

2022 adult reading challenge



april's topic
read a book of poetry



may's topic
read a book about
nature/the environment

PEEP THIS! PEEP DIORAMA CONTEST 🏠

Submissions: April 1–14
Voting begins: April 15

Young and old alike are invited to the Second Annual Peep Diorama Contest! Participants are encouraged to create a diorama of Peeps based on a book or literary element of their choice. Anyone can make a diorama and submit a photo. There will be a grand prize for the PEEPl's Choice Award. All voting will take place on our Facebook page.

READ TO THE RHYTHM 🎵

ages 0–5 years old

April 1 | 10–11 am
Community Room

Join NPL librarians and IWU music education students for a rollicking good time! Together we will sing, dance, and enjoy a music-themed story. Kids will also get a chance to play with some cool instruments during the session!

NORMAL, ILLINOIS UKULELE FUN JAM 🎸

April 2 | 2–4 pm

Café

Drop by the Café for a ukulele jam! Bring your ukulele (or borrow one of the library's) and join in, or feel free to watch and listen. More information on the group, and a songbook, can be found at normalukejam.com.

BABY ROCK 🎸

ages 0–2 years old

Mondays in April | 10–10:30 am
Anderson Park

GENEALOGY MEETUP

April 5 | 2–3 pm

In-Person: Community Room 🧑🧑

At Home: on Zoom 🏠

STEAM CLUB: EGG DROP 🧑🧑

ages 8–12 years old

April 5 | 6–7 pm
Community Room

NPL KNITTING & CROCHETING CLUB

April 6 & 20 | 10 am–12 pm

In-Person: Community Room 🧑🧑

At Home: on Zoom 🏠

DIY RAG WREATH 🧑🧑

April 6 | 6–7:30 pm

April 13 | 10–11:30 am
Community Room

READY, SET, READ! 🧑🧑

ages 3–5 years old

April 4 | 6–7 pm
April 5 | 10–11 am
Community Room

FIX IT FRIDAY 🧑

April 8 | 12–4 pm

Café

Bring in your garments that need fixed! Representatives from ISU's Department of Sustainability will be here to fix garments in need of mending—holes stitched, buttons fixed, pants hemmed, and more.

SIGN & SING 🧑 WITH COMMUNICATION JUNCTION

ages 0–5 years old

April 8 & 22 | 10:30–11 am
Anderson Park

ADULT WRITING MEETUP 🧑🧑

April 9 | 2–3:30 pm

Community Room

TEEN D&D

April 11 & 25 | 5–8 pm

Discord & Roll20 🏠

April 18 | 5–7:30 pm

Community Room 🧑🧑

TAKE & MAKE: PATTERNED POTS 🏠 KIT PICK-UP BEGINS

April 12 | While supplies last
Inside NPL or through Curb It!

BRAINFUSE JOBNOW 🧑🏠

April 12 | 12–1 pm

GoToWebinar

Brainfuse JobNow is a one-of-a-kind job coaching service designed to help people land the job of their dreams. Learn the ins and outs of this valuable library resource from a Brainfuse representative.

TEEN CRAFTERNOON: PAPER PUNCHED OMBRÉ WREATH 🧑🧑

April 13 | 4–5:30 pm
Café

STRANGER THAN FICTION: A NON-FICTION BOOK CLUB 🧑🧑

April 13 | 6:30–7:30 pm
Community Room

Join us for the first meeting of our nonfiction book club! This group will meet once a month to discuss memoirs, biographies, true crime, and other nonfiction titles. April's book is *Furious Hours: Murder, Fraud and the Last Trial of Harper Lee* by Casey Cep. Copies of this title will be on reserve at NPL beginning mid-March—ask at the front desk.

TEEN WRITERS' WORKSHOP 🧑🧑

April 14 | 4–5 pm
Board Room

INVENT & CREATE 🧑

ages 3–5 years old

April 18 DAY OFF SCHOOL | all day
Children's Floor

POETRY IS NORMAL OPEN MIC: SIDEWALK POEMS

April 19 | 7–8 pm

In-Person: Community Room 🧑🧑

At Home: on Zoom 🏠

WOMEN IN THE WORKFORCE 🧑🏠

April 20 | 6:30–7:30 pm

on Zoom

Learn strategies to address common issues faced by women in the workforce, including how to address career gaps, pay disparity, impostor syndrome, self-advocating for promotions/projects, and more. This will be taught by Erica Reckamp, an Executive Resume Writer and Job Search Consultant with Job Search Like a Pro.

TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL 🧑🧑

April 21 | 4–5 pm
Board Room

VIRTUAL GAME NIGHT 🏠

April 22 | 6–8 pm
on Discord

ASIAN HERITAGE CELEBRATION 🧑🏻

April 24 | 1-4:30 pm
Library-wide

Come enjoy Asian culture throughout the library! Learn, participate, and celebrate with many different performances and activities, including Chinese Martial Arts demonstrated by a Kung Fu Master, Tea Culture and Tasting, and Asian musical performances to name a few. Check out our website for a full list of events and times. The Asian Heritage Celebration is brought to you by NPL, ISU Asia Connect, ISU Lab Schools, and the Illinois Art Station.

MAKER ACADEMY 🧑🏻

ages 5-8 years old
April 25 & 28 | 4-5 pm
Community Room

ADULT READING CHALLENGE BOOK BRUNCH

April 26 | 10-11 am
In-Person: Community Room 🧑🏻
At Home: on Zoom 🏠

Join us to discuss what you are reading for this month's Adult Reading Challenge. Our theme for April is a "read a book of poetry". Tell us what you loved (or didn't) and get some recommendations from others, too! Snacks to take away will be served. Let's dish about this month's Adult Reading Challenge!

WRECK THIS JOURNAL! 🧑🏻

April 26 | 4:30-6 pm
Community Room

Inspired by the creative journaling book *Wreck This Journal* by artist Keri Smith, we will be making our own notebooks full of prompts encouraging you to scribble, paint, tear, and yes, wreck this book. Notebooks will be provided free of charge.

LORI BORGMAN:
THE LIGHTER SIDE OF AGING 🧑🏻

April 27 | 6:30-7:30 pm
Community Room
Lori Borgman, syndicated newspaper columnist, author, and speaker, presents a humorous and poignant romp through the ups and downs, shock waves, delights, and milestones of getting older.

FREE ONLINE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES 🧑🏻

April 28 | 12-1 pm
on Zoom
Whatever you want to learn, either for professional advancement or personal development, there is an online class for it! This course will cover the most reputable and highest quality options for free online courses, and what to expect once you sign up for one.

ROMANCE ME BOOK CLUB 🧑🏻

April 28 | 6:30-7:30 pm
Community Room
Love is in the air at NPL's new romance book club! April's pick: *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo* by Taylor Jenkins Reid. Copies of this title will be available at the front desk.

EL DÍA DE LOS NIÑOS Y EL DÍA DE LOS LIBROS 🧑🏻

April 30 | 10 am-4 pm
Library-wide
Join us to celebrate reading at El día de los niños/El día de los libros (day of the child/day of the book)! Enjoy crafts, a bilingual storytime in Spanish and English, and a family literacy workshop. We will also have our community partners Conexiones Latinas and BN Parents here to chat about the resources that they offer, and we'll have many new Spanish language items for children and adults available to browse and check out.

APRIL

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THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED APRIL 17

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

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Program details are subject to change. For the most up-to-date event information, check out our website calendar.