

**McHenry Public Library District  
Board of Library Trustees Regular Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 21, 2020  
Library Board Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

**Agenda**

- I. CALL TO ORDER – Bradley Schubert, President**
- II. ROLL CALL – Monica Leccese, Secretary**
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT AND RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**
- VI. CONSENT AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING (Action)**
  - SECRETARY'S REPORT – Monica Leccese, Secretary**  
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 19, 2019, the Executive Session of November 19, 2019, and the Regular Board Meeting of December 17, 2019
  - TREASURER'S REPORT – Margaret Carey, Treasurer**  
Monthly Financial Statements and Interim Check Report through December 31, 2019 + January 2020 late bills and Bill Reports for December 2019/January 2020.  
Additional Bills (Distributed night of meeting)  
Petty Cash and Credit Card Reports

**VII. COMMUNICATIONS**

**VIII. LIBRARIAN'S REPORT**

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

To discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body in compliance with the Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2 section 2(c)(1).

**X. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Update on project: Sanitary sewer/manhole project

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Approve the Illinois Public Library 2020 Per Capita and Equalization Aid Grant Application and Illinois Public Library 2018/19 Per Capita Grant Expenditures Report (Action)

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**XI. ANY AND ALL OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD**

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

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**MINUTES**  
**MCHENRY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**Date:** November 19, 2019

**Time:** 7:00 P.M.

**Location:** Library Board Meeting Room

**I. Call to Order:**

President Schubert called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**II. Roll Call:**

Roll was called and a quorum was established.

**Members Present:** Jackie Fogleman, Delphine Grala, Monica Leccese, Bradley Schubert, Jill Stone

**Members Absent:** Margaret Carey, Charles Reilly

**Also Present:** James Scholtz, Executive Director  
Bill Edminster, Assistant Director  
Suzanne Yazel, McHenry resident and former employee  
Lesley Jakacki, Youth Services Manager  
Jennifer May, HR Generalist

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

**IV. Corrections or Additions to the Agenda**

None

**V. Public Comment and Recognition of Visitors**

The Board greeted the visitors in attendance. Ms. Yazel orally submitted a number of points to the board concerning Executive Director Jim Scholtz's recent/past actions and decisions. The Board thanked her for her comments/opinions. A copy of statement prepared by Ms. Yazel can be obtained upon request from the Business Manager. Scholtz prepared a response document at Schubert's request and that can also be obtained upon request from the Business Manager. [The library has no legal mandate requiring it to enter a document presented by a member of the public into its documents. Library meeting agendas are under Board control and minutes are only summarizations—not verbatim records. Official recommendation by Ancel Glink Law Firm.]

**VI. Consent Agenda for this meeting**

**Secretary's Report – Monica Leccese, Secretary**

Minutes of the Public Hearing on the Combined Budget and Appropriations Ordinance and the Regular Board Meeting of October 15, 2019.

Leccese reviewed the minutes and reported that all was well with them.

## **Treasurer's Report – Del Grala, Treasurer pro tem**

Monthly Financial Statements and Interim Check Report through October 31, 2019

Invoice Reports for October/November 2019

Additional Invoices (Distributed night of meeting)

Petty Cash and Credit Card Reports

Grala pointed out that there was a small property tax payment this month. She asked Scholtz about spending on miscellaneous consultants and he explained that the spending was for engineering and legal fees in connection with the sanitary sewer project.

Stone moved and Grala seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing on the Combined Budget and Appropriations Ordinance and the Regular Board Meeting for October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the Monthly Financial Statements and Interim Check Report through October 31, 2019 + November 2019 late bills and Bill Reports for October/November 2019, and pay to the bills

Ayes: Fogleman, Grala, Leccese, Schubert, Stone

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Carey, Reilly

Motion Passed

## **VII. Communications**

The Board reviewed the Communications.

- Joan Hull to Bill Edminster – Letter from John Sargent from MacMillan Publishers regarding e-book sales
- ALA Responds to McMillan Letter

Edminster explained that the e-audiobook publisher MacMillan was implementing restrictive purchasing and use rules on libraries and that libraries are resisting the changes. Scholtz commented that while buyers of printed books have the right to loan, give, or sell those books, e-materials are considered a lease and purchasers are restricted in how they can loan those materials. Jakacki added that publishers of e-materials think that sales to libraries will reduce purchases by individuals and reduce profits for publishers and authors.

## **VIII. Librarian's Report**

The Board reviewed the Librarian's Report

- Scholtz told the Board that the Library has cancelled its contract with CCB Technology and is re-signing with Eder Technology. He feels we have better coverage with Eder. He expects to hire another staff member for the IT department.
- We are currently experiencing problems with the Public Address system and the vendor is troubleshooting the problem.
- Scholtz talked about the most recent in-service, which included a presentation on serving homeless veterans. He remarked that the speaker mentioned that offering notary services is a way to serve homeless veterans since a notary can validate documents required for receiving benefits.
- The library had to change payroll systems unexpectedly since ProData was caught up in a national fraud scheme that cost some local libraries money. ProData arranged for another company to take over running the ProData program. We are investigating other payroll companies but are satisfied enough with the current company to go on with it in the interim.
- Scholtz is the library liaison with the McHenry County Complete Count Committee. We will be receiving grant money but the application and award processes are challenging.
- Department managers are going through the policy manual identifying policies that need revision, and working with Scholtz on updated or new policies.

- Scholtz commended the Friends of the Library for their warehouse book sale, which set a record in sales. Schubert commended them also.
- Stone asked about applications for the Friends of the Library. Edminster said that there are applications in the Friends book room across from the Check-out desk but also said he would bring applications to the next Board meeting.
- Schubert commended the Library staff who worked at the ComiCon.
- Grala asked Scholtz about a comment in the Librarian's Report asking for ideas to encourage library usage and circulation. Scholtz explained that he was concerned about the trend towards decreased usage and circulation and wanted to encourage staff and the Board to think about the problem. He spoke about the example of library programs, which have increased in number but not in attendance. He suggested we think about reasons for the decline and about ways to counteract it.
- May introduced herself to the Board members who were not at the last meeting. She said she intended to attend several Board meetings so that she could better understand the Library. She said that she is working on finding a replacement for a custodian who left recently. She is almost done guiding staff through the open enrollment period and is planning to provide training on being a good insurance consumer. She is rolling out a new Employee Assistant Program (EAP). She and Jakacki are working on revamping the performance evaluation form for non-exempt staff. She is working on creating a standard Performance Improvement Plan (PIP) procedure and form as a means for managers to help underperforming employees build themselves up to the level they need to be to continue working here. May also wants to revamp the staff handbook content to make it clearer.
- Scholtz pointed out that when we have new policies staff are required to read them and sign indicating that they have read them.

## **IX. Old Business**

### **1. Update on two projects: Sanitary sewer and front (women's) bathroom**

Scholtz told the Board that the repair and remodeling work in the public bathrooms is complete. We currently have no plumbing problems. Building staff did the repainting and the reinstallation of stalls.

Work on the manholes needs to wait until spring of 2020. When that is completed, the City of McHenry will take over responsibility for the sanitary sewer leading from the library.

### **2. Update on Strategic Planning Process – going forward**

Scholtz is working on the strategic plan. He would like to develop a one-page strategic plan to use for advertising purposes plus a supporting document to develop the plan and act as a checklist.

## **X. New Business**

### **1.-3. Library Card/circulation policies; Approval of changes in two policies: 1.) "Records Retention, Disposition, and Destruction", 2.) "Video Security Policy"; updated "Bloodborne and Bodily Fluid Pathogen Policy"**

The Board chose to consider the three agenda items on policies as a single agenda item.

Scholtz explained that Barb Majka, Circulation Manager, had pulled the "Library Card and Circulation" policies together into a single unified policy.

The "Records Retention, Disposition, and Destruction" and the "Video Security" policies need to be updated due to new legislation on video security that allows security footage to be FOIAed. Limits on storage of video footage needs to be accounted for in the policy, too. We keep approximately 20 to 25 days of footage before it is overwritten by the camera. Scholtz

consulted with the State Archive, who directed us to say officially that we keep 20 days of video in our records retention plan when we resubmit it.

The McHenry County Health Department requires a fully updated “Bloodborne and Bodily Fluid Pathogen” policy for the Library to be certified for summer lunch and afterschool snack programs. The in-service on December 13, 2019 will provide training on dealing with incidents involving blood and bodily fluids. Staff will be presented with the new policy during the program. Grala asked about the clean-up procedures and about compliance to the policy and Scholtz and Jakacki answered her questions.

Leccese moved and Stone seconded a motion to approve a new Library Card/Circulation policy, updated “Records Retention, Disposition and Destruction” and “Video Security” policies, and an updated “Bloodborne and Bodily Fluid Pathogen Policy.”

Ayes: Fogleman, Grala, Leccese, Schubert, Stone

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Carey, Reilly

Motion Passed

4. Discussion pertaining to annexation fees within District—possible recommendations and direction

Scholtz told the Board that he was in discussion with the City of McHenry about developer fees, also known as annexation fees. Scholtz is working on an ordinance on developer fees that will reflect the agreement he is developing with the City Planner. He will also approach Wonder Lake about instituting developer fees now that Thatcher Meadows subdivision is resuming work. The McHenry City Planner has agreed to go with him to Wonder Lake.

5. Approval of Ordinance No. 2019/2020-5—Levy for FY 2019/20

Scholtz mentioned that it is not necessary to have a hearing since passing this ordinance would not affect the levy amount since McHenry County has already decided that amount. Schubert moved and Leccese seconded a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2019/2020-5 – Levy for FY 2019/20

Ayes: Fogleman, Grala, Leccese, Schubert, Stone

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Carey, Reilly

Motion Passed

6. Discussion about succession planning for key positions

Scholtz pointed out to the Board that due to retirements there will be changes in management and administrative staff over the next three years. He has begun coaching some staff members who have the potential to take on management or administrative positions as potential successors. The Executive Director is a position that requires Board approval so he can’t promise it to any candidate but Scholtz pointed out that assistant directors at Algonquin and Fox River Valley did succeed to their director’s job. The Board approved Scholtz’s plan to coach and mentor staff he thinks has potential.

**XI. Any and All Other Business That May Properly Come Before the Board**

- Stone will organize a Board holiday dinner to coincide with the December 17, 2019 Board meeting. The meeting and the dinner will be at the McHenry County Club. Meal orders will be taken at 6:30 p.m. before the meeting begins and the meal will begin at 7:45 p.m. The dinner will only be for the Board members, the Executive Director, and the Assistant Director.

**XII. Executive Session**

To discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body in compliance with the Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2 section 2(c)(1).

Schubert moved and Leccese seconded a motion to go into executive session at 8:30 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body as well as discussing specific contractual matters of vendors in compliance with the Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2 section 2(c)(1).

Ayes: Fogleman, Grala, Leccese, Schubert, Stone

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Carey, Reilly

Motion Passed

The Board took no action in Executive Session.

Grala moved and Leccese seconded a motion to come out of executive session at 9:50 p.m.

Ayes: Fogleman, Grala, Leccese, Schubert, Stone

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Carey, Reilly

Motion Passed

**XIII. Adjournment**

Grala moved and Leccese seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:51 p.m.

Ayes: Fogleman, Grala, Leccese, Schubert, Stone

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Carey, Reilly

Motion Passed

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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**Monica Leccese, Secretary**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES**  
**MCHENRY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

**Date:** November 19, 2019

**Time:** 8:30 p.m.

**Location:** Library Board Meeting Room

**Members Present:** Jackie Fogleman, Delphine Grala, Monica Leccese, Bradley Schubert, Jill Stone

**Members Absent:** Margaret Carey, Charles Reilly

During Executive Session, the Board discussed the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body as well as discussing specific contractual matters of vendors in compliance with the Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2 section 2(c)(1).

No action was taken during Executive Session.

The Executive Session ended at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Monica Leccese, Secretary



**MINUTES**  
**MCHENRY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**Date:** December 17, 2019

**Time:** 7:30 P.M. (directly after Board Holiday Dinner)

**Location:** McHenry Country Club Conference Room

**I. Call to Order:**

President Schubert called the meeting to order at 7:58 p.m.

**II. Roll Call:**

Roll was called and a quorum was established.

**Members Present:** Margaret Carey, Jackie Fogleman, Delphine Grala, Charles Reilly, Bradley Schubert, Jill Stone

**Members Absent:** Monica Leccese

**Also Present:** James Scholtz, Executive Director  
Bill Edminster, Assistant Director

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

**IV. Corrections or Additions to the Agenda**

None

**V. Public Comment and Recognition of Visitors**

None

**VI. Consent Agenda for this meeting**

**Secretary's Report – Monica Leccese, Secretary**

**Treasurer's Report – Margaret Carey, Treasurer**

Monthly Financial Statements and Interim Check Report through November 30, 2019

Invoice Reports for November/December 2019

Additional Invoices (Distributed night of meeting)

Petty Cash and Credit Card Reports

Scholtz pointed out that one of the later bills was to the charity TLS Veterans. This donation consisted of the money collected during the most recent Half Priced Fines event. Scholtz said that in the past, this event has raised as much as \$3,600 dollars but because of automatic renewals, the library collected \$420 this year.

Carey pointed out that the consultant fees were more than was budgeted, and Scholtz explained that we needed engineering and legal consultants to deal with the sanitary sewer project.

The Board reviewed the board minutes from the November regular Board meeting, financial statements and monthly invoices.

Grala moved and Stone seconded a motion to approve the monthly financial statements for the fiscal year through November 30, 2019, the Invoice Reports for November/December 2019, and payment of the invoices.

Ayes: Carey, Fogleman, Grala, Reilly, Schubert, and Stone

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Leccese

Motion Passed

## **VII. Communications**

None

Scholtz reported that he had spoken to Ancel Glink attorneys about public comments that a member of the public made at the last meeting. The member of the public gave the Board a copy of her comments so that the text could be included in the minutes. The law firm said that since the library minutes are not verbatim minutes, the library could handle public comments in the same way. Scholtz wanted to hear the Board's opinion before submitting the November 19, 2019 minutes for their approval since the Board sets the agenda and its format.

## **VIII. Librarian's Report**

The Board reviewed the Librarian's Report

Scholtz reported that the library will hire two new custodians.

## **IX. Old Business**

- Update on sanitary sewer/ manhole project

Scholtz said he had received a call from the Public Works Director at the City of McHenry saying that one of our two neighbors affected by the sanitary sewer/manhole project had not provided plats for their property. The library will need to work with the property owner or provide the plat information itself so that bidding for the project can proceed if we wish to begin in the spring.

## **X. New Business**

1. Discussion about succession planning for key positions

Scholtz said that since some positions in the library will be open in the next three to five years, he has identified current staff who have the potential to fill those positions. He and Edminster will be mentoring and training them to improve their chance to succeed if the library hires them for these or other responsible positions.

2. Trustee Facts File Summary for 2020 Per Capita Grant: "The Board of Trustees shall review chapter 11-14 and all appendices of the Trustee Facts File."

Scholtz reviewed the Trustee Facts File with the Board and discussed potential modifications to current practices or policies for the forthcoming year.

## **XI. Any and All Other Business That May Properly Come Before the Board**

Edminster told the Board that a Career Online High School graduation ceremony for two or possibly three graduates is scheduled for Sunday, January 26, 2020 at 1 p.m. The Board will receive invitations soon. He also reported that the library has had 10 graduates since it began offering Career Online High School.

