

### IMPORTANT SERVICE UPDATE:

Our region has seen significant increases in community spread of the coronavirus over the past several weeks. In order to protect our patrons and staff and to comply with local and state mitigation recommendations, as of this newsletter's print deadline, November 27, the library will only provide contactless curbside pickup of library materials. Limited technology-only appointments are also available.

Staff is working both in the building and remotely to provide these services in addition to virtual programming, phone, chat and email services (during open hours). As changes due to the virus may occur frequently, for the latest updates visit our website, our Facebook page, or call the library's main number: 815-385-0036.

You can also sign up on our website to receive our weekly e-newsletter, which also has the latest information. We want to ensure everyone's health and safety, and appreciate your patience and understanding.

## For Families

### American Christmas Traditions with Martina Mathisen — Watch on YouTube December 1-29

The fascinating real-life story of "The Night Before Christmas" by Clement Moore comes to life along with the stories of our Christmas traditions, such as why do we kiss under the mistletoe, and decorate with poinsettias? **R**



### Let There Be Light! A Family Celebration of Cultures

#### Watch on YouTube Monday, December 14



Join us as we light up this holiday season with a Festival of Lights! We'll explore holidays celebrating one common theme: LIGHT! Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Posadas and more will be represented through stories and a craft, which is appropriate for children in grades Kindergarten & up. **R**



### Winter Reading 2021 — January 1 - 31, 2021

We're bringing back Winter Reading! Now available virtually on Beanstack!

We have two programs; one for teens and adults, and one for grades K-8. Participants only need to read 10 hours during the month of January to earn a free book from the Friends of the McHenry Public Library.

The K-8 program will also feature a halfway point prize. The last day to log time is January 31, 2021. The first day to pick up completion prizes is February 1, 2021.

Sign up at <https://mchenrylibrary.beanstack.com/reader365>

**NOTE:** Some programs require that you register so we can email you a link to join the program. Programs can be accessed from a computer, tablet or mobile phone. If you're attending a program for the first time, you may need to download the free Zoom software/app. Program supplies (if applicable) can be picked up using our by-appointment curbside pickup service.

## For Birth-6

### Lapsits

**Watch On YouTube: Mondays,  
January 25 & February 22**

Join us for some lap bounces and rhymes that you can do at home with your baby!



### Storytimes — Watch On YouTube

**Snow Much Fun  
Tuesday, December 15**

**Things that Go  
Tuesday, January 5**

**Pete the Cat  
Tuesday, January 12**

**Penguin Storytime with Activity Kit  
Tuesday, January 19 R**

**Animal Adventure  
Tuesday, February 2**

**Valentine's Day with Activity Kit  
Tuesday, February 9 R**

**Fairytale Storytime  
Tuesday, February 16**



### Preschool Storytimes

**Live on Zoom: Wednesdays, December 16, January 6, 13, 20 & 27, February 3, 10, 17 & 24, 10-10:30 a.m.**

Preschoolers who love books and stories will enjoy these storytimes! **R**

### Home Sweet Habitat with Cosley Zoo

**Live on Zoom: Tuesday, December 22, 10-10:30 a.m.**

Cosley Zoo will be joining us virtually to give kids a close-up encounter with live animals! Ages Kindergarten & under. **R**

## About Virtual Programs

### Watch On YouTube

These are pre-recorded storytimes and programs. They become available on our YouTube channel ("The MPLD") on the dates listed.

### Live on Zoom

These live virtual programs are hosted on Zoom by the Youth Services librarians you know and love!

Visit our online Events Calendar to view, register and get more details.

### Mini Masterpieces

After you register, pick up one of these kits using curbside service, while supplies last. For ages 3-6. **R**

**Watch on YouTube: Popsicle Stick Bear, Friday, December 18**

**Watch on YouTube: Hot Chocolate Craft, Thursday, January 14**

**Watch on YouTube: Snowflake Tissue Paper Stained Glass, Friday, February 12**

### Winter Bash with Activity Kit

**Live on Zoom: Wednesday, December 23, 10-11 a.m.**

Get ready for the winter season with stories, rhymes, and more featuring Miss Jessie and Miss Steffanie! We even invited a special guest, Santa Claus himself! Ages 6 & under. **R**



## Take-and-Make Kits

Pick up one of these kits using curbside service, while supplies last.

