



Preface Newsletter - March / April / May 2025 Edition  
*Prefacio Boletín Informativo - Edición Marzo, Abril y Mayo 2025*

**Celebrate National Library Week, April 6 - 12**  
**Celebre la Semana Nacional de la Biblioteca, del 6 al 12 de abril**



# Drawn to the Library



Millions of people across the country visit their libraries every week. What's the draw? Everything.



Millones de personas en todo el país visitan sus bibliotecas cada semana. ¿Qué los atrae? Todo.

Look inside! Library News, Featured Resources, and Upcoming Programs in March, April, and May.

¡Mire dentro! Noticias de la biblioteca, recursos destacados y próximos programas en marzo, abril, y mayo.

# Library News / Noticias de la biblioteca

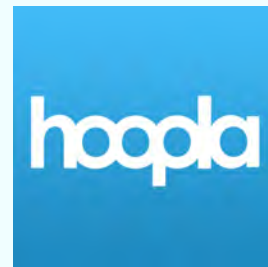


eBooks - AudioBooks - Music  
Movies - TV Series - Magazines  
Comicbooks - BingePass



Starting March 1, 2025, we're making a slight adjustment to our borrowing limits. To ensure continued access to the full *hoopla* catalog and accommodate our growing community of library users, each patron can borrow up to 10 items per month.

*A partir del 1 de marzo de 2025, haremos un ligero ajuste en nuestro límites de prestamos digitales. Para garantizar el acceso continuo al catálogo de hoopla completo y adaptarse a nuestra creciente comunidad de usuarios de la biblioteca, cada usuario puede pedir prestados hasta 10 artículos por mes.*



Download the *hoopla* app.  
Descargue la aplicación *hoopla*.



Are you passionate about your local library and looking for ways to make a meaningful impact in your community?

Consider becoming a volunteer trustee! The McHenry Public Library is accepting applications for candidates to fill multiple seats. For more information please see our website: [bit.ly/MPLDTrustees](http://bit.ly/MPLDTrustees), or contact Lesley Jakacki, Executive Director.

2025 Book Madness - Vote for your favorite staff picks! Which of these books is the best? Anyone can vote, even if they did not submit a bracket. A voting link will be posted on the library's website on the first day of each round of voting. [bit.ly/MPLDBookMadness](http://bit.ly/MPLDBookMadness)



## Recently Added Library Resources and Services



**NEW:** *Fold 3* - Explore a vast collection of military records, including captivating stories, cherished photographs, and deeply personal documents from people who served. Create a lasting online memorial for a veteran in your life.

[bit.ly/MPLDFold3](http://bit.ly/MPLDFold3)



Read the *Northwest Herald*, *Chicago Sun-Times*, and *America's News Magazines* online with *NewsBank*. *NewsBank* provides a comprehensive collection of reliable news sources covering a wide array of topics and issues.

[bit.ly/MPLDNewsBank](http://bit.ly/MPLDNewsBank)



**NEW:** *Scholastic Teachables* offers a vast collection of printable educational materials, perfect for learning at home or in the classroom.

Explore engaging worksheets, activities, and more for grades Pre-K through 8th.

[bit.ly/MPLD-Teachables](http://bit.ly/MPLD-Teachables)

You will need a MPLD Library Card to access some of these services.

# Library Programs / Programas de biblioteca

## About Our Programs:

**(R) Registration is required** - Visit our online Events Calendar to see more details and to register.

**Watch on YouTube** - Pre-recorded programs. Available on our YouTube channel (@TheMPLD) on the dates listed.

**Live on Zoom** - Register to receive the Zoom link.

## Acerca de nuestros programas:

**(R) Es necesario registrarse** - Visite nuestro Calendario de eventos en línea para ver más detalles y registrarse.

**Ver en YouTube** - Programas pregrabados. Disponible en nuestro canal de YouTube (@TheMPLD) en las fechas indicadas.

**En vivo por Zoom** - Regístrate para recibir el enlace de Zoom.

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## All Ages / Todas las edades



**Star Party!**

Astronomy under the city lights in the library parking lot

Tuesday, April 1  
7:30 - 8:30 pm  
For All Ages

Weather back-up date:  
Thursday, April 10

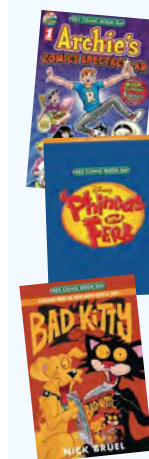


Come visit our booth /  
Ven a visitar nuestra mesa

MCHS Multicultural Fair /  
Feria Multicultural MCHS

Saturday, April 5 /  
Sábado 5 de abril  
11 am - 3 pm

4724 W Crystal Lake Rd  
McHenry, IL



**FREE  
COMIC  
BOOK  
-DAY-**

1st SATURDAY  
IN MAY!

