





SOCIAL SECURITY & RETIREMENT PLANNING WITH THE INSTITUTE FOR FINANCIAL EDUCATION 🗸 🚨

December 1 | 6:30-7:30 pm **Community Room**

Tyler Wrezinski of the Institute for Financial Education discusses the basics of Social Security, claiming strategies to maximize income, coordinating benefits with other assets, minimizing lifetime taxation on benefits, and creating a tax-efficient retirement income plan.

ADULT WRITING MEETUP 🔮 🚨

December 3 · January 7 · February 4 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.



GENEALOGY MEETUP

December 6 • January 3 • February 7 | 2-3 pm

In-Person: Community Room 🗸 🙎

using Ancestry Library Edition and other library resources to explore your family's history.

NPL KNITTING & CROCHETING CLUB

December 7 & 21 • January 4 & 18 • February 1 & 15

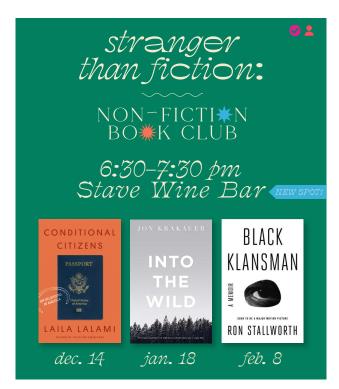
10 am-12 pm

In-Person: Community Room 🗸 💄

At Home: on Zoom 🤡 🦍

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 🗸 🚨

December 14 • January 11 • February 8 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.



POETRY IS NORMAL OPEN MIC «

December 20 | Community Room 🗸 💄

February 21 | Cafe 🗸 💄

7-8 pm At Home: on Zoom 🗸 🖍

Join us to read original poems or poems by poets you love. December's theme is Winter Joy and February's theme is Civility & Healing, but all themes are welcome!







DIGITAL LEARNING CIRCLE: GOOGLE SHEETS 📀 🚨

January 5, 12, 19, & 26 • February 2

10 am-12 pm | Board Room

Learn new digital skills necessary for today's most indemand jobs. Participants will meet once a week to work through an online course with support from others. For this learning circle, we will be working through the courses Google Sheets and Google Sheets—Advanced Topics from Google Cloud Training through Coursera. Google Sheets is a cloud-based spreadsheet program used by many companies. Many of the skills developed in this course would transfer for using Microsoft Excel.

POETRY IS NORMAL PRESENTS: TONY BREWER ♥ ♠ January 17 | 7–8 pm

on Zoom

Tony Brewer, a poet and audio artist from Bloomington, Indiana will read his poems.

PUZZLE PALOOZA 🗢 🚨

January 21 | 10 am-12:30 pm

Community Room

Are you a dissectologist? Do you love the assembly of jigsaw puzzles? Join us for Puzzle Palooza! We will have a puzzle swap at 10 am (don't be late; swaps are often over in minutes!) followed by refreshments, casual puzzling, and a registered team jigsaw puzzle competition at 10:30 am.

AN INSIDE LOOK: LIFESPAN OF A FACT WITH HEARTLAND THEATRE

January 23 | 7–8 pm Heartland Theatre

1110 Douglas St., Normal, IL 61761

An Inside Look gives the audience a chance to meet the director and designers of each production. The current production is *Lifespan of a Fact* and runs February 2–18.

TABLETOP MINIATURE PAINTING 🗢 🚨

adults & teens

January 28 | 1–3 pm Community Room

Come pick out a game miniature, sit down, and start painting. Paint a miniature for *G.I. JOE Mission Critical* and *Power Rangers Heroes of the Grid* and take your finished product home! An experienced mini painter will be onhand to give you help and advice. This event is particularly welcoming to novice painters.

FROM OLD WORLDS TO NEW WORLDS: GENEALOGY IN PASSENGER LISTS 📀 🦱

February 15 | 6:30-7:30 pm on Zoom

Ship manifests hold clues to finding the members of your family as they entered the US or left their country of heritage. Genealogist Suz Bates will present tips for finding these records as well as how to read them.



