Creative Living

Winter is here and so is the season for creativity. Come to the library to find just the right book, activity kit, movie, or program for your best life. We invite you to enjoy visits all winter long to find inspiration on our shelves and with our staff.

Creative living starts here!
The Nutcracker Story Hour

Sunday, November 24 | 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
REGISTER | All Ages
Introduce your child to this classic holiday story! Meet the Sugar Plum Fairy and other characters from *The Nutcracker*. The Illinois Youth Dance Theatre will be here to answer questions, introduce ballet moves, and take photos.

I Spy Winter Wonderland

December 22 - January 4
Challenge yourself to find all of the items in the Winter Wonderland I Spy Box. Stop in both weeks of Winter Break to spy the changes and receive a prize.

Future Engineers
Friday, December 27 | 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Drop-in | All Ages
Build amazing structures with a variety of materials. How tall will your structure be?

Indoor Playground
Monday, December 30 | 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Drop-in | All Ages
Get your winter wiggles out while you dance and play all day!

Yeti, Set, GO!
Thursday, January 2 | 2:00 p.m. | REGISTER
All Ages
Enjoy a movie about a furry, irresistible yeti. Popcorn will be served.

Spin the Wheel Lego® Challenge
Friday, January 3 | 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Drop-in | All Ages
Show off your Lego® building skills. Spin the wheel, receive a challenge, and build an amazing creation.

JG’s Reptile Road Show
Monday, January 20 | 1:00 p.m. or 3:00 p.m.
REGISTER | All Ages
JG’s Reptile Show brings you an exciting, educational, interactive, and hands-on experience with reptiles from all over the world! Don’t miss your chance to get up close and personal with these incredible animals that most people fear and misunderstand.

Hearts A Flutter
Friday, February 14 | 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. | REGISTER
All Ages
Sweeten up your home this Valentine’s Day with an art project you will love year round.

Zumba for Families
Saturdays | 9:30 a.m.
January 18, 25 and February 1, 8, 22 and 29
(No class on February 15)
Start the year off in a fun, healthy way. Our friends at Mano a Mano will lead us in a bi-lingual, cross-generational Zumba exercise experience. Wear comfortable clothing, and come prepared to feel the heat.

**Crafty Llama**
Thursday, January 16 | 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Grades K-2 with caregiver **| REGISTER**
Llama and her friends love to knit and craft just for the fun of it. Then Beaver comes along and shares that crafting can be useful as well. Join us for a reading of *Crafty Llama* and a discussion about the benefits of both fun and creativity. Make a craft to take home.

**Game On!**
Thursday, January 23 | 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Grades 3-5 with parent or caregiver **| REGISTER**
Does your family love board games? Is Monopoly a favorite? Let’s read *Pass Go and Collect $200: The Real Story of How Monopoly Was Invented*. Find out the true story of one of America’s favorite board games. Come for learning, fun, and a craft! Books will be available for checkout at the Kid City Desk starting on December 20.

**Bounce and Books**
Tuesdays | 9:30 a.m. **| REGISTER**
Ages 12 – 24 months

**Time for Twos**
Mondays
9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. **| REGISTER**
Ages 2 through just-turned-3

**Wondertime**
Wednesdays | 9:30 a.m. **| REGISTER**
Age 3

**Learning Adventure**
Thursdays | 1:30 p.m. **| REGISTER**
Read-Create-Experiment
Ages 4-5

**Rise & Shine Storytime**
Saturdays | 10:00 a.m.
Songs, stories, smiles, and a craft **| REGISTER**
December 14 | Winter animals
January 18 | Snowmen
February 15 | All you need is love!
Busy Baby

Artsy Infants
Thursday, December 5
9:30 a.m. | REGISTER
0-18 months with caregiver
Paint and stamp those precious hands and toes to create a keepsake to take home for the holidays. Dress for a mess!

Rock On Baby Band
Thursday, December 19
9:30 a.m. | REGISTER
0-18 months with caregiver
Introducing music and instruments to babies stimulates new brain pathways and helps to develop gross and fine motor skills. We will get everyone singing, dancing, and playing instruments.

Parachute Play
Friday, January 17
10:00 a.m. | REGISTER
Ages 12-24 months with caregiver
Encourage cooperative play, while developing muscle tone, as we work together to make the parachutes do amazing things.

Sensory Playtime
Thursday, January 30
9:30 a.m. | REGISTER
Birth to pre-walkers with caregiver
Stimulating playtime, perfect for little ones, and social time for the adults.