May 3, 2025

Come pick up your free  
comic book at the Library!  
9 am - 5 pm

## Week of the Young Child April 5 - 11

### Music Monday

Monday, April 7  
10 - 11 am

Drop by the library for a fun-filled dance party!  
Bring some friends and show off your dance skills!

### Tasty Tuesday: Black Bean Tacos with The Kids' Table (R)

Live on Zoom- Tuesday, April 8  
5 - 6 pm

Learn how to make black bean tacos!

### Work Together Wednesday

Wednesday, April 9  
5 - 6 pm

Let's work together to make cards to  
support first responders.



### Week of the Young Child

Watch on YouTube, Saturday, April 5

Week of the Young Child is April 5 through April 11!  
Tune in to hear about all that the McHenry Public  
Library has planned for this special week!

### Artsy Thursday (R)

Thursday, April 10,  
10 - 11 am

Create a beautiful spring masterpiece.  
(For children up to 6 years old)

### Family Friday: Games!

Friday, April 11  
3:30 - 4:30 pm

Bring the family together to play some  
classic games.

# Resources and Services for Youth

## Virtual Activity Kits



Check out the NEW Virtual Activity Kit themes! Keep your young one entertained and help teach them skills in navigating the Internet!

New themes include Heroes and Villains, Farmyard Fun, and Forest Adventure.

[bit.ly/MPLDVAK](http://bit.ly/MPLDVAK)



*World Almanac for Kids Elementary* features a variety of topics to research, videos, games, projects and much more. This is a great first research resource, perfect for younger elementary students.

[bit.ly/MPLDWorldAlmanac4Kids](http://bit.ly/MPLDWorldAlmanac4Kids)



Get the most of your borrows! Unlimited streaming for 7 days with a *hoopla BingePass*. Get days of unlimited access to great online content like *KizVidz*, *Hellosaurus*, and *Hands on Crafts for Kids!*

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## Infants, Toddlers, and Preschoolers

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[Storytime for Little Ones \(Virtual\)](#) - Tuesday, March 4, 18, April 1, 22, and May 6, 20

Stories, songs, and rhymes - oh my! Geared towards babies and toddlers, this storytime features a new theme every week.



Día de los Niños y los libros /  
Day of the Children & Books  
Miércoles 30 de abril /  
Wednesday, April 30  
6 - 7 pm



### Storytime at the Library

[Sensory Play Storytime \(R\)](#) - Stories come to life with Sensory Play

**Fridays: March 7, 28, April 25, and May 2, 16**  
10 - 10:30 am

(For ages 12 months to 3 years)

[Storytime for Little Ones! \(R\)](#) - Stories, songs, and rhymes - oh my!

**Mondays: March 10, 24, April 14, and May 12**  
**Thursdays: March 13, 27, April 17, and May 15, 29**

9:30 - 10 am

(For ages up to 3)

[Preschool Storytime \(R\)](#) - Books, music, and activities!

**Tuesdays: March 11, 25, April 8, 22, and May 13**

**Wednesdays: March 19, April 16, and May 7, 21**  
10 - 10:30 am

(For ages 3 - 6 years)

[Mother's Day Storytime \(R\)](#) - Celebrate mothers and all important parental figures with a special storytime and craft.

