

THE PREFACE NEWSLETTER

JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2024 EDITION



Join the expedition February 1 to March 30!

Take a self-guided tour of the McHenry County libraries! Register at any of the 14 participating libraries and get a passport to start your expedition. Check in at each library to receive a commemorative brag tag. Browse at each library, check out the unique services they offer, and even borrow materials if you choose to do so. Visiting 12 of the 14 participating libraries qualifies you for a chance to win a prize basket featuring gift cards to local businesses. One entry per person; one winner per family.

Stop by the McHenry Public Library where everyone is welcome! We strive to serve the needs of our community by offering video games, audiobooks, STEM kits, and everything in between. We also offer a wide range of programs for the whole family. While you are here, be sure to check out our Polish and Spanish language collections as well as our Genealogy Room and Discovery Hub. Kids, during your visit, be sure to check out what mischievous Felix the Fox is doing. McHenry Public Library's participation in the Library Lovers Expedition is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.







¡Únete a la expedición del 1 de febrero al 30 de marzo!

¡Realice un recorrido autoguiado por las bibliotecas del condado de McHenry! Regístrese en cualquiera de las 14 bibliotecas participantes y obtenga un pasaporte para iniciar su expedición. Regístrese en cada biblioteca para recibir una etiqueta conmemorativa. Navegue por cada biblioteca, consulte los servicios únicos que ofrecen e incluso pida prestado materiales si así lo desea. Visitando 12 de las 14 bibliotecas participantes se otorga la oportunidad de ganar una canasta de premios con tarjetas de regalo para empresas locales. Una entrada por persona; un ganador por familia.

¡Pase por la Biblioteca Pública de McHenry donde todos son bienvenidos! Nos esforzamos por satisfacer las necesidades de nuestra comunidad ofreciendo videojuegos, audiolibros, kits STEM y todo lo demás. También ofrecemos una amplia gama de programas para toda la familia. Mientras esté aquí, asegúrese de revisar nuestras colecciones en polaco y español, así como nuestra Sala de genealogía y Discovery Hub. Niños, durante su visita, asegúrense de ver qué está haciendo el travieso Félix el Zorro. Biblioteca pública de McHenry participación en la Expedición Amantes de la Biblioteca está patrocinada por los Amigos de la Biblioteca.



Square Dancing with NW Grand Squares (R) Saturday, January 20 2 - 3:45 pm

Calling all dancers ages 10 and up! Join us for a fun time dancing as caller John Harden takes us through the steps. Even if you have never square danced or haven't danced in a while, a fun time will be had. Every square will have experienced dancers to help you dance your best. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. (For all ages)

Look inside
- upcoming
events for all
ages in January
and February!

Mira dentro
- ¡Eventos
para todas
las edades
viniendo en
enero y febrero!

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 - 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) 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.

En vivo por Zoom - Registrese 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) Es necesario registrarse -Visite nuestro Calendario de eventos en línea para ver más detalles y registrarse.

For Young Children



Storytime for Little Ones!

Join us this week for fun stories, songs, and rhymes for babies and toddlers! We have a new theme each week as well as a take home craft! (For ages up to 3 years)

In-person (R) Monday, January 8 Tuesday, January 9 Monday, January 22 Tuesday, January 23 Monday, February 12 Tuesday, February 13 Monday, February 26 Tuesday, February 27 9:30 - 10 am

Virtual - Watch on YouTube Tuesday, January 2 Tuesday, January 16 Tuesday, February 6 Tuesday, February 20



Preschool Storytime (R)

Thursday, January 11 Wednesday, January 17 Thursday, January 25 Wednesday, January 31 Thursday, February 8 Thursday, February 22 Thursday, February 28 10 - 10:30 am

Preschoolers who love books and stories will enjoy Preschool Storytime! We will use picture books, flannel board stories, fingerplays, rhymes, and music to support early literacy skills and create fun storytime experiences. (For ages 3 - 6 years)

