

An illustration of a person with dark skin wearing a red beanie with a purple pom-pom, reading a large pink book. The person is surrounded by a dense field of autumn leaves in shades of yellow, orange, and purple. In the upper left, the letters 'NPL' are partially visible in purple and orange. The background is a solid olive green.

FALL 2022 ACTIVITY GUIDE



NORMAL
PUBLIC LIBRARY

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DIGITAL LEARNING CIRCLE ✓ 2

Thursdays • September 1–22
10 am–12 pm | Board Room

Learn new digital skills necessary for today's most in-demand jobs. Participants will meet once a week to work through an online course with support from others. Check our website event calendar for the course topic that voters chose for this circle.

Those who do not have home Internet access will be able to check out a Chromebook and hotspot kit for the duration of the learning circle. Participants should plan to attend all four meetings in this program series, as we will be working through a single course throughout the program.

ADULT WRITING MEETUP ✓ 2

September 3 • October 1 • November 12
2–3:30 pm | Community Room

Whether you enjoy writing as a hobby or a career, join us for a monthly writing meet-up. Bring your latest project to share or continue working on. There will be opportunities to read each other's writing and discuss latest reads. Bring or borrow a computer, or paper and pen will be provided.

FALL
TAKE & MAKES
KIT PICK-UPS BEGIN

SEPTEMBER 6	SOLA WOOD FLOWER DIFFUSER
OCTOBER 11	POTION BOTTLE DECOR
NOVEMBER 8	CHALK PAINT MASON JAR

WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

GENEALOGY MEETUP

September 6 • October 4 • November 1 | 2–3 pm

In-Person: Community Room ✓ 2

At Home: on Zoom ✓ 2

Share your recent genealogical finds with others! Get help using Ancestry Library Edition and other library resources to explore your family's history.

NPL KNITTING & CROCHETING CLUB

September 7 & 21 • October 5 & 19 • November 2 & 16
10 am–12 pm

In-Person: Community Room ✓ 2

At Home: on Zoom ✓ 2

Gather to work on your current project and share tips and information. Bring a project you would like to work on.

All adult events are intended for ages 18+ unless otherwise stated.

PAPER CRAFTING CLUB ✓ 2

September 14 • October 12 • November 9

10 am–12 pm | Community Room

Paper crafters, please join us for an opportunity to work on your projects. We will provide a large workspace and bring out some of our best paper crafting tools for you to try and use. Whether you scrapbook, make cards, or build 3D paper sculptures, there is room for you at NPL. Please bring your own materials to use with our tools.

stranger than fiction:
NON-FICTION BOOK CLUB
6:30–7:30 pm
DESTIHL Beer Hall

AL ROKER COHOST OF NBC'S TODAY RUTHLESS TIDE THE HEROES AND VILLAINS OF THE JOHNSTOWN FLOOD AMERICA'S REMARKABLE GILDED AGE CHAPTER	THE BEST WE COULD DO AN ILLUSTRATED ALBUM THU BUI	A hymn of love to the world LUCY KIMMERER BRAIDING SWEETGRASS Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants ROBIN WALL KIMMERER
sep. 14	oct. 12	nov. 9

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH film series 2
2–4:30 PM | COMMUNITY ROOM

The Infiltrators (2020) NR SEPTEMBER 15	Girlfight (2000) RATED R SEPTEMBER 22
El Norte (1983) RATED R SEPTEMBER 29	In The Heights (2021) RATED PG-13 OCTOBER 6
Llevate mis amores/ All of Me (2014) NR OCTOBER 13	

COLLEGE PLANNING: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

WITH THE INSTITUTE FOR FINANCIAL EDUCATION

adults & teens

September 15 | 6:30–7:30 pm

Community Room

Wondering how you are going to pay for college? Karson Lueck of the Institute for Financial Education presents on the myth about financial aid, sources of money, need-based vs non-need-based financial aid, college funding vs financial aid, and more.

MEDICARE 101

September 17 | 10–11 am

Community Room

About to enroll in Medicare for the first time or reevaluate your coverage? Specialist Julie Bicksler will present on the process and options available.