**Thursday, May 8, 10 - 11 am**

(For ages 12 months to 6 years)

### Featured Programs

[Mini Masterpieces \(R\)](#)

**Friday, March 14, 10 - 10:30 am**

March 14 is National Children's Craft Day! Come to the library to make art with circles. (For ages 3 - 6 years)

[LeGO! - Lego® Building \(R\)](#)

**Tuesday, March 18, 10 - 10:30 am**

Show off your brick-building skills! (For ages 3 - 6 years)

[Little Explorers \(R\)](#)

**Friday, April 18, 10 - 10:30 am**

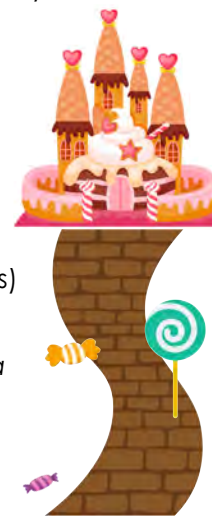
Prepare to get your hands dirty as we experiment with gardening! (For ages 3 - 6 years old)

[Candy Land Preschool Prom / Prom infantil Candy Land](#)

**Friday, April 4 / Viernes 4 de abril**  
10 - 11 am

Join us for dancing, fun, and a craft after an enchanting Storytime. Fancy attire is welcome! (For ages 3 - 6 years)

*Acompañanos a bailar, divertirte y hacer manualidades después de una encantadora Hora del Cuento. ¡La vestimenta elegante es bienvenida!*  
(Para niños de 3 a 6 años)



# Young Children



## Family Graphic Novel Club (R)

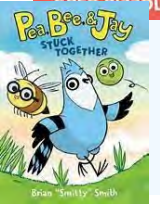
6 - 7 pm

**Tuesday, March 25** - *Pizza and Taco: Who's the Best?* by Steve Shaskan

**Tuesday, April 22** - *Baloney and Friends* by Greg Pizzoli

**Tuesday, May 27** - *Pea, Bee, & Jay: Stuck Together* by Brian Smith

(For ages 5 - 9 years)



## Stem Me a Story (R)

6 - 7 pm

**Monday, March 3** - Book: *Dragon Bones* by Sarah Glenn Marsh.  
Activity: salt dough fossils

**Monday, April 7** - Book: *My First 4.54 Billion Years* by Stacy McAnulty.  
Activity: create a model of the Earth

**Monday, May 5** - Book: *Mars! Earthlings Welcome* by Stacy McAnulty.  
Activity: build a Mars rover

(For ages 5 - 9 years)



## Family STEAM Night: Basketball (R)

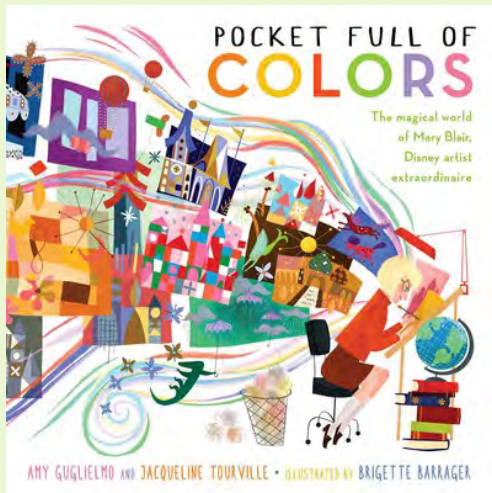
**Wednesday, March 19**  
6 - 7 pm

This month we will be making our own catapult basketball hoops.  
(For kids 5 - 9 years and their adult)

## Family STEAM Night: Roller Coasters (R)

**Wednesday, April 23**  
6 - 7 pm

This month we will make our own roller coasters!  
(For kids 5 - 9 years and their adult)



## Art Lab (R)

**Monday, April 28, 6 - 7 pm**

This month we will read *Pocket Full of Colors: The Magical World of Mary Blair, Disney Artist Extraordinaire* by Amy Guglielmo and Jacqueline Tourville. Then we'll decorate flower pots inspired by her art design and love of colors. (For ages 5 - 8 years)



## Family Minute to Win It! (R)

**Wednesday, May 21**  
6 - 7 pm

Bring the whole family for some fun challenges to complete in one minute or less! (For kids 5 - 9 years and their adult)



## Ozobots (R)

**Monday, March 17, April 21, and May 19**  
5 - 6 pm

Come to the library to code with Ozobots!  
(For ages 5 - 9 years)



## Read Fur Fun (R)

**Tuesday, March 4, April 1, and May 6**  
4 - 6 pm

Come to the library to read to a licensed therapy dog. For kids in grades K through 5.