**XII. Adjournment**

Stone moved and Carey seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Ayes: Carey, Fogleman, Grala, Reilly, Schubert, Stone

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Leccese

Motion Passed

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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**Secretary**

**MCHENRY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT**

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**COMPILED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**December 31, 2019**

McHenry Public Library District  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of December 31, 2019

	Dec 31, 19
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
1060 · First Midwest Bank-Money Market	
1060100 · MM - General - First Midwest	273,964.94
1060200 · MM - Spec Reserve-First Midwest	1,845,452.12
1060300 · MM - Grant & Gift-First Midwest	435,115.76
<b>Total 1060 · First Midwest Bank-Money Market</b>	<b>2,554,532.82</b>
1070100 · HSA/Building - First Midwest	194,466.84
1615100 · General Account - First Midwest	74,148.74
1625100 · Payroll Account - First Midwest	68,742.56
1635100 · Imprest Account - First Midwest	2,501.52
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>2,894,392.48</b>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
1005100 · Petty Cash	800.00
1500200 · Due from General Fund	550,000.00
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>550,800.00</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>3,445,192.48</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>3,445,192.48</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
<b>Accounts Payable</b>	
2000100 · Accounts Payable	(63.13)
<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	<b>(63.13)</b>
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>	
2500100 · Due to Special Reserve Fund	550,000.00
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<b>550,000.00</b>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>549,936.87</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>549,936.87</b>
<b>Equity</b>	
3010100 · Fund Balance - General	568,747.02
3010200 · Fund Balance - Special Reserve	2,203,207.07
3010300 · Fund Balance - Grants & Gifts	405,004.19
3900 · Retained Earnings	2,904.36
Net Income	(284,607.03)
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>2,895,255.61</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>3,445,192.48</b>

McHenry Public Library District  
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures  
December 2019

	Dec 19
<b>Income</b>	
6030100 · Interest Income - General	27.45
6030200 · Interest Income - Spec Reserve	128.06
6030300 · Interest Income - Grant & Gifts	30.44
6050100 · Fines	650.34
6060100 · Photocopier & Fax Income	1,431.45
6070300 · General Fund Gifts	15.10
6110100 · Program Fees/Misc Fees	100.00
6120100 · Meeting Room Fees	50.00
6130100 · Misc Incom -General(Sales/Fees)	67.00
6150100 · Lost & Damged Materials	253.88
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>2,753.72</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>2,753.72</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
8010100 · Adult Books	5,662.49
8020100 · Youth Books	4,341.35
8025100 · Professional Resources	609.99
8030100 · Magazines & Newspapers	730.44
8040300 · Operating Fund Gifts	606.07
8050100 · Adult AV Materials	1,737.32
8060100 · Youth AV Materials	1,392.22
8090100 · eBook & eMagazine Services	1,741.37
8095100 · Electronic Subscriptions	7,705.15
8110100 · Bank Service Charges	31.92
8120100 · Library Supplies	1,176.31
8130100 · Tech Services Supplies	678.78
8140100 · Adult Programs & Supplies	982.85
8147100 · Summer Reading Club	28.00
8150100 · Youth Programs & Supplies	2,726.90
8215100 · Collection Agency Fees	107.40
8260100 · Misc Contracted Services	5,679.92
8320100 · VOIP Phone Service	5,381.18
8410100 · Payroll Exp, Acctg & Audit Serv	8,022.50
8510100 · Printing	5,935.00
8540100 · Postage	1,190.75
8550100 · Public Relations/Promotions	1,111.86
8610100 · Electricity	4,329.88
8620100 · Gas	300.00
8640100 · Water & Sewer	441.15
8740100 · Building & Grounds	4,934.16
8760100 · Hospitality	1,227.04
8800300 · Per Capita Grant expense for FY	
8800311 · Adult Materials - PER CAPITA	2,094.77
8800321 · Youth Materials - PER CAPITA	999.00
8800331 · Staff Software - PER CAPITA	739.00
<b>Total 8800300 · Per Capita Grant expense for FY</b>	<b>3,832.77</b>

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**McHenry Public Library District**  
**Statement of Revenues and Expenditures**  
December 2019

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	<u>Dec 19</u>
8910100 · Salaries	201,404.71
8920100 · FICA/Medicare	14,502.34
8930100 · IMRF	20,277.03
8940100 · Health & Life Insurance	(5,007.63)
8960100 · Memberships & Dues	623.53
8970100 · Travel	816.84
8980100 · Meetings & Training	275.00
9090100 · Additional Capital Projects	513.06
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Total Expense	306,049.65
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Net Income	<u><u>(303,295.93)</u></u>

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Cash Basis

**McHenry Public Library District**  
**Statement of Revenues and Expenditures by Class**

December 2019

	100 General Fund	200 Special Reserve F...	300 Grant and Gift Fund	TOTAL
<b>Income</b>				
6030100 · Interest Income - General	27.45	0.00	0.00	27.45
6030200 · Interest Income - Spec Reserve	0.00	128.06	0.00	128.06
6030300 · Interest Income - Grant & Gifts	0.00	0.00	30.44	30.44
6050100 · Fines	650.34	0.00	0.00	650.34
6060100 · Photocopier & Fax Income	1,431.45	0.00	0.00	1,431.45
6070300 · General Fund Gifts	0.00	0.00	15.10	15.10
6110100 · Program Fees/Misc Fees	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
6120100 · Meeting Room Fees	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
6130100 · Misc Incom -General(Sales/Fees)	67.00	0.00	0.00	67.00
6150100 · Lost & Damped Materials	253.88	0.00	0.00	253.88
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>2,580.12</b>	<b>128.06</b>	<b>45.54</b>	<b>2,753.72</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>2,580.12</b>	<b>128.06</b>	<b>45.54</b>	<b>2,753.72</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
8010100 · Adult Books	5,662.49	0.00	0.00	5,662.49
8020100 · Youth Books	4,341.35	0.00	0.00	4,341.35
8025100 · Professional Resources	609.99	0.00	0.00	609.99
8030100 · Magazines & Newspapers	730.44	0.00	0.00	730.44
8040300 · Operating Fund Gifts	0.00	0.00	606.07	606.07
8050100 · Adult AV Materials	1,737.32	0.00	0.00	1,737.32
8060100 · Youth AV Materials	1,392.22	0.00	0.00	1,392.22
8090100 · eBook & eMagazine Services	1,741.37	0.00	0.00	1,741.37
8095100 · Electronic Subscriptions	7,705.15	0.00	0.00	7,705.15
8110100 · Bank Service Charges	31.92	0.00	0.00	31.92
8120100 · Library Supplies	1,176.31	0.00	0.00	1,176.31
8130100 · Tech Services Supplies	678.78	0.00	0.00	678.78
8140100 · Adult Programs & Supplies	982.85	0.00	0.00	982.85
8147100 · Summer Reading Club	28.00	0.00	0.00	28.00
8150100 · Youth Programs & Supplies	2,726.90	0.00	0.00	2,726.90
8215100 · Collection Agency Fees	107.40	0.00	0.00	107.40
8260100 · Misc Contracted Services	5,679.92	0.00	0.00	5,679.92
8320100 · VOIP Phone Service	5,381.18	0.00	0.00	5,381.18
8410100 · Payroll Exp, Acctg & Audit Serv	8,022.50	0.00	0.00	8,022.50
8510100 · Printing	5,935.00	0.00	0.00	5,935.00
8540100 · Postage	1,190.75	0.00	0.00	1,190.75
8550100 · Public Relations/Promotions	1,111.86	0.00	0.00	1,111.86
8610100 · Electricity	4,329.88	0.00	0.00	4,329.88
8620100 · Gas	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
8640100 · Water & Sewer	441.15	0.00	0.00	441.15
8740100 · Building & Grounds	4,934.16	0.00	0.00	4,934.16
8760100 · Hospitality	1,227.04	0.00	0.00	1,227.04
8800300 · Per Capita Grant expense for FY	0.00	0.00	3,832.77	3,832.77
8910100 · Salaries	201,404.71	0.00	0.00	201,404.71
8920100 · FICA/Medicare	14,502.34	0.00	0.00	14,502.34
8930100 · IMRF	20,277.03	0.00	0.00	20,277.03
8940100 · Health & Life Insurance	(5,007.63)	0.00	0.00	(5,007.63)
8960100 · Memberships & Dues	623.53	0.00	0.00	623.53
8970100 · Travel	816.84	0.00	0.00	816.84
8980100 · Meetings & Training	275.00	0.00	0.00	275.00
9090100 · Additional Capital Projects	513.06	0.00	0.00	513.06
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>301,610.81</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>4,438.84</b>	<b>306,049.65</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(299,030.69)</b>	<b>128.06</b>	<b>(4,393.30)</b>	<b>(303,295.93)</b>



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<b>Income</b>				
6010100 · Property Taxes	1,555,587.61	3,180,661.00	(1,625,073.39)	48.9%
6020200 · Developer Fees	8,973.00	25,000.00	(16,027.00)	35.9%
6030100 · Interest Income - General	170.18	4,000.00	(3,829.82)	4.3%
6030200 · Interest Income - Spec Reserve	768.10	3,000.00	(2,231.90)	25.6%
6030300 · Interest Income - Grant & Gifts	175.60	2,500.00	(2,324.40)	7.0%
6035100 · Dividends	108.00	1,000.00	(892.00)	10.8%
6040100 · Nonresident/Enhanced Cards	45.00	1,500.00	(1,455.00)	3.0%
6050100 · Fines	2,016.94	23,500.00	(21,483.06)	8.6%
6055100 · Referral/Collection Fees	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)	0.0%
6060100 · Photocopier & Fax Income	10,767.89	20,000.00	(9,232.11)	53.8%
6070200 · Reserve Fund Gifts	0.00	25,000.00	(25,000.00)	0.0%
6070300 · General Fund Gifts	1,556.46	20,000.00	(18,443.54)	7.8%
6090100 · Annexation Impact Fees	0.00	20,000.00	(20,000.00)	0.0%
6090200 · Transfer from General Fund	0.00	1,000,000.00	(1,000,000.00)	0.0%
6105100 · Cobra/Retiree Insurance Pmts	6,281.40	13,500.00	(7,218.60)	46.5%
6110100 · Program Fees/Misc Fees	2,150.00	4,200.00	(2,050.00)	51.2%
6120100 · Meeting Room Fees	225.00	1,000.00	(775.00)	22.5%
6130100 · Misc Income -General(Sales/Fees)	2,940.29	6,500.00	(3,559.71)	45.2%
6131100 · Misc Other Income - General	1,325.75	0.00	1,325.75	100.0%
6130200 · Misc Income - Special Reserve	0.00	4,000.00	(4,000.00)	0.0%
6150100 · Lost & Damged Materials	978.84	5,500.00	(4,521.16)	17.8%
6160100 · SPECIAL CREDITS (SOLAR PANELS)	0.00	2,500.00	(2,500.00)	0.0%
6170300 · Per Capita Grant	58,566.12	67,628.00	(9,061.88)	86.6%
6200100 · Over/Short	0.00	500.00	(500.00)	0.0%
6210300 · Miscellaneous Grants	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	100.0%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,657,636.18</b>	<b>4,437,489.00</b>	<b>(2,779,852.82)</b>	<b>37.4%</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>1,657,636.18</b>	<b>4,437,489.00</b>	<b>(2,779,852.82)</b>	<b>37.4%</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
8010100 · Adult Books	30,218.73	85,000.00	(54,781.27)	35.6%
8020100 · Youth Books	21,332.29	52,000.00	(30,667.71)	41.0%
8025100 · Professional Resources	609.99	5,000.00	(4,390.01)	12.2%
8028100 · Administrative Resources (GA)	0.00	5,000.00	(5,000.00)	0.0%
8030100 · Magazines & Newspapers	11,994.78	14,500.00	(2,505.22)	82.7%
8040300 · Operating Fund Gifts	17,824.63	840,000.00	(822,175.37)	2.1%
8050100 · Adult AV Materials	19,611.94	42,000.00	(22,388.06)	46.7%
8060100 · Youth AV Materials	7,635.20	13,000.00	(5,364.80)	58.7%
8080100 · Video Games	2,972.11	15,000.00	(12,027.89)	19.8%
8090100 · eBook & eMagazine Services	15,563.16	68,000.00	(52,436.84)	22.9%
8095100 · Electronic Subscriptions	29,159.08	85,000.00	(55,840.92)	34.3%
8110100 · Bank Service Charges	153.01	200.00	(46.99)	76.5%
8120100 · Library Supplies	5,493.62	10,000.00	(4,506.38)	54.9%
8130100 · Tech Services Supplies	6,865.52	35,000.00	(28,134.48)	19.6%
8135100 · Bindery	0.00	200.00	(200.00)	0.0%
8140100 · Adult Programs & Supplies	9,731.78	17,500.00	(7,768.22)	55.6%
8145100 · Circulation Supplies	0.00	6,000.00	(6,000.00)	0.0%
8147100 · Summer Reading Club	112.49	7,500.00	(7,387.51)	1.5%
8150100 · Youth Programs & Supplies	10,730.19	20,000.00	(9,269.81)	53.7%
8215100 · Collection Agency Fees	322.20	1,500.00	(1,177.80)	21.5%
8245100 · Comp/OfcEqp/CopierRepairs/Contr	73,197.37	58,000.00	15,197.37	126.2%
8260100 · Misc Contracted Services	7,074.92	5,000.00	2,074.92	141.5%
8270100 · Finance/Late Fee Charges	0.00	500.00	(500.00)	0.0%
8310100 · CCS & Polaris Expenses	35,413.84	75,000.00	(39,586.16)	47.2%
8320100 · VOIP Phone Service	10,956.30	25,000.00	(14,043.70)	43.8%
8325100 · INTERNET SERVICE	0.00	25,000.00	(25,000.00)	0.0%
8410100 · Payroll Exp, Acctg & Audit Serv	13,341.80	32,000.00	(18,658.20)	41.7%