Kanopy Kids is Kanopy's curated collection of content for children, with a focus on ages 2 - 8. While in the Kanopy Kids section, you'll only see content that's age-appropriate and allows unlimited viewing. Visit www.kanopy.com/kids WATCH CLASSIC CARTOONS, TV SERIES, READ-ALONG BOOKS, MOVIES AND MORE! SERVICE STREET

Sensory Play Storytime (R)

Friday, January 5 Friday, January 19 Friday, February 9 Friday, February 23 10 - 10:45 am



Designed for toddlers, this storytime takes reading into a more interactive approach with sensory play added in. (For ages 12 months - 3 years)

Mini Masterpieces -Sparkly Snowflakes (Virtual)(R) Watch on YouTube Friday, January 12

Create a sparkly snowflake to celebrate winter! (For ages 3 - 6 years)

LeGO! - Lego ® Building (R) Friday, January 26 1:30 - 2 pm



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

Valentine's Day Storytime (R) Wednesday, February 14 10 - 11 am

We will read Valentine's Day books and create a paper gnome craft! (For ages 3 - 6)

Little Explorers - Cloud Dough (R) Friday, February 23

1:30 - 2 pm

We will mix our own cloud dough out of lotion and corn starch. Afterwards, we will build with it! (For ages 3 - 6)

For Children

Read Fur Fun Tuesday, January 2 Tuesday, February 6 4 - 6 pm



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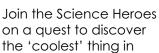
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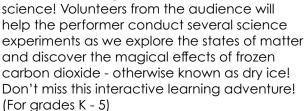
thing in science!

Come to the library to read to a licensed therapy dog. Dog owner will be present. (For grades K - 5)

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

Break the Ice (R) Wednesday, January 3 11 am - 12 pm





Imagination Station: Snow Measuring Snowman (R) Friday, January 5 1 - 2 pm

Warm up at the library as you make a snowman that can measure snowfall! (For grades K - 3)

Terrarium with McHenry Garden Club (R) Monday, January 15 1 - 3 pm

Learn about plants and make your own terrarium to take home! (For grades 1 - 3)

Take Home Craft Kits!

Paper Ball Reindeer - January 21 - 27 Love Bug - February 11 - 17

Come to the Questions Desk or schedule a curbside pickup of this craft. Available while supplies last.



STEM Me a Story

Cars (R) - Monday, January 22, 6 - 7 pm

Calling racing enthusiasts! This month we are reading *Number One Sam* by Greg Pizzoli and will be making our own cars! (For grades K - 3)

Space (R) - Monday, February 19, 2 - 3 pm

Calling all builders! This month we are reading Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly and then making space capsules. (For grades K - 3)

Art Lab (R) Monday, February 12

Monday, February 12 6 - 7 pm

Calling all artists! This month we are using shaving cream and paint to make one-of-a-kind art! This will be a messy craft, so please dress for the mess! (For grades K - 3)

Creature Creator Robotics (R) Friday, February 16 10 - 11 am

In Snapology's Creature Creator Robotics class, your animal lover will create their own animal-inspired robotic models. Students will learn

about gear ratio, sensors, simple machines, and programming as they build insects, dolphins, gorillas, and much more. Your child is sure to have a wild time as they build, learn, and play. (For grades K - 3)

Vacation Bags are available year-round. Request yours by filling out our online form.

Vacation bags are specially curated for your young child up to grade 8, to make the car, plane, or train trip a time to relax and enjoy some reading.

We offer more than just books in these bags:

- Activities, games, and coloring pages
- Audio stories on Playaways
- Movie and music

Where would you take these bags? We can help keep the kids entertained until you reach your destination with a custom curated Vacation Bag.

bit.ly/MPLDVacationBags



Registration for programs begins Monday, December 18, at 9 am

La inscripción para los programas comienza el lunes, 18 de diciembre, a las 9 am

Register online: (mchenry.librarycalendar.com) or call 815-385-0036.