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

## Featured Programs

### COLD BLOODED PARTIES



### Exploring Cold Blooded Creatures with Cold Blooded Parties (R)

**Wednesday, March 26**  
**11 am - 12 pm**

(For ages 5 - 12 years)

### A Very "Cool" Show with Mr. Freeze! (R)

**Thursday, March 27**  
**3 - 4 pm**

A show with lots of surprises and some fun facts about the extreme cold. (For grades 2 - 12)



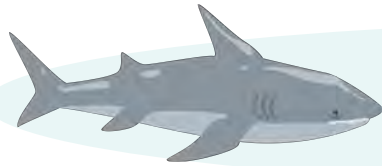
### Rainbow Art Galore / Arte de arco iris en abundancia

**Friday, May 30 /**  
**Viernes 30 de mayo**  
**2 - 4 pm**



Help us decorate for our Summer Reading Program, Color Our World, with colorful rainbow art! Your artwork will be on display throughout the summer. (For preschool - grade 12)

*Ayúdanos a decorar para nuestra lectura de verano. Colorea Nuestro Mundo, con parte del arco iris! Tu obra de arte estará en exhibición durante todo el verano. (Para preescolar - grado 12)*



### Imagination Station - Sharks (R)

**Monday, March 24**  
**3 - 4 pm**

This month we will read *Shark Lady* by Jess Keating and create our own shark sensory bottles. (For ages 5 - 9 years)

## Jovenes

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**Hora de Cuentos - Martes 4 de marzo, 15 de abril, y 27 de mayo / Tuesday, March 4, April 15 and May 27**



¡Haremos cuentos bilingües, rimas, música, baile y más para niños interesados en escuchar ambos idiomas! Para niños de 3 - 9 años y sus padres o proveedores de cuidado.

*Bilingual stories, rhymes, music, dance and more for children interested in hearing both English and Spanish! Children ages 3 - 9 and their parents or caregiver*

### ¡Celebremos la primavera! / Let's celebrate spring! (R)

**Lunes 10 de marzo /**  
**Monday, March 10**  
**5 - 5:30 pm**

¡Demos la bienvenida a la primavera con un cuento y haciendo una divertida manualidad familiar! (Para niños pequeños)

*Let's welcome spring with storytime and making a fun family craft! (For Young Children)*



### Bingo de Primavera / Spring Bingo (R)

**Viernes 18 de abril / Friday, April 18**  
**2 - 3 pm**

¡La primavera finalmente está aquí! Ven y prueba suerte ganando una ronda. ¡Tendremos premios! (Para edades de 5 a 17 años)

*Spring is finally here! Come in and try your luck at winning a round. We will have prizes! (For ages 5 - 17 years)*



### ¡Hora de Cuentos y Manualidad! (R)

**Miércoles 7 de mayo /**  
**Wednesday, May 7**  
**5 - 5:30 pm**

¡Haremos cuentos bilingües, rimas, música, baile y más para niños interesados en escuchar ambos idiomas! Para niños de 3 - 9 años y sus padres o proveedores de cuidado. ¡Manualidad incluida!

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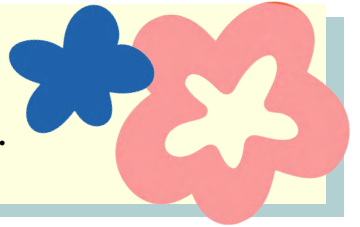
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**Teen Volunteers - We need you!**  
 Interested in volunteering this summer?  
 Contact Youth Services or stop by the Questions Desk.  
 For ages 13 - 17



## Tweens and Teen

### Crafts and DIY

#### Teen and Tween Craft:

#### Paper Quilled Shamrock Cards (R)

**Thursday, March 6, 5 - 6 pm**

Learn the art of paper quilling and make this shamrock card! (For ages 10 - 18 years)



#### Teen and Tween Craft n' Sip:

#### DIY Tea Towels (R)

**Thursday, April 3, 5 - 6 pm**

Join us in decorating tea towels for spring! (For ages 10 - 18 years)



#### Teen and Tween Craft n' Sip:

#### DIY Fairy Garden Bird Houses (R)

**Thursday, May 29, 5 - 6 pm**

Welcome spring with your very own fairy garden birdhouse! (For ages 10 - 18 years)



## Page Flippers

### Page Flippers (R) - 10 - 11 am

A monthly book club for Tweens in grades 4 - 6!