NORMAL, ILLINOIS UKULELE FUN JAM!

December 3 • January 7 • February 4 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.

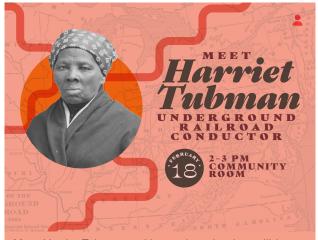
INTERACTIVE HOLIDAY MOVIE KITS PICKUP BEGINS

December 14 | While supplies last Inside NPL or through Curb It!

The *Elf* movie kit contains treats, props, and cue cards to transform this modern holiday classic into a silly experience for the whole family! *Elf* is available to check out from the library or stream on HBO Max.

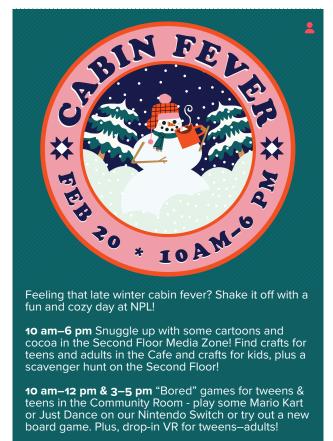
Looking forward to some winter evenings with small town romances, rescued family businesses, and true Christmas miracles? Pick up our Holiday Movie Bingo card and see how many boxes you can check! Watch holiday movies on your choice of streaming services, or look for the display of films near the first-floor service desk.





Meet Harriet Tubman and learn about her incredible life. Tubman escaped slavery and helped other Black Americans gain their freedom as a conductor on the Underground Railroad. She served as a scout, spy, guerilla fighter, and nurse for the Union Army in the Civil War, and is considered the first African American woman to serve in the military.

Tubman will be portrayed by Kathryn Harris, former Library Services Director at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum and Past President of the Abraham Lincoln Association.



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TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL

December 1 · January 5 · February 2

4-5:30 pm | Board Room

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



TEEN & TWEEN (RAFTERNOONS 🚨

ages 10–18 years

4-6 pm | Cafe

We will provide the supplies, you provide the creativity!

December 8

Homemade bath bombs & shower melts

January 12

Decorated journals & planners

February 9

Polymer clay jewelry

TEEN D&D

December 12 • January 9 & 23 • February 13 & 27 5–7:30 pm | Community Room 🗸 💄

December 19 · January 16 · February 20

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 (LUB 🙎

December 13 · January 10 · February 14 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 🙎

December 15 · January 19 · February 16 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.



ROLL FOR INITIATIVE: DUNGEON MASTER TRAINING 🗸 🚨 December 27 | 5:30-7 pm

Community Room

If you have ever wanted to try running your own Dungeons and Dragons game, now is your chance! Join Dungeon Master Kristi as we walk through the basics of preparing for a session, running a game, and encouraging your players. Every attendee will receive a free set of dice.

MURDER AT SEA: MURDER MYSTERY PARTY 📀 🙎

January 27 | 5:30-8 pm **Community Room**

Avast, ye scallywags! The most notorious pirate crews of the Caribbean are seeking a legendary treasure, but there be treachery afoot, as pirates resort to murder to claim the loot for themselves! They say dead men tell no talesunless these scurvy seadogs can work together to find out who sent one of their crew to Davy Jones' locker!

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BAD ART GALLERY 📀 🚨

February 8 | 4:30-6 pm

Community Room

If you love crafting and creating, but think you are no good at art, this is the art show for you. Come use our art supplies to make the most terrible and tacky art you can think of, then browse our Bad Art Exhibit and vote for the best (worst) artwork.

FOR KIDS

BOOK AWARD BINGO

K-8th Grade

December 1-February 28 | Inside NPL or through Curb It! In Illinois there are three major book awards—Monarch, Bluestem, and Caudill—and KIDS vote for the winners! Get ready to cast your vote in February by playing a game of Book Award Bingo! You will discover new books, enjoy outstanding children's literature, and earn a certificate and prize package. Turn in your completed card to the Children's Services desk by February 28.

