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PREFACE



McHENRY PUBLIC
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NEWSLETTER

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2023 EDITION

Library Lovers Expedition!

Take a self-guided tour of McHenry County libraries!

Visit a participating library to register for this challenge and receive a commemorative bookmark and passport. Then, the expedition begins! You'll have the months of February and March to visit all 13 participating libraries. At each library, show your passport to receive a sticker and ribbon for your bookmark. Feel free to browse at each library, check out the services they offer, and even borrow materials if you choose to do so. Once you have finished visiting all 13 libraries, submit your entry towards one of the thirteen themed PRIZE BASKET drawings containing gift cards to local McHenry County businesses. One prize basket entry per person; one winner per family.

HALF-PRICE FINE EVENT!

February is Library Lover's Month, and we want to share the love with our patrons and community with a half-price fine event. Patrons can pay just half their fines and fees from Wednesday, February 1, through Saturday, February 18. The best part is that the monies collected will benefit FISH, a local food pantry serving the McHenry area.

This program includes fines for returned overdue items and existing fines on patrons' accounts, and new this year, fines and fees for lost or damaged items will also be reduced. However, this event does not include fines and fees from other libraries. Stop by the Library in person to take advantage of half-priced fines and fees.



mchenrylibrary.org

Look inside for
upcoming events this
January and
February!

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, December 19 at 9 am

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

La inscripción para los programas
comienza el lunes 19
de diciembre a las 9 am

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Children

Storytime for Little Ones (R)

9:30 - 10 am

Monday, January 9,
Tuesday, January 10,
Monday, January 23,
Tuesday, January 24,
Monday, February 20,
Tuesday, February 21,

Storytime for Little Ones (Virtual)

Watch on YouTube

Tuesday, January 3,
Tuesday, January 17,
Tuesday, January 31,
Tuesday, February 14,
Tuesday, February 28,



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

Preschool Storytime (R)

10 - 10:30 am

Thursday, January 5,
Wednesday, January 11,
Thursday, January 19,
Wednesday, January 25,
Thursday, February 2,
Wednesday, February 15,
Thursday, February 23,



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)

Read Fur Fun (R)

10 am - 12 pm

Saturday, January 14,
Saturday, February 11,

Children of all ages are welcome to 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.**

Baby Storytime (R)

9:30 - 10 am

Thursday, January 12,
Thursday, February 16,



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 babies up to 18 months)

Sensory Storytime (R)

10 - 10:45 am

Friday, January 6,
Friday, February 3,



Introducing sensory storytime! 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 -

Puffy Penguin (R)

Watch on YouTube

Friday, January 13,

Make art, make crafts, and make friends at this program for creative kids. This month we will make a puffy penguin! (For ages 3 - 6 years)

Mini Masterpieces -

Valentine's Day Wreath (R)

Watch on YouTube

Friday, February 10,

Make art, make crafts, and make friends at this program for creative kids. This month we will make a wreath made out of hearts! (For ages 3 - 6 years)



The McHenry Public Library's 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program is a fun, exciting, and free way to start your child on the path to success!

Stop by the Library's Questions Desk and ask to sign up your child in the program. This program is for children who have not yet entered kindergarten and a family member must be a McHenry Public Library cardholder.

Have you heard of Tumble Books?



It gives MPLD cardholders access to children's storybooks with added narration and animation. Browse through this collection for age-appropriate, entertaining, and educational content for kids. Visit the library website and search 'Tumble Books' for more details.



Mini Masterpieces

Watch on our YouTube channel 'TheMPLD'

January 13:
Puffy Penguin

February 10:
Valentine's Day Wreath



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Talewise Music Show (R)

10 - 11 am

Monday, January 16,

We'll explore the building blocks of music — rhythm, beat, pitch, tempo, and more — and practice creative self-expression as we sing and dance along together!

(For ages up to 6 years)

Little Explorers - DIY Snow (R)

1:30 - 2 pm

Friday, January 27,

Let's learn about the world around us through crafts, science experiments, games and movies. Join us while we make DIY snow to build and play with.

(For ages 3 - 6 years)

Little Explorers - Moon Phases (R)

1:30 - 2 pm

Friday, February 24,

Let's learn about the world around us through crafts, science experiments, games and movies. Join us while we learn about moon phases with Oreos.