**Saturday, March 22** - *The Mystery of Locked Rooms* by Lindsay Currie

**Saturday, April 26** - *Parachute Kids* by Betty C. Tang

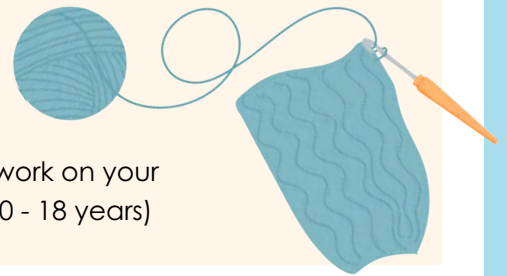
**Saturday, May 24** - *Ruby Lost and Found* by Christina Li.



### Crochet Club (R)

**Thursday, March 13, April 10, and May 8**  
 5 - 6 pm

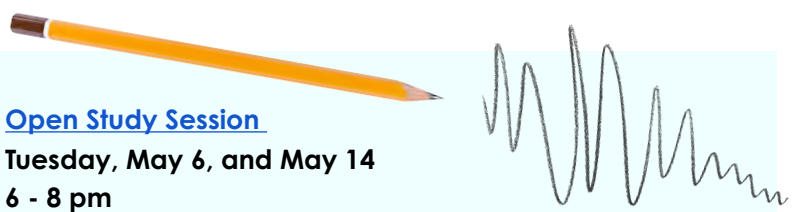
Learn how to crochet or work on your latest project! (For ages 10 - 18 years)



### Open Study Session

**Tuesday, May 6, and May 14**  
 6 - 8 pm

Stop by the library for an open study session to prepare for those end-of-semester exams, papers, and projects! Snacks and drinks will be available. (For Teens)



## DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

**High School ED.  
 Jr. High ED.**

### Dungeons and Dragons - High School Edition (R)

**Tuesday, March 11, April 8, and May 13**  
 5:30 - 8:30 pm

(For ages 15 - 20 years)

Join us at the library and make (or take) a character as we play through different D&D modules in the 5th edition of this fantasy role-playing game with an experienced Dungeon Master.

### Dungeons and Dragons - Junior High Edition (R)

**Thursday, March 20, 27, April 17, 24, and May 15, 22**  
 5:30 - 7:30 pm

(For ages 10 - 14 years)

Only register for one Junior High Session per month to allow for more people to play. It will be the same session both times, so you won't miss anything. Duplicate registrations will be canceled.

Learn about the game and begin your own adventures! Check out guides in our collection on the various roles found in the DND universe. Once you have enough experience, you can start your own game night at home or at the library.

Titles pictured below: *Wizards & spells, Beasts & behemoths, Warriors & Weapons* by Jim Zub.



# Adultos

## Aprenda Canva (R)

Parte 5 - Sábado 1 de marzo  
Parte 6 - Sábado 8 de marzo  
11 am - 12 pm



Únase a las últimas clase donde podrá practicar el uso del programa Canva para crear diseños para redes sociales, presentaciones, posters y calendarios. Si asiste a las 3 clases, recibirá un certificado después de terminar.



## Leamos en Inglés (R)

Martes: 11 de marzo,  
8 de abril, y 13 de mayo, 7 - 8 pm  
Sábados: 15 de marzo, 12 de abril,  
y 17 de mayo, 11 am - 12 pm

Practique y lea en grupo.  
Empezamos con lo más básico,  
todos niveles de conocimiento  
son bienvenidos.

## Clase de Tecnología:

### Internet Básico (R)

Jueves, 8 de Mayo  
6:30 - 8:30 pm

Únase a la clase donde aprenderá sobre lo básico del internet y sitios donde podrá comprar boletos de avión.

# Adults



## McHenry County Department of Health Wellness Screenings (R)

Friday, March 21  
9:30 am - 1 pm

All participants receive a blood pressure check, a body composition analysis, heart age assessment + education for lifestyle changes. Appointments are approximately 15 minutes long. Register online through MCDH to reserve a spot.



