



## MARCH 2024 ACTIVITY GUIDE

**CELEBRATE WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH SCAVENGER HUNT** 🧑🧑🧑

ages 5–12 years

March 1–30 | Second Floor

**ITSY ARTS: ON LOCATION** 🧑🧑🧑  
**WITH ILLINOIS ART STATION**

ages 0–5 years

March 1 | 10–11 am  
Community Room**POP-UP HERSTORY** 🧑  
**WITH NOMAD THEATRE**

March 2 | 10 am–1 pm • March 3 | 1:30–4:30 pm

March 6 | 4:30–7:30 pm

Throughout NPL

Take a walk through HERstory. This unique immersive experience features live actors portraying incredible women who continue to move the world.

**NORMAL, ILLINOIS UKULELE FUN JAM!** 🧑March 2 | 2–4 pm  
Café**BABY ROCK & PLAY** 🧑

ages 0–19 months

Mondays in March | 10–11 am  
Community Room**LUNCHTIME YOGA** 🧑🧑Mondays | 12–12:45  
Community Room**MAKER ACADEMY** 🧑🧑

ages 5–8 years

March 4 & 7 | 4–5 pm  
Community Room**READY, SET, READ!** 🧑

ages 3–5 years

Tuesdays in March | 10–11 am  
Book Nook**GENEALOGY MEETUP** 🧑March 5 | 2–3 pm  
In-Person: Community Room 🧑  
At Home: on Zoom 🏠**LEGO MY LIBRARY** 🧑

ages 2–12 years

March 5 | 4–6 pm  
Second Floor Media Zone**HOW TO WRITE YOUR BUSINESS PLAN** 🧑🧑  
**WITH MCLEAN COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER**March 5 | 5–6 pm  
Community Room

Writing a business plan is a great first step to opening a business. Come and learn the process and get started down the path to business ownership!

**NPL KNITTING & CROCHETING CLUB** 🧑🧑March 6 & 20 | 10 am–12 pm  
Community Room**WIGGLES & GIGGLES** 🧑

ages 19–36 months

Wednesdays in March | 10–10:30 am  
Book Nook**ART SPARKS** 🧑🧑

ages 8–12 years

March 7 | 6–7 pm  
Community Room**SIGN & SING** 🧑🧑**WITH COMMUNICATION JUNCTION**

ages 0–5 years

March 8 | 10:30–11 am  
March 20 | 6–6:30 pm  
Community Room**WELLNESS CAFÉ:**  
**FREE BLOOD PRESSURE & VISION SCREENINGS** 🧑March 9 | 9–10 am  
Café

Stop by to receive a free blood pressure check and health information about blood pressure from members of the National Black Nurses Association of Central Illinois and/or a free vision screening from members of the Normal Lions Club. Blood pressure checks and vision screenings will take place on a first come, first served basis.

**WRITING MEETUP** 🧑🧑

Write a new scene with your character/narrator in a new setting.

March 9 | 2–3:30 pm  
Community Room**RECIPE ROTISSERIE** 🧑🧑The Mediterranean Dish by Suzy Karadsheh or her blog [themediterraneandish.com](http://themediterraneandish.com)March 10 | 2–3:30 pm  
Community Room**TEEN D&D CLUB** 🧑🧑March 11 & 25 | 5–7:30 pm  
Community Room**TAKE & MAKE: BUNNY COASTER PICK UP BEGINS** 🏠March 12 | 4 pm  
Inside NPL or through Curb It! | While supplies last**PAPER CRAFTING CLUB** 🧑🧑March 13 | 10 am–12 pm  
Community Room*stranger than fiction:*NON-FICTION  
BOOK CLUBMARCH 13 • 6:30–7:30 PM  
DESTIHL Brewery & Beer Hall**CRAFTERNOONS: PAPIER-MÂCHÉ MASKS** 🧑

ages 10–18 years

March 14 | 4–6 pm  
Café**JAMMIE JAMBOREE** 🧑

ages 0–5 years

March 14 & 28 | 6–6:30 pm  
Book Nook

■ all ages event ■ adult event • ages 18+ ■ teen event • ages 13–18 ■ tween event • ages 10–18 ■ children's event

🧑 Registration is required. Register on our online calendar, at 309.452.1757, or at the Front Desk.

🏠 Virtual / NPL @ Home Event 🧑 In-Person Event 🧑 sponsored by the Normal Public Library Foundation

**CROP 'TIL YOU DROP** ✓ 2

March 16 | 10 am–4 pm  
Community Room

**CATHARSIS BOOK SIGNING** 2

March 16 | 2–3 pm  
Café

Author and playwright, Rhys Lovell will be signing copies of his first novel, *Catharsis*, a fast-paced, techno-crime-thriller revolving around a disturbing new technology being used at a Chicago rage room.

**NPL CRIME CLUB** ✓ 2

March 17 | 2–3:30 pm  
Community Room

**DIY @ NPL: LINO PRINTING** ✓ 2

March 18 | 6–7:30 pm  
March 19 | 10–11:30 am  
Community Room



## adult reading challenge



**march**  
read a book by a  
neurodivergent author

**book brunch** march 19 | 10–11 am  
board room or on zoom

**EXPLORE ART** ✓ 2**WITH ISU ART EDUCATION**

March 21 & 28 | 2–3:30 pm  
Community Room

**STEAM CLUB** ✓ 2

ages 8–12 years

March 21 | 4–5 pm  
Community Room

**TEEN WRITERS' WORKSHOP** 2

March 21 | 4–5 pm  
Board Room

**CRAFT SUPPLY SWAP** 2

March 23 | 10 am–12 pm  
Community Room

Yards of fabric cluttering your craft room? Leftover scrapbooking stickers gathering dust? Bring your extras to our craft supply swap and exchange them for new supplies! Please bring only good-condition, shelf stable items. Unclaimed items will be donated to Threshold to Hope.

