Our Fall Library Read introduces the timeless wisdom shared by author John Leland in his best-selling book, *Happiness is a Choice You Make: Lessons from a Year Among the Oldest Old*. The book represents a compelling narrative of his encounters with six of New York's eldest inhabitants and the wisdom they demonstrated about aging, life quality and the art of living with resilience and joy. Suitable for adults of all ages, the book brings together insight to inform the way we live now and to carry forward with the reminder that happiness is not a destination, but a choice we make every day. Pick up a copy at the library and join us for insightful and thought provoking discussions.

**Book Discussions**
Saturday, October 20
10:00 a.m.
At Honey Hill Coffee Co.
in Wauconda

Wednesday, October 24
7:00 p.m.
At Wauconda Area Library

Tuesday, October 30
7:00 p.m.
At Strawberry Moon in Wauconda

**Meet the Author**
Tuesday, November 13 | 7:00 p.m.
REGISTER
Wauconda High School Auditorium
Join us for an evening of lively conversation as we welcome Fall Library Read Author, John Leland. John is a reporter at the New York Times, where he wrote the yearlong series that become the basis for his bestselling book. Note: books will be available for purchase and signing before and after the program.
#KINDNESS CAMPAIGN

October is National Bullying Prevention Month. Schools and organizations across the country STOMP OUT BULLYING™ by encouraging communities to work together to increase awareness of the impact of bullying on children of all ages.

Make Kindness Your SUPERPOWER

Monday, October 15 | 7:00 p.m.
REGISTER
At Wauconda High School Auditorium
Kindergarten and up
The book Wonder by R.J. Palacio inspired a nationwide movement to CHOOSE KIND. In the spirit of kindness, local student Pete will share his life story, including his medical journey and how his life compares to Auggie in Wonder. Learn about how what we say and do impacts everyone around us. Kindness is a choice we can each make every day, anywhere, at any time. Will you pledge to be kind?

Pete will be speaking to all of the District 118 middle school students about our kindness campaign.

What’s Your Word?
Monday, October 22 | 1:00 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. | REGISTER
For Adults and Teens (ages 13 and up)
Spread positivity with your custom bracelet. This mindful activity will inspire and ignite a meaningful conversation. What’s your word?

Feed My Starving Children
742 E Park Ave, Libertyville, IL
Saturday, November 10
4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. | REGISTER
Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing nutritious meals to children worldwide. FMSC meals are hand-packed by volunteers and sent to organizations who distribute them to those in need. Each of us can do something to help feed hungry children. Please join us in this fun and rewarding volunteer experience.

Volunteer Fair
Saturday, November 3
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Everyone loves giving back to the community. Come find out how you can help these and other local non-profit organizations by volunteering your time and talents:
American Cancer Society
Boy Scouts of America – Wauconda Troop 90
Citizens for Conservation
Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois
Journey Care
Lake County Suicide Prevention Task Force
Love INC Lake County
Northwest Special Recreation Association
PADS of Lake County
Save a Pet
TLS Veterans

Superhero Day
Friday, October 19 | 11:30 a.m.
REGISTER
All Ages
Be super every day when you customize your very own superhero cape.

Friday, October 19 | 1:00 p.m.
REGISTER
All Ages
Join us in the Lincoln Room for an Incredible movie. Snacks provided to keep your strength up.
1,000 Books Before Kindergarten
For 0-6 yrs. old
Join our ongoing reading program that encourages families to read aloud to their children. The goal is to read 1,000 books before they enter kindergarten. It is a self-paced program that lets you decide how often and how long you read to your child. Receive reading incentives along the way.

Monarch Book Club
August 17 – February 28
Grades K-2
Read all 20 books from the Monarch list and complete your game card. Everyone who completes the game card will be invited to a jump party.

Kid’s Choice Book Club
August 17 – February 28
Grades 3-5
Read ‘n Roll to be part of the jumping fun! Read any 10 books from the Bluestem or Rebecca Caudill list, complete your game card and be invited to a jump party.
Grandparents Day Bingo
Sunday, September 9
1:00 p.m. | REGISTER
All Ages
Bring your grandparents to the library for some B-I-N-G-O fun. Win prizes! Cookies and juice will be served.

Messy Monet
Now on Fridays
10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. | REGISTER
September 14 | October 12
November 9
Ages 2-4
Getting messy has never been so much fun. Stop in any time between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. for your toddler to create a mini masterpiece with your help.