DIY@NPL

Pirate Peg Crew

September 19 | 6–7:30 pm
September 22 | 10–11:30 am

Fall Garland

October 17 | 6–7:30 pm
October 18 | 10–11:30 am

Felt Flower Wreath

November 21 | 6–7:30 pm
November 22 | 10–11:30 am

community room

BANNED BOOKS WEEK DISCUSSION

September 20 | 10–11 am

Community Room

Let's celebrate the freedom to read! Read a book from the ALA most challenged books lists or one that has been in the news due to an attempted removal from a library or school, and come prepared to share it with others.

POETRY IS NORMAL PRESENTS: STEVE HENN

September 20 | 7–8 pm

on YouTube

Northern Indiana poet Steve Henn will read his poems.

RETIREMENT UNIVERSITY

WITH THE INSTITUTE FOR FINANCIAL EDUCATION

September 26 • October 3 & 10 | 6–7:30 pm

Community Room

Like it or not, retirement is getting closer and closer. Start becoming aware of the future and learn what you need to know now in order to retire securely. Bernie Wrezinski of the Institute for Financial Education will present on important topics like Medicare coverage and long-term care, and help you get an accurate look at tax efficient legacy planning and wills and trusts. Leave with more knowledge on wills/trusts, feeling confident as you move forward. This is a three-part series, with separate registration for each event. You can attend one or all of the sessions.

Romance Me

BOOK CLUB

6:30–7:30 PM

COMMUNITY ROOM  
OR ON ZOOM  




September 22 October 27

2022 adult reading challenge



september

read a book that teaches you something new



october

read a graphic novel



november

read a book by a Native American author

book brunch

september 27 • october 25
november 22 | 10–11 am
board room or on zoom

DINE WITH THE DEAD: CEMETERY CUSTOMS & TRADITIONS OF DAYS GONE BY

WITH MCLEAN COUNTY MUSEUM OF HISTORY

October 7 | 11 am–1 pm

Evergreen Memorial Cemetery

302 E Miller St, Bloomington, IL 61701

Enjoying a picnic in a cemetery was not always a taboo activity. Quite the contrary—a graveside lunch was a leisure activity for many. In the spirit (pun intended) of the age, enjoy a picnic lunch on the beautiful grounds of Evergreen Memorial Cemetery (one of Bloomington's oldest cemeteries) and embark on a one-hour guided tour with Candace Summers of the McLean County Museum of History. After the tour, you can stay and enjoy your own picnic lunch. So grab a blanket, a box lunch, and enjoy spending some time in the cemetery like days gone by. Attendees should wear comfortable walking shoes and dress appropriately for the weather.

ADULT EVENTS

POETRY IS NORMAL OPEN MIC

October 18 | 7–8 pm

In-Person: Community Room 🟢👤

At Home: on Zoom 🟢🏠

Join us to read original poems or poems by poets you love. This month's theme is Cornucopia, but all themes are welcome!

**TAX-PLANNING STRATEGIES IN AN EVER-CHANGING CLIMATE** 🟢👤

WITH THE INSTITUTE FOR FINANCIAL EDUCATION

November 3 | 6:30–7:30 pm

Community Room

In today's world, it can be difficult to keep up-to-date with what the most advantageous choices are for your taxes. Tyler Wrezinski of the Institute for Financial Education presents on how to utilize volatility to your tax advantage, why the next five years are crucial for long-term tax planning, eliminating variables for retirement, and using tax advantaged dollars to efficiently plan.

POETRY IS NORMAL PRESENTS:**PATRICIA CLARK & ALICE FRIMAN** 🏠🧠

November 15 | 7–8 pm

on YouTube

Poets Patricia Clark and Alice Friman will read their poems.

DISCOVERING YOUR UK/IRISH ROOTS ONLINE 🟢🏠

November 16 | 6:30–7:30 pm

on Zoom

There is no such thing as “one stop genealogy shopping”! In this program, genealogist Debra Dudek will lead you through the resources and search techniques for the three big UK and Irish databases: FindMyPast, ScotlandsPeople and RootsIreland. Learn what is new on these databases, how you can apply them to your research, and how privacy and information rights impact your quest for records.