**"BORED" GAMES** 2

March 23 | 2–4 pm  
Community Room

**PINS & NEEDLES: A FIBER ARTS CELEBRATION** 2

March 24 | 1–3 pm  
Community Room

Are you a needlework novice thinking about a new hobby? Or a seasoned crafter looking for some new techniques? Explore the wide world of fiber arts, with demonstrations of spinning, knitting, crocheting, quilting, cross stitching, embroidery, and more! Get your questions answered by representatives from local craft shops and fiber guilds as well as other experienced artisans, and have the opportunity to see new tools and materials in person.

**CAMP HALF-BLOOD**

AT

NPL



ATHENA'S ARTS & CRAFTS CENTER 2

CRAFTOLOGY ✓ 2

MARCH 25–29 | ALL DAY  
SECOND FLOOR | KIDS AGES 5–12

MARCH 27 | 2–4 PM  
CAFÉ | TEENS AGES 10–18

ESCAPE ROOM ✓ 2

TRIVIA NIGHT ✓ 2

MARCH 26 | 5–7 PM  
BOARD ROOM | ALL AGES

MARCH 28 | 6–7 PM  
COMMUNITY ROOM | ALL AGES

**WATERSHED WARRIORS** 2  
**WITH ECOLOGY ACTION CENTER**

ages 5–14 years

March 25 | 2–3 pm  
Book Nook

Join us to explore the water cycle and understand its vital role in supplying fresh water to all living beings and to learn the significance of safeguarding our precious fresh water sources. The session culminates with an engaging discussion using the Ecology Action Center's interactive Enviroscope model to showcase various ways pollution infiltrates our water systems.

**TECH-IT-OUT** 2

ages 5–12 years

March 26 | 2–4 pm  
Second Floor Media Zone

**FAMILY CODERS: VARIABLES, FEAT. ROOT RT1** ✓ 2

ages 8–12 years

March 27 | 4:30–5:30 pm & 6–7 pm  
Community Room

**ARTMAKING WORKSHOP & POP-UP NPL** ✓ 2**AT UNIVERSITY GALLERIES**

March 28 | 1–2 pm  
University Galleries

11 Uptown Circle, Normal, IL

Original works read by Poetry is Normal Presents poet, Kathleen Kirk, followed by a digital artmaking workshop. A collection of related materials from Normal Public Library will be available to check out. Digital art created at the event will be displayed at Normal Public Library's gallery in April.

**Romance Me**  
BOOK CLUB

MARCH  
28

6:30–7:30 pm  
Board Room

**TEEN MURDER MYSTERY NIGHT** ✓ 2  
**WITH BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY**

March 29 | 5:30–8 pm  
Community Room

<b>NORMAL ARC 10 AM</b>	March 5 & 19 April 2 & 16 May 7 & 21
<b>ADELAIDE APARTMENTS 1 PM</b>	March 5 April 2 May 7
<b>BLAIR HOUSE 10 AM</b>	March 11 April 8 May 13
<b>MERCY CREEK 10 AM</b>	March 12 April 9 May 14
<b>EVERGREEN VILLAGE 9:30 AM</b>	March 26 April 23 May 21
<b>EVERGREEN PLACE 11 AM</b>	March 26 April 23 May 21



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**M – TH** | 9 AM–8 PM  
**F – SAT** | 9 AM–5 PM  
**SUN** | 1 PM–5 PM

Program details are subject to change.

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 normalpubliclibrary  
 NPLtweets

During library events staff may take photographs and/or video recordings for future publicity and promotional purposes.

If you prefer to keep yourself or your child from appearing in these photographs or videos, please immediately inform library staff present at the event. Thank you!

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for the most up-to-date event information!

normalpl.org/events

stay updated on our  
**BUILDING CHANGES**

normalpl.org/planning



**Normal Public Library Foundation** connects people to our library through programs for readers, adventurers, and explorers. For more than ten years, we have offered programs that delight, enrich, and nourish curious minds.

We support Normal Public Library through fundraising, advocacy, and programs because we believe that our community library is essential to a strong community.

Even in a town that loves its library, public funding is not enough to provide all the important resources that our community seeks.

Your investment in a library that strengthens our community is essential. Join us in support today by making a gift in the way that works for you.

Normal Public Library Foundation is an independent, nonprofit organization that works as a catalyst to strengthen and inspire our growing community library.

**GIVE TODAY**

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Thank you to all of our donors for both investing and believing in the vision of Normal Public Library. Your support makes all the difference!

NORMAL PUBLIC LIBRARY  
**FOUNDATION**

**NEW CHECKOUT PROCEDURE**

**Library card or photo ID required for:**

- All checkouts
- Hold pickups
- curb it service

**apply for a library card at normalpl.org**

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CLOSED ON MARCH 31 FOR EASTER • MAY 26 & 27 FOR MEMORIAL DAY