Kids Create Studio
Saturdays | 1:30 p.m. | REGISTER
September 1 | October 6
November 3
Grades 3-5
Welcome to the wonderfully imaginative world of art. Kids will have fun while exploring art through a different medium each month.

Interactive Artist
Thursdays | 6:30 p.m. | REGISTER
September 6 | October 4
November 1
Grades K-2
Spark your imagination, creativity and lifelong connections with art inspired by some of our favorite books!

Book Buddies
Wednesdays
September 12 – November 14
4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. | REGISTER
Grades K-5
Looking for a new way to 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. (Book Buddies will not meet on 10/31).

Sensory Playtime
Thursday | 9:30 a.m. | REGISTER
October 18 | November 15
Birth to pre-walkers
Social time is important for baby and parent. Lots of sensory toys will be available for baby during open play time.

Superhero Scavenger Hunt
October 15 – 21
Find the famous – but hidden – superhero characters! Once you have found them, let us know and you’ll earn a prize.

Halloween Glow Jar
Sunday, October 21
12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. | REGISTER
All Ages
Keep your little ghouls and ghosties busy this weekend. Drop-in and design your very own holiday glow jar.

Spooky Stop Motion Shorts
Monday, October 22
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. | REGISTER
Grades 3 & 4
Celebrate the season by making your very own spooky Halloween themed animation.

Day of the Dead Festivity with Sugar Skull Decorating
Thursday, November 1
6:30 p.m. | REGISTER
All Ages
Celebrate Dia de Muertos! On this holiday people celebrate the lives of the deceased with food, parties, and activities their loved ones enjoyed in life. Join us to decorate your very own Calaberita de Azucar or Sugar Skull.

North Central ‘O’ Gaugers Holiday Wonderland Train Run
Saturday, December 1
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Come see the Holiday Wonderland Train chugging merrily along at the library! Members of the North Central ‘O’ Gaugers are visiting once again with their amazing train cars and locomotives. Fun for the whole family!

Preschool Fair
January 2019
Contact kmarsch@wauclib.org

Program registration starts 8/17/18. Call 847-526-6225 or register online at www.wauclib.org.
**MANGA ART CLASS**

Tuesday, November 6  
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. | REGISTER  
Grades 6-12  
Improve your drawing skills in this class. We’ll cover the basics of drawing faces in the Japanese style of Manga including expressive eyes and fun hair.

**Mother Daughter Book Club**

Saturdays | 10:30 a.m.  
Grades 5-8  
Books are available at the Adult Help Desk, one to keep per mother-daughter pair.  
September 8 | *A Year Without Autumn* by Liz Kessler  
Location: Whisk Bakery & Coffee, 216 S Main St, Wauconda  
November 17 | *The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate* by Jacqueline Kelly  
Location: Wauconda Area Library

**Book Buddies**

Wednesdays  
4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. | REGISTER  
September 12 – November 14  
Grades 6-12  
Earn volunteer hours and become a mentor by reading with young patrons. We will match you up with a new reader in grades K-5 so you can help young readers build their skills and confidence! *(Book Buddies will not meet on 10/31).*

**Spooky Stop Motion Shorts**

Thursday, October 25  
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. | REGISTER  
Grades 5 & Up  
Celebrate the season by making your very own spooky Halloween themed animation.

**Middle School Drop-in**

Tuesdays | 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
September 25 | October 23  
November 27  
Grades 6-8  
Stop in and check out the new Teen Reads and stay to do a quick craft or activity.

**Emoji Pillows**

Thursday, October 18  
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. | REGISTER  
Grades 4-8  
Bring your favorite emoji to life by making your very own pillow!

**Designing for Good**

Saturday, October 27  
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | REGISTER  
Grades 7-12  
Have a knack for designing in 3D and want to help others in your community? Bring your skills as we learn what community members need most help with and then put those skills to good use.

**Middle School Book Club**

Tuesday, October 30  
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. | REGISTER  
Grades 6-8  
Hang out with us at Honey Hill Coffee Company to discuss a chilling book, *The Frankenstein Journals* by Scott Sonneborn, over a warm drink.

**Middle School Makers**

Tuesdays | 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. | REGISTER  
September 11 | October 9  
November 13  
Grades 6-8  
Improve your drawing skills in this class. We’ll cover the basics of drawing faces in the Japanese style of Manga including expressive eyes and fun hair.

