



# WAUCONDA AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAM GUIDE

*Fall 2023*

# Gather



# Events for Kids

Registration for all fall programs begins on **Friday, August 18 at 9 a.m.** online, in-person, and on the phone. Click the **REGISTER** button to be linked directly to the signup page for each event.

## Storytime

Session runs 8 weeks beginning the week of September 25. Registration required for all.

### Time for Twos

Mondays • 9:30 a.m.  
Age 2 • [REGISTER](#)

### Bounce and Books

Tuesdays • 9:30 a.m.  
Age 12–24 mo • [REGISTER](#)

### Wondertime

Wednesdays • 9:30 a.m.  
Age 3 • [REGISTER](#)

### Learning Adventure

Thursdays • 1:30 p.m.  
Ages 4–6 • [REGISTER](#)

### Book Buddies

Wednesdays • 4:30–5 p.m.  
October 4–November 15  
Grades K–5 • [REGISTER](#)

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.

### Fire Safety Week

Thursday, October 12 • 1:30 p.m.  
Ages 3–6 • [REGISTER](#)

Come in for a visit with our local firefighters as we recognize National Fire Safety week.

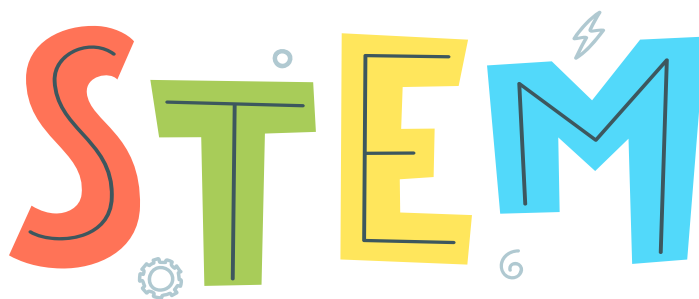
## Arts & Crafts

### Perl-fection

Thursday, November 2 • 6 p.m.  
Grades K–2 • [REGISTER](#)  
Create a bookmark and picture frame using Perler Beads.

### Latch on to Something New

Thursday, November 9 • 6 p.m.  
Grades 3–5 • [REGISTER](#)  
Master the art of Latch Hook. Make your own mini rug.



### Ship in a Bottle

Thursday, October 5 • 6 p.m. • Grades K–2  
[REGISTER](#)

How do you fit a ship in a bottle? We will read the book *Ship in a Bottle* by Andrew Prahin and make our very own ship in a bottle! Then we'll test it out to make sure it floats.

### The Floating Field

Thursday, October 12 • 6 p.m. • Grades 3–5  
[REGISTER](#)

We will read the Bluestem award winning book *The Floating Field: How a Group of Thai Boys Built Their Own Soccer Field* by Scott Riley, Nguyen Quang, and Kim Lien. Then try your own building skills.





# Halloween Events

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## Play at the Park Pumpkin Decorating

Friday, September 29 • 5–6:30 p.m.

Join us at the Wauconda Park District for pumpkin decorating. The Park District will have other seasonal fun activities for the kids. This is a drop-in event, weather permitting, while supplies last.

## North Central 'O'Gauger's Halloween Train Run

Saturday, October 7

All Day • Drop-in

All aboard! Come see the Family-Friendly Halloween train run. Members of the North Central 'O'Gaugers are visiting once again with their amazing train cars and locomotives. Fun for the whole family!

## Halloween Costume Swap

Saturday, September 30

11 a.m.–3 p.m. • All Ages

Drop off your gently used Halloween costumes on Monday, September 25 through Friday, September 29. Anyone can come to the costume swap on Saturday, September 30 for a new-to-you costume. Each household can choose one costume per child. The rest will be donated.

## Firefly Family Theatre Presents... Not-So-Spooky Stories

Tuesday, October 31 • 10 a.m. • [REGISTER](#)

Join Spark the Firefly and her friends for a series of Halloween stories, movement, and songs! This show includes puppets, original music, and dance for lots of not-so-spooky fun! The show has something for all ages to enjoy. Come in costume. Register all attending.

## Decorate the Library

November 1–November 8 • [REGISTER](#)

Make the library a festive place for the season. Everyone of all ages can pick up one ornament to decorate at home. Bring them back starting November 25 to decorate the library trees and show off your creative skills. We will have voting during the month of December for various crafty categories. Everyone must register to pick up an ornament.

## Gather around Good Books

Monday, November 13 • 4:30 p.m.

Grades K–2 • [REGISTER](#)

We will read *If You Find a Leaf* by Aimee Sicuro and create artwork inspired by the story.

# Events for Adults

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## Overdose Prevention Presented by Live4Lali

Thursday, September 28 • 7 p.m. • [REGISTER](#)

Live4Lali works to reduce stigma and prevent substance-use disorder among individuals, families, and communities, and to minimize the overall health, legal, and social harms associated with substance use.



## John Lambert Concert

Saturday, October 14 • 3 p.m. [REGISTER](#)

Join us at the Library to enjoy the music of local guitarist John Lambert.