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8420100 · Legal Services	255.99	16,000.00	(15,744.01)	1.6%
8430100 · Other Misc Consultants	60,205.23	15,000.00	45,205.23	401.4%
8440100 · In Service / Staff Train./ LMS	0.00	15,000.00	(15,000.00)	0.0%
8510100 · Printing	17,798.00	30,000.00	(12,202.00)	59.3%
8530100 · Public Notices & Ads	85.23	3,000.00	(2,914.77)	2.8%
8540100 · Postage	6,751.57	15,000.00	(8,248.43)	45.0%
8545100 · Printing/Copier Supplies	6,099.00	10,000.00	(3,901.00)	61.0%
8550100 · Public Relations/Promotions	3,126.57	7,000.00	(3,873.43)	44.7%
8610100 · Electricity	9,958.98	25,000.00	(15,041.02)	39.8%
8620100 · Gas	1,080.79	10,000.00	(8,919.21)	10.8%
8630100 · Telephone & Internet Services	483.35	0.00	483.35	100.0%
8640100 · Water & Sewer	2,190.55	6,800.00	(4,609.45)	32.2%
8720100 · Building/Auto Insurance	32,461.00	32,000.00	461.00	101.4%
8730100 · Bonding & Officers Liability	1,208.00	5,500.00	(4,292.00)	22.0%
8740100 · Building & Grounds	52,164.76	54,000.00	(1,835.24)	96.6%
8760100 · Hospitality	2,991.65	9,000.00	(6,008.35)	33.2%
8770100 · Interlibrary Loan Fees & Losses	40.93	700.00	(659.07)	5.8%
8795100 · Miscellaneous (FH)	527.86	2,000.00	(1,472.14)	26.4%
8800300 · Per Capita Grant expense for FY	17,361.98	120,156.75	(102,794.77)	14.4%
8910100 · Salaries	937,524.73	1,800,000.00	(862,475.27)	52.1%
8920100 · FICA/Medicare	68,180.09	148,000.00	(79,819.91)	46.1%
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9030300 · Misc Grants	0.00	24,000.00	(24,000.00)	0.0%
9050200 · Library District Act	17,965.00	70,000.00	(52,035.00)	25.7%
9060100 · Library Furnishings	279.43	0.00	279.43	100.0%
9060200 · Special Reserve Expenditures	0.00	60,000.00	(60,000.00)	0.0%
9070100 · Library Equipment	5,147.34	50,000.00	(44,852.66)	10.3%
9080100 · Small Equipment Under \$250	950.24	5,000.00	(4,049.76)	19.0%
9090100 · Additional Capital Projects	54,602.16	120,000.00	(65,397.84)	45.5%
9100100 · Transfer to Reserve Fund	0.00	50,000.00	(50,000.00)	0.0%
9100300 · Transfer from Grant & Gift Fund	0.00	400,000.00	(400,000.00)	0.0%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>1,942,243.21</b>	<b>5,215,056.75</b>	<b>(3,272,813.54)</b>	<b>37.2%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(284,607.03)</b>	<b>(777,567.75)</b>	<b>492,960.72</b>	<b>36.6%</b>

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6090100 · Annexation Impact Fees	0.00	20,000.00	(20,000.00)	0.0%
6090200 · Transfer from General Fund	0.00	500,000.00	(500,000.00)	0.0%
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6130200 · Misc Income - Special Reserve	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)	0.0%
6150100 · Lost & Damged Materials	978.84	5,500.00	(4,521.16)	17.8%
6160100 · SPECIAL CREDITS (SOLAR PANELS)	0.00	2,500.00	(2,500.00)	0.0%
6200100 · Over/Short	0.00	500.00	(500.00)	0.0%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,582,596.90</b>	<b>3,787,361.00</b>	<b>(2,204,764.10)</b>	<b>41.8%</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>1,582,596.90</b>	<b>3,787,361.00</b>	<b>(2,204,764.10)</b>	<b>41.8%</b>
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8760100 · Hospitality	2,991.65	9,000.00	(6,008.35)	33.2%
8770100 · Interlibrary Loan Fees & Losses	40.93	700.00	(659.07)	5.8%
8795100 · Miscellaneous (FH)	527.86	2,000.00	(1,472.14)	26.4%
8800300 · Per Capita Grant expense for FY	0.00	67,628.00	(67,628.00)	0.0%
8910100 · Salaries	937,524.73	1,800,000.00	(862,475.27)	52.1%
8920100 · FICA/Medicare	68,180.09	148,000.00	(79,819.91)	46.1%
8930100 · IMRF	106,654.45	205,000.00	(98,345.55)	52.0%
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9090100 · Additional Capital Projects	54,602.16	120,000.00	(65,397.84)	45.5%
9100100 · Transfer to Reserve Fund	0.00	50,000.00	(50,000.00)	0.0%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>1,889,091.60</b>	<b>4,200,528.00</b>	<b>(2,311,436.40)</b>	<b>45.0%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(306,494.70)</b>	<b>(413,167.00)</b>	<b>106,672.30</b>	<b>74.2%</b>

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<b>Income</b>				
6020200 · Developer Fees	8,973.00	25,000.00	(16,027.00)	35.9%
6030200 · Interest Income - Spec Reserve	768.10	3,000.00	(2,231.90)	25.6%
6070200 · Reserve Fund Gifts	0.00	25,000.00	(25,000.00)	0.0%
6090200 · Transfer from General Fund	0.00	500,000.00	(500,000.00)	0.0%
6130200 · Misc Income - Special Reserve	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)	0.0%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>9,741.10</b>	<b>555,000.00</b>	<b>(545,258.90)</b>	<b>1.8%</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>9,741.10</b>	<b>555,000.00</b>	<b>(545,258.90)</b>	<b>1.8%</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
9050200 · Library District Act	17,965.00	70,000.00	(52,035.00)	25.7%
9060200 · Special Reserve Expenditures	0.00	60,000.00	(60,000.00)	0.0%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>17,965.00</b>	<b>130,000.00</b>	<b>(112,035.00)</b>	<b>13.8%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(8,223.90)</b>	<b>425,000.00</b>	<b>(433,223.90)</b>	<b>(1.9)%</b>

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### LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

December 2019

#### Administration

- RAILS awarded MPLD a \$15K grant for Census 2020. J. Scholtz completed initial budget/activities report. Monthly reports due 7<sup>th</sup> of each month – funding dependent upon GATA certification and will be awarded upon budget allocation submission with correct invoicing.
- J. Scholtz also met with McHenry Complete Count committee, (12/18, 1/15) set up some speaking engagements at local nursing home facilities, and talked to K. Lambert about staff training and brochures, table tents, Census events in March, April.
- Scholtz assisting HR and IT into hiring another IT Specialist. Working with Eder Technologies. Target date is mid-Feb. 2020.
- J. Scholtz/J. May/B. Edminster working with S. Claucherty for training 2 new custodians (1 hired 12/23; 1 hired 1/6/20). Also, L. Jakacki will be working with Shane to familiarize/instruct him on the Maintenance Google Docs/Intranet.
- Board recognized and endorsed the succession plan involving L. Jakacki and Z. Terrill as prospective administrators within the next 1 ½ to 2 years. Training will involve familiarization with all duties/responsibilities of the Executive Director/Assistant Director. (This does not mean that these positions have been 'promised' to these individuals). Other staff may also participate in these learning sessions with the approval of the Director.
- Scholtz also contacted Eriksson Engineering, D. Curran and City concerning manholes and taking over sanitary sewer line. Hopefully we'll have spring 2020 construction of 2 manholes. No estimates of \$/work as of yet.
- Scholtz gave 1<sup>st</sup> Census 2020 presentation to group of 50+ residents at McHenry Villa, discussing forms and process for completing the 2020 Census. They want us to return in March to assist residents in completing the forms. (1/6)
- Scholtz working on 2 new staff policies – email and social media policy. He will coordinate with J. May when drafts are completed.
- Scholtz worked with the McHenry County Historical Society on the **Woodstock Sentinel** digitization of microfilm (grant received).
- B. Edminster held sync-ups with L. Jakacki 12/17, B. Majka 1/7, P. Strain 1/9, and K. Milfajt 1/15. Monthly sync-up with S. Claucherty cancelled due to holidays.
- B. Edminster led the in-service planning committee meeting, 1/8.
- B. Edminster participated in conference call with representative from RBdigital, 1/10.
- B. Edminster, K. Milfajt, and Z. Terrill worked together on the 2020 Per Capita Grant application.
- B. Edminster, P. Strain, K. Lambert, and Z. Terrill met several times to plan the Career Online High School graduation ceremony for 1/26.
- B. Edminster led the Classic Book Discussion of *Shane* by Jack Schaefer, 1/20.

## **Adult Services**

- We are sad to announce that following 23.5 years of stellar service the patrons of MPLD, Librarian Tim O'Toole announced that he will retire on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Staff and patrons will miss his upbeat, "never say never" demeanor and his deep dedication to his profession.
- T. Hillier rearranged the Local History Blog to show off more of the digital collection, namely the yearbooks and telephone directories.
- At the December Adult Services Department meeting E. Bily shared updates on Talking Book and Braille Service (TBBS) that is provided through the Illinois State Library.
- D. Gaudio showed a patron how to generate a Weiss Financial Medigap report and save it on a flash drive.
- T. Hillier helped a patron find the location of his house in the plat maps in the Genealogy Room. We were able to go through the original land purchase in the 1840s until 2018. He was very happy as the names we found matched the names he found in land purchase records at the court house in Woodstock.
- A. Moreno explained the Career Online High School enrollment process to a Spanish speaking patron. The patron finished the initial assessment. She does not have access to a computer at home and plans to come to the library on a weekly basis to the complete the program if she is accepted.
- As part of the annual Per Capita Grant training requirements, Adult Services staff members viewed and discussed the following webinars: Navigating the Changing Landscape of Library Privacy, 21st Century Librarians for 21st Century Libraries, Keeping Patrons Safe: Our Responsibilities During High-Risk Situations, Take Your Productivity to the Next Level, and Trends in Safety and Security for Libraries.
- P. Strain co-led the Mystery Book Group discussion of *The 12 Dogs of Christmas* by David Rosenfelt.

## **Building Services**

- G. Garza hired as Custodian 12/23/2019; T.Lasco hired 1/5/2020; G. Pease still out due to injury.
- Scholtz working with Building Services to find a repair company for our combo vending machine located in Circulation/Vending area. Purchased in 2016 from Sam's Club.

## **Circulation**

- B. Majka and L. Horist attended in-service meeting on 12/2
- L. Horist attended Pioneer Center Christmas Luncheon on 12/6, along with K. Lambert and J. May
- B. Majka attended Manager's Meeting on 12/10
- Circulation Department attend the staff in-service on 12/13
- L. Horist, along with J. May, and D. Gaudio hosted our Christmas Party, on 12/13

## **Human Resources**

- Completed interviewing for the custodial positions and extended offers to two full time people; Gloria Garza started on 12/23/19 and Todd Lasco is scheduled to start on 1/6/20
- Attended In-service Meeting on 12/2/19
- Led Management meeting on open discussion around Performance Improvement Plan document and steps on 12/3/19
- Attended webinar with P. Torgersen with Payroll Data on 2019 Year End Webinar on 12/4/19
- Attended webinar on Workplace Transparency Act on 12/5/19
- Attended Annual Pioneer Center Holiday Book Review & Luncheon on 12/6/19 with K. Lambert and L. Horist
- Attended Stateline SHRM Holiday Celebration on 12/12/19
- Participated in Management Team Meeting on 12/10/19
- Attended Staff In-service on 12/13/19
- Attended and hosted our Staff Holiday Party on 12/13/19
- Attended webinar on How to Get Strategic Value Out of Your Benefits Program in 2020
- Prepared Drug-Free Work Place policy and Reasonable Suspicion for 2020
- Worked with Payroll Data to have both Life Insurance and AD&D codes added in for employees to view on their pay check stubs
- Worked with Payroll Data to have voluntary Life Insurance and AD&D codes/amounts added into Payroll Data to streamline pay period deductions

## **Public Relations**

- The January/February *Preface* newsletter was mailed to more than 21,000 households
- Promoted upcoming events via website, indoor/outdoor LCD monitors, e-newsletters, NW Herald, social media
- Took pictures at some programs
- Sent two e-newsletters to more than 3,000 patrons
- Updated website as needed
- Started preparing printed materials for upcoming Career Online High School Graduation
- Participated in management team meeting re: revising Performance Improvement Policy/Form
- Attended Pioneer Center Holiday luncheon fundraiser/program
- Attended PR/Marketing Networking Group meeting at new Lake Villa Library
- Attended Management Team Meeting
- Attended staff in-service
- Participated in an ALA Census webinar

## **Technical Services**

- P. Radic, D. Lavin, and K. Kimbrel received evaluations.
- K. Walker and K. Meadows had Smart Goal reviews.
- K. Milfajt had her sync up with B. Edminster.
- D. Lavin worked to resolve issues with our North West Herald Delivery.



- K. Milfajt participated in the MPLD Collection Development Committee meeting, 12/3
- K. Milfajt participated in the MPLD Management Team meeting to look at Performance Improvement Plans, 12/3
- K. Walker ran the MPLD Dungeons and Dragons program, 12/10.
- K. Milfajt participated in the MPLD Management Team meeting, 12/10.
- K. Milfajt represented the MPLD at the CCS Acquisitions Technical Group meeting, 12/11.
- K. Milfajt met with B. Edminster and Z. Terrill to go over the Per Capita Grant.
- K. Kimbrel, D. Lavin, K. Meadows, P. Radic, K. Walker and K. Milfajt attended the MPLD In-service, 12/13.
- K. Kimbrel, D. Lavin, K. Meadows, K. Walker and K. Milfajt participated in the MPLD Technical Services Team meeting, 12/13.

## **Technology**

- J. Scholtz working with Eder Technology and IT to renew Google Enterprise, possibly moving to a free version OR to an online paid/controlled version so renewal won't be a problem in future.
- D. Grandon attended Unitrends training and DR workshop on 12/5 in Waukesha.
- D. Grandon emceed the staff In-service on 12/13.
- D. Grandon attended the CCS IT meeting at Indian Trails on 12/17.
- D. Grandon/Eder Tech ordered hardware for patron education/observation kiosk. J. Scholtz has wanted to complete this project since 2014. It will provide real-time data on our solar panel output + educational/information materials on our solar panel manufacturer and rack system, Inverters, Magitek/installation + an actual solar panel that kids can touch. We can also do book displays around the unit, etc.

## **Youth Services**

- M. Puga attended the Guadalajara International Book Fair (FIL) in Mexico at the beginning of the month. This was an invaluable opportunity for Maria and the library. She was able to purchase Spanish language materials not available in the United States and learn a lot about the publishing industry. This trip was made possible through assistance from FIL and ALA.
- E. Andrews was invited to speak via conference call to the Mayor's Office of Baltimore and the Director of the Enoch Pratt Free Library about her LGBTeq program for teens and all what she does to advocate for that demographic in the library.
- A. Karwowska assumed full YS Lead Duties at the beginning of December.
- There was a big shelving shift in the YS Area to help create sightlines into the Discovery Hub from the Public Services Desk and to spread out the extremely popular Early Reader collection. The old preschool area couches and tables were removed and new the Early Reader Shelving was moved into that location. Lower shelving then was put into the old Early Reader area to accommodate the Holiday Picture Book and Read Along collections. M. Cairo, J. Einoris and L. Jakacki worked on getting the new shelving up with the help of Building Services and reshelving the materials.

- J. Hume rolled new incentives for the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program. Instead a toy for every 100 books read kids will be able to earn library experiences like being able to return their own book in the Circ. Workroom via the sorter or checking out their own book behind the desk at certain milestones. Prizes for the program have funded by the Friends of the Library and McHenry Culver's.
- S. Baseley co-facilitated the first meeting of EDIT-YA (Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Taskforce for Youth Services) at the Lincolnwood Library. Over 40 YS Librarians attended the meeting and the group is reading "How to Be an AntiRacist" by Ibram X. Kendi. The McHenry Library will be hosting the March meeting.