Registro en línea: (mchenry.librarycalendar.com) o llame al 815-385-0036.

Para Juveniles Bilingües / For Bilingual Youth

Hora de Cuento (Virtual)

Ver en YouTube, Martes 16 de enero Lunes 5 de febrero / Watch on YouTube, Tuesday, January 16 Monday, February 5



¡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.

¡Hora de Cuentos y Manualidad! (R) Lunes 19 de febrero / Monday, February 19 6 - 6:30 pm

¡Manualidad incluida! (Para los grados Preescolar - 3)



Celebración de los Reyes Magos / Three Kings Celebration (R) Jueves 4 de enero / Thursday, January 4 4 - 4:45 pm



¡Ven acompañanos a un Hora de Cuento, manualidades, bebidas calientes, y pan dulce! (All ages)

Come join us for stories, crafts, hot chocolate, and sweet bread! (Todas las edades)

Twister Gigante / Giant Twister (R)
Lunes 8 de enero / Monday, January 8
6 - 6:45pm



¡Acompañanos en jugar Twister gigante! (Para niños pequeños)

Join us in playing giant Twister! (For young children)

Manualidad: Muñeco de nieve con hilo / Snowman Yarn Wrapping Craft (Virtual)(R) Ver en YouTube, Martes 30 de enero / Watch on YouTube, Tuesday, January 30

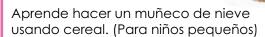
¿Interesado en hacer una manualidad de un muñeco de nieve con hilo? ¡Registrate para recoger un kit para llevar a casa! (Para grados K - 3)

Interested in making a snowman yarn wrapping craft? Register to pick up a take home kit! (For grades K - 3)

¡Aprende a hacer bocadillos! -Visita nuestro canal de YouTube

La Cocina - Muñeco de Nieve Crujiente / Crispy Snowman (Virtual) Miércoles 24 de enero,

Mièrcoles 24 de enero, Ver en YouTube / Wednesday, January 24, Watch on YouTube



Make a snowman out of cereal. (For young children)

La Cocina - Fresas cubiertas en chocolate / Chocolate-covered strawberries

Ver en YouTube, jueves 8 de febrero / Watch on YouTube, Thursday, February 8

Aprende hacer fresas cubiertas en chocolate. (Para niños pequeños)

Learn to make chocolate covered strawberries. (For young children)

Para preadolescentes y adolescentes

Manualidad: Almohada de Corazón / Heart Pillow craft (R)

Jueves 1 de febrero / Thursday, February 1 5 - 6 pm

¡Haremos almohadas con forma de corazón, no se requiere coser! (Para grados 4 - 12)

We will be making no sew heart pillows! (For grades 4 - 12)

Retrato de Arte Pop / Pop Art Portrait (R) Jueves 15 de febrero / Thursday, February 15 5 - 6 pm



Convierte fotografías en blanco y negro en increíbles retratos de arte pop, creando un conjunto de 4 minipinturas. Traer una fotografía de selfie o envíela por correo electrónico a mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org y la tendremos lista para usted. (Para grados 4 - 12)

Turn black and white photos into amazing pop art portraits, making a set of 4 mini paintings. Bring in a selfie photograph, or email it to mplyps@mchenrylibrary. org and we will have it ready for you. (For grades 4 - 12)

For Tweens and Teens

Crochet Club (R) Thursday, January 11 Thursday, February 8 5 - 6 pm



If you're curious about crochet, come to the library to learn how to crochet or work on your latest project! Beginners and experts are welcome. Bring your own project and yarn or participate in a simple project. (For ages 10 - 18 years)

Page Flippers (R) Saturday, January 20 Saturday, February 17 10 - 11 am



Join Miss Jen for a brand new book club

geared towards kids in grades 4 to 6. In January, we will be reading The Terrible Two by Mac Barnett. For February, we'll read The Magic in Changing Your Stars by Leah Henderson. (For grades 4 - 6)



Book Madness begins in February. Help us decide which book series is the best! Participants must be in grades 4 - 8. Brackets will be available on the library's website or at the Questions Desk starting February 1, 2024. All brackets must be turned in to the Questions Desk by 4 pm on Sunday, February 25!

