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McHENRY PUBLIC  
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## NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2022 EDITION

# Seasons Greetings!



Happy Holidays from  
the McHenry Public  
Library Staff.

## Coming up in 2023:

- Get ready for Book Madness in February 2023! Get ready to vote between some dazzling diverse reads! Which one will be the best?
- For Library Lovers' Expedition in February, McHenry County Libraries are collaborating to introduce you to all our county libraries!

[www.mchenrylibrary.org](http://www.mchenrylibrary.org)

Look inside for  
upcoming events this  
November and  
December!

## About Our Programs

**In the Library** - Held in one of our Meeting Rooms or outdoors.

**On YouTube** - Pre-recorded programs. Available on our YouTube channel ("The MPLD") on the dates listed.

**Live on Zoom** - These programs are hosted virtually on Zoom by Youth Services staff. Register to receive the Zoom link.

**In-Person OR on Zoom** - This is a hybrid program. Make sure you register your child for the correct one depending on how they'll be attending.

**(R) means registration is required.**

Visit our online Events Calendar to see more details and to register.

## Acerca de nuestros programas

**En la Biblioteca** - Se lleva a cabo en una de nuestras Salas de Reuniones o al aire libre.

**En YouTube** - Programas pregrabados.

Disponible en nuestro canal de YouTube ("El MPLD") en las fechas indicadas.

**Live on Zoom** - el personal de Servicios Juveniles organiza estos programas virtualmente en Zoom. Regístrese para recibir el enlace de Zoom.

**En persona O en Zoom** - este es un programa híbrido. Asegúrese de registrar a su hijo para el correcto dependiendo de cómo asistirá.

**(R) significa que se requiere registro.**

Visite nuestro Calendario de eventos en línea para ver más detalles y registrarse.

Registration for programs begins  
Monday, October 17 at 9 am

Register online:  
([mchenry.librarycalendar.com](http://mchenry.librarycalendar.com))  
or call 815-385-0036.

La inscripción para los programas  
comienza el lunes 17  
de octubre a las 9 am

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# Children

**Preschool Storytime (R)**  
Wednesday, November 2,  
Thursday, November 10,  
Wednesday, November 16,  
Thursday, December 1,  
Thursday, December 15,  
10 - 10:30 am

Preschoolers who learn to love books and stories will enjoy Preschool Storytime! We will share new and classic picture books, flannel board and puppet stories, fingerplays to support early literacy and experiences with a variety of literature. (For ages 3 - 6 years)



**Storytime for Little Ones! (R)**  
Monday, November 14,  
Tuesday, November 15,  
Monday, November 28,  
Tuesday, November 29,  
Monday, December 12,  
Tuesday, December 13,  
9:30 - 10 am

Join us for fun stories, songs, and rhymes for babies and toddlers! We have a new theme each week! (For children up to 3 years)



**Baby Storytime (R)**  
Thursday, November 3,  
Thursday, December 8,  
9:30 - 10 am

Join Miss Skye in this interactive lap-sit story time, perfect for newborns to 18 months! New theme every week with tons of fun songs, fingerplays and short stories! (For children up to 18 months)



**Take-Home Craft**  
Thankful Pie - Available  
November 20 - 26

Craft will be unavailable for pickup November 24.

**Hibernating Bear** - Available  
December 18 - 30

Craft will be unavailable for pickup December 24 - 26.





Find our Storytimes and craft tutorials on our YouTube Channel "The MPLD" Subscribe and hit the bell icon to know when we upload new content:  
[www.youtube.com/user/TheMPLD](http://www.youtube.com/user/TheMPLD)

**Read Fur Fun**

**Saturday, November 12,  
 Saturday, December 10,  
 10 am - 12 pm**

Come to the library to read to a licensed therapy dog. Dog owner will be present.