**ONGOING Service Project**

We will have a community service project running this fall. Spend an hour or two making items for people who need them most. Be sure to see a staff member if you need credit for a service organization.

Program registration starts 8/17/18. Call 847-526-6225 or register online at www.wauclib.org.
Scrapbooking with Tech
Saturday, October 27
10:00 a.m. | REGISTER
In this class we’ll discuss ways that you can digitize your photos and how to use sites like Shutterfly and Canva to preserve your precious memories both in print and online. Please come with access to a valid email address.

3D Printed Thank You
Thursday, November 15
5:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. | REGISTER
Create a 3D printed Thank You with your own personal touch. Stop in at the library to see examples. No 3D modeling experience is necessary; please come with TinkerCAD.com login information.

3D Printed Kitchen Gadgets
Sunday, October 21
Noon | REGISTER
Create a 3D printed Kitchen Gadget with your own personal touch. Stop in at the library to see examples. No 3D modeling experience is necessary; please come with TinkerCAD.com login information.

Apps for a Good Cause
Monday, October 1 | 7:00 p.m. | REGISTER
Did you know that there are apps that can help you do good? Through the smart phone in your pocket you can donate to charity, find volunteer opportunities, adopt a pet, and more!

Self-Care Apps
Monday, September 24 | 7:00 p.m. | REGISTER
Learn about some of the best apps for self-care. From meditation to building good habits, we will discuss apps that will give you some quality “me time.”

ReferenceUSA for Business
Thursday, September 13 6:00 p.m. | REGISTER
ReferenceUSA is an extremely powerful tool available for free with your library card. ReferenceUSA is a leading provider in business and consumer research. We’ll learn the basics of how to use this important tool and how it can help your business.

Starting and Growing a Business in Illinois
Thursday, October 4 7:00 p.m. | REGISTER
Whether you’re starting a new business, positioning your company for growth or seeking to expand globally, the Illinois Small Business Development & International Trade Center at the College of Lake County can help. At this presentation you’ll learn what you need to know to do business in Illinois.

Business Planning
Thursday, October 25 7:00 p.m. | REGISTER
Good planning increases the odds of success. This workshop covers the essential elements of business plan development including setting goals and objectives, preparing marketing and financial plans, and defining action steps to attain your goals. Presented by SCORE.

Windows 10 Basics
Monday, November 12 7:00 p.m. | REGISTER

Windows 10 Intermediate
Monday, November 19 7:00 p.m. | REGISTER

Excel Basics
Saturday, September 8 10:00 a.m. | REGISTER
Thursday, November 1 7:00 p.m. | REGISTER

Excel Intermediate
Thursday, September 27 7:00 p.m. | REGISTER
Saturday, December 8 10:00 a.m. | REGISTER

Mac Basics
Tuesday, September 11 7:00 p.m. | REGISTER

Intro to Google Suite
Saturday, October 6 10:00 a.m. | REGISTER

Android Basics
Thursday, October 11 7:00 p.m. | REGISTER

Microsoft Word Basics
Tuesday, October 23 7:00 p.m. | REGISTER

iPhone/iPad Basics
Tuesday, November 6 7:00 p.m. | REGISTER
Lotería
Martes | 6:30 p.m.
18 de septiembre y 20 de noviembre
Ven a la biblioteca a jugar lotería con toda la familia.
No requiere de inscripción

Colorín Colorado
Martes 11 de septiembre 6:30 p.m.
Para familias con niños de 5 años en adelante
fiesta mexicana
Cuentos, canciones, manualidades y ¡mucho diversión!
Favor de registrar a los niños el día del evento en el salón Lincoln.

Entre Nosotros
Martes | 6:30 p.m.
25 de septiembre y 13 de noviembre
REGÍSTRATE
Para adultos
Acompáñanos a disfrutar de una tarde de platiblas, consejos, risas, y mucho más... todo ENTRE NOSOTRAS

Clases de Ciudadanía
Martes | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Del 11 de septiembre al 27 de noviembre
¿Se está preparando para tomar el examen de Ciudadanía? En esta clase estudiaran las 100 preguntas cívicas y la aplicación N-400. Para poder participar se recomienda que tenga la Residencia. Este programa es presentado en sociedad con Mano a Mano. No requiere de inscripción.