**Baby & Toddler — Holiday Art  
December 14-30**

**All ages — Polar Bear Handprint  
December 14-19**



**Pre-K - Grade 4 Winter Bingo  
December 19-January 2**

**All ages — Melted Snowman  
January 11-18**

**K-Grade 4 — Winter Scene Kit  
January 18-30**

**All ages — Peacock Craft  
February 8-15**

### Little Explorers with Activity Kits

Learn about the world around us. Ages 3-6. **R**

**Live on Zoom: Parachute Jumpers  
Tuesday, December 29, 1:30-2 p.m.**

**Live on Zoom: Constellations  
Friday, January 29, 1:30-2 p.m.**

**Live on Zoom: Water Dissolving  
Thursday, February 25, 1:30-2 p.m.**

### "Noon" Year's Eve Party with Activity Kit

**Live on Zoom: Wednesday, December 30, 11:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

Can't stay up until midnight this year? Ring in the New Year early with fun stories, stories, and songs on Zoom! Don your fancy outfits if you'd like! Ages 3-6. **R**

## STEM Me a Story

After you register, pick up an activity kit using curbside service, while supplies last. For Grades K-3. **R**

**Watch on YouTube: "Snowflake Bentley"**

**Monday, December 21**

**Watch on YouTube: "The Mitten"**

**Monday, January 18**

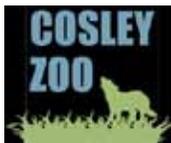
**Watch on YouTube: "Whoosh"**

**Monday, February 15**

## Critter Class with Cosley Zoo

**Live on Zoom: Tuesday, December 22, 11-11:30 a.m.**

Experience a close-up encounter with live animals and explore animal classification. For Grades 1-4. **R**



## Polskie Bajki/Polish Storytime

**Watch on YouTube: Saturdays, December 26 & February 27**

For all ages.

## Dinosaur Adventures with T-Rexplorers

**Live on Zoom: Monday, December 28, 1-1:45 p.m.**

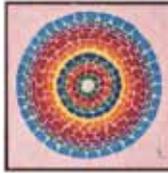
Kids, go on a mini adventure with T-Rexplorers as they tell you tales of things you will see on



a real dinosaur dig. They'll read you a story written by a young junior paleontologist while they show you five different clues that dinosaurs did exist! See real dinosaur fossils! For ages 8 & under. **R**

## Art Lab: Mosaics

**Watch on YouTube: Friday, January 8**



Learn about Alma Thomas, an African American painter whose art style was mosaic in appearance, then make your own

mosaic! After you register, pick up an activity kit using curbside service, while supplies last. For Grades K-3. **R**

## Imagination Station: Popsicle Stick Animals

**Watch on YouTube: Thursday, February 4**

Join Miss Jen as she shows you some cool animals you can make out of popsicle sticks and glue! After you register, pick up an activity kit using curbside service, while supplies last. For Grades K-3. **R**

## Valentine Light-Up Flower

**Watch on YouTube: Thursday, February 11**

Create a cool light-up flower, perfect for that special someone this Valentine's Day! After you register, pick up an activity kit using curbside service, while supplies last. For Grades 4-8. **R**



## Myth, Magic & Monsters with Andertoons

**Live on Zoom: Monday, February 15, 1-2 p.m.**

Kids will learn to draw all kinds of mythological, fantasy, and fairy tale characters, and then draw in their own stories! For Grades K-8. **R**



## Grab 'n Go After School Supper Service

**When: Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 4-5 p.m.**

**NEW:** Winter break meal boxes! The library will be handing out 7



days worth of meals on 12/21 and 12/28, provided by the Northern Illinois Food Bank. Details will be posted on our website.

Any student age 18 and under can get a free boxed supper provided by the Northern Illinois Food Bank.