**Sign up for a slot by stopping by or calling the library.**



**Mini Masterpieces -**

**Paper Gourd (R)**

**Watch on YouTube**

**Friday, November 18,**

Make art, make crafts, and make friends at this program for creative kids. This month we will create paper gourds! The first 35 kids who register should pick up an activity kit at the Questions Desk either in person or through a curbside pickup appointment before the program. (For ages 3 - 6)



**Native American**

**Heritage Month Storytime**

**Watch on YouTube**

**Tuesday, November 8,**

**9:30 - 10 am**

Celebrate Native American Heritage Month with a fun, online storytime! (For young children)

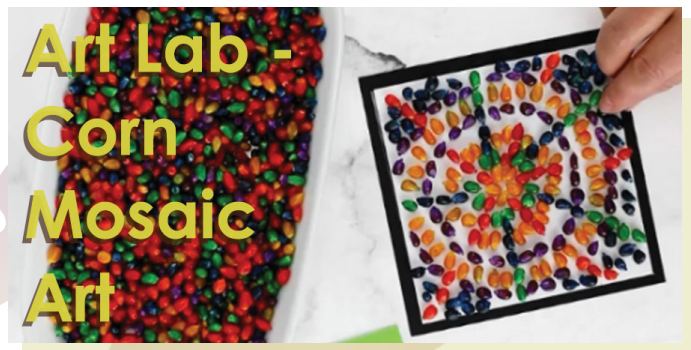


**Art Lab - Corn Mosaic Art (R)**

**Wednesday, November 16,**

**5 - 5:45 pm**

Calling all artists! This month is Native American History Month and we will be learning about the relationship between Native Americans and corn, while making our own mosaics from colored corn kernels. (For grades K - 3)



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### Bedtime Readiness!

Watch on YouTube

Thursday, November 17,

Thursday, December 22,

Wind down with Miss Skye! Stories, Songs, and a lullaby to get ready for bedtime. (For infants and toddlers)

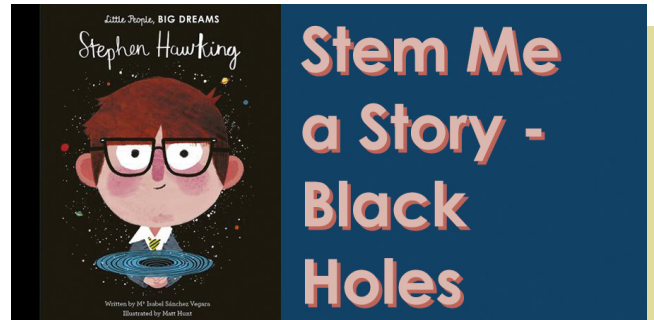


### Stem Me a Story - Black Holes (R)

Watch on YouTube

Wednesday, December 14,

Calling all scientists! This month we are reading *Stephen Hawking* by Ma Isabel Sanchez Vegara and then are going to make our own black holes! (For grades K - 3)



### Little Explorers - Balloon Rockets (R)

Friday, December 16,

1:30 - 2 pm

Let's learn about the world around us through crafts, science experiments, games and movies. This month we will experiment with balloon rockets! How far will your rocket travel? (For ages 3 - 6 years)



### Winter Bash (R)

Tuesday, December 20,

10 - 11 am

Join Miss Steffanie and Miss Skye for this year's Winter Bash! Read Winter themed stories and create a winter craft. (For ages up to 6 years)



### Noon Year's Eve (R)

Friday, December 30,

11 am - 12 pm

Come celebrate the new year with Miss Skye and Miss Steffanie. We'll sing songs, play games, read books, and get ready for the big ball drop at noon! (For ages up to 6 years)



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## Programas bilingües / Bilingual programs

### HORA DE CUENTOS

A BILINGUAL  
STORYTIME



#### Hora de Cuentos

Ver en YouTube

Lunes, 5 de diciembre,

Lunes, 19 de diciembre

¡Haremos cuentos bilingües, rimas, música, baile y más para niños que quieran escuchar los dos idiomas! Para niños de 2-6 años y sus padres o proveedores de cuidado.