## AARP Safe Driving Course (R)

Monday, May 19,  
and Tuesday, May 20  
10 am - 2 pm

This two-day course teaches proven driving techniques to help keep you and your loved ones safe on the road. A fee for AARP members, and non-members, is due on either the first day of class or before.



## Adult Book Discussion Groups (R) - 7 - 8:30 pm

### **Mystery Book Groups**

- Thursday, March 6 - *Finlay Donovan is Killing It* by Ellie Cosimano
- Thursday, April 3 - *Something Wicked* by David Housewright
- Thursday, May 1 - *Everyone in My Family has Killed Someone* by Benjamin Stevenson

### **Classic Book Groups**

- Monday, March 17 - *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe
- Monday, April 21 - *Catch-22* by Joseph Heller
- Monday, May 19 - *Dracula* by Bram Stoker



## Readers' Advisory Form - Looking for something new to read? Ask an expert!

Fill out the form with what you love (and hate) to read. Complete as much or as little as you'd like - the more you tell us, the better we can help you. Our readers' advisory staff will respond within 5 business days with 3 - 5 books selected especially for you. <https://bit.ly/MPLDRAF>

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## Computer Classes

### [Introduction to Google Docs](#) (R)

Monday, March 10, 6:30 - 8 pm

Saturday, April 19, 2 - 3 pm

Must have a Gmail account before registering.

### [Introduction to Google Sheets](#) (R)

Monday, May 5, 6 - 7:30 pm

Must have a Gmail account before registering.

### [Tech Drop-In](#)

Fridays, March 28,  
April 25, and May 23  
2 - 3 pm

Do you have a device that you can't figure out? Were you gifted a new device and have no idea where to start? Drop in and get help from our knowledgeable librarians!



Have questions about your new device like a laptop, smartphone, or tablet?

We can help with tech tips and tricks to get you started from knowledgeable librarians.

Start by filling out this form on our website:  
[bit.ly/MPLDTechTips](http://bit.ly/MPLDTechTips)

We will do some research and help you troubleshoot, set up, and begin enjoying your new device.

## Financial Fitness 2025!

### [Financial Fitness 2025: Planning for Retirement](#) (R)

Live on Zoom - Thursday, April 3  
7 - 8:30 pm

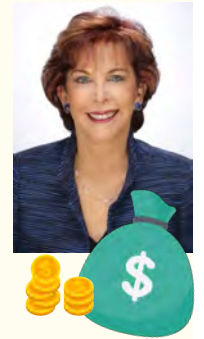
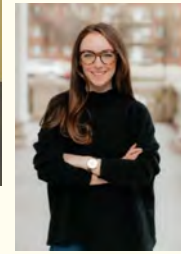
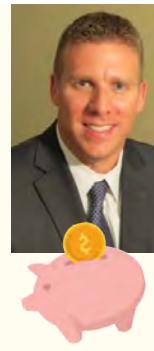
Join John Daly, CFP, for this information packed session about getting ready to retire.

### [Financial Fitness 2025: Navigating Student Loans: Understanding Your Options](#) (R)

Live on Zoom - Monday, April 7  
7 - 8:30 pm

Join Barbara Ginty, CFP® CEPA®, as she guides you through the complex landscape of student loans.

**Financial Fitness 2025 is a free financial literacy series presented by BIG (Business Interest Group), a group of business librarians in the Chicago suburbs. In support of the libraries' mission of providing access to reliable information, these virtual programs offer practical tips and advice from experienced financial advisors.**



### [Financial Fitness 2025: Terry Savage Talks Money](#) (R)

Live on Zoom - Wednesday, April 23  
7 - 8:30 pm

Terry Savage is a nationally recognized expert on personal finance, the economy and the markets, with a presence in television, radio, newspapers, and yes, your local library shelves with several books.



**FinancialFit - What is your Money Mindset?**  
Take the quick quiz to see how you think about money! Then, browse *FinancialFit's* curated collection of personal finance lessons to guide learners in making life's biggest financial decisions.  
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Make a plan for the next step of your career in 2025 with *Ferguson's Career Guidance Center!* Use your library card to access career & industry profiles, workplace and job hunting skills, resume help, financial aid, and college search help. Set up an account using your library card number for your username and a password of your choice.  
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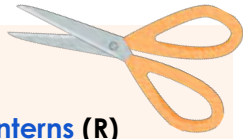


### Wednesday Table Top Games (R)

March, 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, and May 7, 14, 21, 28, 2 - 4 pm

Join us for an afternoon of tabletop games. You can bring your own games to share or enjoy one from our collection.