(For ages 3 - 6 years)

See a Juggler! Be a Juggler! (R)

1 - 2 pm

Monday, February 20,

Kids can become the "Rock-Star" jugglers and balancers just like Pro Juggler Jason Kollum!

(For grades K - 5)

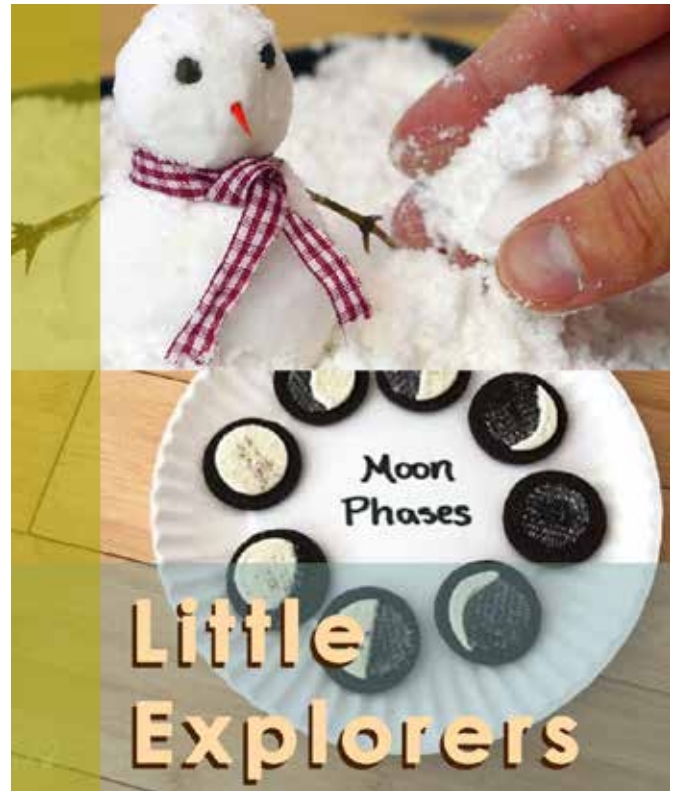
Valentine's Day Storytime (R)

10 - 11 am

Thursday, February 9,

Join Miss Steffanie and Miss Skye while we read Valentine's Day themed books, sing, and dance. We will also create a Valentine's Day craft.

(For ages up to 6 years)



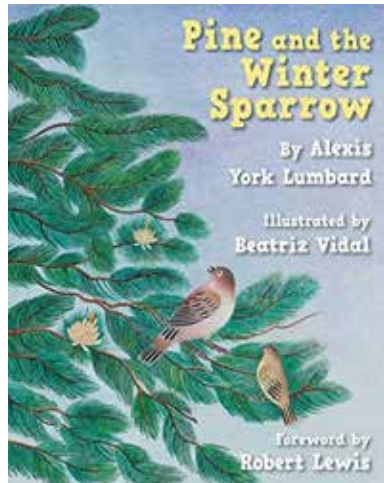
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STEM Me a Story - Building (R)

5 - 5:45 pm

Wednesday, January 4,

Calling all builders! This month we are reading *Pine and the Winter Sparrow* by Alexis York Lumbard and building our own pine trees! (For grades K - 3)



Imagination Station - Chinese New Year Lanterns (R)

5 - 5:45 pm

Wednesday, January 25,

Come celebrate Chinese New Year and learn about the holiday while making a Chinese lantern. (For grades K - 3)

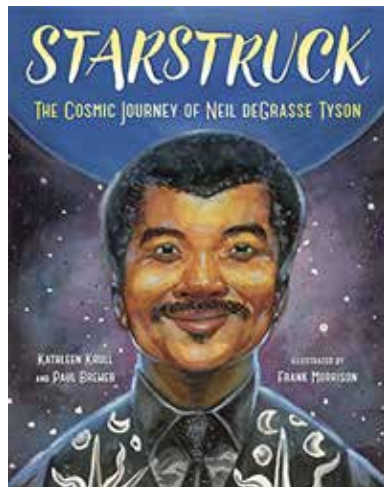


STEM Me a Story - Astronomy (R)

5 - 5:45 pm

Wednesday, February 1,

Calling all astronomers! This month we are reading *Starstruck: The Cosmic Journey of Neil DeGrasse Tyson* by Kathleen Krull and Paul Brewer. We will then make our own glow in the dark constellations! (For grades K - 3)



Art Lab: Gee's Bend Quilt Collage (R)

5 - 5:45 pm,

Wednesday, February 22,

Calling all artists! February is Black History Month and this month we are going to learn about Gee's Bend while making our own Gee's Bend-inspired quilts. (For grades K-3)



Take Home Craft:

Snowman Popsicle Puppet

January 22 - 28

Make a snowman popsicle puppet to ring in the new year and celebrate a wintery season!