#### Watch on YouTube

Monday, December 5,

Monday, December 19

Bilingual stories, rhymes, music, dance and more for children interested in hearing both English and Spanish! Children ages 2 - 6 years and their parents or caregiver.



### FESTIVAL DE LUCES

FESTIVAL  
OF LIGHTS

#### Festival de luces / Festival of Lights

Ver en YouTube

Martes, 6 de diciembre

Ven a escuchar historias y aprender sobre diferentes vacaciones de invierno. Después de la hora del cuento, crearemos lámparas de tarro de luna y estrella. (Para los grados hasta 12)

#### Watch on YouTube

Tuesday, December 6

Come listen to stories and learn about different Winter holidays. After storytime, we will create moon and star jar lamps. (For grades up to 12)

## Teens and Tweens

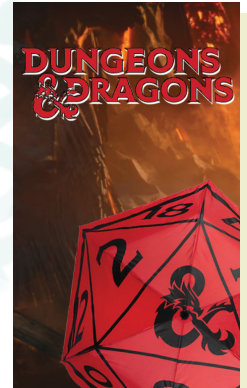
#### Dungeons and Dragons (R)

Tuesday, November 8,

Tuesday, December 13,

5:30 - 8:30 pm

Join us at the library and make (or take) a character with an experienced Dungeon Master as we play the 5th edition of this fantasy role-playing game. (For ages 11 - 20)



#### Tween Paint 'n Sip -

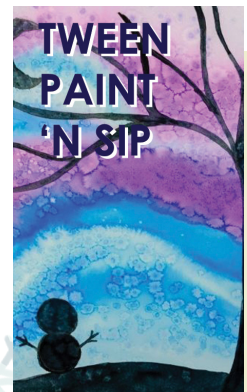
Winter Watercolor

Silhouettes (R)

Wednesday, November 30,

5 - 5:45 pm

The weather outside may be frightful but the scenery can be delightful! This month we are painting a winter scene with watercolors. (For grades 4 - 8)



#### Holiday Baking with

The Kid's Table (R)

Live on Zoom

Wednesday, December 28,

1 - 3 pm

Join us for Holiday Baking with The Kid's Table! Today we will be making decorative sugar cookies and chocolate-dipped spoons. (For grades 4 - 12)



# Adults

## **Songs of the Roads, Rails, and Traveling (R)**

**Sunday, November 6, 1 - 2 pm**

Take a musical ride on America's Highways and rails as you travel by song to many places with Folk/Americana singer and musician Steve Justman, who will have you tapping your toes and singing along.

## **Starting and Finishing a Novel in Ninety Days (R)**

**Live on Zoom, Thursday, November 10, 7 - 8 pm**

Many writers begin novels but never see the finish line. Why? Bestselling Novelist William Hazelgrove gives you the tools to get the job done. Rewriting, plotting, characters, and editing are covered. William uses his experience and wisdom to get you to the finish line.

## **Introduction to Google Drive (R)**

**Sunday, November 20, 1 - 3 pm**

Melisa Mayberry will help you learn how to store files in the cloud, synchronize files across devices, and share files on Google Drive. You will need to have a Gmail account before the program. Please bring your Gmail address and password with you to the class.



## **Illinois Libraries Presents**

### **An Evening with Caitlin Doughty (R)**

**Live on Zoom Wednesday, November 16, 7 - 8 pm**

Join us for a conversation with Caitlin Doughty, mortician, bestselling author, and advocate for death acceptance.

### **An Evening with Shauna Sever (R)**

**Live on Zoom, December 13, 7 - 8 pm**

Join us for a conversation with Shauna Sever of Midwest Made: Big: Bold Baking from the Heartland, joins us to celebrate baking this holiday season.

These events are made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering high-quality events.