## **Statistics and Highlights Narrative**

Legend – ABk – Adult Books; JBk – Children's Books; PBk – Paperback Books; AudBk – Audio books; JAudBk – Children's Audio books; ILL – Interlibrary loan; Vid/DVD – Videos/DVDs; JVid/DVD – Children's Videos/DVDs; Other

The TS Dept. added 946 items (-7%) in November 2019, withdrew 2282 (+307%). Staff also mended 696 items (+69%) and processed 947 new items (-1%). New patron cards entered – 315 (-11%). Overall circulation decreased by (-3%; 43,312 compared with 44,749) from the previous year/month and we were open 27 days compared with 25 days last year/month. We also had 15,838 renewals (-9% less than same month, last year). Auto renewals made up about 37% of total circulation. All categories of materials saw decreases in circulation ranging from -59% (teen Audio) to J Aud (-1%). Only AdBk saw an increase of +2%). Ave. circulation per day was 1604. Library attendance was 16,890 (626 people per day ave.). Digital materials/ use seems to be increasing. Wifi use was down (-17%). Web visits 26,176 (-11%) but overall web hits (494,499, +13%).

## **Upcoming Events and Projects**

Career On-Line High School graduation ceremony scheduled for Sunday, 1/26/2020.

More community and library events revolving around 2020 Census.

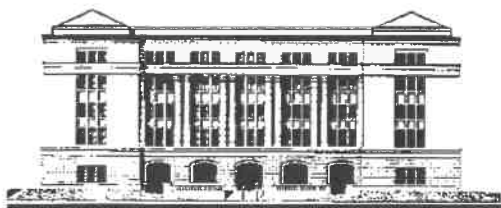
ALA Midwinter (Chicago) 1/24-28, 2020

Chamber Business Expo February 22 (library will have booth)

PLA, (Nashville, TN) 2/25-29, 2020

Reaching Forward meeting (L. Horist) (Bloomington PL) 1/17/2020, Conference 5/1/2020.

Google Enterprise renewal or change in subscription status



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## Illinois State Library

### ILLINOIS PUBLIC LIBRARY PER CAPITA AND EQUALIZATION AID GRANT APPLICATION

As required by administrative rule, The Illinois Library System Act (23 Ill. Adm. Code 3030.200 (2) (J)), to be eligible for funding, the applying public library shall have completed the Illinois Public Library Annual Report (IPLAR) and the annual certification process to confirm eligibility for grants administered by the Illinois State Library.

In making an application for Public Library Per Capita and Equalization Aid Grants, the Library Board of Trustees agrees to expend the funds received for the purposes outlined in the application as approved by the Illinois State Library, and as stipulated by statute Illinois Library System Act (75 ILCS 10/8 and 10/8.1) and administrative rule Illinois State Library Grant Programs (23 Ill. Adm. Code 3035.115 and 3035.135).

The Library Board of Trustees affirms that all grant funds received as a result of this application shall be used to provide public library service to its community by supplementing the library's regular budget and that it will not reduce, nor cause to have reduced, the public library's levy in the current or next fiscal year.

The Library Board of Trustees agrees that the Illinois State Library or its designee shall have the right to examine any of the records that directly relate to this grant.

☒ By checking this box, I certify 1) that I have the authority to submit this application on behalf of the Library Board of Trustees, and 2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. The Library Board of Trustees is aware that any false, fictitious or fraudulent statement or claims may be subject to civil, criminal or administrative penalties.

1. Legal name of library: McHenry Public Library District

2. Library's control number: 30448 Branch number: 00

3. Contact information of the person completing this grant application:

Preparer's name: Bill Edminster  
(First name) (Last name)

Preparer's title: Assistant Director

Preparer's phone number: (815) 385-0036

Preparer's email: bedminster@mchenrylibrary.org

**4. Population Served:** 42,023

All changes in population must be documented and supporting information that details the increase or decrease shall be submitted electronically with this application. Documentation should include one of the following:

- Any U.S. Census certifications (corrections, special census, etc.) that has been filed with the Office of Secretary of State Index Department prior to submission of the application.
- For population changes, annexations or disconnects that are typically not documented by the U.S. Census, the library must submit appropriate and substantial supporting information, including a certified population. Examples include, but are not limited to: documentation from appropriate municipal corporate authorities, a library district's board of trustees, referenda questions and certified results, etc.

Contact the Illinois State Library with any questions.

**5. Standards Chapter Review, Public Service:** The library director and the Board of Trustees shall review Chapter 3, "Personnel," of "Serving Our Public 3.0: Standards for Illinois Public Libraries, 2014." Review the check list at the end of the chapter and report on progress toward meeting any items left unchecked. If all items are checked, please indicate as such.

All items are checked. However, the McHenry Public Library has, in the last year, completed a full review of all job descriptions and salary scale. MPLD worked with HRSource to compare our salary scale and job descriptions with similarly sized libraries and service industry businesses in our area. Once that was completed the Director, Assistant Director, and HR Generalist met and discussed how to proceed. During this discussion, they brought up the minimum wage increase and worked it into the salary scale and tried to be proactive in making sure that the library wouldn't be caught unawares. The group also evaluated each department to make sure that they were sufficiently staffed and have recently made changes to ensure that there were no gaps.

**6. Trustees Fact File:** The Board of Trustees shall review chapters 11-14 and all appendices of the "Trustee Facts File Third or Fourth Edition" — <https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/libraries/pdfs/trusteefacts.pdf>.

As a result of this review, indicate any modification to current practices or policies that may occur in the forthcoming year.

**Fundraising:** The Board asked the Executive Director to work with the City of McHenry to increase annexation fees and to request that other communities in the district institute annexation fees. The Library is involved in strategic planning that may involve adding an annex and a fundraising campaign by the Board. The Board did not feel that a foundation was a good idea at this time due to the cost of incorporation and the overhead involved, which could be better used for building an annex.

**Advocacy and Public Relations:** The Board is advocating for a full Census count with other McHenry County public bodies. Board members will volunteer to speak to local groups on this and other issues. In the process, the Board hopes to identify potential appointees or candidates to be Trustees. The strategic plan the Board is working on will have a one-page summary for PR purposes as well as a multipage checklist document. While the Library sends staff and Board members to the Presidents' Day Legislative Breakfast, our local legislators often do not attend.

**Continuing Education:** Board members will be encouraged to attend Library programs and presentations as well staff training and technical group meetings to learn more about what the Library offers.

7. **Continuing Education:** Library staff and at least one trustee shall have completed an educational program in calendar year 2019 focusing on organization management. The requirement could have been met via live presentation, webinar or free online courses. Providers may include, but are not limited to, the Illinois State Library, an Illinois Library System and the Illinois Library Association. The library may choose to have an in-house staff day and have someone come in to discuss organizational management. Because libraries throughout the state vary in staff size and need, the individual library will decide on the area of focus.

List the organization management program attended and indicate any modification to current practices or policies that may occur in the forthcoming year.

All levels of the library's staff took the opportunity to participate in organizational management training. Many watched the webinars provided by RAILS with varying feedback. Many found great takeaways and found ways that they can improve their day to day operations while some other staff found the webinars they chose to watch less helpful. Take Your Productivity to the Next Level was an especially big hit with staff members who found some different tools that they can use to improve their time management skills. A few staff members also had an "out-service" at another library to learn about ways that they could improve their productivity and learn a new acquisition process. Our Administration team and Board of Trustees have been doing training on creating a new strategic plan for our library. They are making great strides in moving the process along and will continue to create a new strategic plan for the library in the coming year.

8. **Outreach:** Having familiarized library staff and the Board of Trustees with the Illinois Digital Archives (IDA): <http://www.idaillinois.org/> and the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA): <https://dp.la/>, does the library have a collection of original source materials relevant to Illinois' history and culture that would be appropriate for possible inclusion in the DPLA and the IDA? Would the library like to receive a follow up call from the Illinois State Library? Yes ☒ No ☐

Describe the library's role in the collection, exhibition and promotion of local history in your community.

We purchase relevant works for our local history collection. We work with the McHenry County Genealogical Society and the British Interest Group of Wisconsin and Illinois, housing roughly half of the McHenry County Genealogical Society's collection and all of the British Interest Group of Wisconsin and Illinois' collection. Our Genealogy Librarian meets with people one on one to provide help and provides content for our website, highlighting events that occurred in McHenry history. He sends out a monthly Genealogy Newsletter with recommendations of new items in the collection including links to the online catalog, and writes a blog covering events in McHenry history. We also do youth programs in conjunction with our local history society.

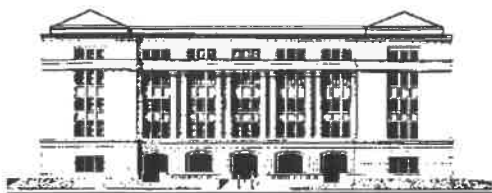
9. **Planned Use of Funds:** Describe how the library plans to use grant monies in order to meet standards in the most recent edition of "Serving Our Public 3.0: Standards for Illinois Public Libraries." Use general categories in identifying actual planned expenditures.

Half the Per Capita money will go for technology purchases & the other half will be split between the Adult & Youth collections for print & audiovisual materials.

Money used for hardware, software, & connectivity helps us meet Technology Standards #11 & #12. We will add more telecommunications hardware & updated peripheral devices for staff & public computers.

Per Capita money helps us improve our technological services, resources, & access as part of our planning cycle, aiding us in meeting Technology Standard #14. We will purchase current, relevant software for security concerns to protect the integrity, safety, & security of our technology as directed by Technology Standard #15.

Grant money used for collections supports Collection Management & Resource Sharing Standard #12 as we purchase added copies & replacements of best sellers & popular materials. Per Capita money spent on Large Print books, closed-captioned DVDs, & audiobooks on CDs which helps us meet Collection Management & Resource Sharing Standard #7.



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### **Illinois Public Library Per Capita Grant Expenditures Report**

*Per Capita Grant funds must be obligated by June 30 and expended by August 15.*

**Library Name:** McHenry Public Library District **City:** McHenry  
**Control Number:** 30448 **Branch Number:** 00  
**Fiscal Year:** 2018 **Exact amount of Per Capita Grant received:** \$52,528.75

#### **CHECK EXPENDITURE CATEGORY. EACH CHECKED CATEGORY MUST INCLUDE A BRIEF EXPLANATION.**

☒ **Materials** (materials for all ages, genres and formats, including electronic resources, books on tape, DVD's, CD's, etc.)

\$26,264.00 of Per Capita Grant money was used to purchase print books, DVDs, and audiobooks on CDs for adult, teen, and junior patrons.

☐ **Programs** (Summer Reading, Mom & Tot, educational, instructional, etc.)

☐ **Personnel**

☒ **Electronic Access** (databases, resource sharing, LLSAPs, system fees, etc.)

\$936.22 of Per Capita Grant money was used to purchase hardware and software for network connectivity.

☐ **Continuing Education** (staff and/or board)

☐ **Supplies**

☒ **Equipment** (office equipment, computer software and hardware, etc.)

\$25,328.53 of Per Capita Grant money was used to purchase staff and public hardware and software.

☐ **Travel**

☐ **Public Relations** (newsletters, media ads, etc.)

☐ **Telecommunications** (phone, fax, internet, cable, etc.)

☐ **Construction – Be specific** (ADA Accessibility, new carpeting and floor coverings, new furnishings, attached shelving, lighting, basic re-modeling, energy conservation, electrical, roofing, elevators, ceilings, HVAC, plumbing, doors/windows, fire protection, book drops, circulation desks, security systems, technology wiring, and interior or exterior painting)

☐ **Contractual Services – Be specific** (legal fees, architect fees, consulting fees, etc.)

☐ **Other – Be specific** (insurance, utilities, furniture, Shelving, association fees, lawn maintenance, etc.)

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Editor's note: Add calendar items for consideration at [nwherald.com/calendar](mailto:nwherald.com/calendar).

## Monday

- 8:30 a.m. - **Registration opens for Barlina House Preschool 2020-21**, online and in person registration available, 705 Barlina Road, Crystal Lake. Barlina House Preschool is a Crystal Lake Park District program and is licensed by the Illinois Department of Children & Family Services. \$50. Information: [www.crystallakeparks.org](http://www.crystallakeparks.org).
- 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. - **Sewing 101: Lanyards**, Harvard Diggins Library, 900 E. McKinley St., Harvard. Learn basic sewing skills as you create a lanyard using fabric of your own choosing. Lanyard clasp will be supplied. Open to students ages 9 through 14. Registration required. Supply list provided at registration. Free. Information: 815-943-4671.
- 2:15 to 3:30 p.m. - **Science Olympiad - Room 109**, Hannah Beardsley Middle School, 515 E. Crystal Lake Ave., Crystal Lake. Information: [d47.schoolwires.net](mailto:d47.schoolwires.net).
- 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. - **Teen Taste Testers: M&M's**, Harvard Diggins Library, 900 E. McKinley St., Harvard. You decide the best M&M's in a teen tasteoff. Open to youth in grades six through 12. Registration required. Free. Information: 815-943-4671.
- 4 to 4:30 p.m. - **Yeti Mason Jars**, Dundee Library, 555 Barrington Ave., East Dundee. Listen to a story and create a mason jar craft with a wintry, mythical creature. Grades K through 3. Free. Information: 847-428-3661, [kinneran@frvpld.info](mailto:kinneran@frvpld.info), [www.frvpld.info](http://www.frvpld.info).
- 6 to 8 p.m. - **Movie Night: "Judy"**, Harvard Diggins Library, 900 E. McKinley St., Harvard. Rated PG-13. Free, open to the public. Doors open at 5:45 p.m. Bring your own dinner, snacks and drinks with a lid. Free. Information: 815-943-4671, [leticia@harvard-diggins.org](mailto:leticia@harvard-diggins.org).
- 6 to 7 p.m. - **Three Kings Celebration**, All ages with caregiver, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Celebrate El Dia de los Reyes Magos with a bilingual program featuring a story, songs and craft followed by Three Kings Bread and chocolate milk. Register at [www.clpl.org](http://www.clpl.org) or call 815.459.1687. Free. Information: 815-459-1687, [clpl.evanced.info](mailto:clpl.evanced.info).
- 6 p.m. - **AKC STAR Puppy Classes**, Alden's Kennels Inc., 6810 Barnard Mill Road, Ringwood. Cost: \$5 to \$150. Information: 815-728-0559, [info@aldenskennels.com](mailto:info@aldenskennels.com), [business.chamberhp.com](http://business.chamberhp.com).
- 6 p.m. - **District 200 All-School Art Show**, Woodstock Public Library, 414 W. Judd St., Woodstock. Information: [ilevanded.info](mailto:ilevanded.info).
- 6 to 7:30 p.m. - **Frazzled**, Marengo-Union Library District, 19714 E. Grant Highway, Marengo. Not sure how to use all the bells and whistles on the new device you received this holiday season? Try this one-on-one tech tutoring. Open to ages 18 and older. Drop-in program. Free. Information: 815-568-8236,

[circulation@muld.org](mailto:circulation@muld.org), [muld.org](http://muld.org).

• 6 to 7 p.m. - **Zumba**, Lakefront Park Building, 71 Nippersink Blvd., Fox Lake. Information: [www.foxlake.org](http://www.foxlake.org).

• 7 p.m. - **Beginner Obedience Group Classes**, Alden's Kennels Inc., 6810 Barnard Mill Road, Ringwood. \$150. Information: 815-728-0559, [info@aldenskennels.com](mailto:info@aldenskennels.com), [business.chamberhp.com](http://business.chamberhp.com).