Festival del día de muertos con calaveras de azúcar
Jueves 1 de noviembre | 6:30 p.m. | REGÍSTRATE
Para toda la familia
El día de muertos es celebrado a través de todo latinoamérica. En este día festivo la gente celebra la vida de sus seres queridos que ya han muerto con comida, fiestas y las actividades que sus seres queridos disfrutaban en vida. Acompáñanos a esta presentación bilingüe y disfruta decorando tu propia calaverita de azúcar.

¿Has llenado una cubeta hoy?
Martes 6 de noviembre
6:30 p.m. | REGÍSTRATE
Para familias con niños en prescolar en adelante
En este programa exploraremos lo que significa llenar una cubeta durante el día, hablaremos sobre el comportamiento positivo y sobre lo gratificante que es expresar amabilidad, compasión y bondad en todo momento.

Juntas para padres bilingües
Cómo usar la tecnología para monitorear el éxito del estudiante bilingüe y como involucrarse en la escuela a través de la tecnología
Jueves 8 de noviembre 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Para padres de familia con hijos en el programa bilingüe del distrito escolar 118.
Vengan a aprender sobre los programas que los estudiantes están usando en los salones (Powerschool, Class Dojo, Twitter, Imagine Learning, Dreambox, TCI). Presentado por el comité de padres bilingües del Distrito escolar 118.
Niños de 5 años en adelante podrán participar en la actividad presentada en el salón de cuentos, favor de registrar a sus hijos el día del evento en el salón Lincoln.

JUNTOS para una mejor educación
Martes | 6 – 8 p.m.
Del 2 de octubre al 6 de noviembre
REGÍSTRATE
JUNTOS es una serie de 6 talleres para estudiantes de la High School y sus padres o tutores. El propósito de este programa es ayudar los jóvenes latinos a triunfar en la escuela y continuar con una educación superior. Ofreceremos un refrigerio en cada sesión. Este programa es presentado en colaboración con la Universidad de Illinois Extensión y el BPAC del distrito escolar 118.

Talleres educativos y motivacionales presentados por el Psicólogo Ferney Ramírez y Gerardo Salinas
Miércoles, 12 de septiembre | 6:30 p.m.
Jueves, 11 de octubre | 6:30 p.m.
Estos programas son presentados en sociedad con el Distrito escolar 118 y la biblioteca de Wauconda. Niños de 5 años en adelante podrán participar en la actividad presentada en el salón de cuentos, favor de registrar a sus hijos el día del evento en el salón Lincoln.

Program registration starts 8/17/18. Call 847-526-6225 or register online at www.wauclib.org.
**Wauconda Cemetery Walk**
Sunday, September 9 | 1:00 p.m. or 2:30 p.m.  
(Rain Date – September 16) | REGISTER
We are pleased to partner with the Wauconda Township Historical Society and Wauconda High School Drama Department to hear captivating stories about local figures at the Wauconda Cemetery. Our tour guide, Mary Cook, will lead us as we listen to several costumed historical figures talk about themselves and their lives. More information about this event can be found on our website and the Wauconda Township Historical Society’s website.

**DNA Genealogy Testing: Fact or Fiction**
Thursday, September 13 | 7:00 p.m. | REGISTER
Everyone seems to be talking about DNA testing for genealogy, but is it worth doing? What can it actually tell you? Steve Szabados will be here to answer your questions, explain how it works, and give you the information you need to decide what kind of testing might be best for you.

**Dole Mansion Tour**
Sunday, October 21 | 1:00 p.m. | REGISTER
Is the Dole Mansion haunted? Some believe it is. Meet us at the Dole Mansion in Crystal Lake for a one-hour docent led tour of this Italianate beauty.

**Unplanner Project**
Thursday, October 18  
7:00 p.m. | REGISTER
Want to find time for the things you always mean to do but can’t seem to get to? Join us for a fun and creative exploration of the “unplanner,” which will help you set goals to make sure your own happiness and fulfillment come first.

**Limitless Aging**
Wednesday, November 7  
7:00 p.m. | REGISTER
Be inspired to reach new heights mentally, physically and emotionally by Dr. Sandra Sieber. Learn fun facts and laugh as we find out how to live more joyfully and what the super agers are doing that we can do too!