Heart Butterfly Clothespin

February 19 - 25

Make a Butterfly Clothesline clip to hang up all of the love that's in the air!

Available while supplies last.

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Programas bilingües / Bilingual Programs

PARA ADULTOS / FOR ADULTS

Computación PowerPoint 1 (R)

6:30 - 8:30 pm
Thursday, January 26,

Computación PowerPoint 2 (R)

6:30 - 8:30 pm
Thursday, February 2,

Computación PowerPoint 3 (R)

6:30 - 8:30 pm
Thursday, February 16,

Clases en una serie sobre Microsoft PowerPoint. Si asiste a las 3 clases, recibirá un certificado después de terminar.



HORA de CUENTOS

Hora de Cuentos - Los Tres Reyes Magos/ The Three Wise Men (Virtual) (R)

Ver en YouTube
martes, 3 de enero,

Aprende acerca de los Tres Reyes Magos y haz una manualidad divertida para llevar a casa.
(Para edades de 3 a 6 años)

Watch on YouTube
Tuesday, January 3,

Learn about the Three Kings and make a fun take home craft.
(For ages 3 - 6 years)

Hora de Cuentos (Virtual)

Ver en YouTube
martes, 28 de febrero,

Watch on YouTube
Tuesday, February 28

Hora de Cuentos (R)

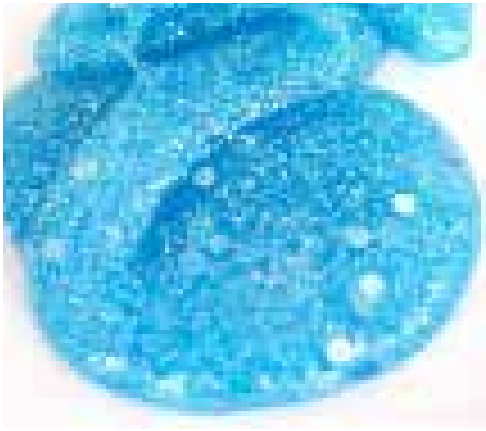
9:30 - 10 am
Martes 17 de enero,
Martes 7 de febrero,

¡Haremos cuentos bilingües, rimas, música, baile y más para niños interesados en escuchar ambos idiomas! Para niños de 2-6 años y sus padres o proveedores de cuidado.

9:30 - 10 am
Tuesday, January 17,
Tuesday, February 7,

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

La inscripción para los programas comienza el lunes 19 de diciembre a las 9 am



¡Fiesta de Slime! / Slime Party! (R)

5 - 6 p. m.

miércoles, 11 de enero,

Haremos una receta de slime de invierno elástica, rveluciente y brillante con la receta de slime usando solución salina. (Para edades de 5 a 18 años)

5 - 6 pm

Wednesday, January 11,

We will be making a stretchy, shimmering, sparkling winter slime recipe with a saline solution slime recipe. (For ages 5 - 18 years)

Manualidad de Pingüino/ Penguin Craft (Virtual) (R)

Ver en YouTube

miércoles, 18 de enero,

¿Que animal es negro y blanco, tiene dos alas, un pico y camina como un pato? ¡Un pingüino! Acompáñanos a hacer una manualidad divertida. (Para edades de 3 a 6 años)

Watch on YouTube

Wednesday, January 18,

What animal is black and white, has two wings, a beak, and walks like a duck? A penguin! Join us to make a fun craft. (For ages 3 - 6 years)

Manualidad: Origami / Craft: Origami (Virtual) (R)

Ver en YouTube

martes, 21 de febrero,

Aprende a doblar muchos origami paso a paso geniales e interesantes. Tendremos diferentes niveles de origami: fácil y desafiante. (Para edades de 5 a 18 años)

Watch on YouTube

Tuesday, February 21,

Learn how to fold many cool and interesting step-by-step origami. We will have different origami levels: easy and challenging. (For ages 5 - 18 years)



Manualidad de San Valentin/ Valentine's day Craft (R)