POETRY IS NORMAL PRESENTS: JUSTIN HAMM 🧠

November 22 | 7–8 pm

In-Person: Community Room 🟢👤

At Home: on YouTube 🟢🏠

Justin Hamm, who has shown his photos in the NPL Art Gallery, returns to read poems from his new book, *Drinking Guinness with the Dead*.

NORMAL, ILLINOIS UKULELE FUN JAM! 👤

September 3 • October 1 • November 5

2–4 pm | Cafe


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.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE EXHIBIT 👤

WITH ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY MILNER LIBRARY & HEALTH SCIENCES DEPARTMENT

September 21–October 3 | Gallery

Visit our art gallery to view “What Does Peace Look Like?”, a collaborative community art project in celebration of the International Day of Peace. Through imagery, artwork, and writing, this exhibit explores what community members of all ages envision when they consider the ideals of peace and a peaceful world.



tiny book concerts
Cafe | 12–1 pm

september 22 Celtic Cross	october 6 ISU Jazz	october 20 Darrell Looney
november 3 Snackie Onassis	november 17 Brad Conroy	

THE GREAT PUMPKIN CONTEST 🏠

Pick-up begins October 1 | Return by October 16

Voting: October 17–31

Children's Floor

Young and old alike are invited to submit a design for the Normal Public Library's Great Pumpkin Contest! Participants are encouraged to pick up and decorate a foam pumpkin based on a book or literary element of their choice. One per person while supplies last. The pumpkins with the most votes will take home a prize!

GREAT ANNUAL NPL MODEL TRAIN EXHIBITION 👤🧠

November 5 | 9 am–5 pm November 6 | 1–3 pm

Throughout NPL

All aboard! It is time to celebrate days of trains! Local model train enthusiasts will have their trains and layouts on display for all to enjoy!



Celebrate International Games Month with us and Red Raccoon Games!

10 am–6 pm Enjoy a life-sized board game and other board and card games galore!

10 am–12 pm Card games for adults

2–4 pm Nintendo Switch games for tweens and teens

4–6 pm Game demos for all ages with Red Raccoon Games

Oculus Quest 2 VR games for adults and teens

5–7 pm D&D Escape Room for teens and adults
registration required

MAKE NORMAL EXTRAORDINARY.

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Normal Public Library Foundation funding supports:

Summer Reading Challenge • author visits • Poetry is Normal Presents • 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten • music concerts • theater performances • character visits • magic workshops art workshops • LEGO events • local speakers • and so much more for our community

With your vital support, we can do more.

The Normal Public Library Foundation works to ensure every person builds a life-long relationship with learning and libraries, giving them access to all the tools needed to succeed in life.

NPLF is a community-based organization designed to raise and provide funding to enable Normal Public Library to enhance programs, services and facilities for our community.

There are three easy ways to give:

- ❶ Individual and Corporate Giving
- ❷ Planned Giving
- ❸ Passive Giving—
Amazon Smile, Axline Pharmacy, Kroger Community Rewards, Schnucks escrip

To make a gift of stock or learn about other ways to support the library, contact John Fischer at jfischer@normalpl.org or 309.433.3488.

Use the form below to make your gift or give online at normalpl.org/NPLF

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I am interested in supporting the Normal Public Library Foundation by:

- ☐ Sponsoring ☐ Serving on the Normal Public Library Foundation Board
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Enclosed is my gift of:

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For online giving go to: normalpl.org/NPLF
For more information call: 309.433.3499

All pledges should be made payable to Normal Public Library Foundation

NORMAL PUBLIC LIBRARY
FOUNDATION

TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL

September 1 • October 6 • November 3
4–5:30 pm | Board Room

Come share your ideas and have a say in teen services at Normal Public Library.


TEEN & TWEEN CRAFTERNOONS

ages 10–18 years

4–6 pm | Cafe

We will provide the supplies, you provide the creativity!