CREATE and LEARN

Color Exploration
Make fun new art projects each month to help your child’s imagination soar.
Fridays | 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | REGISTER
Ages 2-5 with caregiver
December 13 | Snowman Sign
January 10 | Winter Scene
February 7 | Kandinsky Heart Art

Yeti, Set, Sew
Thursday, January 2 | 1:00 p.m. | REGISTER
Grades K-2 with caregiver
No experience needed to sew your very own yeti friend.

Yeti, Set, Sew on Your Own
Thursday, January 2 | 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | REGISTER
Grades 3 and up
Make your own abominable friend.

Interactive Artists
Thursdays | 6:30 p.m. | REGISTER
January 9 | February 13
Grades K-2 with caregiver
Spark your imagination, creativity, and lifelong connection with art inspired by some of our favorite books.

Imagineers
Monday, January 27 | 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Monday, February 24 | 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. | REGISTER
Grades K-2
Join us as we learn about science, technology, engineering, art, and math through stories and hands-on experiments!

Preschool Fair
Tuesday, January 28 | 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Trying to decide on a preschool for your child? Stop by the library for a look at preschools from surrounding communities. The open house format offers you the opportunity to gather information and talk with staff to get your questions answered.
**Uke Can Play Ukulele**
Friday, December 13 | 4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.  
REGISTER  |  Grades 3 and up

Whether you joined us before or are new to the ukulele world, come learn how to play a song or two. Please bring a ukulele if you have one. The library will have a very limited supply available.

**Kids Create Studio**
Saturdays | 1:30 p.m.  |  REGISTER  
December 14 | January 18 | February 8  
Grades 3-5

Welcome to the wonderfully imaginative world of art. Kids will have fun while exploring art through a different medium each month. All supplies provided.

**Stop Motion Animation**
Monday, January 20 | 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  |  REGISTER  
Grades 3-4
Tuesday, January 21 | 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  |  REGISTER  
Grades 5-6

Escape the drudgery of winter with the magic of stop motion animation, and let your creativity run wild.

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**What a Disaster!**
Thursday, January 30  
4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.  
REGISTER  |  Grades 3-5

Interested in learning more about the Great Chicago Fire? Join us for a lively discussion, fun activities, snacks, and hanging out with new friends.

**Bad Art Project**
Monday, February 17  
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
REGISTER  |  Grades 3 and up

It’s time to forget the rules, get messy, and create some bad art! Chill out with zero pressure and see what you can create. A hideously tacky trophy will be awarded for the “worst” piece of art.

**The Impossible Day**
Leap Year Party  
Thursday, February 27  
4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.  
REGISTER  |  Grades 3-5

Every four years, February 29 arrives and then disappears. Join us as we celebrate with magic tricks, science experiments, and things that will amaze you.
Teen Makers
Tuesdays | 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
REGISTER
Grades 6-12
Let your creativity loose and hang out with friends.
December 10 | Light Up Tree
January 14 | Let it Snow
February 11 | Marbled Mugs

Mother-Daughter Book Club
Saturday, January 11 | 10:30 a.m.
The War That Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
For girls in grades 5-8 and the special women in their lives.
Books are available at the Adult Help Desk – one to keep per Mother-Daughter pair.

Winter Wizards Quest
Wednesday, February 12
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. | REGISTER
Grades 6-12
Put your knowledge of spells and the wizarding world to use to escape from Azkaban with the Dementors hot on your trail. Cosplay optional. Register for one 20-minute session.

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Teen Code Club
Monday, February 10
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. | REGISTER
Grades 6-8
Join us to learn the basics of computer programming and have fun with some cool coding projects. All levels of experience are welcome.

Teen Book Club
Tuesday, February 25
4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Grades 6-12
They Called Us Enemy by George Takei
George Takei’s story reveals important lessons that are still relevant today. Snack on pizza and talk about a great book.

Teen Reading Club
September 2019 – May 2020
REGISTER
Reading is its own reward, but an extra perk doesn’t hurt! Read and submit a review of any 5 books to earn a reward. Receive a bonus reward for attending a program.
Clases de Ciudadanía
Martes | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Del 7 de enero al 31 de marzo
En esta clase estudiarán las 100 preguntas cívicas y la aplicación N-400. Presentado por Mano a Mano. No requiere de inscripción.

Entre nosotras
Martes | 6:30 p.m.
10 de diciembre y 21 de enero
Para adultos
Acompáñanos a disfrutar de una tarde de pláticas, consejos, risas, y mucho más... todo ENTRE NOSOTRAS.