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## **The Twelve Days Of Genealogy - Finding Ancestors In Holiday Records (R)**

**Live on Zoom, Wednesday, November 30, 7 - 8:30 pm**

The holidays are coming and despite all the busyness of the season, it is a fantastic time of year to research your genealogy and family history. Discover the types of holiday resources to include in your search for your ancestors. Presented by professional

## **Winter Stamping with Mallory (R)**

**Saturday, December 3, 10 am - 12 pm**

Join Mallory as she guides us in making four unique seasonal stamping projects.

## **Coffee with the Chief (R)**

**Tuesday, December 6, 6:30 - 8:30 pm**

Coffee with Chief John Birk will begin with a topical presentation or guest speaker. Chief Birk will provide an overview of events or criminal activity within the city over the past month, allowing residents to stay informed.

## **Seafood Cookery with Chef Susan Maddox (R)**

**Live on Zoom, Thursday, December 15, 7 - 8 pm**

Are you looking to cook something extraordinary during the holidays? Chef Susan Maddox will take you through preparing three seafood recipes: lobster bisque, seafood & saffron risotto, and Mussels Provençal. The recipes will be available here on the calendar as an attachment starting on Monday, December 12.

## **Great Decisions - Foreign Policy, Economic Power, and U.S. Industrial Policy**

**Tuesday, November 22, 7 - 8:30 pm**

## **Great Decisions - Biden's Agenda (R)**

**Tuesday, December 27, 7 - 8:30 pm**

Great Decisions is a discussion program on foreign policy issues facing America today. The series involves reading a chapter in the Great Decisions Briefing Book (available at the Questions Desk), watching a video and a group discussion.

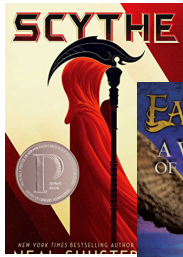
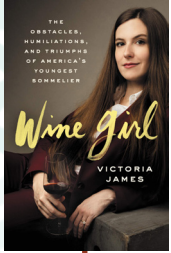
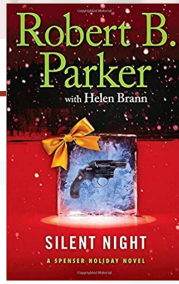
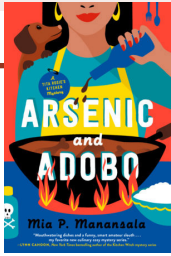
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# Adult Book Discussion Group



## Mystery Book Discussion Group (R)

*Arsenic and Adobo* by Mia Manansala - November 3, 7 - 8:30 pm

*Silent Night: A Spenser Holiday Novel* by Robert B. Parker and Helen Brann - December 1, 7 - 8:30 pm

Copies are available at the Checkout Desk or through a Curbside Pickup appointment.

## Contemporary Book Discussion Group (R)

*Wine Girl* by Victoria James - November 10, 7 - 8:30 pm

eBook and eAudio available through Overdrive/Libby

## Science Fiction & Fantasy Book Discussion Group (R)

*A Wizard of Earthsea* by Ursula La Guin - November 14, 7 - 8:30 pm

*Scythe* by Neal Shusterman - December 12, 7 - 8:30 pm

Copies are available at the Checkout Desk or through a Curbside Pickup appointment.

## Classic Book Discussion Group (R)

*The Left Hand of Darkness* by Ursula K. Le Guin - November 21, 7 - 8:30 pm

*A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens - December 19, 7 - 8:30 pm

Copies are available at the Checkout Desk or through a Curbside Pickup appointment.