Tween/Teen Craft: Tote Bags (R) Monday, January 29 6 - 7 pm



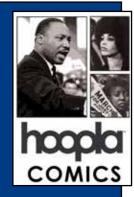
This month we are going to be using shaving cream and paint to decorate canvas bags. This will be a messy craft, so please dress for the mess! (For grades 4 - 12)

Tween Paint 'n Sip: Canvas Heart Art (R) Monday, February 5 6 - 7 pm

Creativity and drinks are aplenty this month as we create heart art. (For grades 4 - 8)

Black History Month Comic Books on hoopla





Have your own Movie Marathon with a Binge Box! Each Binge Box contains 5 - 9 DVDs in one package for your viewing convenience.

Binge Boxes can be borrowed for 3 weeks to enjoy the collection at your own pace. You'll find old classics and new favorites - truly something for all ages.

Check out a Binge Box for a spectacular movie night!





Dungeons and Dragons -High School Edition (R) Tuesday, January 9, Tuesday, February 13, 5:30 - 8:30 pm

(For ages 16 - 20 years)

Dungeons and Dragons -Junior High Edition (R) Thursday, January 25, Thursday, February 29, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

(For ages 11 - 15)

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.

Real World Robotics (R) Friday, February 16

11:15 - 12:15 pm

In Snapology's Real World Robotics class, students interested in technology will create robotic models inspired by real life robotic technologies. Students will learn about gear



ratio, sensors, simple machines, and programming, creating builds such as alarm devices, earthquake detectors, or robotic arms. Your child will have a blast exploring the world of robotic technologies as they build, learn, and play. (For grades 4 - 8)

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For Adults



Wednesday Board Game Meet-up (R) Wednesday, January 3, 10, 17,

24, 31, February 7, 14, 21, 28 2 - 4 pm

A mid-week afternoon of tabletop games. You can bring your own games to share or enjoy one from our collection. Board Game Night (R) Tuesday, January 2 & 23, February 27 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Join us for a night of tabletop games. Please bring your own games to share or enjoy one from our collection.

Hidden Messages in Chinese Food (R) Live on Zoom Thursday, January 18

Chinese food is set up in a combination of soup, eggroll, stir fry, and rice. This is an introduction to the cultural history of Chinese food. You will gain a new perspective on the Chinese dining experience, whether it is sit-down or take-out.

Sowing Plants in Winter (R) Thursday, January 25 7 - 8 pm

7 - 8 pm

This hands-on class will teach you how to sow seeds outside in the winter. You will learn how mini greenhouses protect seeds and make plants resilient to the weather temperatures.

The Music of Gordon Lightfoot and John Denver with Steve Justman (R) Sunday, January 28 1 - 2 pm

Join us as Steve performs the music of Gordon Lightfoot and John Denver, two of the all-time greatest singer-songwriters.

Stamping with Mallory (R) Saturday, February 10 10 am - 12 pm

Join Mallory as she guides us in making unique stamping projects to take home.





AARP Free Tax-Aid 2024

The Tax-Aide program will run Mondays - Wednesdays from February 6 through April 10, 2024.

AARP's Tax-Aide Program
is a volunteer-based
program that provides FREE
tax preparation help for low- to moderateincome taxpayers, particularly those ages
60 and up. If you qualify for tax help, please
contact Senior Services starting mid-January
at 815-356-7457 to make an appointment at
our library or for more information.