Talleres educativos para padres presentados por el Psicólogo Ferney Ramírez
Lunes 16 de diciembre | 6:30 p.m.
Decisiones positivas, negativas y correctas.
Miércoles 26 de febrero | 6:30 p.m.
Intimidación entre estudiantes.
Este programa es presentado 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.

Como trabajar las emociones negativas con los hijos
Sábado 15 de febrero
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. | REGISTRATE
Para padres e hijos adolescentes
Taller presentado por el Psicólogo Ferney Ramírez.
Este programa es presentado en sociedad con el Distrito escolar 118 y la biblioteca de Wauconda. No habrá cuidado de niños.

Lotería
Martes | 6:30 p.m.
14 de enero y 18 de febrero
Ven a la biblioteca a jugar lotería con toda la familia.

Diversión para los chavitos
Miércoles 26 de febrero
6:30 p.m.
Para niños de 5 años en adelante
Tarde de juegos
Mientras los papás están en el taller del Psicólogo Ferney Ramírez, los niños disfrutarán de una tarde divertida en el salón de cuentos. Favor de registrar a los niños en el salón Lincoln el día del evento.

Colorín Colorado
Lunes 16 de diciembre
6:30 p.m.
Para familias con niños de 5 años en adelante
¿Quién se robó la Navidad?
Cuentos, canciones, manualidades y ¡mucha diversión!
Favor de registrar a los niños el día del evento en el salón Lincoln.
In the Loop Meetup
Saturdays | 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
December 14 | January 4 | February 1
Drop in for social time with like-minded crafty adults – knitting, crocheting, embroidery, quilting – all forms of needlework are welcome here. Bring your latest project. Unraveled’s Jessica LoBue will be leading the group.

DIY Jewelry Organizer with Creativebug
Wednesday, January 22 | 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | REGISTER
Creativebug is a library resource to use when looking for craft inspiration. Create a one of a kind jewelry organizer and learn how to use Creativebug for future DIY projects.

Organizing 101: Hitting the Clutter Hotspots
Saturday, January 25 | 1:00 p.m. | REGISTER
Jennifer Barnes will explain how to have a Control Center as a start to taming the clutter. She will teach how to deal with hotspots including junk drawers, art supplies, and mail.

DIY Cleaning Supplies
Tuesday, February 11 | 2:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. | REGISTER
Replace some of your toxic cleaners with green cleaners. You do not need to be a chemist to make these easy recipes using ingredients you may already have. Make a sample bottle to take home.

Create Your Best Life!
Build a Vision Board with Life Coach Misty Giordano
Saturday, January 11 | 1:00 p.m. | REGISTER
The idea of a vision board is simple – an artful collection of images and words to help align your brain with desired outcomes. Building a vision board helps with finding clarity, focus, and ideal outcomes.

Holiday Photos with the Wauconda Township Historical Society
Saturday, November 30
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Drop-In
Stop by the library’s Studio 801 to relive holiday times from the past using our green screen and historical photos. Props will be available, or bring your own. These digital images are great for holiday cards!

Holiday Decorating with Treetime Christmas Creations
Monday, December 2 | 7:00 p.m. | REGISTER
Take your holiday decorating to a new level! Treetime, the area’s premier Christmas tree store, will visit the library with decorating tips and tricks for your tree and your home.

Creative and Colorful!
Food for the Holiday Season
Thursday, December 12 | 7:00 p.m. | REGISTER
Come and learn how to change up holiday menus. Annette from Passionette Palate will demonstrate and share recipes that are festive, colorful, and healthy.

Stain Glass Ornament
Tuesday, December 17
2:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. | REGISTER
Create a unique ornament while learning a new paint technique with a little unicorn spit.
Census 2020 Community Briefing
Thursday, January 30 | 7:00 p.m. | REGISTER
Join area neighbors for an informational talk about the U.S. 2020 Census. Find out what to expect as far as questions, census methods, and census timeframe. Learn why the census is important and how participation benefits our whole community.

News Media During an Election Year
Saturday, February 29 | 1:00 p.m. | REGISTER
Are you in a news rut? Experiencing information overload, or stuck in an echo chamber? It is possible to enjoy a balanced media diet and thrive in the heated politics of an election year. Professor Gary Midkiff will discuss media choices and ways to engage constructively in political conversation.

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 for $15 each.

January 21 | Holiday Get-Together at Middleton’s in Wauconda
January 18 | Foreign Policy Roundtable
February 15 | Chapter 1

Citizenship Classes
Tuesdays | 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
January 7 – March 31
Getting ready to take your exam to become a U.S. Citizen? This class will cover the 100 civics 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. No registration required.

