrylic Paint Pouring

Oct. 22: Shrinky Dinks

### Off-Broadway Fairy Tales (Grades K-2, Drop-In)

Come and take turns acting out some of your favorite fairy tales at the library. Children will be able to take on the roles of characters in a playful setting. 🧑

Wednesday, October 9, 4:15-5:00pm

YS Activity Room

### Timed Team Tasks (Grades 3-5)

Race against the clock while you participate in group tasks and challenges. These activities will help encourage teamwork, problem-solving, communication, and maybe a few laughs along the way. 🧑

Thursday, October 17, 4:00-5:00pm

YS Activity Room

### NPL News Club (Grades 3-5)

The News Team is back! Grab a notepad (provided) and start taking down the facts to solve a confounding mystery using clues, critical thinking skills, and by interviewing witnesses and authorities. 🧑

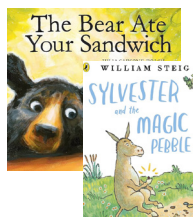
Wednesday, November 6, 4:00-5:00pm

YS Activity Room

## Looking for more programs?

Don't miss our Youth Maker programs at the bottom of page 13.

## BOOK DISCUSSIONS



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

Enjoy a fun book discussion and activities. You don't need to read the book to attend. 🧑

Wednesdays, September 11 & November 13

4:15-5:00pm, YS Activity Room

September 11: *The Bear Ate Your Sandwich* by J. Sarcone-Roach

November 13: *Sylvester and the Magic Pebble* by William Steig



### Graphic Squad: *The Accursed Vampire* (Grades 2-5)

Join us for a graphic novel book discussion and activity. You can pick up a copy of the book at the Youth Services desk one month prior to the program. 🧑

Monday, October 21, 4:15-5:00pm, YS Activity Room



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**Northbrook**  
**International Children's Film Festival**

## Northbrook International Children's Film Festival (Ages 5-10 with Caregiver)

Kids will enjoy watching eleven captivating short films from eight different countries, including Italy, Canada, Australia, Serbia, Germany, India, France, and the U.S.

After the screening, attendees are invited to vote for their favorite film and enjoy a virtual Q&A with some of the film's international directors! 👤

Saturday, November 2, 2:00-4:00pm, Auditorium

Co-hosted by the Chicago-based International Children's Media Center



## SATURDAY FAMILY FILMS

Presented in the Auditorium on the last Saturday of each month at 2:00pm. 👤 FRIENDS of the Northbrook Library



**September 28**  
**Kung Fu Panda 4**  
**2024**  
94 minutes  
Rated PG



**October 26**  
**If**  
**2024**  
104 minutes  
Rated PG



**November 30**  
**The Garfield Movie**  
**2024**  
101 minutes  
Rated PG



## Back to school help

You can get live online homework help, writing assistance, and even chess tutoring from certified tutors with

Brainfuse HelpNow and your library card. Get started at [northbrook.info/brainfuse-helpnow](http://northbrook.info/brainfuse-helpnow)



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## Storytimes & Early Childhood

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

### My First Yoga (Ages 3-5)

Preschoolers will have fun learning basic yoga poses. Please register each child individually. 🧘

Mondays, September 30, October 21 & November 18, 11:00-11:30am

Pollak Room



### 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, November 6, 13 & 20

10:30-11:00am, Story Corner



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

Breathing, digesting, and thinking, oh my! Learn about the impressive things the human body accomplishes through hands-on craft and activity stations. 🧠

Friday, November 15, 10:30-11:30am  
YS Activity Room

### Bookflix® Storytime (Ages 3-5, Drop-In)

Enjoy songs, rhymes, and educational picture and nonfiction books animated on the screen using the Bookflix app. 📖

Monday, November 4, 10:00-10:30am

YS Activity Room

### Wiggleworms (Birth-24 Months)

Music, movement, and fun for babies from the Old Town School of Folk Music. Check in at the Youth Services desk on the program day. Space is limited to the first 15 babies and their caregivers. 🐛