September 8

Mini boba tea keychains

October 13

Skull string art wall hanging

November 10

Suminagashi (Japanese paper marbling)

TEEN D&D

September 12 & 26 • October 10 & 24 • November 14 & 28
5–7:30 pm | Board Room

September 19 • October 17 • November 21
5–8 pm | Discord & Roll20

Goblin ambushes, mysterious caverns, evil henchmen, and yes, a dragon await you in this D&D campaign. Do not worry if you have never played or do not have a character developed, all are welcome to join.

TEEN ANIME CLUB

September 13 • October 11 • November 15
4:30–6 pm | Board Room

Come join other fans of Japanese animation and comics as we watch and discuss our favorite anime TV shows.

TEEN WRITERS' WORKSHOP

September 15 • October 20 • November 17
4–5 pm | Board Room

Join us to discuss the highs and lows of the writing life, and share your work with other writers!

Teen events are intended for students in 6th–12th grade unless otherwise stated.

KARAOKE OPEN MIC NIGHT

September 23 | 5:30–8 pm
Community Room

Share your talent with others at our after-hours coffeehouse-style open mic night! Poetry, spoken word, karaoke, and more are welcome!

HALLO-TWEEN

ages 10–13 years

October 10 | 1–3 pm
Community Room

Meet us for Halloween fun on this day off school. Drop in to decorate your own t-shirt with glow-in-the-dark markers, get your mad scientist on with spooky experiments, and test your deductive skills in a game of One Night Ultimate Werewolf. You do not want to miss any of these games and tasty morsels! Costumes are encouraged.

AFTER-HOURS HALLOWEEN PARTY

October 29 | 5:30–8 pm
Community Room

Join us for a horrifying evening of costumes, games, tricks, treats, and more at this after hours event. Feel free to dress up for a costume contest, or create your own zombie look at our makeup station. Then get ready to scream during a creepy scavenger hunt in the dark!

LEGO BUILD CHALLENGE

November 19 | 2–4 pm
Community Room

In this challenge, you will work together in teams to build a complete LEGO set before time runs out. Each team will be building the same LEGO set as you complete to be the fastest and most skillful LEGO builders!

KIDS' EVENTS
ART SPARKS

ages 8–12 years

September 1 • October 13 • November 10
6–7 pm | Community Room

Craving creativity? Need more color in your life? Try being an Art Spark! We will dabble with different mediums to create monthly masterpieces! Dress to get messy!

READY, SET, READ!

ages 3–5 years

September 2 & 16 • October 7 & 21 • November 4 & 18
10–11 am | Community Room

Foster a love of reading and learning with Ready, Set, Read! Preschoolers and their grown-ups will practice pre-literacy and school skills in a fun, active, and rich environment filled with stories, songs, crafts, and activities.

BABY ROCK

ages 0–2 years

Mondays in the Fall | beginning September 12
10–10:30 am | Community Room

Enjoy stories, songs, and fingerplays, all intended to enhance babies' development of language and senses.

TUESDAY TALES

ages 3–5 years

Tuesdays in the Fall | beginning September 13
10–10:30 am | Book Nook

Join us for stories and songs! Books will be aimed at 3–5-year-olds, but everyone is welcome.

LEGO MY LIBRARY 🧑

ages 2–12 years

September 6 • October 4 • November 1
4–6 pm | Community Room

Join us every month to build, build, build! Each month will have a new LEGO theme, but children are welcome to build anything. Children under the age of 8 should make sure their grownups are part of the construction crew.

JAMMIE JAMBOREE 🧑

ages 0–5 years

September 8 & 22 • October 6 & 20 • November 10
6–6:30 pm | Book Nook

Put on your pajamas and join us for stories, songs, and bubbles!

SIGN & SING 🧑🧒
WITH COMMUNICATION JUNCTION

ages 0–5 years

September 9 & 23 • October 14 & 28 • November 11 & 23
10:30–11 am | Community Room

Join Miss Meghan of Communication Junction for a story time full of songs, rhymes, and books shared in American Sign Language. Miss Meghan will use bubbles and a stuffed animal to teach some signs. Please feel free to bring your own bubbles and stuffy to add to the fun!