5 - 6 pm

miércoles, 8 de febrero,

¿No tienes ideas para regalar este 14 de febrero? No te preocupes, ven hacer una pieza de arte que les encantaría. Estaremos haciendo rosas de papel en forma de corazón. (Para los grados 4 - 12)

5 - 6 pm

Wednesday, February 8,

Don't have any ideas on what to give this February 14? Don't worry, come make a piece of art that they would love. We will be making heart shaped paper roses. (For grades 4 - 12)

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Tweens and Teens

DIY Felt Heart Wall Hanging (R)

5 - 6 pm


Monday, February 6,



Love is in the air! This month we are going to make a special felt heart wall hanging. (For grades 4 - 12)

Weird World of Monsters with Andertoons! (R)

1 - 2 pm

Friday, February 17, 

Sure, we all know about vampires, werewolves, mummies, but those are old hat. Join Mark Anderson from Andertoons in this silly spooky class where kids will learn to draw weird monsters from around the world! The Drop Bear! The Bunyip! The Ningen! And the Grootslang! You will not want to miss this! (For grades K - 8)

Shannon Hale & LeUyen Pham Chat (R)

3 - 4 pm,

Saturday, February 11,

Love the graphic novel series *Real Friends*? Join us at the library for a watch party of a virtual author visit with writer Shannon Hale and illustrator LeUyen Pham! They will talk about their books, answer your questions, and share an engaging activity! Please register for the watch party. (For Teens and Tweens)

2023 Book Madness: Dazzling Diverse Reads

Get ready to vote between some dazzling diverse reads! Which of these books is the best? Only you can decide!

Brackets will be available on the library's website or at the Question's Desk starting February 1, 2023. All brackets must be turned in to the Question's Desk by Sunday, February 26 by 4 pm! Brackets turned in after the deadline will not be eligible for prizes.

Participants must be in 4th-8th grade to submit a bracket. Only one (1) bracket entry per person. Make sure to fill out your full name, school, and a phone number so we can reach you if you win! Any brackets missing these details will not be eligible for prizes.

A video explaining the rules and introducing the books will be released on the library's YouTube channel "The MPLD" on February 1, 2023.

Book Madness - February 1 - 26

Sweet 16 Voting - February 21 - 27

Elite 8 Voting - March 1 - 7

Final 4 Voting - March 9 - 15

Championship Voting - March 17 - 23

Dungeons and Dragons (R)

5:30 - 8:30 pm

Tuesday, January 10,

Tuesday, February 14,



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 years)

LGBTTeaQ

6 - 7 pm

Monday, January 30,



Hang out with your rainbow fam and tell us what you've been reading or watching, and whatever else might be on your mind in an open and accepting environment. **No registration required.**

Registration for programs begins Monday, December 19 at 9 am

Adults

Board Game Night (R)

6:30 - 8:30 pm
Tuesday, January 3,

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



The Alps

Tour du Mont Blanc (R)

Live on Zoom,
7 - 8 pm,
Thursday, January 12,

Follow Brian Michalski's journey along Europe's world-famous Tour du Mont Blanc. A beautiful trek of 105 miles through the Alps in France, Italy, and Switzerland. Gain insight into practical planning tips, cultural tidbits, challenges along the trail, accommodation logistics, and more, all seen through the lens of Michalski's gorgeous original photography.

Sowing Plants in Winter (R)

7 - 8 pm,
Monday, January 16,

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.



Celebrating Lunar New Year (R)

Live on Zoom,
7 - 8 pm,
Monday, January 23,

The Lunar New Year season lasts from January 21 to February 5, 2023. It is a holiday observed by 20% of the world's population. Educator Yvonne Wolf will tell us about the Chinese calendar in relation to the Chinese New Year, the rites, activities, symbols, and foods associated with it, and how you can participate in your own home.

Soul Food Demo with Ms. England (R)

Live on Zoom,
7 - 8 pm,
Tuesday, January 31,

Want to learn more about cooking Soul Food? Ms. Sylvia England will take you through preparing cornbread and black eyed peas. We welcome you to cook along with! The recipes and ingredients list will be available on the events calendar as a document attachment starting on Tuesday, January 24.

Stamping with Mallory (R)

10 am - 12 pm,
Saturday, February 4,

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

Each participant must have a valid MPLD library card to register.