## Assembling the Pieces of Your Family History Puzzle

Thursday, October 26 • 7 p.m. • [REGISTER](#)

In this presentation, professional genealogist Debbie Kroopkin will share many examples of documents, resources, and methods you can use to explore your family history. With archives and libraries digitizing a wealth of records daily, the Internet has opened up new opportunities to discover your family's journey without leaving home.

## Grab & Go Cold Case

October 1 • [REGISTER](#)

Sign up for this fun program that will let you solve your own case. All of the faux cold case information will be provided. Get ready to become a detective! Due to the nature of the program and the case file true-crime images, this program is recommended for adults 18+ only.

## Honeybees: How We Can Use What They Gather

Wednesday, October 18 • 7 p.m. • [REGISTER](#)

Join local beekeeper Brian Thomson of Honey Lake Bee Company to learn about the many ways we use bee products, from honey to candles to sustainable food wraps. Brian will bring a variety of samples to try as we learn how we can use what the bees help to create.

## One-Pot Meals with Chef Susan Maddox

Monday, November 6 • 7 p.m. • [REGISTER](#)

Come spend the evening with Chef Susan Maddox and learn about some great comfort dishes all made in one pot. This one-pot style keeps cleaning to a minimum and flavor to a maximum.

## Movie Matinee

Join us in the Lincoln Room to enjoy a movie on the Library's big screen. Light snacks will be provided.

Friday, October 20 • 1 p.m.

[REGISTER](#)

*Jerry and Marge Go Large* (PG-13)

Friday, November 17 • 1 p.m.

[REGISTER](#)

*80 for Brady* (PG-13)



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## Craft Classes

### Rag Flower Wreath Class

Tuesday, September 26 • 7 p.m. • [REGISTER](#) **OR**  
Wednesday, September 27 • 1 p.m. • [REGISTER](#)

Create a rustic autumn wreath with fabric and canning supplies.

### Fall Topiary Craft Class

Tuesday, October 24 • 7 p.m. • [REGISTER](#) **OR**  
Wednesday, October 25 • 1 p.m. • [REGISTER](#)

Create a farmhouse pumpkin topiary.

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### Watercolor Wreath Card

Monday, November 27 • 2 p.m. • [REGISTER](#) **OR**  
Tuesday, November 28 • 6:30 p.m. • [REGISTER](#)

Join us for a beginner level watercolor floral wreath card. We will discuss technique, water control, and the step-by-step process to complete your card. Even experienced artists will enjoy this class.



### Oktoberfest

Monday, October 2 • 7 p.m. • [REGISTER](#)

Oktoberfest is much more than beer and brats. German language teacher Sylvie Schmid from the Language Labs will transport us to Germany with dance, yodeling, and accordion music. Join us for a cultural experience.

### Travel to Bavaria

Sunday, October 15 • 2 p.m. • [REGISTER](#)

Bavaria is one of the most popular and scenic destinations in Germany. Join us to learn more about the mountains, castles, and food. Sample a popular dessert that looks like Spaghetti Bolognese but is sweet.

## TECHNOLOGY

### Intro to MS Excel

Wednesday, October 4  
7 p.m. • [REGISTER](#)

Learn the basics of Excel, including setting up worksheets and basic formulas.

### Intro to MS Word

Monday, November 6  
7 p.m. • [REGISTER](#)

Learn how to create documents, use the various formatting features, and more.



# Español



## Pijamada de Peluche

Martes 3 y 10 de octubre • 6:30 p.m. • [REGISTRATE](#)

Deja que tu muñeco de peluche favorito pase unos días en la biblioteca. En la primera sesión tendremos cuentos y juegos, nos presentará a tu muñeco de peluche, y te despedirás de él por unos días. En la segunda sesión te reunirás con él y disfrutarás de un audiovisual en dónde podrás ver todo lo que hicieron mientras nadie los veía. ¡No te lo pierdas!

## Pequeños Picassos

Martes 14 de noviembre • 6:30 p.m. • [REGISTRATE](#)

Para niños en Kinder a 3 grado y papás

En esta clase podrás experimentar con pinturas, texturas y otros materiales que despertarán al artista que llevas dentro.

## Lotería

Martes • 6:30 p.m.

17 de octubre y 7 de noviembre

Ven a la biblioteca a jugar lotería con toda la familia.

## Mini Altar del DÍA DE MUERTOS

[REGISTRATE](#)

Haz un mini-altar del día de muertos y tráelo al departamento de niños para ponerlo en exposición. Recoge un paquete con algunos materiales e ideas para comenzar tu altar del 2-20 de octubre. Trae tu altar a la biblioteca entre el 23 y el 27 de octubre. Exposición 30 de octubre al 5 de noviembre.

## Decora la Biblioteca

1-8 de noviembre • [REGISTRATE](#)

Haz de la biblioteca un lugar festivo. Todos pueden recoger un adorno para decorar en casa. Tráelos de vuelta a partir del 25 de noviembre para decorar los árboles de la biblioteca y mostrar tus habilidades creativas. Tendremos votaciones durante el mes de diciembre para varias categorías de adornos.

# Events for Teens

## Book Buddies

Wednesdays • 4:30-5 p.m.