### Crafts



#### Macramé Fairy Lanterns (R)

Monday, March 24  
7 - 8:30 pm

Learn basic macramé knots and techniques to create a unique hanging piece. Bring a Mason jar or similar container to customize your fairy lantern.

#### Stamping with Mallory (R)

Saturday, April 19  
10 am - 12 pm

Mallory leads us through stamping seasonal cards!

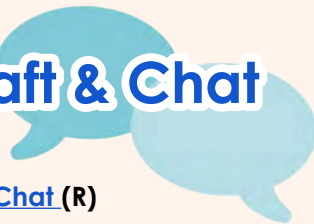


#### Needle Felt Creations (R)

Saturday, May 17  
10 am - 12 pm

Discover the magic of needle felting; a therapeutic and versatile craft. Endless creative possibilities await!

### Craft & Chat



#### Craft & Chat (R)

Monday, May 19  
2 - 4 pm

Bring an unfinished project or start a new one while meeting new friends from the area!

### EXPLORE MORE ILLINOIS

Save on Chicago Symphony Orchestra main floor tickets for selected Thursday night performances and main floor tickets for selected family concerts with *Explore More Illinois!*  
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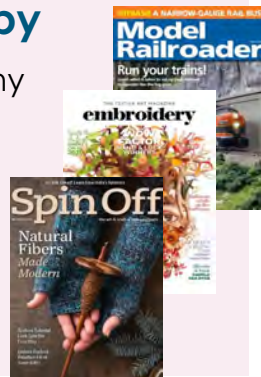
Founded in 1891, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra is consistently hailed as one of the greatest orchestras in the world.

### Craft Magazine Collection on Libby



Check out the newsworthy projects for a variety of craft and hobby enthusiast magazines available through Libby and OverDrive.

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Learn to use the Libby app.  
[Watch our tutorial on Niche Academy!](http://my.nicheacademy.com/mpld)  
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You will need a MPLD Library Card to access some of these services.

Registration for programs begins  
Monday, February 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 febrero, a las 9 am  
Registro en línea: [mchenry.librarycalendar.com](http://mchenry.librarycalendar.com)  
o llame al 815-385-0036

## ★ Illinois Libraries Presents ★

[Exploring Space with Coralie Adam](#) (R)

Live via Zoom - Tuesday, March 4 7 - 8 pm

[Experience 9to5: The Story of a Movement](#) (R)

Friday, March 21 - Sunday, March 23  
 Watch on Demand

[The Art of Foraging with Alexis Nikole Nelson](#) (R)

Live via Zoom - Thursday, April 10  
 7 - 8 pm



[Art and Adventures with Author/Illustrator Dan Santat](#) (R)

Live via Zoom - Saturday, May 3  
 2 - 3 pm

[Poverty: A Discussion with Matthew Desmond](#) (R)

Live via Zoom - Tuesday, May 13  
 7 - 8 pm

These events are made possible by Illinois Libraries Present (ILP), a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events.



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## Featured Presentations



[Save Your Memories: Learn Simple Scanning Tips](#) (R)

Saturday, April 5  
 10 am - 12 pm

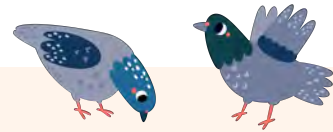
Learn how the Library's scanning equipment can help preserve your priceless photographs.

[McHenry County Libraries Present: Uncommon Facts about Common Birds](#) (R)

McHenry County College  
 8900 US Hwy 14, Building B  
 (Room B170) Crystal Lake, IL

Wednesday, April 9  
 7 - 8 pm

Challenge your preconceived ideas about common birds with Stan Tekiela.



A coalition of McHenry County Libraries (Algonquin, Cary, Crystal Lake, Harvard-Diggins, Huntley, Johnsburg, Marengo, McHenry, Nippersink, Woodstock) are pleased to present this program free of charge. Book sales and signing will follow the presentation, courtesy of Read Between the Lynes bookstore in Woodstock.