• 7:30 to 9 p.m. - **Fox Valley Rocketeers January Club Meeting**, Woodstock North High School, Room D187, 3000 Raffle Road, Woodstock. The Fox Valley Rocketeers, a local club of model rocketry enthusiasts, is hosting its January club meeting. For further information, go to [www.foxvalleyrocketeers.org](http://www.foxvalleyrocketeers.org). Free. Information: 815-337-9068, [mundick@comcast.net](mailto:mundick@comcast.net), [foxvalleyrocketeers.org](http://foxvalleyrocketeers.org).

## Tuesday

- 9:30 to 11 a.m. - **Drop-In Tot Open Gym**, Grand Oaks, 1401 W. Route 176, Crystal Lake. Open to ages 1 through 4 with parent/caregiver. \$5 per child at the door. Information: 815-459-0680, [hstolt@crystallakeparks.org](mailto:hstolt@crystallakeparks.org), [www.crystallakeparks.org](http://www.crystallakeparks.org).
- 10 to 11 a.m. - **Preschool Storytime**, Harvard Diggins Library, 900 E. McKinley St., Harvard. Children ages 3 through 5 and their caregivers may join Miss Anna and Mrs. Karen for stories, songs and a craft. Registration required. Free. Information: 815-943-4671.
- 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. - **Better Balance and Strengthening Class**, Lakefront Park Building, 71 Nippersink Blvd., Fox Lake. Information: [www.foxlake.org](http://www.foxlake.org).
- 11:45 a.m. - **Mah Jongg Club**, Kraus Senior Center, 441 W. Main St., Cary. Free. Information: 847-639-6100.
- 2 to 3 p.m. - **Downloading Help Drop-In Sessions**, Woodstock Public Library, 414 W. Judd St., Woodstock. Information: [ilevanded.info](mailto:ilevanded.info).
- 6 to 7:30 p.m. - **Fun with STEM**, Ages 4 through 7, Marengo-Union Library District, 19714 E. Grant Highway, Marengo. Learn about wild and extreme weather and how to prepare for it. Registration is required. Register by calling the library or on its website. Free. Information: 815-568-8236, [circulation@muld.org](mailto:circulation@muld.org), [muld.org](http://muld.org).
- 7 to 8:30 p.m. - **Art Night for Emerging Adults (ages 18 to 29)**, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Free. Information: 815-385-0036, [mpref@mchenrylibrary.org](mailto:mpref@mchenrylibrary.org), [mchenrylibrary.org](http://mchenrylibrary.org).
- 9:30 to 11 a.m. - **Tot Open Gym**, Grand Oaks Recreation Center, 1401 W. Route 176, Crystal Lake. Information: [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com).
- 7 p.m. - **Tuesday Night Trivial**, Crystal Lake Brewing, 150 N. Main St., Crystal Lake. Information: [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com).

## Wednesday

- 7:30 to 9 a.m. - **Prime Media Consulting Presents: Prime Power Partners**, St. Mary Catholic Church, 1401 N. Richmond Road, McHenry. Free. Information: [business@mchenry-chamber.com](mailto:business@mchenry-chamber.com).
- 7:30 to 9 a.m. - **Prime Media Consulting Presents: Prime Power Partners**, 427 W. Virginia St., Crystal Lake. Free. Information:

[contact@primemediaconsulting.com](mailto:contact@primemediaconsulting.com), [business.mchenrychamber.com](http://business.mchenrychamber.com).

• 10 to 11 a.m. - **Bluestem Readers**, Harvard Diggins Library, 900 E. McKinley St., Harvard. Homeschool students in grades 3 through 5 are welcome to join us every week as we read books from the 2020 Bluestem Reader's Choice List. Discussions will include activities to enhance the books. Registration is required. Free. Information: 815-943-4671.

• 10 to 11 a.m. - **Marvelous Mazes Family Challenge**, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Free. Information: 815-385-0036, [mplys@mchenrylibrary.org](mailto:mplys@mchenrylibrary.org), [mchenrylibrary.org](http://mchenrylibrary.org).

• 10 to 11 a.m. - **Chair Yoga: Kraus Senior Center**, 441 W. Main St., Cary. Free. Information: 847-639-6100.

• 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. - **Wolf Oak Woods Restoration Workday**, Wolf Oak Woods, 9100 Illinois Route 120, Woodstock. Free. Information: 815-337-9502, [gmaik@conservemc.org](mailto:gmaik@conservemc.org).

• 10 a.m. to noon - **Wednesday Matinee**, Marengo-Union Library District, 19714 E. Grant Highway, Marengo. New day and time. We'll be showing "Game Night" (R, 100 mins). Beverages and snacks provided. Open to ages 18 and older. Registration required. Register by calling the library or visit our website. Free. Information: 815-568-8236, [circulation@muld.org](mailto:circulation@muld.org), [muld.org](http://muld.org).

• Noon to 12:30 p.m. - **Lunchtime Tours: The First People of Lake County**, Lake County Discovery Museum, 27277 N. Forest Preserve Road, Wauconda. \$5-\$6. Information: [www.lcfdp.org](http://www.lcfdp.org).

• 1 to 2 p.m. - **Family Story and Playtime**, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Free. Information: 815-385-0036, [mplys@mchenrylibrary.org](mailto:mplys@mchenrylibrary.org), [mchenrylibrary.org](http://mchenrylibrary.org).

• 2 to 3 p.m. - **Sensory Saturday: Snow Much Fun!**, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Free. Information: 815-385-0036, [mplys@mchenrylibrary.org](mailto:mplys@mchenrylibrary.org), [mchenrylibrary.org](http://mchenrylibrary.org).

• 4 to 5:30 p.m. - **DIY Pinecone Winter Owl**, Dundee Library, 555 Barrington Ave., East Dundee. Embrace the wintry conditions with this nature inspired owl craft. Grades K through 3. Free. Information: 847-428-3661, [kinneran@frvpld.info](mailto:kinneran@frvpld.info), [www.frvpld.info](http://www.frvpld.info).

• 4 p.m. - **Sit and Dine with Elvis**, Wilmet Medtman, 11931 Fox River Road, Wilmet. Information: 262-862-2301, [www.visitkenosha.com](http://www.visitkenosha.com).

• 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. - **After School STEAM Zone: The Power of Magnets Maze**, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Free. Information: 815-385-0036, [mplys@mchenrylibrary.org](mailto:mplys@mchenrylibrary.org), [mchenrylibrary.org](http://mchenrylibrary.org).

• 5 to 6:30 p.m. - **Chamber 101**, Chamber Office, 1257 N. Green St., McHenry. Free. Information: [frank@mchenrychamber.com](mailto:frank@mchenrychamber.com), [business.mchenrychamber.com](http://business.mchenrychamber.com).

• 5:30 to 7 p.m. - **Girl's Night Out**, Sweet Melissa's Pizza and Pub, 134 Rand Road, Lakemoor. Once a month we pick a local restaurant for ladies of the Chamber to gather for a casual dinner. Must RSVP by Wednesday at noon so we can reserve seating. Information: [business.mchenrychamber.com](mailto:business.mchenrychamber.com).

• 6 to 8 p.m. - **Anime Club**, Dundee Library, 555 Barrington Ave., East Dundee. Come to Anime Club to hang out, watch K-pop music

videos, make pixel art with perler beads, discuss your favorite anime and who you ship, play video games, and make buttons. Free. Information: 847-428-3661, [kinneran@frvpld.info](mailto:kinneran@frvpld.info), [www.frvpld.info](http://www.frvpld.info).

• 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - **Open Chess**, Starbucks, 2318 Richmond Road, McHenry. Everyone welcome. Opportunity to sharpen chess skills in relaxed, friendly atmosphere. Free. Information: 815-529-2796, [wjvarda@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wjvarda@sbcglobal.net).

• 7 to 10 p.m. - **Bingo**, Woodstock Moose Lodge, 406 Clay St., Woodstock. 6:45 p.m. early bird game, 7 p.m. bingo. Open to the public. Kitchen open 5:30 to 8 p.m. Cost: \$6 to \$50. Bingo cards and special games sold. Information: 815-338-9875, [rpstock93@yahoo.com](mailto:rpstock93@yahoo.com).

• 7 p.m. - **AKC Canine Good Citizen Class & Therapy Dog International**, Alden's Kennels Inc., 6810 Barnard Mill Road, Ringwood. \$150. Information: 815-728-0559, [info@aldenskennels.com](mailto:info@aldenskennels.com), [business.chamberhp.com](http://business.chamberhp.com).

• 7 to 8 p.m. - **Mae West**, Cary Public Library, 1606 Three Oaks Road, Cary. Free. Information: 847-639-4210, [blt.ly](mailto:blt.ly).

• 7 to 8:30 p.m. - **Rural Woodstock Public Library District Board Meeting**, Woodstock Public Library, 414 W. Judd St., Woodstock. Information: [ilevanded.info](mailto:ilevanded.info).

• 7 to 9 p.m. - **Acrylic Painting Session**, Abantu Arts Fusion, 625 Cog Circle, Crystal Lake. \$35 to \$45. Prices include supplies, materials and instruction. Information: [info@abantuarts.com](mailto:info@abantuarts.com), [www.abantuarts.com](http://www.abantuarts.com).

• 7 to 9 p.m. - **Retro Painting Session**, Abantu Arts Fusion, 625 Cog Circle, Crystal Lake. \$45. Includes all materials, supplies and instruction. Information: [info@abantuarts.com](mailto:info@abantuarts.com), [www.abantuarts.com](http://www.abantuarts.com).

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- 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. - **Stretching & Flexibility**, Lakefront Park Building, 71 Nippersink Blvd., Fox Lake. Information: [www.foxlake.org](http://www.foxlake.org).
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- 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. - **Wauconda Township Cards and Games Club**, Wauconda Township Hall 505 W. Bonner Road, Wauconda. Free. Information: [lknight@waucondatowship.com](mailto:lknight@waucondatowship.com), [www.waucondachamber.org](http://www.waucondachamber.org).
- 2:15 to 3:30 p.m. - **Science Olympiad**, Room 109, Hannah Beardsley Middle School, 515 E. Crystal Lake Ave., Crystal Lake.



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• 8 a.m. - **6x6 PROJECT Call for Artists.** Raue Center for the Arts, 26 N. Williams St., Crystal Lake. Raue Center kicks off the second annual 6x6 PROJECT, a fundraiser and online art auction. Artists of all ages and abilities are invited to participate by creating original works of art in a variety of mediums on 6" x 6" canvases. \$5 donation required for canvas. Information: [815-474-4556](mailto:815-474-4556), [michey14@yahoo.com](mailto:michey14@yahoo.com), [www.rauecenter.org](http://www.rauecenter.org).

• 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. - **Winter Reading Program: "Get Yert to Read!"** Kids through grade 8, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Read, log your minutes and earn prizes from the Crystal Lake Public Library. No library card needed to participate. Register in the Youth Services Department. Free. Information: [815-459-1687](tel:815-459-1687), [cpl.evanced.info](mailto:cpl.evanced.info).

• 10 a.m. to noon - **Matthew Cordell.** Woodstock Opera House, 121 W. Van Buren St., Woodstock. Information: [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com).

• 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. - **Dominoes Club.** Kraus Senior Center, 441 W. Main St., Cary. No experience necessary. Bring a snack to share. Free. Information: [847-639-6100](tel:847-639-6100).

• 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Poker Club.** Kraus Senior Center, 441 W. Main St., Cary. Free. Information: [847-639-6100](tel:847-639-6100).

• 10 to 11 a.m. - **Downloading Help Drop-In Sessions.** Woodstock Public Library, 414 W. Judd St., Woodstock. Information: [il.evanced.info](mailto:il.evanced.info).

• 10 a.m. to noon - **Triple Play.** Grand Oaks, 1401 W. Route 176, Crystal Lake. Free to play. Information: [815-459-0680](tel:815-459-0680), ext. 1219, [jleechee@crystalakeparks.org](mailto:jleechee@crystalakeparks.org).

• 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. - **Stretching & Flexibility.** Lakewood Park Building, 71 Nippersink Blvd., Fox Lake. Information: [www.foxlake.org](http://www.foxlake.org).

• 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. - **Senior Luncheon.** 71 Nippersink Blvd., Fox Lake. Information: [www.foxlake.org](http://www.foxlake.org).

• 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. - **Wauconda Township Cards and Games Club.** Wauconda Township Hall, 505 W. Bonner Road, Wauconda. Free. Information: [knright@waucondatowship.com](mailto:knright@waucondatowship.com), [www.waucondachamber.org](http://www.waucondachamber.org).

• 2 p.m. - **Northern Illinois Sport Show.** Lake County Fairgrounds, 1060 E. Peterson Road, Grayslake. Information: [lcfair.com](http://lcfair.com).

• 2:15 to 3:30 p.m. - **Science Olympiad.** Room 109, Hannah Beardsley Middle School, 515 E. Crystal Lake Ave., Crystal Lake. Information: [447-schoolwires.net](tel:447-schoolwires.net).

• 3 to 6 p.m. - **Controller Freaks.** Marengo-Union Library District, 19714 E. Grant Highway, Marengo. Join us for E through Pg-13

rated video gaming fun. Drop-in with your friends or meet new ones while playing games on our Xbox 1. Free. Information: [815-568-8236](tel:815-568-8236), [igilbert@muld.org](mailto:igilbert@muld.org), [muld.org](http://muld.org).

• 4 to 6:30 p.m. - **Citizenship in the Nation Merit Badge.** Colonel Palmer House, 660 E. Terra Cotta Ave., Crystal Lake. Ages 11 through 18. One class. This workshop will take you through all the requirements needed to fulfill the Citizenship in the Nation Merit Badge. Prerequisite required. Reg. Code: 221903-01 Feb. 18. Reg. Code: 221903-02. \$20. Information: [815-477-5873](tel:815-477-5873), [palmerhouse@crystalakeparks.org](mailto:palmerhouse@crystalakeparks.org), [www.crystalakeparks.org](http://www.crystalakeparks.org).

• 4 to 5 p.m. - **Youth Craft.** Marengo-Union Library District, 19714 E. Grant Highway, Marengo. Let's chat about life as a penguin while making a penguin craft. Open to children ages 5 through 8. Registration required. To register visit the website or call the library. Free. Information: [815-568-8236](tel:815-568-8236), [circulation@muld.org](mailto:circulation@muld.org), [muld.org](http://muld.org).

• 6 to 8 p.m. - **Rick Embach Duo.** Duke's Alehouse and Kitchen, 110 N. Main St., Crystal Lake. Information: [thedukeabides.com](http://thedukeabides.com).

• 6 to 9 p.m. - **Bridge Club.** Kraus Senior Center, 441 W. Main St., Cary. Free. Information: [847-639-8118](tel:847-639-8118).

• 6 to 7 p.m. - **Teen Art Club.** Marengo-Union Library District, 19714 E. Grant Highway, Marengo. Teens of all skill levels who love art or are interested in art can enjoy a different style or theme each month. January's theme: water-colors. Open to ages 12 through 17. Registration required. To register call the library or visit its website. Free. Information: [815-568-8236](tel:815-568-8236).

• 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. - **School's OUT-ing!** Woods Creek Elementary School, 1100 Alexandra Blvd., Crystal Lake. Ages 5 through 13. Field trips for District 47 days off school. Jan. 17 Urban Air. Reg. Code: 221531-02. \$42 resident, \$47 nonresident. Information: [815-459-0680](tel:815-459-0680), [sthompson@crystalakeparks.org](mailto:sthompson@crystalakeparks.org), [www.crystalakeparks.org](http://www.crystalakeparks.org).