Thursday, November 7, 10:00-10:30am OR 10:45-11:15am

YS Activity Room



## Storytimes

### Saturday Storytime (All Ages, Drop-In)

Join us on the first Saturday of the month. 🧘

Saturdays, September 7, October 5 & November 2

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

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

Featuring a new theme each week. 🧘

Tuesdays & Thursdays, September 10-October 24

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

### 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, September 11-October 23, 10:00-10:45am

YS Activity Room

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

Stories and activities for preschoolers. 🧘

Thursdays, September 12-October 24, 2:00-2:30pm

YS Activity Room

### Morning Movers (All Ages, Drop-In)

Join us for 30 minutes of movement and fun. 🧘

Thursday, November 14 & Tuesday, November 19

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

## Bilingual Storytimes

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

### Korean Language Storytime (All Ages) EDI

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

Fridays, September 13, October 11 & November 8

10:30-11:00am, YS Activity Room



### 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, September 16, October 14 & November 11

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



### Storytime in Your Language

Kids can enjoy the magic of picture books in 60+ world languages with subtitles and narration!

Try LOTE4Kids at [northbrook.info/Lote4kids](http://northbrook.info/Lote4kids) or install the LOTE4Kids app for Apple & Android devices. (Northbrook Library card required.)



# Friends of the Library

**Mark your calendar!** The Friends of the Northbrook Library are celebrating **National Friends of Libraries Week (October 20-26)** with an exclusive event.

## Friends of the Library Member Exclusive: Movie & Reception



All current members are invited to join us on Tuesday, October 22 for a reception with desserts, fruit, and cheese, followed by a screening of *La La Land* in the Auditorium.

**Reception:** Tuesday, October 22 at 6:00pm in the Pollak Room

**Movie:** Tuesday, October 22 at 7:00pm in the Auditorium

To become a member of the Friends, please visit [northbrook.info/friends](http://northbrook.info/friends) (or scan the QR code on this page). If you have any questions, please email us at [friends@northbrook.info](mailto:friends@northbrook.info). *We hope to see you on October 22!*

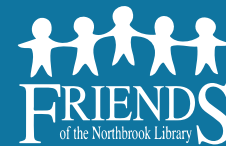
## Shop the Friends of the Library Book Sale

Stock up on books for the holidays at our last used book sale of the year on Friday, October 25 and Saturday, October 26 from 10am-4pm in the Civic Room.

## Do you have a Little Free Library?

If so, the Friends of the Library would like to provide you with 10 adult paperbacks to add to it. To claim the free books, please email your name, address, and a photo of your Little Free Library to [friends@northbrook.info](mailto:friends@northbrook.info).

If you're not sure we have your email address, send an email to [friends@northbrook.info](mailto:friends@northbrook.info) and we'll add you to our email list.



**Used Book Sale**  
October 25 & 26  
10am-4pm, Civic Room

**Bookshop Hours**  
Mon-Thurs: 9am-9pm  
Fri: 9am-6pm, Sat: 9am-5pm  
Sun: 1-5pm

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Michele Buttermore, Marlene Dubas  
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Mary Reynolds, Debby Rohde

**Next Board Meeting**  
For details, visit  
[northbrook.info/friends](http://northbrook.info/friends)

All members are welcome to attend the meeting.

**We the Friends of the Library.**

**NATIONAL Friends of Libraries WEEK**  
**OCTOBER 20-26**  
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# Northbrook Reads Banned & Challenged Books



**BANNED BOOKS  
WEEK** Sept. 22-28, 2024

As a place of lifelong learning, we are dedicated to upholding your freedom to read. We're proud that Northbrook officially became a Book Sanctuary Community last year, further protecting your freedom to choose your reading materials.

Here are six of the most frequently checked-out books that appear on banned or challenged book lists, along with the number of times they were borrowed from our library last year.



**Captain Underpants**  
645 checkouts

On average, a copy is borrowed twice a day



**Bad Kitty**  
558 checkouts

On average, two copies are borrowed every other day

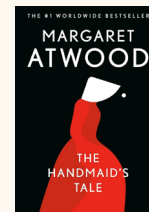


**Hunger Games**  
194 checkouts

On average, a copy is borrowed every other day



**1984**  
164 checkouts



**The Handmaid's Tale**  
136 checkouts

On average, a copy is borrowed every three days



**Drama**  
118 checkouts