SIGN & SING WITH COMMUNICATION JUNCTION

ages 0-5 years

December 2 & 16 · January 13 & 27 · February 10 & 24 10:30-11 am | Community Room

Join Miss Meghan for a story time full of songs, rhymes, and books shared in American Sign Language.

BABY ROCK 💄

ages 0–2 years

Mondays in the Winter | beginning December 5 10–10:30 am | Community Room

No Baby Rock December 19 & 26, January 2, February 20 Enjoy stories, songs, and fingerplays, all intended to enhance babies' development of language and senses.

MAKER ACADEMY 📀 🚨

ages 5-8 years

December 5 • January 9 • February 6 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.

READY, SET, READ! 💄

ages 3-5 years

Tuesdays in the Winter | beginning December 6 10–11 am | Book Nook

No Ready, Set, Read! December 20 & 27, January 3 Join us for a fun environment filled with stories, songs, crafts, and activities. No registration required!

LEGO MY LIBRARY 💄

ages 2–12 years

December 6 • January 17 • February 7 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.

ART SPARKS 🔮 🚨

ages 8–12 years

December 8 • January 5 • February 2

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!

JAMMIE JAMBOREE 🚢

ages 0-5 years

December 8 & 22 • January 12 & 26 • February 9 & 23 6–6:30 pm | Book Nook

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

THE POLAR EXPRESS EXPERIENCE 🔮 🚨

ages 3–7 years

December 9 | 9:30-11 am • 12-1:30 pm December 10 | 9:30-11 am • 12-1:30 pm • 2-3:30 pm Community Room

The train is pulling back into the station! We are so excited to share The Polar Express Experience with you.

Bundle up in your warmest pajamas and arrive at our train station to be greeted by conductors, holiday games, and a photo booth. Board the Polar Express for a merry caroling session and a reading of Chris Van Allsburg's classic story. Then disembark at the North Pole for a winter wonderland—complete with creamy hot cocoa and a visit from Santa Claus! And who knows? Perhaps you will be the one to receive the first gift of Christmas! Please register each family member attending (kids and adults!). We anticipate that this event will fill very fast!

STEAM CLUB 📀 🚨

ages 8–12 years

December 15 • January 19 • February 21 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

December 28 • January 25 • February 22 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.

December 28

Decomposition featuring Osmo Coding Awbie

January 25

Branching featuring LEGO SPIKE

February 22

Optimization featuring Root rt1 robots

CELEBRATE MLK DAY 💄

January 16 | All Day

Second Floor

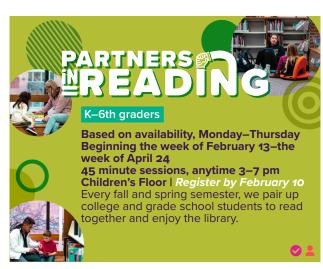
Celebrate the life and activism of Martin Luther King Jr. with a selection of breakout boxes, seek and finds, and book displays throughout the children's floor.

CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH SCAVENGER HUNT

ages 5-12 years

February 1-28 | Second Floor

February is Black History Month! Recognize the triumphs, trials, and achievements of Black Americans with a bookthemed scavenger hunt. Stop by the second-floor service desk to begin.



TINY CHEFS 🥝 🚨

ages 3–5 years

February 17 | 10–11 am Community Room

Stir up some fun with a short storytime followed by handson cooking of a related recipe. Dress to get messy with your grownup!



NORMAL ARC 10 AM December 6 & 20 January 3 & 17 February 7 & 21

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BLAIR HOUSE 10 AM December 12 January 10 February 13

MERCY CREEK 10 AM December 13 January 11 February 14

EVERGREEN VILLAGE 9:30 AM December 27 January 24 February 28

EVERGREEN PLACE 11 AM December 27 January 24 February 28



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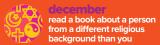
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adult reading challenge





read a book about traveling



february read a book about Black resistance



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