• 6 to 8:30 p.m. - **Table Top Game Night for Emerging Adults.** for ages 18 through 29, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Free. Information: [815-385-0036](tel:815-385-0036), [mpref@mcHenrylibrary.org](mailto:mpref@mcHenrylibrary.org), [mcHenrylibrary.org](http://mcHenrylibrary.org).

• 6 to 7 p.m. - **Mobile Apps for the Nature Lover.** Lake County Discovery Museum, 27277 N. Forest Preserve Road, Wauconda. Free. Information: [www.lcfpd.org](http://www.lcfpd.org).

• 6:30 to 7 p.m. - **Spanish Language Family Storytime.** Cuentos en español, all ages w/ caregiver, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Share stories, songs and Spanish culture. Open to beginners and Spanish speakers. Free. Information: [815-459-1687](tel:815-459-1687), [cpl.evanced.info](mailto:cpl.evanced.info).

• 6:30 p.m. - **Board Meeting.** Admin. Bldg., 1 E. Crystal Lake Ave., Crystal Lake. Information: [www.crystalakeparks.org](http://www.crystalakeparks.org).

• 7 p.m. - **Queen of Hearts Raffle.** Woodstock VFW Post 5040, 240 N. Throop St., Woodstock. Weekly Queen of Hearts drawing at 7 p.m. every Thursday. Friday fish fry. All welcome. No membership required. Information: [815-382-5343](tel:815-382-5343), [kulinski@gmail.com](mailto:kulinski@gmail.com).

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- 10 to 11 a.m. - **Baby Scientist**, Dundee Library, 555 Barrington Ave., East Dundee. STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math. We will be doing activities based on STEAM themes. Ages 1 through 3 with a caregiver. Free. Information: 847-428-3661, [kfineran@frvpldinfo](mailto:kfineran@frvpldinfo), [www.frvpldinfo](http://www.frvpldinfo).
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- 1 to 2 p.m. - **DIY Travel Mug Sleeves**, Grades 6 through 8, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St. Make and decorate your own travel mug sleeve. Supplies provided. Program counts for a Teen-Tastic Winter Break extra entry. Free. Information: 815-459-1687, [cpl.evancedinfo](mailto:cpl.evancedinfo).
- 1 to 2 p.m. - **Supa Awesome Dog Man Party**, Grades 1 through 5, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St. Celebrate everyone's favorite crime-biting superhero with crafts, a drawing and silliness. CPL cardholders only. Register at [cpl.org](http://cpl.org) or call 815-459-1687. Free. Information: 815-459-1687, [cpl.evancedinfo](mailto:cpl.evancedinfo).
- 1 to 2 p.m. - **Winter Break Activity**, ages 4 through 12, Marengo-Union Library District, 19714 E. Grant Highway, Marengo. We'll be turning the heat up and having a beach party. Registration required. To register call the library or visit its website. Free. Information: 815-568-8236, [circulation@muld.org](mailto:circulation@muld.org), [muld.org](http://muld.org).
- 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. - **Winter Break Teen Hangout**, Fox River Valley Public Library District, 555 Barrington Ave., East Dundee. Information: [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com).
- 3 to 4:30 p.m. - **Game On!**, Harvard Diggins Library, 900 E. McKinley St., Harvard. Meet weekly in the library's Teen Space for gaming. To sign up for a time slot on the Nintendo Switch, call 815-943-4671. Open to youth in grades 6 through 12. Free. Information: 815-943-4671.
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- 4 to 8:30 p.m. - **Friday Night Fish Fry**, Randall Oaks Golf Club & Banquets, 4101 Binnie

Road, West Dundee. Information: [exploree@ira.com](mailto:exploree@ira.com).

- 4 to 5 p.m. - **Teen Advisory Board**, Marengo-Union Library District, 19714 E. Grant Highway, Marengo. Join us for snacks and casual conversation about books, programs and happenings at the library. Open to ages 12 through 17. Registration required. Register by calling the library or visit its website. Free. Information: 815-568-8236, [circulation@muld.org](mailto:circulation@muld.org), [muld.org](http://muld.org).
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## Saturday

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- 10 a.m. to noon - **Djenbe session**, Abantu Arts Fusion, 625 Cog Circle, Crystal Lake. \$35. Includes practice drum during session and instruction. Information: [info@abantuarts.com](mailto:info@abantuarts.com), [www.abantuarts.com](http://www.abantuarts.com).
- Noon to 4 p.m. - **2020 Biggest Loser**, Omega Training Center, 1 Union Special Plaza, Suite 119A, Huntley. The first weigh-in will be held in conjunction with a ribbon-cutting ceremony/grand opening and social to follow at Sew Hop'd Brewery. The final weigh-in will be from noon to 4 p.m. Feb. 29. \$27 to \$100. Prices reflect individual contestant vs. teams of four. Information: 815-451-1814, [info@omegatrainingcenter.com](mailto:info@omegatrainingcenter.com), [www.omegatrainingcenter.com](http://www.omegatrainingcenter.com).
- 1 to 4 p.m. - **Family Fun Fair**, Lost Valley Visitor Center in Glacial Park, Route 31 and Harts Road, Ringwood. Go room to room. playing nature-themed games and activities and learn about McHenry County's plants and animals. Get tickets at each activity and turn in for a prize. Refreshments included. Free. Information: 815-678-4532, [apn.activerecreation@niles.com](mailto:apn.activerecreation@niles.com).
- 1 to 2:30 p.m. - **Pathfinder Club**, Ages 8 and older, Marengo-Union Library District, 19714 E. Grant Highway, Marengo. Take an adventure without leaving the library by joining this monthly fantasy role-playing game. First-time players must contact Jacob at the library at least three days prior to game play for orientation. No experience necessary. Registration required. Free. Information: 815-568-8236, [circulation@muld.org](mailto:circulation@muld.org), [muld.org](http://muld.org).
- 2 to 4 p.m. - **Free Movie: "Abominable"** (PG), Fox River Valley Public Library District, 555 Barrington Ave., East Dundee. Free. Information: [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com).

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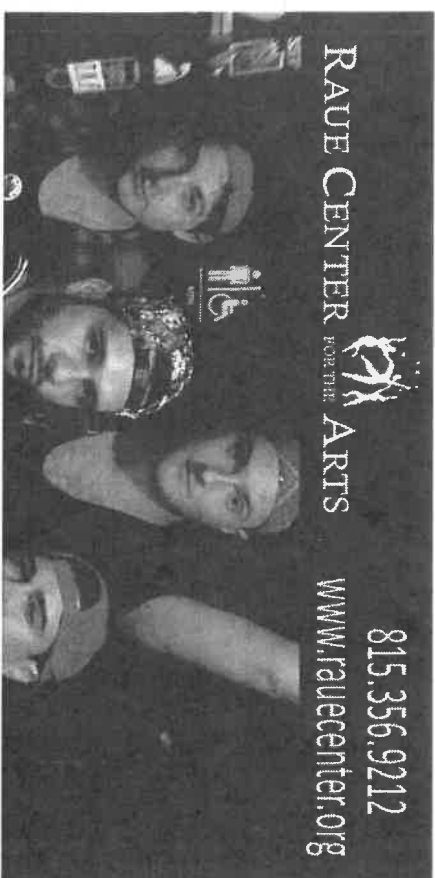
- 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. - **Lincoln Award Teen Reader's Club**, Harvard Diggins Library, 900 E. McKinley St., Harvard. The Lincoln Award is given to the book that earns the highest number of student votes. Read and discuss 4 or more books from this year's master list and make your vote count for the Illinois Lincoln Awards. Open to youth in grades six-12. Please register. Free. Information: 815-943-4671.
- 5 to 8 p.m. - **Pinewood Derby Champ Camp-Nature Center Workshop**, Nature Center, 330 N. Main St., Crystal Lake. We are carving pinewood derby cars at free workshop! Free. Information: 815-455-1763, [wsurphin@crystalakeparks.org](mailto:wsurphin@crystalakeparks.org), [www.crystalakeparks.org](http://www.crystalakeparks.org).
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- 7:30 to 9 p.m. - **City of Woodstock Public Library Board Meeting**, Woodstock Public Library, 414 W. Judd St., Woodstock. Information: [il.evanced.info](mailto:il.evanced.info).
- 8 to 10 p.m. - **Dueling Pianos featuring Felix and Fingers**, Raue Center for the Arts, 26 N. Williams St., Crystal Lake. Felix and Fingers Dueling Pianos is a high energy, all request sing-along show for all ages. This interactive act brings together music and comedy for a night you'll be laughing about for weeks. From John Lennon to John Legend, Beach Boys to Beastie Boys, Felix and Fingers play anything. Come ready with your favorite requests and prepare to laugh, sing and dance with this one of a kind dueling pianos show. Brought to you by the National Piano Conference. Information: [www.rauecenter.org](http://www.rauecenter.org).
- 7:30 to 9 a.m. - **Chamber 101**, Chamber Office, 1257 N. Green St., McHenry. Free. Information: [frank@mcchenrychamber.com](mailto:frank@mcchenrychamber.com), [business.mcchenrychamber.com](http://business.mcchenrychamber.com).
- 9 to 10 a.m. - **OTA Information Session**, McHenry County College, 8800 Route 14, Crystal Lake. Information: 815-479-7559, [mvgott@mcchenry.edu](mailto:mvgott@mcchenry.edu), [www.mcchenry.edu](http://www.mcchenry.edu).
- 9 a.m. to noon - **Burco/Farkle/Mah**

Jongg, Grand Oaks, 1401 W. Route 176, Crystal Lake. Player's choice of Burco, Farkle or Mah Jongg. Bring your own set for Mah Jongg. Free. Information: 815-459-0680 ext 1219, [jleeche@crystalakeparks.org](mailto:jleeche@crystalakeparks.org).

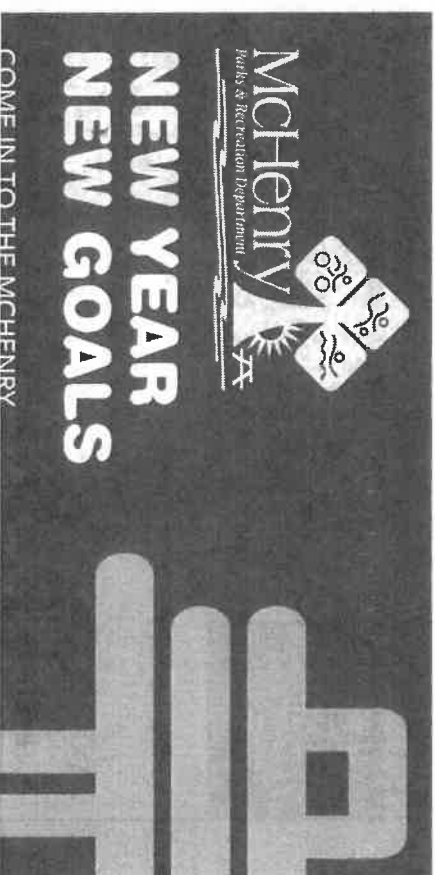
- 10 a.m. to noon - **Drop In Bearbag Baseball**, Grand Oaks, 1401 W. Route 176, Crystal Lake. Drop in and play bearbag baseball in the Grand Oaks Auditorium. Free. Information: 815-459-0680 ext 1219, [jleeche@crystalakeparks.org](mailto:jleeche@crystalakeparks.org).
- 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. - **Oreo Taste Test for Preschoolers**, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Free. Information: 815-385-0036, [mpypss@mcchenrylibrary.org](mailto:mpypss@mcchenrylibrary.org), [mcchenrylibrary.org](http://mcchenrylibrary.org).
- 2 to 4 p.m. - **Talk to McHenry County Department of Health**, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Free. Information: 815-385-0036, [mlpre@mcchenrylibrary.org](mailto:mlpre@mcchenrylibrary.org), [mcchenrylibrary.org](http://mcchenrylibrary.org).
- 3 to 4:30 p.m. - **Game On!**, Harvard Diggins Library, 900 E. McKinley St., Harvard. Meet weekly in the library's Teen Space for gaming. To sign up for a time slot on the Nintendo Switch, call 815-943-4671. Open to youth in grades 6-12. Free. Information: 815-943-4671.
- 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. - **Aninanga Club**, Ages 13+, Marengo-Union Library District, 19714 E. Grant Highway, Marengo. Anime, manga and Japanese enthusiasts are invited to drop in for lock-ins, to watch anime and the popular favorite PockyPalooza. Open to ages 13 and up. No meeting the first Friday of the month. Drop-in program. Free. Information: 815-568-8236, [circulation@muld.org](mailto:circulation@muld.org), [muld.org](http://muld.org).



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## Thursday

- 8 to 5 p.m. – **School's Out-Ing! Movie Day**, transportation from Woods Creek Elementary School, 1100 Alexandria Blvd., Crystal Lake. Information: [www.crystallakeparks.org](http://www.crystallakeparks.org). Ages 5 through 13 field trips for District 47 days off from school. Code: 221531-03 F 4/17 Green Meadows Farm Reg. Code: 221531-04. \$42 resident/\$47 nonresident. Information: 815-459-0680, [shtompson@crystallakeparks.org](mailto:shtompson@crystallakeparks.org), [www.crystallakeparks.org](http://www.crystallakeparks.org).
- 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. – **Teen-Tastic Winter Break**, Grades 6 through 12, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Read at least 15 minutes for seven days during winter break and receive a prize book from the Crystal Lake Public Library. You also will be entered for a chance to win a \$50 Amazon gift card, a "Doctor Who" gift basket from Anime & Things and other prizes. Free. Information: 815-459-1687.
- 10 a.m. to noon – **Build with Solo Cups**, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St. Free. Information: 815-459-1687, [cpl.evanced](mailto:cpl.evanced), info.
- 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. – **Dominos Club**, Kraus Senior Center, 441 W. Main St., Cary. No expense necessary. Bring a snack to share. Free. Information: 847-639-6100.
- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. – **Poker Club**, Kraus Senior Center, 441 W. Main St., Cary. Free. Information: 847-639-6100.
- 10 to 11 a.m. – **Downloading Help Drop-In Sessions**, Woodstock Public Library, 414 W. Judd St., Woodstock. Information: [il.evanced](mailto:il.evanced), info.
- 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. – **Ford v Ferrari GT40 Special Exhibit**, Volo Auto Museum, 27582 Volo Village Road, Volo. No admittance after 4 p.m. Information: [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com).
- 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. – **Wauconda Township Cards and Games Club**, Wauconda Township Hall 505 W. Bonner Road, Wauconda. Free. Information: [lknight@waucondatowship.com](mailto:lknight@waucondatowship.com), [www.waucondatowship.com](http://www.waucondatowship.com).
- 1 to 2 p.m. – **DIY Magic Wand with LED**, Grades 6 through 8, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Build a magical wand powered with an LED. Supplies provided. This program counts for a Teen-Tastic Winter Break extra entry. Register at [www.cpl.org](http://www.cpl.org) or call 815-459-1687. Free. Information: 815-459-1687, [cpl.evanced](mailto:cpl.evanced), info.
- 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. – **Winter Break Teen Hangout**, Fox River Valley Public Library District, 555 Barrington Ave., East Dundee. Information: [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com).
- 1:30 to 3 p.m. – **Game On! for Tweens**, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St. Free. Information: 815-385-0036, [mplys@mchenrylibrary.org](mailto:mplys@mchenrylibrary.org), [mchenrylibrary.org](http://mchenrylibrary.org).
- 2:15 to 3:30 p.m. – **Science Olympiad**, Room 109, Hammett Beardley Middle School, 515 E. Crystal Lake Ave., Crystal Lake. Information: 847-639-6100.
- 3 to 4 p.m. – **DIY Magic Wand with LED**, Grades 9 through 12, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St. Build a magical wand powered with an LED. Supplies provided. This program counts for a Teen-Tastic Winter Break extra entry. Register at [www.cpl.org](http://www.cpl.org) or call 815-459-1687. Free. Information: 815-459-1687, [cpl.evanced](mailto:cpl.evanced), info.
- 3 to 6 p.m. – **Controller Freaks**, Maren-go-Union Library District, 19714 E. Grant Highway, Maren-go. Join us for E-through PG-13-rated video gaming fun. Play games on our Xbox 1. Free. Information: 815-568-8236, [igilbert@muld.org](mailto:igilbert@muld.org), [muld.org](http://muld.org).
- 5 to 7 p.m. – **Jody & Bob at Raue Center Café**, Raue Center for the Arts, 26 N. Williams St., Crystal Lake. Free. Information: 815-356-9212, [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com).
- 6 to 8 p.m. – **Rick Embach Duo**, Duke's Alehouse and Kitchen, 110 N. Main St., Crystal Lake. Information: [thedukeabides.com](http://thedukeabides.com).
- 6 to 7 p.m. – **Build It Club**, Harvard Diggins Library, 900 E. McKinley St., Harvard. Spend an evening building cool stuff with Legos and K'Nex. Registration is required. Open to children in preschool through grade 5. Free. Information: 815-943-4671.
- 6 to 7 p.m. – **Ice Age Encounters**, Lake County Discovery Museum, 27277 N. Forest Preserve Road, Wauconda. Free. Information: [www.lcdm.org](http://www.lcdm.org).
- 6 to 9 p.m. – **Bridge Club**, Kraus Senior Center, 441 W. Main St., Cary. Free. Information: 847-639-6118.

