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It's the time of renewal and growth

We love connecting patrons with resources that help to find solutions or discover something new. The Library's extensive collection, services, and programs offer the inspiration and support you need in your wellness journey.

Garden Soil Test Kit

Are you eager to plant your veggies or flowers this growing season? Test your soil for essential nutrients with our new Garden Soil Test Kit.

Cookbook Collection

Did you know we have an amazing cookbook collection? Try before you buy, get inspired with a new recipe, learn new ways to prepare old favorites.

Unlimited Access to eAudiobooks

Walking, jogging, and running can be vastly improved with some audio entertainment. Get set up with our Libby and Hoopla apps to connect to thousands of books.

Digital Magazines & Newspapers

Cancel that magazine subscription! You can get unlimited digital magazines with your library card through Libby and PressReader apps.

Birdwatching Kit

There are health benefits with watching your backyard birds, like stress reduction, brain health, and empathy. Our kit comes with binoculars and resources to identify our feathered friends.

Online Craft Tutorials

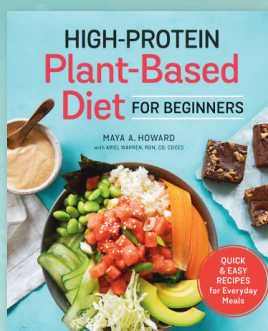
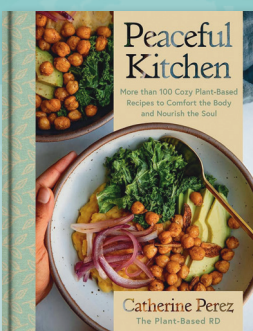
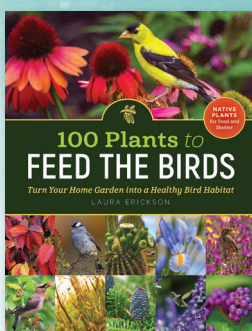
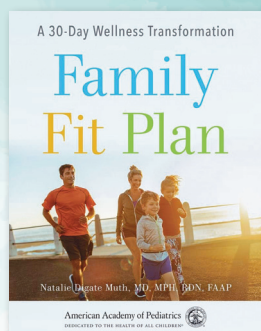
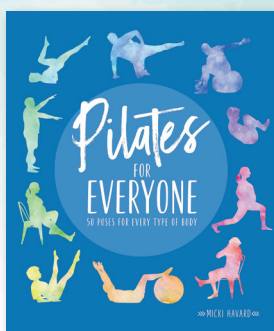
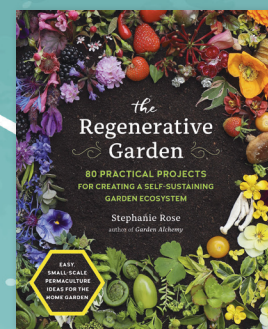
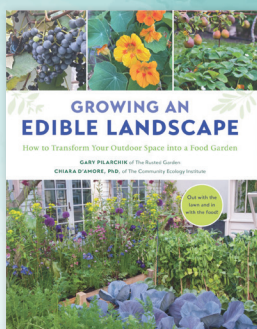
Creativebug is a great wellness tool that fosters creativity and personal expression. Access hundreds of high-quality video tutorials on arts, crafts, and DIY projects.

Join a Discussion Group

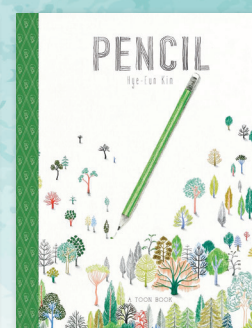
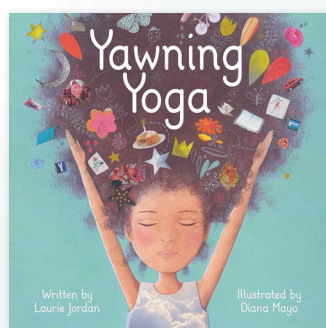
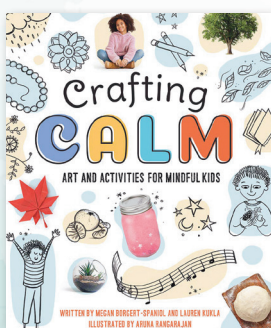
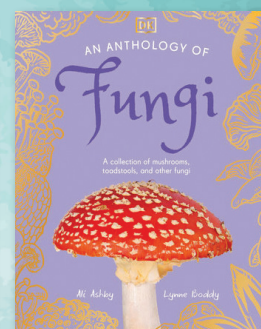
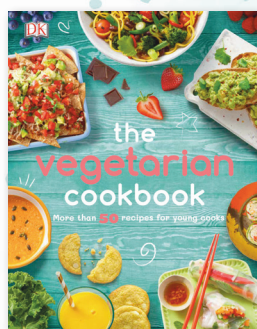
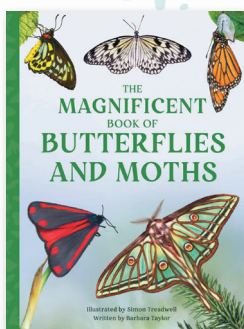
Make discussion groups a part of your wellness journey. Make new friends, share your knowledge/experiences, and learn something new.