October 4 – November 15

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!

## Molded Resin Push Pins

Thursday, October 19 • 4 p.m.

Grades 6-12 • [REGISTER](#)

Make your own set of resin push pins.

## Rainbow Macramé

Thursday, November 16 • 4 p.m.

Grades 6-12 • [REGISTER](#)

DIY a hanging macramé rainbow.

# Book Clubs

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information on book clubs and to sign up.



## Beyond Fiction

(Nonfiction)

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

## Novel Thoughts

(Fiction)

Meetings the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.

## Great Decisions

Meets the 3rd Saturday of the month at 2 p.m.

Each month, professor Gary Midkiff leads a non-partisan conversation about the most important foreign policy issues facing Americans today. There is no registration for this program, but to sign up and receive updates, please contact Molly at [mjostock@wauc.lib.org](mailto:mjostock@wauc.lib.org).

## Clue: Mystery

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

## All the Books

(Virtual)

Meets the 1st Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in Zoom.

## Book Discussion – Thriller

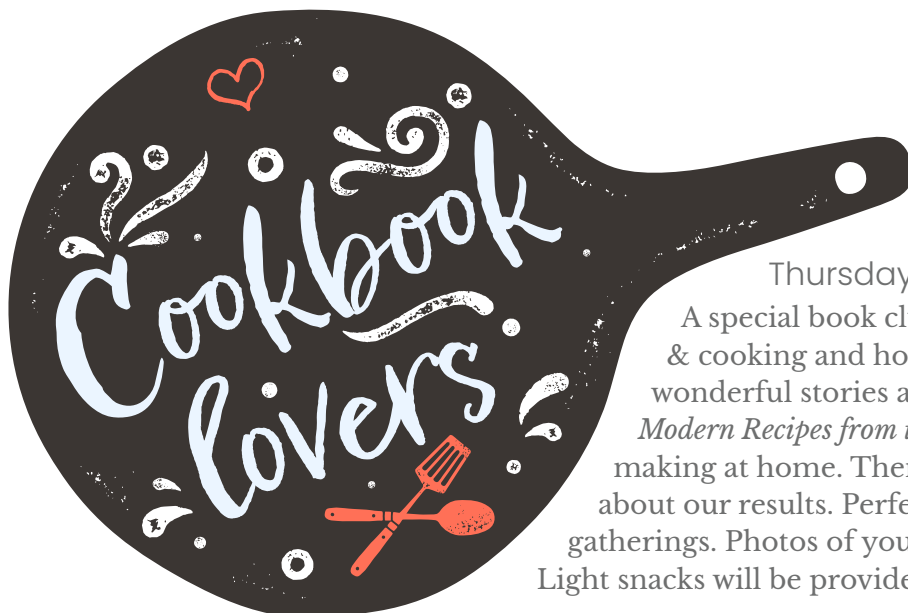
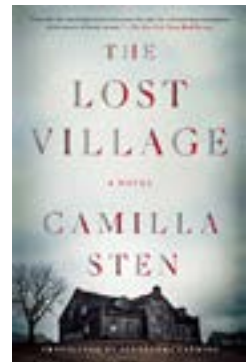
Tuesday, October 24 • 7 p.m. • [REGISTER](#)

Have you always wanted to try a book discussion but didn't want to commit?

Try a one-time book discussion of a new genre to expand your reading.

In this session we will be discussing *The Lost Village* by Camilla Sten.

Books will be available at the Adult Help Desk starting September 25.



Thursday, November 30 • 7 p.m. • [REGISTER](#)

A special book club for food lovers! Join us as we talk food & cooking and how it brings us all together. Flip through the wonderful stories and beautiful photography of *Fresh Midwest: Modern Recipes from the Heartland* before selecting a recipe to try making at home. Then we will come together for a discussion about our results. Perfect timing to bring a new dish to your festive gatherings. Photos of your culinary masterpiece are optional. Light snacks will be provided.



# Booksgiving

Thursday, November 16 • 7 p.m. • [REGISTER](#)

We are excited to celebrate the season of bountiful harvest by exploring a buffet of BOOKS. You are invited to attend an informal gathering with our staff to hear about some of their favorite books. Let us know which book appeals to you and the library will get you one free copy.

Thank you to the Wauconda Area Library Foundation for generously sponsoring this program.

## Wauconda Area Library Foundation Members Wanted

The Wauconda Area Library Foundation is in need of members to help this new group plan and grow! We are looking for people who have a variety of backgrounds to serve the community or who have a love for the Library. The Foundation provides avenues for the community to partner with the Library. Please contact us at [waucondaarealibraryfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:waucondaarealibraryfoundation@gmail.com) to learn more and about upcoming meetings. The Foundation plans to meet at the Library on a quarterly basis.

### HOURS:

Monday–Thursday: 9 a.m.–9 p.m.  
Friday: 9 a.m.–6 p.m.  
Saturday: 9 a.m.–5 p.m.  
Sunday: 12 p.m.–4 p.m.

### LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Monday, September 4  
*All day*  
Wednesday, November 22  
*Close at 5 p.m.*  
Thursday, November 23  
*All day*

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