PARTNERS IN READING

K–6th graders

Based on availability, Monday–Thursday
Beginning the week of September 12–the
week of November 14
45 minute sessions, anytime 3:30–7 pm
Children's Floor | **Register by September 9**

Every fall and spring semester, we pair up
college and grade school students to read
together and enjoy the library.

CELEBRATE HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH
SCAVENGER HUNT 🧑

ages 5–12 years

September 15–October 15 | Children's Floor

National Hispanic Heritage Month recognizes the contributions and influence of Hispanic Americans to the history, culture, and achievements of the United States. Mark the occasion with a book-themed scavenger hunt on the library's second floor.

STEAM CLUB 🧑🧒

ages 8–12 years

September 20 • November 15
6–7 pm | Community Room

Come to explore science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics in STEAM Club! Expect activities, experiments, crafts, and lots of STEAM related books! Dress to get messy!

FAMILY CODERS 🧑🧒

ages 8–12 years

September 28 • October 26 • November 30
6–7:15 pm | Community Room

Learn coding skills together! Kids will work in teams with their grown-ups to practice computational thinking and explore fun technology! Funded in part by a grant from the Illinois Prairie Community Foundation.

September 28**Sequencing** featuring LEGO SPIKE**October 26****Loops** featuring Root rt1 Robots**November 30****Conditionals** featuring Dash & Dot Robots**MAKER ACADEMY** 🧑🧒

ages 5–8 years

October 3 • November 14
4–5:30 | Community Room

The Academy is back in session! Craft, experiment, design, and create with other makers! Every month we will meet to work on a new project. At your first session of Maker Academy, you will be presented with your maker apron and then each activity you attend will earn you buttons to add to your apron.

CELEBRATE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY 🧑**October 10 | All Day****Children's Floor**

Celebrate the rich and diverse cultures, traditions, and histories of Native peoples and acknowledge their significant contributions with a selection of breakout boxes, a seek and find, and book displays throughout the library.

HALLOWEEN STORY HOUR 🧑

ages 3–5 years

October 25 | 6–7 pm**October 26 | 10–11 am****Community Room**

Enjoy stories, songs, a costume parade, activities, refreshments, and more! Don't forget your costume and your camera!

CELEBRATE NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH
SCAVENGER HUNT 🧑

ages 5–12 years

November 1–30 | Children's Floor

November is Native American Heritage Month! Celebrate the rich histories, diverse cultures, and important contributions of our nation's first people with a book-themed scavenger hunt. Stop by the second floor services desk to begin.

WE DON'T TALK ABOUT... 🧑🧒**November 19 | 10 am–12 pm****Community Room**

Celebrate a favorite magical Colombian family with activities, crafts, and fun for kids of all ages! Please register all members of your group (kids and adults!).

INVENT & CREATE 🧑

ages 2–12 years

November 23 | 9 am–4 pm
Children's Floor

Discover, build, color, and create with a variety of craft supplies. Fill a bucket of supplies and let your imagination be your guide!

**NORMAL ARC
10 AM**

September 6 & 20
October 4 & 18
November 1 & 15

**ADELAIDE
APARTMENTS
1 PM**

September 6
October 4
November 1

**BLAIR HOUSE
10 AM**

September 12
October 10
November 14

**MERCY CREEK
10 AM**

September 13
October 11
November 8

**MCLEAN COUNTY
NURSING HOME
1 PM**

September 13
October 11
November 8

**EVERGREEN
VILLAGE
9:30 AM**

September 27
October 25
November 22

**EVERGREEN
PLACE
11 AM**

September 27
October 25
November 22



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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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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!



SEPTEMBER							OCTOBER							NOVEMBER						
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CLOSED ON SEPTEMBER 4-5 • CLOSED AT 5 PM NOVEMBER 23 & ALL DAY ON NOVEMBER 24-25