Project Play: Sports and Lawn Games

From cornhole to pickleball, there are many opportunities to stay active outside. Enjoy these games at a local park or in your backyard. Check out one game per card for up to one week.



Reading Along The Way



Introducing...



Spring into the best version of yourself at work and at home. Learn from the world's top instructors, on your schedule with Udemy. Our Library now offers 24/7 access to thousands of on-demand video courses across 75 categories. There are courses in business, technology, design, and personal development.

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DISCUSSION GROUPS

Beyond Fiction

(Nonfiction) • REGISTER

Meets the 4th Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Novel Thoughts

(Fiction) • REGISTER

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Clue: Mystery

Meets the 2nd Friday of the month at 10:30 a.m. • REGISTER

All the Books Quarterly Book Club

Thursday, March 6 • 7:00 p.m. • REGISTER

Love books but not monthly meetings? Join our quarterly book club! No assigned titles—read what you like and meet quarterly to share favorites (and not-so-favorites).

Only Murders in the Library Podcast Club

Monday, April 14 • 7:30 p.m. • REGISTER

Ready to dive deep into your favorite true crime podcast? Join us for our very first True Crime Podcast Club! We'll be discussing *Crime Junkie* by Ashley Flowers.

Cookbook Lovers Quarterly Book Club

Wednesday, April 30 • 10:30 a.m. or

Thursday, May 1 • 7:00 p.m.

REGISTER FOR ONE SESSION

Join us as we talk food and cooking and how it brings us all together. Register to reserve a copy of this quarter's cookbook selection.

Great Decisions

Meets the 3rd Saturday of the month at 1:00 p.m.

Each month, professor Gary Midkiff leads a non-partisan conversation about the most important foreign policy issues facing Americans today. To sign up and receive updates, please contact Jill at jmorino@wauclib.org.



Did You Know?

You can use your Wauconda Area Public Library card for free or discounted admission to many Illinois cultural and entertainment institutions. Find the details here:

wauclib.org/museum-passes



Get discounts and passes to almost two dozen destinations. Here are a few:

Brookfield Zoo

Chicago Botanical Garden

Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center

Illinois Railway Museum

Mitchell Museum of the American Indian

Availability of passes and museums varies, and you can borrow one pass per cardholder, per location, per loan period.



Reserve free or discounted admission, parking, and gift store purchases from cultural and recreational attractions in Illinois, including museums, cultural centers, zoos, aquariums, gardens, historical societies, park districts, and more. Reservations can be made up to three months in advance. Here's a sample of what you can explore:

Bess Bower Dunn Museum

Goodman Theatre

Museum of Science and Industry

Volo Museum

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum



If you receive food assistance (SNAP benefit), you can get free or reduced admission to more than 1,200 museums throughout the United States. Many museums also offer free days. Nearby museums include:

Kohl Children's Museum

Chicago History Museum

The Field Museum

National Museum of Mexican Art

Morton Arboretum

ADULTS

Registration for all Spring programs begins on Friday, February 21 at 9:00 a.m. online, in-person, and on the phone.

CRAFTS

Pressed Floral Lantern

Tuesday, March 18 • 7:00 p.m. OR

Wednesday, March 19 • 1:00 p.m.

REGISTER FOR ONE SESSION

Create a touch of nature for your home with a paper lantern and pressed flowers.

Upcycled Cork Fairy House

Wednesday, March 26 • 1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

All Ages • REGISTER

Paint a miniature fairy house on a recycled object for a touch of springtime whimsy.

The Art of Embroidery

Tuesday, April 22 • 6:30 p.m. OR

Wednesday, April 23 • 1:00 p.m.

REGISTER FOR ONE SESSION

Learn the tools and tricks to stitch a colorful Mexican Tenango Embroidery.

All supplies provided.

Doodle Designs

Wednesday, May 28 • 6:30 p.m.

or Thursday, May 29 • 1:00 p.m.