50+ Sources for Finding Ancestral Photos Online & Offline (R) Live on Zoom Wednesday, January 31 7 - 8:30 pm

https://bit.ly/AARPMPLD2024

In this one-hour presentation,

we will discuss more than 50 potential sources for locating ancestral photos. We will especially focus on the large number of print media sources and how to obtain them; local, regional, and national organizations that may have photos; a wide variety of online sources; and distant relatives we may not know about. Katherine is the founder and president of the Virtual Genealogical Association and President of the Michigan Genealogical Council.

Greece - Where Past Is Present (R) Thursday, February 22 7 - 8 pm



Barb & Ron will show you the best places to travel from classic monuments and temples to ferrying through the Aegean Sea.

Coffee with the Chief (R) Tuesday, February 6 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Coffee with McHenry Police 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. At the end, residents will have a chance
to ask questions or state concerns to the Chief.

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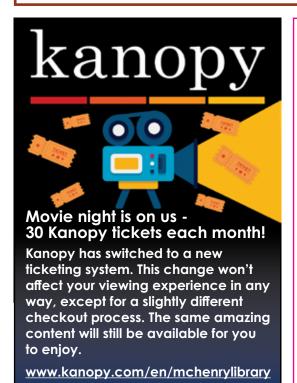
Illinois Libraries Presents (R) Live on Zoom, 7 - 8 pm

January 11 - Future of AI activist Cory Doctorow & authors Ken Liu & Martha Wells February 6 - A Conversation with author/illustrator Jerry Craft

February 20 - A Conversation with Julia Quinn

This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering high-quality events.

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Para adultos

Cómo usar su teléfono android (R) Jueves 18 de enero, 6:30 - 8:30 pm



¿Tiene preguntas en cómo usar tu teléfono Android? En la clase aprenderan sobre la aplicación de fotografía, cómo descargar aplicaciones, el internet y redes sociales. Favor de traer sus teléfonos Android.

Computación: internet, redes sociales y más (R) Sábado 17 de febrero, 11 am - 1 pm

En la clase aprenderan sobre el manejo de teclado, e-mail, redes sociales, búsqueda en Internet para programas de aprendizaje gratuitos como por ejemplo aprender inglés.

Manualidad: Flores de fieltro / Craft: Felt Flowers (R) Sábado 24 de febrero / Saturday, February 24, 1 - 2 pm



Acompañanos para aprender como hacer una manualidad con flores de fieltro.

Join us to learn how to make a banner craft with felt flowers.



Black Voices and Black History on OverDrive and Libby

Much of the focus of Black History Month is centered on the history of African Americans. However, it is equally important that we recognize what it currently means to be Black in America while also highlighting the joy that can be found in books written by Black authors. Use your library card to access a large collection of digital content including eBooks, eAudiobooks and Magazines powered by OverDrive. Take this collection mobile with Libby, an app for smartphones and tablets. https://bit.ly/BlackHistoryOverDriveMPLD

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

Join the conversation at our Adult Book Discussion Groups for Mystery, Science Fiction & Fantasy, and Classic book enthusiasts!



Mystery Book Discussion Group:

January 4 - The Twyford Code by Janice Hallett February 1 - The Donut Legion by Joe R. Lansdale

Science Fiction & Fantasy Book Discussion Group:

January 8 - Doomsday Book by Connie Willis February 12 - The Book of Lost Things by John Connolly

Classic Book Discussion Group

January 16 - Persuasion by Jane Austen February 20 - Passing by Nella Larsen

Copies are available at the Checkout Desk or through a Curbside Pickup appointment. Some titles available in eBook and eAudio formats through OverDrive/Libby and hoopla.

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HOURS

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

LIBRARY CLOSINGS/ CIERRES DE LA BIBLIOTECA

Monday, January 1, all day Friday, February 2, 1 - 5 pm

Lunes 1 de enero, todo el día. Viernes 2 de febrero, 1 - 5 pm

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES Charles Reilly, President **Bud Alexander, Vice President** Monica Leccese, Secretary Terry Weingart, Treasurer Michele Madsen Thomas Sutliff Nikki Wallace

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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