

2022 adult reading challenge



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



june's topic
read a book by a
transgender author

CELEBRATE AAPI MONTH SCAVENGER HUNT

May 1–31 | Children's Department

Celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month by searching the second floor for pictures of books written, illustrated, or about AAPI folks. Stop by the second floor service desk to begin!

GENEALOGY MEETUP

May 3 | 2–3 pm

In-Person: Community Room

At Home: on Zoom

MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU

May 4 | all day

Children's Department

In a Library not so far, far away Star Wars crafts will be available in the Children's Department.

NPL KNITTING & CROCHETING CLUB

May 4 & 18 | 10 am–12 pm

In-Person: Community Room

At Home: on Zoom

BOOKS & SECRETS OF THE DAVID DAVIS MANSION

May 4 | 6:30–7:30 pm

Community Room

Dr. Marcia Young, published historian, former site manager of the David Davis Mansion, and recipient of the Illinois State Historical Society's Lifetime Achievement Award, presents on her new book, *The David Davis Mansion 1872–2022: 150 Years at Clover Lawn*. What was actually happening behind the stately walls of the David Davis Mansion? Dr. Young will share its stories and reveal the significant role that books have played in the mansion's unique history.

INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN MAHJONG

Thursdays in May | 10 am–12 pm

Community Room

Learn the game of American mahjong! This six-week class will cover the basics of the rules and game play, until participants are ready to play full games in the final weeks of class. Registration is for the full six weeks—please only register if you intend to come to all meetings.

CREATE YOUR SIDE HUSTLE

May 5 | 6–7:30 pm

on Zoom

Lauren Milligan of ResuMAYDAY presents on the various aspects of finding, starting, and managing your side hustle. Are you going to be an independent contractor or employee? Are you going to create something from scratch, or work for one of the gig-economy companies? Is this temporary, or are you in it for the long haul? What online resources will be most helpful to you, and can you spot the scams? All this and more will be part of the conversation.

DRIVE-IN!

EMPEROR'S NEW THREADS

BY PRAIRIE FIRE THEATRE

ages 3–10 years old

May 6 | 10–11:30 am

Community Room

We will spend the first 45 minutes designing our own cars out of cardboard boxes. Then, we will relax in them at the Drive-In! The show will begin at 10:45am. While the Prairie Fire Theatre will not be joining us in-person, they have recorded a special, one-of-a-kind presentation of the classic *Emperor's New Threads*.

ADULT WRITING MEETUP

May 7 | 2–3:30 pm

Community Room

NORMAL, IL UKULELE FUN JAM

May 7 | 2–4 pm

Cafe

TEEN D&D

May 9 & 23 | 5–8 pm

Discord & Roll20

May 16 | 5–7:30

Board Room

TAKE & MAKE: BOOK BIRDHOUSE KIT PICK-UP BEGINS

May 10 | While supplies last
Inside NPL or through Curb It!

STRANGER THAN FICTION: A NON-FICTION BOOK CLUB

May 11 | 6:30–7:30 pm

Community Room

This month's book: *Fuzz: When Nature Breaks the Law* by Mary Roach. Copies of this title will be available to pick up at NPL—ask at the front desk.

TEEN WRITERS' WORKSHOP

May 12 | 4–5 pm

Board Room

SIGN & SING WITH COMMUNICATION JUNCTION

ages 0–5 years old

May 13 & 27 | 10:30–11 am

Anderson Park

DROP IN VR: KEY MOMENTS IN ASIAN AMERICAN HISTORY

ages 10+

May 16 | 4–6 pm

Cafe

In honor of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, drop by for a virtual reality experience. We will explore critical, sometimes under-discussed, moments in Asian American history.

POETRY IS NORMAL PRESENTS:

PATRICIA CLARK & ALICE FRIMAN

May 17 | 7–8 pm

on YouTube Live

GET WHAT YOU'RE WORTH: NEGOTIATING JOB OFFERS, SALARIES, & RAISES

May 18 | 6–7 pm

on Zoom

Gina McClowry, professional trainer and career coach, presents on general negotiation strategies and navigating job offers and raises in today's candidate-driven job market.

TEEN CRAFTERNOON: HARDWARE STORE JEWELRY

May 18 | 4–5:30 pm

Teen Area

DIY ALCOHOL INK VASES

May 21 | 2–3:30 pm

May 25 | 10–11:30 am

Community Room

CREATING AN ATS-READY RESUME 🏠

May 24 | 10–11 am

on Zoom

The first step in securing an interview is getting your resume seen by a hiring manager! Today's employers increasingly use applicant tracking systems (ATS)—software intended to filter applications to determine which candidates move on to the next step of the hiring process. Learn how to optimize your resume for these systems in your formatting and keyword selection.

ADULT READING CHALLENGE BOOK BRUNCH

May 24 | 10–11 am

In-Person: Community Room 🏠

At Home: on Zoom 🏠

This month's topic: Read a book about nature / the environment

AN EVENING WITH DAVID ROHLFING 🏠

May 25 | 6:30–7:30 pm

Community Room

David Rohlfing is the author of the Detective Sasha Frank mystery series, which follows a relentless detective as he solves murders in Bloomington-Normal, Illinois. Join him to hear about the two books he has published so far, what led him to writing, and what is next for the series.

ROMANCE ME BOOK CLUB

May 26 | 6:30–7:30 pm

In-Person: Board Room 🏠

At Home: on Zoom 🏠

This month's book: *Crazy Rich Asians* by Kevin Kwan

MAY

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THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED MAY 29–30

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.



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■ all ages event ■ adult event • ages 18+ ■ teen event • ages 13–18 ■ 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