• 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. – **Seniors Days - 1/2 Price Thursdays**, Volo Auto Museum, 27582 Volo Village Road, Volo. Information: [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com).

## Friday

- 7:30 to 9 a.m. – **Chamber 101**, Chamber Office, 1257 N. Green St., McHenry. Free. Information: [frank@mchenrychamber.com](mailto:frank@mchenrychamber.com), [business.mchenrychamber.com](http://business.mchenrychamber.com).
- 10 to 11 a.m. – **Baby Scientist**, Dundee Library, 555 Barrington Ave., East Dundee. STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math. We will be doing activities based on STEAM themes. Ages 1 through 3 with a caregiver. Free. Information: 847-428-3661, [kilmerant@tvpd-hd.com](mailto:kilmerant@tvpd-hd.com), [www.tvpd-hd.com](http://www.tvpd-hd.com).
- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. – **MONOPOLY Tournament**, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St. Free. Information: 815-385-0036, [mplys@mchenrylibrary.org](mailto:mplys@mchenrylibrary.org), [mchenrylibrary.org](http://mchenrylibrary.org).
- 1 to 2 p.m. – **DIY Travel Mug Sleeves**, Grades 6 through 8, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St. Make and decorate your own travel mug sleeve. Supplies provided. Program counts for a Teen-Tastic Winter Break extra entry. Free. Information: 815-459-1687, [cpl.evanced](mailto:cpl.evanced), info.
- 1 to 2 p.m. – **Supa Awesome Dog Man Party**, Grades 1 through 5, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St. Celebrate everyone's favorite crime-biting superhero with crafts, a drawing and silliness. CLPL cardholders only. Register at [cpl.org](http://cpl.org) or call 815-459-1687. Free. Information: 815-459-1687, [cpl.evanced](mailto:cpl.evanced), info.

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## Thursday

- 7:30 to 9 a.m. - **WIM3 Presents: Dream Big, Live on Purpose, and Be Unstoppable**, American Community Bank and Trust, 381 S. Main St., Crystal Lake, \$17. Includes Breakfast. Information: [info.wim3@gmail.com](mailto:info.wim3@gmail.com), [www.wim3.com](http://www.wim3.com).
- 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. - **Dominoes Club**, Kraus Senior Center, 441 W. Main St., Cary. No experience is necessary; learn as you go. Free. Information: 847-639-6100, [khughes@carypark.com](mailto:khughes@carypark.com).
- 10 to 11 a.m. - **Downloading Help Drop-In Sessions**, Woodstock Public Library, 414 W. Judd St., Woodstock. Information: 815-338-0542, [ilevanded.info](http://ilevanded.info).
- 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. - **Jingle Bell Rock'n Read**, For ages 3 through 6, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Celebrate the holidays with your preschoolers and dance, sing songs, and groove to the jingle bell beat. CLPL cardholders only. Register at [www.cpl.org](http://www.cpl.org) or call 815-459-1687. Free. Information: 815-459-1687, [cpl.evanded.info](http://cpl.evanded.info).
- 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. - **Clayworkers' Guild of Illinois**, The Old Courthouse Arts Center, 101 N. Johnson St., Woodstock. The Clayworkers'

Guild of Illinois is hosting its annual holiday sale and celebrating its 40th year. Nineteen artists are presenting their work. Ceramic pieces and sculptures are available for sale. Free event. Information: 815-338-4525, [questions@old-courthouseartscenter.org](mailto:questions@old-courthouseartscenter.org), <http://www.http://oldcourthouseartscenter.org/>.

- 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. - **Senior Luncheon**, 71 Nippesink Blvd., Fox Lake. Information: [www.foxlake.org](http://www.foxlake.org).
- 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. - **Wauconda Township Cards and Games Club**, Wauconda Township Hall, 505 W. Bonner Road, Wauconda. Free. Information: [lknight@waucondatowship.com](mailto:lknight@waucondatowship.com), [www.waucondatowship.com](http://www.waucondatowship.com).
- 2 p.m. - **Recovery International**, Community Resource Center, 620 Dakota St., Crystal Lake. Weekly meetings of support and training in the Recovery International Method of cognitive behavioral self help. Free. Information: 847-966-6295.
- 2:15 to 3:30 p.m. - **Science Olympiad**, Room 109, Hannah Beardsley Middle School, 515 E. Crystal Lake Ave., Crystal Lake. Information: [d47.schoolwires.net](mailto:d47.schoolwires.net).
- 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. - **Conference Girls Basketball Tryouts**, Lundahl Middle School, 560 Nash Road, Crystal Lake. Information: [www.d47.org](http://www.d47.org).
- 5 to 7 p.m. - **Mixer**, Stefan's Jewelers, 329 Front St., McHenry. Information: [frank@mcHenrychamber.com](mailto:frank@mcHenrychamber.com), [business.mchenrychamber.com](http://business.mchenrychamber.com).
- 5:30 to 6:20 p.m. - **Indoor Cycling at Fitness for Life**, 110 S. Johnson St., Woodstock. Cost: \$12 walk-in price. Membership and punch cards available. Information: 815-206-2222, [fitness@ymma.net](http://fitness@ymma.net), [fitnessforlifewoodstock.com](http://fitnessforlifewoodstock.com).

- 6 to 8 p.m. - **Rick Embach Duo**, Duke's Alehouse and Kitchen, 110 N. Main St., Crystal Lake. Information: [thedukeabides.com](http://thedukeabides.com).
- 6 to 9 p.m. - **Bridge Club**, Kraus Senior Center, 441 W. Main St., Cary. Bridge Club meets on Thursday evenings. Free. Information: 847-639-6100, [khughes@carypark.com](mailto:khughes@carypark.com).
- 6 to 7 p.m. - **Night Owls: Winter Wonderland**, Round Lake Area Park District, Children's Neighborhood Museum, 814 Hart Road, Round Lake. For ages 1 through 6. Bring your little night owls for an evening of seasonally themed crafts, music, activities, and fun. Cost: \$9 members and \$10 nonmembers. Information: 847-546-8558, [jgarran@rtdpd.org](mailto:jgarran@rtdpd.org), [apm.activecommunities.com](http://apm.activecommunities.com).

aged 65 years of age or older with an ID. Information: [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com).

• 7 p.m. - **Bingo B\*\*\*\*es!, Mixin Mingle**, 124 Cass St., Woodstock. Join us for Drag Queen Bingo! with the divas Iris Lovelle and Krystal Ball featuring special guest Amethyst Vicious. Cost: \$5 for five game cards. Information: [www.visitmchenrycounty.com](http://www.visitmchenrycounty.com).

## Friday

- 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. - **Teen-Tastic Winter Break**, Grades 6 through 12, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Read at least 15 minutes for seven days during winter break and receive a prize book from the Crystal Lake Public Library. You also will be entered for a chance to win a \$50 Amazon gift card, a "Doctor Who" gift basket from Anime & Things and other prizes. Free. Information: 815-459-1687.
- 10 to 11 a.m. - **Memory Cafe**, McHenry Senior Center, 3519 N. Richmond Road, McHenry. Free and fun opportunity for people with memory issues, and their care providers, to meet, share stories, enjoy meaningful activities and spend time together, in a casual environment. RSVP to Lois Fox at 815-382-0464 or [seniorsitter@hotmail.com](mailto:seniorsitter@hotmail.com). Free. Information: 815-382-0454, [seniorsitter@hotmail.com](mailto:seniorsitter@hotmail.com).
- 10 to 11 a.m. - **Music and Movement**, Dundee Library, 555 Barrington Ave., East Dundee. Sing interactive songs, explore instruments and more. Infants through age 2 with a caregiver. Free. Information: 847-428-3661, [kfineran@fvpd.info](mailto:kfineran@fvpd.info), [www.fvpd.info](http://www.fvpd.info).
- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - **Seniors Days Half-Price Thursdays**, Volo Auto Museum, 27582 Volo Village Road, Volo. Discount applies to seniors

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## Wednesday

- 7:30 to 9 a.m. – **Prime Media Consulting Presents: Prime Power Partners**, St. Mary Catholic Church, 1401 N. Richmond Road, McHenry. Free. Information: [business.mchenrychamber.com](mailto:business.mchenrychamber.com).
- 9 a.m. to noon – **Continuing Wednesday Art Classes**, Harvard Diggins Library, 900 E. McKinley St., Harvard. Cost: \$20. Information: [windsong60@charter.net](mailto:windsong60@charter.net).
- 9:30 a.m. to noon – **Memory Makers: The Art of Storytelling**, Woodstock Public Library, 414 W. Judd St., Woodstock. Information: [ilevancend.info](mailto:ilevancend.info).
- 10 to 11 a.m. – **Memory Cafe**, Kraus Center, 441 W. Main St., Cary. Free opportunity for people with memory issues, and their care providers, to meet, share stories, enjoy meaningful activities and spend time together in a casual environment. RSVP to Lois Fox at 815-382-0464 or [seniorsitter@hotmail.com](mailto:seniorsitter@hotmail.com). Free. Information: 815-382-0464, [seniorsitter@hotmail.com](mailto:seniorsitter@hotmail.com).
- 10 to 11 a.m. – **Bluestem Readers**, Harvard Diggins Library, 900 E. McKinley St., Harvard. Homeschooled students in grades through 5 are welcome to join every week as we read

books from the 2020 Bluestem Reader's Choice list. Discussions include activities to enhance the books. Registration is required. Free. Information: 815-943-4671.

- 10 to 11 a.m. – **Chair Yoga**, Kraus Senior Center, 441 W. Main St., Cary. Free. Information: 847-639-6100, [khughes@ciarpark.com](mailto:khughes@ciarpark.com).
- 10 to 10:30 a.m. – **Storytime at Panera**, Panera Bread, 1711 N. Richmond Road, McHenry. Free. Information: 815-385-0036, [mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org](mailto:mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org).
- 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. – **Wolf Oak Woods Restoration Workshop**, Wolf Oak Woods, 9100 Illinois Route 120, Woodstock. Volunteers needed to remove invasive species that prohibit the growth of native trees and plants. Free. Information: 815-337-9502, [gmaik@conservenc.org](mailto:gmaik@conservenc.org).
- 11:30 a.m. to noon – **Story Thyme at Fresh Thyme Market**. For children from birth to 5 with caregiver. 5340 Northwest Highway, Crystal Lake. Monthly storytime. Children will receive a healthy, nut-free snack. Please provide the library with 24 hours notice if you can't attend. Register at [www.cpl.org](http://www.cpl.org) or call 815-459-1687. Free. Information: 815-459-1687, [cpl@evancend.info](mailto:cpl@evancend.info).
- Noon to 3 p.m. – **Harvard Village Quilt Guild December meeting**, First United Methodist Church, 1100 N. Division St., Harvard. Free. Information: 815-245-3609, [goadrc@sbccglobal.net](mailto:goadrc@sbccglobal.net).
- 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. – **Conference Girls Basketball Tryouts**, Lundahl Middle School, 560 Nash Road, Crystal Lake. Information: [www.d47.org](http://www.d47.org).

- 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. – **Teen Advisory Group**, Harvard Diggins Library, 900 E. McKinley St., Harvard. Youths in grades 6 through 12 may join the Teen Advisory Group to choose teen library programs, books, movies and more. Call 815-943-4671 to register. Free. Information: 815-943-4671.
- 4 to 5:30 p.m. – **Smooth Brick Club Days**, Grades kindergarten through 5, 6312 Northwest Highway, Crystal Lake. Challenges and building time. No charge for these two programs. CPL cardholders only. Register at [www.cpl.org](http://www.cpl.org) or call 815-459-1687. Free. Information: 815-459-1687, [cpl@evancend.info](mailto:cpl@evancend.info).
- 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. – **Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group**, White Oaks Memory Care Community, 4605 W. Crystal Lake Road, McHenry. Meets monthly and is designed to give caregivers a chance to interact with other individuals who are caring for family or friends with an Alzheimer's or dementia diagnosis. Sponsored by White Oaks Memory Care Community and Heartland Hospice Care. Free. Information: 815-344-2970, [mc-residentengagement@whiteoaks-mchenry.com](mailto:mc-residentengagement@whiteoaks-mchenry.com), [whiteoaks-mchenry.com](http://whiteoaks-mchenry.com).
- 6 to 6:45 p.m. – **Music & Movement - Evening**, Round Lake Area Park District, 814 Hart Road, Round Lake. A totally fun experience for parents and children, your child's rhythm and balance, along with their large motor skills, can be enhanced through the use of this class' music, props and activities. Open to ages 3 through 6 years old. Cost: \$44 to \$52. Information: 847-546-8558, [www.rlapd.org](http://www.rlapd.org).
- 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. – **Jacquelyn Miller at Raue**

**Center Café**, Raue Center for the Arts, 26 N. Williams St., Crystal Lake. Free. Information: 815-356-9212, [www.rauecenter.org](http://www.rauecenter.org).