REGISTER FOR ONLY ONE SESSION

Relax and unwind with art-making using structured patterns—no talent required! Learn about this calming practice and create a small piece to take home. All materials provided.

TECHNOLOGY

Sell Your Stuff Online

Wednesday, March 19 • 7:00 p.m. • REGISTER

Benefits of E-Books

Wednesday, April 2 • 1:00 p.m. • REGISTER

Learn how to borrow and read e-books from home, customize text size, and adjust light settings. We'll guide you through downloading, placing holds, and reading on various devices.

Limited to Wauconda Area Public Library cardholders.

Manage Your Money Online

Wednesday, April 16 • 7:00 p.m. • REGISTER

Listen To Music Online

Wednesday, May 21 • 7:00 p.m. • REGISTER

Planning a Pocket Prairie

Saturday, March 1 • 11:00 a.m. • REGISTER

Discover how easy it is to create a small prairie garden, providing vital habitat and attracting birds, bees, and butterflies. Join us to learn more and take home seeds to start your own pocket prairie.

Celebrating Women Throughout History

Monday, March 3 • 7:00 p.m. • REGISTER

Celebrate Women's History Month with dramatic re-enactments of trailblazing women whose actions continue to shape our world.

Birds in the Garden

Friday, March 7 • 10:30 a.m. • REGISTER

Connect with nature by creating a bird-friendly garden! Pam Karlson shares stunning photos from her Chicago habitat, home to over 100 bird species.

This program is brought to us in partnership with the Wauconda Park District and the Wauconda Township.

Movie Matinee

Fridays • 1:00 p.m. • REGISTER

March 7 • White Bird (PG-13)

April 4 • Casablanca (PG)

May 2 • Wicked (PG)

Light snacks and water will be provided.

St. Patrick's Day and the Luck of the Chicagoland Irish

Monday, March 10 • 6:30 p.m. • REGISTER

Join us for a St. Patrick's Day-themed program that examines how Chicagoland's Irish history and heritage were established and continue to thrive today.

This program is presented in partnership with the Wauconda Township Historical Society.

Grab & Go Cold Case

April 1 • REGISTER

Challenge yourself to solve a mystery! All of the faux cold case information will be provided.

This program is recommended for adults 18+ only.





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Weather and Storm Science 101

Thursday, April 10 • 7:00 p.m. • REGISTER

Explore storm chasing, local climatology, tornado history, severe weather safety, and join a Q&A session.

Food Claims: Media “Whoppers” or Science-Based Research?

Monday, April 21 • 6:30 p.m. • REGISTER

Navigate misinformation with a local nutrition expert. Learn to evaluate popular claims and identify red flags in sensational headlines and outdated advice.

Edible Landscaping for Home Gardens

Thursday, April 24 • 7:00 p.m. • REGISTER

Transform your yard into a food forest with fruit trees, berries, herbs, and edible flowers. Illinois Master Gardener Carolina Schottland will show you how to create a lush, productive garden.

Al Capone and the 1933 World's Fair

Monday, May 5 • 7:00 p.m. • REGISTER

Author William Elliott Hazelgrove presents the sprawling history behind the 1933 World's Fair and the six millionaire businessmen, dubbed The Secret Six, who beat Al Capone at his own game.

Lucy! An Original Solo Musical Based on the Life of Lucille Ball

Wednesday, May 7 • 7:00 p.m. • REGISTER

This captivating performance, featuring Jillann Gabrielle, brings the iconic star's journey to life through music and storytelling.

Guitar Music of Latin America

Saturday, May 10 • 1:00 p.m. • REGISTER

Immerse yourself in the rich sounds of Mexico, Brazil, Argentina, Cuba, and Venezuela! Enjoy works by leading Latin American composers, beautifully performed by John Behling.

Gluten-Free Baking

Thursday, March 13 • 7:00 p.m. • REGISTER

Discover gluten-free baking with local baker Jenette Smith. Learn ingredient swaps, tips for great texture, and enjoy samples with easy recipes to try at home.

Discover Jazzercise

Thursday, March 20 • 7:00 p.m. OR

Thursday, March 27 • 10:30 a.m.

For ages 12 and up • REGISTER

Join us for a fun, instructor-led workout combining Cardio Sculpt, HIIT, and low-impact options to tone your body and boost your mood—perfect for all fitness levels!

VIRTUAL: Meal Planning and Prepping

Thursday, April 3 • 7:00 p.m. • ZOOM • REGISTER

Learn how family meals can strengthen relationships, improve health, and save money. We'll prepare simple dishes and explore meal planning and prep solutions for your family.