**Beyond Fiction**
Mondays | 7:00 p.m.  
Note: All fall sessions will be held offsite at Lindy’s Landing in Wauconda.
*September 10* | *Evicted*  
by Matthew Desmond  
*October 1* | *Smoke Gets in your Eyes*  
by Caitlyn Dougherty  
*November 5* | *The Soul of an Octopus* by Sy Montgomery

**Book Buzz**
Tuesdays | 7:00 p.m.  
Meet us at Honey Hill Coffee Company to sip warm drinks and talk books with other book savvy adults in their 20’s and 30’s.
*September 11* | *Starfish*  
by Akemi Dawn Bowman  
*October 9* | *The Enchanted*  
by Rene Denfeld  
*November 6* | *Frankenstein*  
by Mary Shelley

**Novel Thoughts**
Wednesdays | 7:00 p.m.
*September 19* | *Young Jane Young*  
by Gabrielle Zevin  
*October 17* | *The Child Finder*  
by Rene Denfeld  
*November 28* | *Rebecca*  
by Daphne du Maurier

**Clue: A Mystery Book Club**
Fridays | 10:00 a.m.
*September 14* | *Magpie Murders*  
by Anthony Horowitz  
*October 19* | *Bitter Harvest*  
by Wendy Tyson  
*November 9* | *Into the Water*  
by Paula Hawkins

Books are available at the Adult Help Desk.

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**Fall Library Read Programs**
DIY Painted Wood Sign
Tuesday, September 25 | 7:00 p.m. | REGISTER or Thursday, September 27 | 1:00 p.m. | REGISTER
Ages 18 and older
Join us at Marilyn Jacobs Designs on Main St. in Wauconda to customize a wood sign to welcome Fall.

Native American Flute Ensemble – Something Different
Sunday, November 4 | 2:00 p.m. | REGISTER
Something Different accentuates the versatility of the Native American flute with music of the world - Latin, Celtic, folk, blues, and other musical genres. Enjoy this lovely haunting sound that research has shown to reduce stress and to promote relaxation.

Holiday Food Hacks
Tuesday, November 27 | 7:00 p.m. | REGISTER
Chef Maddox will help us impress our guests with these recipes that have a WOW factor but are easy to make. Recipes and tastings will be provided.

Can Do Kits
NEW THIS FALL! We have several kits available for checkout to help you learn or hone a new skill. We offer a variety of craft, technology, and other gadget kits with more on the way. Ask a staff member at the Adult Help Desk for more information.

Great Decisions
Saturdays | 2:00 p.m.
Professor Gary Midkiff will lead a non-partisan conversation about the most important foreign policy issues facing America today. Great Decisions booklets are available at the Adult Help Desk.
September 15 | Chapter 6: U.S. global engagement and the military
October 20 | Chapter 7: South Africa’s fragile democracy
November 17 | Chapter 8: Global health – progress and challenges

Citizenship Classes
Tuesdays | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
September 11 – November 27
Getting ready to take your exam to become a U.S. Citizen? This class will cover the 100 civic questions, N-400 application, and the English portion needed for the citizenship interview. Must be a legal resident in order to participate. Presented in Partnership with Mano a Mano.

Cinema & Society
Sundays | 1:00 p.m. | REGISTER
September 30 | October 28
November 25
Thought-provoking, powerful, and poignant films connect us with ideas and people outside of our immediate comfort zones. Titles this fall will focus on what it means to be happy and how we lead meaningful, fulfilling lives. To be held on the last Sunday of each month.

Lunch & a Movie
Fridays | Noon
Ages 18 and older
September 21
The Glass Castle – PG-13
October 26
Jumanji – PG-13
November 23
Dunkirk – PG-13
National Library Card Sign-Up Month
September 1-30
Do you enjoy watching Netflix? Want to look at the stars through a telescope? Need to convert your old movies to digital? If your Wauconda Area Library card is in good standing, you can do all of this. Need a library card now? This is a great time to sign up for a library card to get access to thousands of materials.

Already have a card? Thank you for being a wonderful patron of the library! If your card is in good standing, stop by the Checkout Desk to fill out a drawing slip for a chance to win a Target gift card.

Food For Fines
September 1-30
Help area families in need and eliminate library fines. The library will accept unexpired, never opened, nonperishable items for the Wauconda/Island Lake Food Pantry in lieu of overdue fines. Each item will equal $1 in fines. Donations can’t be used toward replacement costs or collection fees.

Kindness Bucket
October 1-31
Help us fill our Kindness Bucket! In conjunction with our #Kindness Campaign, write down something you did that was kind or made someone smile, and place it in the bucket.