- 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. – **Open Chess**, Starbucks, 2318 Richmond Road, McHenry. Open Chess-everyone welcome. Opportunity to sharpen chess skills in relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Free. Information: 815-529-2796, [wyrarda@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wyrarda@sbcglobal.net).
- 6:30 to 8 p.m. – **Teen Study Night**, Woodstock Public Library, 414 W. Judd St., Woodstock. Information: [ilevancend.info](mailto:ilevancend.info).
- 6:30 to 8 p.m. – **Write On! Teen/Tween Writing Club**, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Free. Information: 815-385-0036, [mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org](mailto:mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org), [mchenrylibrary.org](http://mchenrylibrary.org).
- 7 to 9 p.m. – **White Christmas - A Movie Sing Along**, Woodstock Opera House, 121 W. Van Buren St., Woodstock. All lyrics will appear on screen. Tickets: \$5 for all seats. Information: [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com).
- 7 to 9:30 p.m. – **McHenry County Coin Club**, Nunda Township Hall, 3510 Bay Road, Crystal Lake. This month's meeting will feature a presentation and discussion about exhibiting. Free. Information: 815-477-0911, [dooi@comcast.net](mailto:dooi@comcast.net).
- 7 to 10 p.m. – **Bingo**, Woodstock Moose Lodge, 406 Clay St., Woodstock. Wednesday night bingo features 6:45 p.m. early bird game plus 7 p.m. bingo. Open to the public. Kitchen open from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Cost: \$6 to \$50. Bingo cards and special games to be sold. Information: 815-338-9875, [rpsstock93@yahoo.com](mailto:rpsstock93@yahoo.com).



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## Monday

- 9:15 a.m. to noon – **Rummikub/Mah Jongg drop-in**, Grand Oaks, 1401 W. Route 176, Crystal Lake. Free, open to residents and nonresidents. Information: 815-459-0680, ext. 1219, or [jpeterson@crystallakeparks.org](mailto:jpeterson@crystallakeparks.org).
- 10 to 11 a.m. – **Center for Sight & Hearing**, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. For adults with low vision. Train/learn on new technology. Program facilitated by a low-vision specialist from the Center for Sight & Hearing. Register at [cpl.org](http://cpl.org) or call 815-459-1687. Free. Information: [cpl.evanced.info](http://cpl.evanced.info).
- 2 to 2:45 p.m. – **Yoga**, Harvard Community Senior Center, 6817 Harvard Hills Road, Harvard. Yoga Classes by Workplace Wellness Yoga LLC. Yoga mats and blocks are provided. \$4 to \$5. Members receive a \$1 discount. Information: 815-943-2740 or [cindy.sheppard@harvardseniorcenter.org](mailto:cindy.sheppard@harvardseniorcenter.org).
- 3:45 to 5:15 p.m. – **Lego Mondays**, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Ages 4 and older. drop-in. Build Lego creations. Free. Information: 815-459-1687 or [cpl.evanced.info](http://cpl.evanced.info).
- 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. – **Chair Yoga**, Wood-

stock Public Library, 414 W. Judd St., Woodstock. Information: [il.evanced.info](http://il.evanced.info).

- 6 to 8 p.m. – **Movie Night: "Peanut Butter Falcon,"** Harvard Diggins Library, 900 E. McKinley St., Harvard. Free showing. Rated PG-13. Feel free to bring your own dinner or snacks and drinks with a lid. No registration required. Doors open for seating at 5:45 p.m. Free. Information: 815-943-4671 or [leticiag@harvard-diggins.org](mailto:leticiag@harvard-diggins.org).
- 7 to 8 p.m. – **Tai chi with Allison Deputy**, Moonwillow Tai Chi & Wellness, 110 S. Johnson St., Woodstock. Tai chi is a low-impact, easy-to-start form of exercise that's perfect for men and women of all ages, shapes and sizes. \$15 walk-in price. Information: 847-308-0469, [moonwillowtc@gmail.com](mailto:moonwillowtc@gmail.com) or [moonwillowtai.chiwellness.vpweb.com](http://moonwillowtai.chiwellness.vpweb.com).

## Tuesday

- 7:30 a.m. – **MC2 Networking Group**, McHenry Area Chamber of Commerce, 1257 N. Green St., McHenry.
- 9:30 a.m. – **Tot Open Gym**, Grand Oaks Recreation Center, 1401 W. Route 176, Crystal Lake.
- 10 to 11 a.m. – **Preschool Storytime**, Harvard Diggins Library, 900 E. McKinley St., Harvard. Children ages 3 to 5 and their caregivers are invited to join Miss Anna and Mrs. Karen each Tuesday morning for stories, songs and a craft. Registration is required. Free. Information: 815-943-4671.
- 10 a.m. – **Bingo at Grand Oaks Active Adult Center**, Grand Oaks, 1401 W. Route 176,

Crystal Lake. \$5. Information: 815-459-0680, ext. 1219, or [jpeterson@crystallakeparks.org](mailto:jpeterson@crystallakeparks.org).

- 10 to 11 a.m. – **Preschool Holiday Art: Candle Jars**, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Free. Information: 815-385-0036, [mplys@mcHenrylibrary.org](mailto:mplys@mcHenrylibrary.org) or [mcHenrylibrary.org](http://mcHenrylibrary.org).
- 11:45 a.m. – **Mah Jongg Club**, 60013, 441 W. Main St., Cary. Free. Information: 847-639-6100 or [khughes@carypark.com](mailto:khughes@carypark.com).
- 4:15 to 5 p.m. – **Early Reader's Book Club**, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Grades K-2. We will meet once a month to read fun books, enjoy a snack and have craft time or play a game. CLP cardholders only. Register at [cpl.org](http://cpl.org). Free. Information: 815-459-1687 or [cpl.evanced.info](http://cpl.evanced.info).

- 6:30 to 8 p.m. – **Last-Minute Gift Workshop for Teens/Tweens**, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Free. Information: 815-385-0036, [mplys@mcHenrylibrary.org](mailto:mplys@mcHenrylibrary.org) or [mcHenrylibrary.org](http://mcHenrylibrary.org).
- 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. – **Friends of Anime Club (Adult Anime Club)**, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Anime no Tomodachi! Hang out and enjoy awesome anime, friends, Japanese treats and more. The December theme is Happy Hol-anime Party. Free. Information: 815-459-1687 or [cpl.evanced.info](http://cpl.evanced.info).
- 6:45 to 8:30 p.m. – **Celebrate Recovery**, Willow Creek Crystal Lake, 100 S. Main St., Crystal Lake. Celebrate Recovery is a safe place where you can be real about life's struggles. Whether you or someone

you love is wrestling with alcoholism/drug addiction, relational issues, eating disorders and more, you'll find a refuge and space to grow strong and healthy. Free. Information: 224-512-1287, [dcollings@willowcreek.org](mailto:dcollings@willowcreek.org) or [rock.willowcreek.org](http://rock.willowcreek.org).

- 7 p.m. – **Book club - European spiritual classics**, Woodstock Public Library, 414 W. Judd St., Woodstock. Led by the Rev. Steven Tungate, pastor of the Woodstock Free Methodist Church, will begin in January. Books reviewed each month will be European spiritual classics. Free. Information: 815-338-3180 or [info@woodstockfmc.net](mailto:info@woodstockfmc.net).
- 7 to 8:30 p.m. – **Quilters Discussion Forum**, Woodstock Public Library, 414 W. Judd St., Woodstock. Information: [il.evanced.info](http://il.evanced.info).
- 7 p.m. – **Tuesday Night Trivial**, Crystal Lake Brewing, 150 N. Main St., Crystal Lake.
- 7 to 10 p.m. – **Amy Beth & Friends Christmas Party**, Stage Left Cafe, 125 Van Buren St., Woodstock. Music, songs and stories for Christmas, winter and New Year's with a folk flavor. Hammered dulcimer, guitar, fiddle, autoharp, ukulele and more. \$10 donation. Information: 815-338-4245 or [woodstockfolkmusic.com](http://woodstockfolkmusic.com).
- 8 to 10 p.m. – **Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra**, Raue Center for the Arts, 26 N. Williams St., Crystal Lake. The Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra returns to the Raue Center for a beloved holiday tradition. \$52 to \$57. Fees and restrictions may apply. Prices may vary by zone. Information: 815-356-9212 or [www.rauecenter.org](http://www.rauecenter.org).

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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## Sunday

• 8 to 9 a.m. - **Christmas Cantata**, Immanuel Lutheran School, 300 S. Pathway Court, Crystal Lake. Experience Christmas through symphonic and choral music. The cantata is a musical story of Christmas that the entire family will enjoy as they begin their experience of meeting the Christ child. Free. Information: 815-459-1441, [rdorn@immanuel.org](mailto:rdorn@immanuel.org) or [immanuel.org](http://immanuel.org).

• 9 a.m. - **Sterne's Woods & Fen Volunteer Work Day**, Sterne's outdoor pavilion, 5617 Hillside Drive, Crystal Lake. Free to \$4. Information: [bricemaieralt@hotmail.com](mailto:bricemaieralt@hotmail.com) or [crystallakeparks.org](http://crystallakeparks.org).

• 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. - **Psychic Holistic Fair**, Enlightened Balance, 30 N. Williams St., Suite F, Brink Street Market, Crystal Lake. Information: [downtowncl.org](http://downtowncl.org).

• 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. - **Christmas on the Prairie**, House of Seven Gables, N. Route 14, Harvard. Shop in a part of U.S. history. Holiday and home décor, candles, greens, local honey, gifts and more in a barn said to have been a stop on the Underground Railroad. The 1838 home, which is not open, was the residence and courtroom of territorial judge R. Hutchinson. Free. Information: [mchmananatha.org](http://mchmananatha.org).

tion: 815-943-3465 or [steelhr@mc.net](mailto:steelhr@mc.net).

• 10 a.m. to noon - **Transformation Celebration**, Trinity Lutheran Church, 11008 N. Church St., Huntley. This event will commemorate the families and events of a 148-year-old Huntley Church before its pending renovation. All are welcome. Free. Information: 847-669-5780, [office@trinityhuntley.org](mailto:office@trinityhuntley.org) or [trinityhuntley.org](http://trinityhuntley.org).

• 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. - **Clayworkers' Guild of Illinois**, Old Courthouse Arts Center, 101 N. Johnson St., Woodstock. Annual holiday sale in its 40th year. Nineteen professional artists are presenting their work, which will be for sale. Come visit and see the vast array of ceramic pieces and sculptures that are available for the best holiday gifts. Event is free, ceramics are for sale. Information: 815-338-4525, [questions@oldcourthouseartscenter.org](mailto:questions@oldcourthouseartscenter.org) or [oldcourthouseartscenter.org](http://oldcourthouseartscenter.org).

• 1 to 3 p.m. - **Introduction to iPad and iPhone**, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St. Free. Information: 815-385-0036, [mpiref@mcHenrylibrary.org](mailto:mpiref@mcHenrylibrary.org) or [mcHenrylibrary.org](http://mcHenrylibrary.org).

• 1 to 2 p.m. - **Behind the Scenes at Marshall Field's**, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St. Free. Information: 815-385-0036, [mpiref@mcHenrylibrary.org](mailto:mpiref@mcHenrylibrary.org) or [mcHenrylibrary.org](http://mcHenrylibrary.org).

• 1:30 to 3 p.m. - **Promise of Hope Community Lunch**, Maranatha Assembly of God Church, 2505 N. Ringwood Road, McHenry. Come enjoy a healthy meal, take-home items, music and raffles. We serve a meal every third Sunday of the month. Doors open at 1:15 p.m. and lunch begins at 1:30 p.m. Free. Information: 815-344-0557, [mchmananatha.org](http://mchmananatha.org) or [www.mchmananatha.org](http://www.mchmananatha.org).

• 1:30 to 6 p.m. - **Happy Holiday Railway**, Illinois Railway Museum, 7000 Olson Road, Union.

Embark on a magical train ride through the winter countryside with Santa Claus himself. Warm treats will be served, and gifts will be given to kids on Santa's nice list. All aboard for an unforgettable day of family fun. Tickets are \$18 each for riders age 1 or older. Information: 815-923-4391, [fricks@irm.org](http://fricks@irm.org) or [www.visitmchenrycounty.com](http://www.visitmchenrycounty.com).

• 3 to 4:30 p.m. - **"This Christmastide,"** Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church, 10805 Main St., Huntley. Heartland Voices will open its 21st season with a concert of holiday music. This inspiring concert is guaranteed to put you in the holiday spirit. All three choral concerts will feature many choral selections. Information: 847-429-9466 or [karen@duaneweth.com](mailto:karen@duaneweth.com).

• 4 p.m. - **"Sing Along Messiah,"** Raue Center for the Arts, 26 N. Williams St., Crystal Lake. A holiday tradition returns to the Raue Center. \$15 to \$20. Information: 815-356-9212 or [rauecenter.org](http://rauecenter.org).

• 7 to 11 p.m. - **Sum 41**, The Apollo Theatre AC, 104 N. State St., Belvidere.

## Monday

• 7 to 8 p.m. - **"The Nutcracker,"** Woodstock Opera House, 121 W. Van Buren St.

• 9:15 a.m. to noon - **Runnikub/Mah Jong drop-in**, Grand Oaks, 1401 W. Route 176, Crystal Lake. Free, open to residents and nonresidents. Information: 815-459-0680, [ext.1219,oripeterson@crystallakeparks.org](mailto:ext.1219,oripeterson@crystallakeparks.org).

• 10 to 11 a.m. - **Center for Sight & Hearing**, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St.

For adults with low vision. Train/learn on new technology. Program facilitated by a low-vision specialist from the Center for Sight & Hearing. Register at [cpl.org](http://cpl.org) or call 815-459-1687. Free. Information: [cpl.evanced.info](http://cpl.evanced.info).

• 2 to 2:45 p.m. - **Yoga**, Harvard Community Senior Center, 6817 Harvard Hills Road. Yoga Classes by Workplace Wellness Yoga LLC. Yoga mats and blocks are provided. \$4 to \$5. Members receive a \$1 discount. Information: 815-943-2740 or [cindy.sheppard@harvardseniorcenter.org](mailto:cindy.sheppard@harvardseniorcenter.org).

• 3:45 to 5:15 p.m. - **Lego Mondays**, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St. Ages 4 and older, drop-in. Build Lego creations. Free. Information: 815-459-1687 or [cpl.evanced.info](http://cpl.evanced.info).

• 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. - **Chair Yoga**, Woodstock Public Library, 414 W. Judd St., Woodstock. Information: [ilevanded.info](http://ilevanded.info).

• 6 to 8 p.m. - **Movie Night: "Peanut Butter Falcon,"** Harvard Diggins Library, 900 E. McKinley St. Free showing. Rated PG-13. Feel free to bring your own dinner or snacks and drinks with a lid. No registration required. Doors open for seating at 5:45 p.m. Free. Information: 815-943-4671 or [leticia@harvard-diggins.org](mailto:leticia@harvard-diggins.org).

• 7 to 8 p.m. - **Tai chi with Allison Deputy**, Moonwillow Tai Chi & Wellness, 110 S. Johnson St., Woodstock. Tai chi is a low-impact, easy-to-start form of exercise that's perfect for men and women of all ages, shapes and sizes. \$15 walk-in price. Information: 847-308-0469, [moonwillowtc@gmail.com](mailto:moonwillowtc@gmail.com) or [moonwillowtaiichiwellness.vpweb.com](http://moonwillowtaiichiwellness.vpweb.com).

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