An Introduction to Traditional Chinese Medicine

Monday, April 7 • 7:00 p.m. • REGISTER

Delve into Traditional Chinese Medicine with an overview of its principles, 10 common roots and herbs, and ties to Western practices.

Demystifying Hypnosis

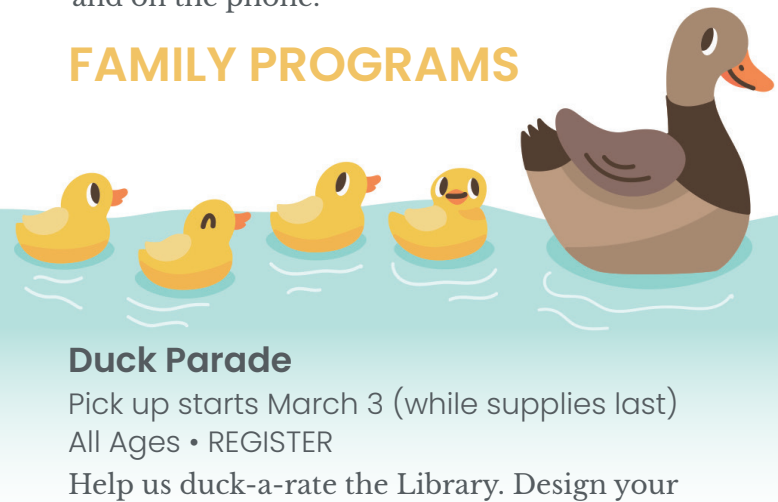
Thursday, April 17 • 7:00 p.m. • REGISTER

Uncover the facts about hypnosis, how it works, and its therapeutic benefits. A group hypnosis session will follow the presentation for interested participants.

KIDS & FAMILY

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FAMILY PROGRAMS



Duck Parade

Pick up starts March 3 (while supplies last)
All Ages • REGISTER

Help us duck-a-rate the Library. Design your own rubber duck, then return it to the Library to join the parade. Ducks will be displayed March 17-30th.

Quack-a-Palooza

March 21-March 30

Duck on over to Kid City for some quacktastic fun!

Cubetto Mini Golf

Monday, March 24 • 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. • DROP IN
Stop by to challenge your critical thinking skills and practice basic coding concepts with everyone's favorite wooden robot. Help Cubetto traverse 4 mini golf holes and sink the winning putt!

Model Railway Exhibit

Saturday, March 29 • 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

All aboard! The North Central 'O'Gaugers are pulling in to the station for a very special "Carnival Run" of their full-scale model railroad display. We invite you to put on your conductor's hat and take the wheel through the twists and turns of this exciting display.

Preschool Art Exhibit

April 1-30

Art from local preschools will be displayed in Kid City.

Recycled Junk Bots

Monday, April 21 • 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
All Ages • REGISTER

Bring the family and all those boxes and other recycled materials you have been saving to create a super special robot. We will provide paper, glue, bits, and bobbles to bring your child's vision to life.

ARTS & CRAFTS

Peep Diorama Decorating Contest

Pick up starts Feb 21 (while supplies last)
REGISTER

Be a part of our first ever PEEPS Diorama Competition. Pick up your PEEPS package at the Library starting Feb 21st (while supplies last). Drop off deadline is March 21st. Voting will be held March 24-31. See website for rules.

Optical Illusion Tops

Monday, March 3 • 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Grades K-2 • REGISTER

We'll go old school and build, then test our own tops.

Light Up Wire Sign

Monday, March 17 • 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Grades 3-5 • REGISTER

Design and make your own light up sign.

Suncatcher Drop-In Craft

Monday, March 24 • 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Ages 2-10 • REGISTER

Celebrate Spring by painting a suncatcher to hang in your window at home.

Upcycled Cork Fairy House

Wednesday, March 26 • 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
All Ages • REGISTER

Paint a miniature fairy house on a recycled object for a touch of springtime whimsy.

Paper Lanterns

Monday, April 7 • 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Grades 3-5 • REGISTER

Design and build your own paper and wood lantern.

Artists in the Library

Monday, April 28 • 6:00p.m.
Grades K-2 • REGISTER

Learn about Susan Roth and her unique collaging style.

Mother's Day Drop-In Craft

Monday, May 5 • 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Ages 2-5 • REGISTER

Celebrate Mom with this endearing memory maker project. Craft supplies will be provided.