Drive to the north side of the building, look for the WELCOME banner. If the banner is out, that means we have meals. Knock on the door by the banner.

No meals will be served on: Dec. 23, 25, & 30, Jan. 1 & 18, Feb. 15 and Apr. 2. This service ends May 21, 2021.

## Please take our Youth Programming Survey

Parents/guardians — please help us better serve you and your kids by taking a couple of minutes to answer a few questions about our youth/teen programming.

We'll ask what kind of programs your child is interested in, which format you prefer, and ask for suggestions for new programs.

Access the survey here:  
<https://bit.ly/3lLoawL>

## For Tweens

### Tween Book Club

Fridays, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Live on Zoom:

**December 18** — *Keeper of the Lost Cities* by Shannon Messenger

**January 15** — *Moo* by Sharon Creech

**February 19** — *Home Sweet Motel* by Chris Grabenstein

For Grades 4-8. R

### Make a No-Sew Coffee Cozy

Watch on YouTube: Tuesday,  
December 29

'Tis the season for hot drinks! Create and personalize your very own DIY coffee cozy and then enjoy it with your favorite winter beverage. After you register, pick up an activity kit using curbside service, while supplies last. For Grades 4-12. R



### Paint 'n Sip — Pointillism Painting

Watch on YouTube: Wednesday,

January 27

Use Q-Tips to create a super easy yet super interesting piece of art! After you register, pick up an activity kit

using curbside service, while supplies last. For Grades 4-8. R



## 2021 Book "Madness" Tournament — Second Chance Showdown



Sixteen runners-up from our previous Book Madness tournaments will be competing against each other for a second chance at victory! Participants must be in 4th-8th grade to submit a bracket and to be eligible for prizes.

Try to win the most points by correctly choosing the "winning pick" for each of the match-ups associated with the tournament.

A video explaining the rules and introducing the books will be released on the library's YouTube channel "The MPLD" on February 1, 2021.

Brackets will be available on the library's website starting February 1, 2021. All brackets must be turned in by Friday, February 26 by 5 p.m.

Students have two options to turn in their brackets:

1) After completing the form, they can download it as a PDF and email it to [teens@mchenrylibrary.org](mailto:teens@mchenrylibrary.org) with the subject "Book Madness 2021." The name of the file should be formatted as follows: `FirstnameLastnameSchoolPhone` (ex: `JohnDoeDuker8153850036`)

2) They can print out the completed form and turn it in to the Questions Desk.

Students can vote online. A link to vote will be posted on the library's website on the first day of each round of voting.

Voting Dates:

Sweet 16: Monday, February 22 – Friday, February 26

Elite Eight: Wednesday, March 3 – Tuesday, March 9

Final Four: Friday, March 12 – Wednesday, March 17

Championship: Monday, March 22 – Friday, March 26

The winning book will be announced Monday, March 29. Winners will be announced by the end of April and can arrange to pick up their prize.

## For Teens

### Volunteer Afternoon

Live on Zoom: Tuesdays,  
December 15, January 26 &  
February 23, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Learn about Teen Volunteer opportunities you can do from home and earn hours from the McHenry Public Library! For ages 13-18. R

### Dungeons & Dragons on Roll20

Live on Zoom: Tuesdays, January 12 & February 9, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Join us for a virtual D&D event. We will be using the virtual tabletop site Roll20 to make our characters and play this special one-shot adventure. For ages 11-20. R

## Virtual Tourism

### **Let's Visit Westminster Abbey** **Live on Zoom: Tuesday, December 15, 7-8 p.m.**

The Abbey is the United Kingdom's coronation church. It is also the final resting place of more than 3,000 people in British history. Learn the stories of some of the notable people interred there and the history of the building. Our Blue Badge tour guide is John Gowing. **R**

### **Christmas Markets in Prague and Germany**

#### **Live on Zoom: Tuesday, December 22, 7-8 p.m.**

Visit amazing Christmas markets in Prague and four cities in Germany. With very few international tourists and mostly locals enjoying good food, good friends, and a festive atmosphere, skip the museums and join the fun with experienced European traveler Eugene Flynn. **R**