Patrons who participate will have their overdue fees waived during November. No overdue fees? Enjoy a free beverage from our Keurig machine. Stop by any Help Desk to participate. Limit one K-cup per person.

PADS Donations
November 1-30
Drop off items needed to support the PADS of Lake County organization, which is a community-based organization that provides support, resources, and shelter to individuals and families experiencing a housing crisis.

Display of Honor & Gratitude
November 1-30
Help us honor past and present U.S. service members and enhance awareness of their service and sacrifice made every day. Stop by the Adult Help Desk with your photos to add to the wall. We will also have thank you notes available to post to show your gratitude.

Did you know the library gives back to community in many ways? We are a proud community supporter of many programs and organizations, such as:

• Volunteering at the Free Lunch program
• Collecting food and toiletries each year for Wauconda/Island Lake Food Pantry
• Servicing homebound patrons
• Helping seniors with technology
• Creating teacher book bags for schools
• Visiting classrooms for any theme the teacher chooses
• Hosting library field trips
• Creating book lists for teachers
• Loaning STEM activity kits to teachers
• Participating in literacy, science and reading nights at area schools
• Assisting with the Wauconda Fire Department’s mentoring program
• Presenting professional development to teachers
• Providing one-on-one tech help appointments
• Teaching free computer classes
• Circulating mobile hotspots for free internet service
• Registering voters
• Providing a fully equipped media production studio
• Hosting a community website and online community calendar
• Working with Mano a Mano to provide social services to anyone in the community
• Working with the College of Lake County to provide free job workshops, citizenship classes, computer training and English as a Second Language classes.
Where did the idea for your book come from?
It began with a report by the US Census that people age 85 and up were one of the fastest-growing age groups in the country. When I was born, there were fewer than one million. Now there are almost six million. So I wanted to know if there were so many more older people now, what are their lives like? And I wanted to know this from the true experts, the people who are living it. So much of what we think we know about old age comes from people who were never old. What if we threw all that out and just talked to people about their lives – not trying to fix their problems or fit them into a set narrative about aging? When I did this, the results surprised me more than I ever imagined. A door opened, and I never want to go back.

What would you say is the biggest change that writing this book has had on your own life?
I've become more optimistic about the future, less deterred by normal setbacks, less afraid of getting old, and more grateful for the life I have and the years still to come. I don't take it personally when things don't go my way, and I view my life more as the choices I make, not the things that happen to me. In other words, I think more like an old person. And my life is much richer for it.

Following this experience, what things would you say used to bother you that you find yourself not really worrying about any longer?
Jonas Mekas, who is 95 and still making movies, said to me one day, “I never worry. I will start to worry when something happens. Why worry when it’s not happening? Then why worry when it happens? You deal with it. You waste time worrying, and it may not happen, what you think.” Rarely a week goes by that I don’t quote this to myself or others. It’s a reminder not to be paralyzed by things that might or might not happen. Which has been especially valuable these days, with all the dire warnings every night on the news. Too many people I see are tearing themselves apart over things that may never happen.
Library to begin outdoor renovation project in September

By the end of 2018, the library will be even more user-friendly, as access from the main parking lot to the front entrance and entire front plaza is updated. Construction is scheduled to begin September 4 and will be mostly finished by early November. Most of the planting for the new landscaping is scheduled for Spring, 2019.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

• The front stairs and plaza are showing all the signs of 20 years of wear and tear. The library plans to remedy the problems that have caused the deterioration by replacing the stairs entirely, heating the new stairs from underneath and by using more durable materials - non-permeable pavers as recommended by the library’s architects. The new stairs will be less steep with an additional landing.

• A new ADA ramp and walkway will provide easier, more direct pedestrian access from the parking lot to the front entrance, especially for strollers and wheelchairs. By creating a more direct pathway, the distance from the parking lot to the front door will be cut in half for these patrons.

• The existing ADA ramp that provides easy access for the ADA parking located near the front entrance will be improved by widening the ramp and adding a heating system under the new surface.

• High curbing will be eliminated at all points through which strollers or wheelchairs might pass.

• The driveway in front of the library will be widened, improving traffic flow for more user-friendly pick-up and drop-off.

• Lighting will improve by adding new LED fixtures and by brightening the area leading up to the entrance.

• Two “Express Zone” spaces will be added near the front entrance for pick-up/drop-off only.

• New landscaping will be planted in Spring, 2019.

This project is funded in part with a $125,000 Live and Learn Construction Grant administered by the Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White.