Mah Jongg Club
Tuesdays | 6:30 p.m. | REGISTER
December 10, January 14, February 18
Fridays | 1:00 p.m. | REGISTER
December 6, January 10, February 7
Join us as we learn Mah Jongg together! Meet players who will help you learn strategy and enjoy community time at the library. Bring your set if you own one. All skill levels welcome -- register for one or all sessions.

Meditation
Friday, December 6 | 10:30 a.m.
REGISTER
Friday, January 24 | 10:30 a.m.
REGISTER
Enrich your life personally and professionally with Renate Lanotte, MS LCSW. De-stress for the holidays and focus on bringing joy, peace, and renewal into your daily life in the New Year.

Lunch & A Movie
Fridays | Noon
January 31
The Public – PG-13
February 28
Yesterday – PG-13

Build a Website
Thursday, January 23
7:00 p.m. | REGISTER
Learn how to prepare and launch a website with an easy to use publishing platform like Weebly or Squarespace.

Excel Basics
Wednesday, December 11
10:00 a.m. | REGISTER

Windows 10 Crashcourse
Saturday, December 14
11:00 a.m. | REGISTER

Excel Intermediate
Sunday, January 26
1:00 p.m. | REGISTER

Intro to the Google Suite
Saturday, February 8
11:00 a.m. | REGISTER

Technology Buying Guide
Monday, November 25 | 7:00 p.m. | REGISTER
If you are looking for holiday gift ideas, look no further. Join the discussion on some of the hottest technology released this year ahead of your Black Friday/Cyber Monday shopping.

Sell Your Stuff Online
Sunday, February 9 | 12:30 p.m. | REGISTER
Have you been wondering how to sell your creations, unneeded clutter, or collectibles online? We’ll discuss eBay, Facebook Marketplace, Craigslist, and Etsy.

Listen to Music Online
Tuesday, February 18 | 7:00 p.m. | REGISTER
There is no shortage of ways to get free or inexpensive access to music on your computer, phone, or tablet. Learn about all of the best options for listening at home or on the go.

Stitching to Success: Turning Your Passion into a Profit Series
Thursday, January 9 | 7:00 p.m. | REGISTER
Thursday, January 16 | 7:00 p.m. | REGISTER
Jessica LoBuie of Unraveled Yarn Shop presents a two part series on her business journey, what it takes to be a creative mind and run a business, and considerations for turning your creative passion into a profitable venture.

New Year, Creative Marketing Possibilities
Monday, February 24 | 7:00 p.m. | REGISTER
Join us for a facilitated conversation lead by Rebecca Hoffman, Founder and Principal at Good Egg Concepts. Together we will explore creative ways to market your small business, build your brand, and strategically communicate to your audience(s).
All the Books!
Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. | REGISTER
December 4 | January 29 | February 26
Enjoy lively conversation highlighting all things new and exciting in books. This is your opportunity to share books that you’ve been reading as well as hear the picks and pans of others, including “the reading experts,” your library staff. We always have a fun discussion and everyone goes home with a free book. What’s not for a book lover to love?

Beyond Fiction
Mondays | 7:00 p.m.
January 6 | Mozart’s Starling by Lyanda Lynn Haupt
February 3 | Bad Blood: Secrets and Lies in a Silicon Valley Startup by John Carreyrou

Book Buzz Book Club
Tuesdays | 7:00 p.m.
Meets at Honey Hill Coffee Company
January 14 | Unbecoming by Jenny Downham
February 11 | My Sister, the Serial Killer by Oyinkan Braithwaite

Novel Thoughts
Wednesdays | 7:00 p.m.
January 15 | Nine Perfect Strangers by Liane Moriarty
February 19 | The Mercy of Thin Air by Ronlyn Domingue

Clue: A Mystery Book Club
Fridays | 10:00 a.m.
January 10 | The Bookseller by Mark Pryor
February 14 | Tagged for Death by A.J. Finn

Books are available at the Adult Help Desk.

Once Upon a Prom Shop

We are collecting dresses for March 21, 2020. Last year we gave away over 100 dresses FOR FREE. All dresses left from the event were then given to The Glass Slipper Project. We need your beautiful, hardly worn dresses to make dreams come true. Please donate between February 22-March 20. Contact Patty at pgmitrovic@wauclib.org for more information.

Getting to Know Studio 801

Have some old photos or cassette tapes lying around, waiting to be digitized? Want to record and edit your own podcast or green screen video? Brush up on Photoshop skills? If you are interested in any of these possibilities, or you are just curious about what technology “Studio 801” has to offer, set up an appointment by emailing Erik at esummerville@wauclib.org. We will schedule a tour at a time that works for you.