### **Let's Visit the Tower of London** **Live on Zoom: Wednesday, January 20, 7-8 p.m.**

The Tower of London is steeped in British history: three queens of England beheaded, two kings of England murdered, and a place of imprisonment and torture. Our Blue Badge Guide John Gowing will present a fascinating look at this London landmark. **R**

### **The Time Traveler's Tour of Chicago** **Live on Zoom: Wednesday, February 10, 7-8 p.m.**

Take a journey into Chicago's past through more than 200 years of old photographs and drawings, and you'll visit the exact spot where these images were created, comparing old and new! Hillary Marzec from Inside Chicago Walking Tours will be our virtual guide. **R**

### **Madrid in March** **Live on Zoom: Wednesday, March 17, 7-8 p.m.**

Join Gene Flynn on this virtual trip to Madrid, Spain (with side trips to Toledo and Segovia). Besides Madrid being a wonderful and welcoming modern city, there are reminders of ancient Roman rule, Islam and Jewish influences, and Spain's golden age. **R**

## FOR ADULTS

Some programs require that you register so we can email you a link to join. Programs can be accessed from a computer, tablet or mobile phone. If you're attending a program for the first time, you may need to download the free Zoom software/app. We suggest joining the program a few minutes early. The host will admit you by the start of the program. The library's YouTube channel is at [youtube.com/user/TheMPLD](https://youtube.com/user/TheMPLD)

### **Media & Me for Emerging Adults** **Live on Zoom: Tuesdays at 7 p.m. on January 5, February 2 and March 2**

This group talks about creator content, series, TV shows, movies, and books. Also check out the Emerging Adults Meetup Group. For ages 18-30. **R**

### **Secret Chicago Trivia**

#### **Live on Zoom: Tuesday, January 12, 7-8 p.m.**

Join author Jessica Mlinaric for an evening of weird Chicago trivia. Based on Jessica's book, "Secret Chicago: A Guide to the Weird, Wonderful, and Obscure" you'll learn of unique places like a grave in a junkyard and a pool under the Loop. **R**

### **At Your Fingertips: Finding & Using Digital Genealogy Books**

#### **Live on Zoom: Thursday, January 21, 7-9 p.m.**

Digital books are everywhere – there are millions of them! Genealogist Ginger Frere will demonstrate techniques for finding and searching digital book collections for material relevant to your family research. **R**

### **Every Girl Pulling for Victory — Suffrage and Service During the Great War**

#### **Live on Zoom: Thursday, February 11, 7-8:30 p.m.**

Genealogist Debra Dudek looks at how the suffrage movement motivated women to perform military and volunteer service during the Great War, and how to find local, state, and national suffrage records to tie these stories of service together. **R**

## The Great Decision Series with Professor Gary Midkiff

**Live on Zoom: Fourth Tuesday, 7-8:30 p.m.**

Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on the world's most critical current issues. Participants will read a chapter in the 2021 Great Decisions Briefing Book (available through curbside pickup), and watch a related video before the virtual discussion. A link to the video will be emailed to registered participants. **R**



**February 23** — Chapter 1: Global Supply Chains and National Security by Jonathan Chanis

**March 23** — Chapter 2: Persian Gulf Security Issues by Lawrence G. Potter

## What's the Beef with the Year of the Ox?

**Live on Zoom: Wednesday, February 17, 7-8 p.m.**

Intercultural consultant and educator Yvonne Wolf invites everyone to understand the Asian Lunar New Year. She will explain the symbolism and celebratory activities, including activities you can do in your home. **R**

## Let's Create with Recyclables!

**Watch on YouTube: February 5-8**

Create a beautiful craft using recycled items! Beginners are welcome. Craft kits are available for pickup through our curbside service. There will be a link to access the YouTube video on the Events Calendar, and it will be included in the craft kit. **R**

## Women in History with Martina Mathisen

**Watch on YouTube: March 1-28**

A fascinating look at dynamic women in history that have impacted our lives. Some were well known, but others not.