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Coffee with the Chief (R)

6:30 - 8:30 pm,
Tuesday, February 7,



Coffee with City of 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.

Find Our Ancestors by Researching the Neighbors (R)

Live on Zoom,
7 - 8:30 pm,
Thursday, February 9,

Neighborhood, cluster, or FAN (family, associates, and neighbors) research can often be the key to breaking through brick walls. When records left by our ancestors don't tell their story, we look for the records of the people around them because our ancestors can appear in their records. The records of neighbors can also suggest new places for us to look for records created by our ancestors. Learn how to use this powerful method for advancing our research. Presented by Annette Burke Lyttle, professional genealogist and owner of Heritage Detective LLC.

AARP Safe Driving Course (R)

9 am - 1 pm
Monday, February 13,
Tuesday, February 14,



The course teaches proven driving techniques to help keep you and your loved ones safe on the road. Registering for 1 date registers you for both. You must attend both to receive the discount.

Learn About Court Appointed Special Advocates of McHenry County (R)

7 - 8 pm,
Thursday, February 16,

What happens to a child after someone makes a hotline call to protect the child? Explore the child welfare world with the CASA of McHenry County staff. Learn about the court process that brings a child into foster care. Then we will discuss some resources within our county designed to support the child. We will focus on the child's experience in foster care and examine how a CASA can improve the child's experience and move more quickly towards safe

How to Bake Bagels with Bill the Baker (R)

Live on Zoom,
7 - 8 pm,
Thursday, February 23,



Learn how to bake your own delicious bagels. Bill the Baker has been baking bread for over 50 years and is a member of the Bread Bakers Guild of America.

Great Decisions Chapter 1: Energy Geopolitics (R)

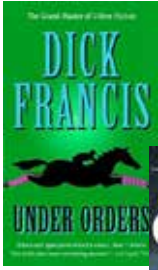
Live on Zoom
7 - 8:30 pm,
Tuesday, February 28,

Want to learn more about the United States' foreign policy and discuss what is happening in the world today? Each month we read one chapter in the Great Decisions Briefing Book. When we meet, we watch a short film and discuss the most critical global issues facing America today. Professor Gary Midkiff leads the discussion group. Briefing Books will be available starting in February for checkout at the Questions Desk.

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

Check out what we are reading in January and February!



Mystery Book Discussion Group
Thursday, January 5 -
Under Orders
by Dick Francis



Thursday, February 2 -
The Guest List
by Lucy Foley



Science Fiction & Fantasy Book Discussion Group
Monday, January 9 -
Piranesi
by Susanna Clarke



Monday, February 13 -
Armada
by Ernest Cline



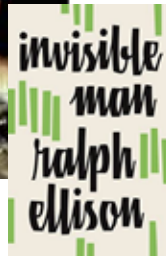
Contemporary Book Discussion Group
Thursday, January 12 -
Becoming
by Michelle Obama



Thursday, February 9 -
Book Lovers
by Emily Henry



Classic Book Discussion Group
Monday, January 16 -
Pride and Prejudice
by Jane Austen



Monday, February 20 -
Invisible Man
by Ralph Ellison



Illinois Libraries Present: Inciting Joy, A Conversation with Ross Gay (R)
Live on Zoom,
7 - 8 pm, Wednesday, January 11,

Kick off your new year with a conversation about joy with best-selling essayist and award-winning poet Ross Gay.



Illinois Libraries Present: A Conversation with Kwame Alexander (R)
Live on Zoom,
7 - 8 pm, Wednesday, February 8,

Join us for a conversation with Kwame Alexander, a poet, educator, publisher, and New York Times Bestselling author.



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

Sunday, January 1, All Day
Monday, January 2, All Day
Friday, February 3, 1 - 5 pm

Domingo, 1 de enero, todo el día
Lunes, 2 de enero, todo el día
Viernes, 3 de febrero, 1 - 5 pm

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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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AARP® TAX-AIDE PROGRAM

AARP's Tax-Aide Program is a volunteer-based program that provides FREE tax preparation help for low- to moderate-income taxpayers, particularly those aged 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. The Tax-Aide program will run Mondays-Wednesdays from February 7 through April 12, 2023. Limited spots are available each day so call early to reserve yours. Appointments will be held in the Library's Conference Room.

**MONDAYS - WEDNESDAYS FROM
FEBRUARY 7 THROUGH APRIL 12, 2023**

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