PLAY

The Great Library Chase

March 21-March 30

Grades 3-6 • REGISTER

Sign up with a friend and come in between March 21-30 to work together to solve a mystery using books and clues in Kid City.

Nintendo Switch Sports Tournament: Country Club Edition

Saturday, April 26 • 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

Grades 2-5 • REGISTER

Spring into wellness by hitting the (digital) links and the (digital) courts! Wear your best sports attire and join us for a day at the club as we play golf and tennis in Nintendo Switch Sports.

READ • WRITE • DRAW

Art & Literary Magazine

Accepting submissions until Thursday, April 17

Published Monday, May 5 • Grades 4-12

Are you an artist or an author? Submit your original artwork, poetry, short stories, or personal essays to be published in the Blue & Berry Bulletin! Share your work by dropping it off in Kid City, uploading it through our online submission form, or emailing it to egossell@wauclib.org.

Book Buddies

Wednesdays • April 2-May 7 • 4:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Grades K-5 • REGISTER

Readers looking for a new way to gain confidence and practice reading skills? Kids will enjoy being partnered with a young volunteer buddy. Enjoy great books, a relaxed reading time, and making a new friend.

Celebrate our Favorite Authors Book Club / Who Would Win

Monday, May 5 • 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Grades K-2 • REGISTER

Celebrate some of your favorite showdowns, then try some of our own head to head challenges.

2 Truths and A Lie

Monday, May 12 • 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Grades 3-5 • REGISTER

Can you spin a good story? Think you're a human lie detector? Come in and discuss this fun series and test your skills.

STORYTIME

Spring session begins the week of April 7 for 4 weeks.

Registration required for all storytimes.

Time for Twos

Mondays • 9:30 a.m. • Age 2

Bounce and Books

Tuesdays • 9:30 a.m. • Age 12-24 months

Wondertime

Wednesdays • 9:30 a.m. • Age 3

Learning Adventure

Thursdays • 1:30 p.m. • Ages 4-6

Peek-a-Boo Baby

Fridays • 10:30 a.m. • Ages Birth-1

The Very Hungry Storytime

Tuesday, March 4 • 10:00 a.m. • Ages 2-5

Listen to some songs and stories about our favorite hungry friend, then stay and make a craft together.

Shamrock Storytime

Monday, March 17 • 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Come celebrate all things Irish through music, stories, and a colorful craft.

Spring Storywalk at the Volo Bog

Friday, March 21 • 11:00 a.m.

Come out of hibernation and get back outside! Enjoy a self-guided storywalk and activity, then explore the bog.

TEENS

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Super Smash Madness

Tuesday, March 11 • 2:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m.
Grades 6-12 • REGISTER

It's an all-out brawl in this Super Smash Bros. Ultimate tournament. Take on up to 7 other players and get ready to find the ultimate champion.

Dungeons & Dragons

Thursdays, March 27, April 17, and May 8
6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. • Grades 6-12 • REGISTER
Embark on an adventure to a world of wizardry, dragons, and danger! Beginners and veterans alike are invited to join this introduction to tabletop roleplaying games. Journey with us as we encounter enemies, explore new lands, and solve puzzles as a team.

ACT Review Party

Tuesday, April 1 • 2:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m.
Grades 9-12 • REGISTER

Study for the official April ACT in style with snacks and some serious competition. Bring your phone to take part in a Kahoot! challenge that'll help you review the Math, English, and Reading content you need to succeed.

Write-Your-Own Poetry Slam

Tuesday, April 15 • 2:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m.
Grades 6-12 • REGISTER

Celebrate National Poetry Month with us at the Library. Explore different styles of poetry (and some snacks) and pick your favorite poem to present at the end in our very own Poetry Slam.

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Grades 6-12 • REGISTER

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VOLUNTEER

Book Buddies

Wednesdays, April 2–May 7
4:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m. • Grades 6-12 • REGISTER

Earn volunteer hours and become a mentor by reading with young patrons. We will match you up with a reader in grades K-5 so you can help young readers build their skills and confidence.

Volunteers

Thursday, April 24 • 3:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m.
Grades 6-12 • REGISTER

Need to earn a couple more volunteer hours before the end of the school year? Come in and help us with some jobs at the Library and earn hours.

Martes 27 de mayo • 6:30 p.m. • REGÍSTRATE
Para toda la familia
Ponte tu pijama favorita y únete a nosotros
para escuchar un cuento y realizar una
manualidad divertida.

HOURS:

Mon-Thur: 9 a.m.-9 p.m.
Friday: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday: 12-4 p.m.

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

April 20

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