## Windows 10 for Beginners

**Live on Zoom: Saturday, January 23, 2-4 p.m.**

Learn about Microsoft's operating system, including how to customize the Start menu, add shortcut icons and more. Participants must know how to use a mouse and keyboard. **R**

## Beginning Microsoft Excel 2010

**Live on Zoom: Saturday, February 27, 2-4 p.m.**

Looking to increase your computer skills? Learn how to create a basic spreadsheet with instructor Melissa. Attendees need to have basic computer skills. **R**

## Intermediate Microsoft Excel

**Live on Zoom: Saturday, March 27, 2-4 p.m.**

This is the next stage in learning Excel. You'll learn simple formulas and functions to perform calculations. Attendees must have taken Beginning Excel. **R**

## Book Discussion Groups

To obtain a copy of the book, please contact us to make a curbside pickup appointment. Some titles may be available for download through hoopla or OverDrive. Registration with email address is required in order to get the Zoom link for the program. **R**

Mystery Group Meets on Zoom the first Thursday at 7 p.m. on:

January 7: *Lady's Guide to Etiquette and Murder* by Dianne Freeman | February 4: *7 ½ Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle* by Stuart Turton | March 4: *Girl Waits with Gun* by Amy Stewart

Contemporary Group meets on Zoom the second Monday at 7 p.m. on:

No December meeting | January 11: *Nine Perfect Strangers* by Liane Moriarty | February 8: *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate | March 8: *Founding Mothers* by Cokie Robert.

Classic Literature Group meets on Zoom the third Monday at 7 p.m. on:

January 18: *The Heart is a Lonely Hunter* by Carson McCullers | February 15: *The Old Man and the Sea* by Ernest Hemingway | March 15: *This Side of Paradise* by F. Scott Fitzgerald



Es necesario registrarse ("R") para algunos los siguiente eventos, en línea en nuestro sitio web, or por teléfono al 815-385-0036. El canal de YouTube de la biblioteca es [www.youtube.com/user/TheMPLD](http://www.youtube.com/user/TheMPLD)

## Hora de cuentos bilingüe

Cada martes en YouTube

Haremos cuentos bilingües, rimas, música y más. La hora del cuentos se lanzará en el canal de YouTube de la Biblioteca. **Para niños de 2-6 años**



## diciembre

### Haz un adorno

**ver en YouTube: jueves, el 17 de diciembre**

Ven a la biblioteca a recoger un kit de manualidad para hacer un adorno para decorar tu árbol o para regalárselo a alguien. Hasta agotar existencias. **Para todos los niños. R**



### Cuentos Navideños

**ver en YouTube: martes, el 22 de diciembre**

Ven a la biblioteca a recoger un kit de manualidad de árbol de navidad para nuestro programa de Cuentos Navideños. Hasta agotar existencias. **Para niños de 2-6 años. R**

### Horneando y Cocinando

**ver en YouTube: lunes, el 28 de diciembre**

Dale un vistazo al canal de YouTube para hacer deliciosas recetas. Niños deben ser supervisados por un adulto. **Para todos los niños**



## ¡Cena después de la escuela para Recoger!

**Fecha: lunes, miércoles y viernes\* de 4:00-5:00 p.m.**

**Nuevo:** ¡Cajas de almuerzo durante el invierno! La biblioteca repartirá cajas que contienen comida para 7 días el 21 de diciembre y el 28 de diciembre. Las comidas son proporcionadas por Northern Illinois Food Bank. Visite nuestro sitio web para más información.



Cada estudiante menor de 18 años recibirá una cena complementaria proporcionada por Northern Illinois Food Bank. Conduzca hacia el lado norte del edificio y busque la pancarta que dice BIENVENIDOS. Si la pancarta está afuera significa que tenemos comidas. Toque la puerta junto a la pancarta para recibir servicio. \* No hay cena: 23, & 30 de diciembre; 1 & 18 de enero; 15 de febrero; 2 de abril. Terminará el 21 de mayo, 2021.