[Virtual: Wild West Africa with Brian Michalski](#) (R)



Live on Zoom - Monday, April 14  
 7 - 8 pm

Over 50 countries in, Brian Michalski navigates his most challenging region to date. Explore the upsides, including stunning natural beauty, accessible wildlife, and genuine hospitality.

[Uff Da! Researching My Norwegian Roots](#) (R)



Thursday, April 24  
 7 - 8:30 pm

Caron will share what she has learned through researching her own elusive Norwegian great-grandparents and discovering cousins in Scandinavia.

[Russian? I Thought My Ancestors Were German!](#) (R)

Wednesday, May 14  
 7 - 8:30 pm

The Germans from Russia form a unique ethnic group in the Midwest and Great Plains states. Presented by Dr. Kimberly Nagy, owner of What's My Lineage?

**SCORE** | Fox Valley

[SCORE: Home-Based Business: Options and Plans for Growth](#) (R)

Thursday, April 17  
 1 - 2 pm

This workshop will concentrate on various options for growing the home-based business along with how to develop the strategies needed to sustain growth.

**Library Information /  
Información de la biblioteca**

McHenry Public Library District  
809 Front St. McHenry, IL 60050  
Phone: 815-385-0036  
Website: [www.mchenrylibrary.org](http://www.mchenrylibrary.org)  
Email: [mpref@mchenrylibrary.org](mailto:mpref@mchenrylibrary.org)

**Hours / Horario**

Monday - Thursday: 9 am - 9 pm  
Friday - Saturday: 9 am - 5 pm  
Sunday: 12 - 4 pm

Lunes - Jueves: 9 am - 9 pm  
Viernes - Sábado: 9 am - 5 pm  
Domingo: 12 - 4 pm

**Library Board of Trustees / Junta Directiva  
de la Biblioteca**

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**Board Meetings / Reuniones de la Junta**

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.

*Las reuniones de la junta generalmente se llevan a cabo el tercer martes de cada mes a las 7 p.m. El público es bienvenido a asistir. La información sobre cómo asistir se puede encontrar en nuestro sitio web.*

**Lesley Jakacki, Executive Director  
Adrián 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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**Friends of the McHenry Public Library  
Spring Book Sale**

**Members Preview:**

Thursday, May 15, 5:30 - 8:30 pm

Membership applications and fees can be turned in during the event to access the Preview Night sale.

**Open to the Public:**

Saturday, May 17, 9 am - 5 pm

Sunday, May 18, 12 - 4 pm

Cash and Check only; no credit or debit cards accepted.

Anyone bringing in a scanner will be charged a fee.

The Friends of the McHenry Public Library District is 501(c)3 organization that supports the Library.

**Amigos de la Biblioteca Pública McHenry  
Venta de libros de primavera**

**Vista previa para miembros:**

Jueves 15 de mayo, de 5:30 a 8:30 pm

Las solicitudes y tarifa de membresía se pueden entregar durante el evento para acceder a la venta de la vista previa.

**Abierto al público:**

Sábado 17 de mayo, de 9 a. m. a 5 pm

Domingo 18 de mayo, de 12 a 4 pm

Solo efectivo y cheques; no se aceptan tarjetas de crédito ni débito.

A cualquier persona que traiga un escáner se le cobrará una tarifa.

Los Amigos del Distrito de Bibliotecas Públicas de McHenry son una organización 501(c)3 que apoya a la Biblioteca.

**Summer Reading Program 2025: Color Our World  
June 1 - July 31**

**Programa de lectura de verano 2025: Colorea Nuestro Mundo  
1 de junio - 31 de julio**

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Página de Facebook en Español:

[www.facebook.com/BibliotecaPublicadeMcHenry](https://www.facebook.com/BibliotecaPublicadeMcHenry)

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**Library Closings / Cierres de bibliotecas**

Friday, April 11, 9 am - 1 pm  
Sunday, April 20, All-Day  
Monday, May 26, All-Day

Viernes 11 de abril, 9 am - 1 pm  
Domingo 20 de abril, todo el día  
Lunes 26 de mayo, todo el día