Free Movie Showing -  
Murder on the Orient Express (2017)  
from Twentieth Century Fox

Saturday and Sunday,  
November 26 & 27, 1 - 3 pm



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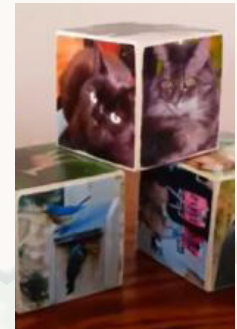
## Take-Home Craft / Artesanía para llevar a casa

### Photo Block / Fotos en Bloques (R)

November 9 - 13 / 9 - 13 de Noviembre

Learn how to transfer a photo onto  
wooden blocks!

Inscríbese para recoger una bolsa con  
materiales para crear una manualidad  
con fotos y bloques.



### String Art / Arte con Hilo (R)

December 7, 8, 10, 11 / 7, 8, 10, 11 de  
Diciembre

Learn how to make a deer string art!

Inscríbese para recoger una bolsa con  
materiales para crear un venado con  
hilo y madera.



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M-TH — 9 am - 9 pm  
FRI-SAT — 9 am - 5 pm  
SUN — 12 - 4 pm

**LIBRARY CLOSINGS/  
CIERRES DE LA BIBLIOTECA**

Wednesday, November 23, 5 pm  
Thursday, November 24, All Day Friday,  
December 9, All Day  
Saturday - Monday,  
December 24 - 26, All Day  
Saturday - Monday,  
December 31 - January 2, All Day

Miércoles 23 de noviembre, 5 pm  
Jueves, 24 de noviembre, todo el día  
Viernes, 9 de diciembre, todo el día  
Sábado - lunes, 24 - 26 de diciembre,  
todo el día  
Sábado - lunes, 31 de diciembre - 2 de  
enero, todo el día

**LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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Susan Murphy  
Terry Weingart

**BOARD MEETINGS**

Board meetings are generally held the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. The public is welcome to attend. Information about attending can be found on our website.

Lesley Jakacki, Executive Director  
Adrian Mesino, Editor

**Library & Program Accessibility**

The library makes every effort to ensure our services and programs can be enjoyed by all. If you have any concerns about accessibility or need to request specific accommodations, please contact the library.

**Accesibilidad de bibliotecas y programas**

La biblioteca hace lo mejor posible para asegurar que todos puedan acceder a los eventos. Si tiene alguna preocupación en cuestión de accesibilidad o requiere ciertas acomodaciones no dude en contactarnos.



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**Statement from the Library Board of Trustees**

The McHenry Public Library District, through its collections, services, programs, and policies, aspires to be an equitable, diverse, inclusive community resource that strives to meet the needs of all community members. We are committed to ensuring that every library patron, visitor, volunteer, MPLD staff and Board member is welcomed to a comfortable, safe and supportive Library by being treated with respect and dignity.

Discrimination, bigotry, and racism will not be tolerated. The Board and staff are dedicated to fostering a culture based on open, respectful experiences that allow us all to learn about and value one another as individuals with different perspectives and backgrounds. This statement is an extension of our Mission Statement and informs all that we do, enriching our work and helping us enhance all the communities we serve.

**Declaración de la Junta de Síndicos de la Biblioteca**

El Distrito de Bibliotecas Públicas de McHenry, a través de sus colecciones, servicios, programas y políticas, aspira a ser un recurso comunitario equitativo, diverso e inclusivo que se esfuerza por satisfacer las necesidades de todos los miembros de la comunidad. Estamos comprometidos a garantizar que cada usuario de la biblioteca, visitante, voluntario, personal de MPLD y miembro de la Junta sea bienvenido a una biblioteca cómoda, segura y solidaria al ser tratado con respeto y dignidad.

No se tolerará la discriminación, la intolerancia ni el racismo. La Junta y el personal están dedicados a fomentar una cultura basada en experiencias abiertas y respetuosas que nos permitan a todos aprender y valorarnos unos a otros como individuos con diferentes perspectivas y antecedentes. Esta declaración es una extensión de nuestra declaración de misión e informa todo lo que hacemos, enriqueciendo nuestro trabajo y ayudándonos a mejorar todas las comunidades a las que servimos.

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