## Lectura de Invierno 2020 — del 1 al 31 de enero de 2020

**¡Traemos de vuelta nuestra Lectura de Invierno! ¡Ahora disponible virtualmente en Beanstack!**

Tenemos dos programas, uno para los adolescentes y adultos y uno para los grados k- 8. Los participantes solamente tienen que leer 10 horas durante el mes de enero para recibir un libro gratis de Los Amigos de la Biblioteca Pública de McHenry.

El programa de K- 8 también contará con un premio a medio camino. El último día para registrar el tiempo de lecturas es el 31 de enero de 2021. El primer día para recoger el premio de terminación es el 1 de febrero de 2020.

**Inscríbese en <http://mchenrylibrary.beanstack.com/reader365>**

## enero

### Computación y PowerPoint

**ver en YouTube el 6 & 7 de enero**

El video presenta conceptos de nivel intermedio en cómo utilizar Microsoft PowerPoint. ¡Gratis! **Para los adultos**

### Trivia — en Zoom

**lunes, el 18 de enero, 3:30-4 p.m.**

Diviértete con Trivia — no vas a repetir. Requerido inscribirse. **Para todos los niños. R**



### Kit de escena de invierno

**el kit está disponible el 18 de enero hasta el 30 de enero**

¡Decora tu propia escena de invierno y compártela con la biblioteca! Recoja las instrucciones y los materiales en la biblioteca. **Para niños en grados K a 4°**

## febrero

### Creamos con reciclables

**ver en YouTube: el 5-8 de febrero**

Regalamos bolsas con los materiales para crear la manualidad. ¡Gratis! El video presenta las instrucciones para crear una manualidad en familia. **Para los adultos. R**

### Manualidad de San Valentín

**ver en YouTube: viernes, el 5 de febrero**

Ven a la biblioteca para recoger un kit para el día de San Valentín y hacer algo especial para alguien. **Para niños en grados K a 5°. R**



### Amabilidad y Amistad

**ver en YouTube: lunes, el 15 de febrero**

Todos necesitan amabilidad. Ven a la biblioteca para recoger un kit y hacer algo especial. **Para los niños en 5-12º grado. R**

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#### HOURS AS OF NOVEMBER 27, 2020

(curbside only & technology appts.)  
M/W/F/Sat. - 9-5  
T/TH - 11-7  
Sunday - Closed

#### LIBRARY CLOSINGS

December 24, 25, & 31  
January 1

#### LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Charles Reilly, President  
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Delphine Grala, Treasurer  
Monica Leccese, Secretary  
Margaret Carey  
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Susan Murphy

#### BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings are generally held the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. The public is welcome to attend virtually. Please call or email our acting director ([director@mchenrylibrary.org](mailto:director@mchenrylibrary.org)) for the Zoom link.



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### Residential Customer

## Library News

#### Curbside Pickup — Enter from the South!

Just a reminder that we've changed direction for our curbside pickup service. Please enter from the south off Meadow Lane Ave. That way, if you have items to return, you can go through the drive-thru lane first and put your items in one of the bins, then pull up to the front library doors so that your driver's side is towards the building, not the parking lot.

#### Get a Digital Library Card

Did you know you can access our digital library 24/7 from the comfort of your home using your computer, tablet or smart phone? You'll need a library card number to download e-content and to use most of our e-services. To get a digital card, look for the link under Library News on our website's home page.

Our digital library includes eBooks, music, audiobooks, movies & TV, magazines & newspapers, learning opportunities, curated research materials, local & family history, and much more.

#### Library Receives Two Grants

We're happy to announce that the library applied for two grants from the Illinois State Library and received both! The first is the Digital Network Access Grant for \$10,000. This will be used to replace our WiFi access points throughout the building since our current equipment is at the end of life. After hours, or when the library is closed to in-library visits, patrons can use our WiFi from our parking lot. The north side close to the building seems to have the strongest signal.

The second grant, the PPE Grant for Libraries for \$500, will help defray the costs of some of our PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) purchases for the library during the pandemic.

## We're online!

#### Our YouTube Channel:

[http://www.youtube.com/user/](http://www.youtube.com/user/TheMPLD)

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#### Our Facebook page:

<https://bit.ly/2UQu3B>