



NORMAL
PUBLIC LIBRARY

**FEBRUARY 2025
ACTIVITY GUIDE**

where to find NPL during our

RENOVATION

The Coffeehouse

114 E. Beaufort St.
Normal, IL

Community Activity Center

1110 Douglas St.
Normal, IL

Heartland Bank Community Room

4th Floor
1200 W. College Ave.
Normal, IL

Normal Masonic Lodge

614 E. Lincoln St. #1889
Normal, IL 61761

Normal Township Hall

304 E Mullberry St.
Normal, IL

Temporary Branch

201 W. College Ave.
Normal, IL

Illinois Art Station

101 E Vernon Ave
Normal, IL

NORMAL, IL UKULELE FUN JAM

February 1 | 2–4 pm

Normal Township Hall

LUNCHTIME YOGA

Mondays in February | 12–12:45 pm

Normal Masonic Lodge

MAKER MONDAY

February 3 | 6–7:30 pm

Heartland Bank Community Room

GENEALOGY MEETUP

February 4 | 2–3 pm

In-Person: Normal Township Hall

At Home: on Zoom



Visit our website for the
most up-to-date event information
normalpl.org/events

CLAIM YOUR FUTURE: FINANCIAL AID COMPLETION WORKSHOP

WITH THE ILLINOIS STUDENT ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

high school seniors & college students

February 4 | 5:30–7 pm

Normal Township Hall

Students will be able to get questions answered to complete either the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid (Alternative Application) for qualifying undocumented. These are the forms used to apply for financial aid. Many colleges also use these forms to consider students for institutional money. Individuals must create an FSA ID at least three business days prior to the workshop to be able to start the FAFSA. Individuals should have information regarding their income and asset information readily available

ALL AGES STORYTIME

Wednesdays in February | 10–11 am

Community Activity Center

NPL KNITTING & CROCHETING CLUB

February 5 & 19 | 10 am–12 pm

Heartland Bank Community Room

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ages 10-18

FALL DOWN SEVEN TIMES, GET UP EIGHT

February 5 | 6–7 pm

Normal Township Hall

Chiyono Shoji Hamer's resilience knows no bounds. At the tender age of nine, she endured the horrors of the atomic bomb dropped over Nagasaki on August 9, 1945. Her daughter, Susan Woollen, recounts her remarkable journey, weaving a narrative that extends beyond personal survival to encompass broader themes of war's devastation, the specter of nuclear weapons, and the migration of Japanese War Brides to the United States.

ART SPARKS

ages 8–12 years

February 6 | 6–7 pm

Heartland Bank Community Room

ITSY ARTS: ON LOCATION WITH ILLINOIS ART STATION

ages 3–5 years

February 7 | 10–11 am

Heartland Bank Community Room

TASKMASTER NPL: 2025

check normalpl.org for event updates!

If you have seen the popular UK panel show Taskmaster, you will have an idea of what is in store for you at this after-hours event. If not, come prepared for lots of laughs as you work to complete pointless tasks and win useless prizes using logic, creativity, and perhaps a little bit of luck.

■ all ages event ■ adult event • ages 18+ ■ teen event • ages 13–18 ■ tween event • ages 10–18 ■ kid 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

CELEBRATE LUNAR NEW YEAR 🧑🧒

February 8 | 10 am–2 pm

Illinois Art Station

Join us to enjoy music, crafts, calligraphy art, face painting, and more to learn about the Lunar New Year and Asian culture. Special thanks to the Illinois Art Station, the ISU Lab Schools Mandarin Club, and Dr. Lin Lin for their partnership.

DEATH CAFÉ ☑️🧑

February 9 | 2–3 pm

The Coffeehouse

K–6th Graders

PARTNERS IN READING

Register by:
February 7

Sessions begin:
week of February 10

at Milner Library

10 weeks • based on availability
45 min time slots
Mondays & Tuesdays
4 pm, 5 pm, or 6 pm

week off for ISU's Spring Break

TEEN D&D CLUB 🧑

February 10 & 24 | 5–7 pm

Normal Township Hall

TAKE & MAKE: FELT BEAR BEVERAGE COZY 🏠

February 11 | 4 pm | While supplies last

Temporary Branch or through Curb It!

PAPER CRAFTING CLUB ☑️🧑

February 12 | 10 am–12 pm

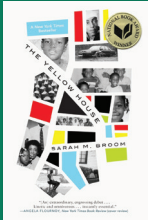
Heartland Bank Community Room

CRAFTY PRINTS ☑️🧑

ages 5–8 years

February 12 | 4–5 pm

Normal Township Hall



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than fiction:*

NON-FICTION
BOOK CLUB

FEBRUARY 12 • 6:30–7:30 PM
DESTIHL Brewery & Beer Hall

CRAFTERNOON: SHRINKY DINK CHARMS 🧑

February 13 | 4–5:30 pm

Normal Township Hall

MAKER ACADEMY ☑️🧑

ages 5–8 years

February 13 | 4–5 pm

Heartland Bank Community Room

DESIGN & PRINT: TINKERCAD WORKSHOP ☑️🧑

February 13 | 5:30–6:30 pm

Heartland Bank Community Room

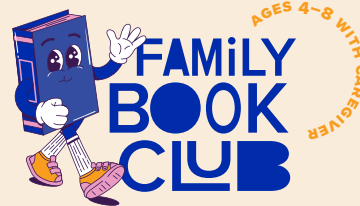
SIGN & SING 🧑🧒

WITH COMMUNICATION JUNCTION

ages 0–5 years

February 14 & 28 | 9–9:30 am

Community Activity Center



AGES 4–8 WITH CAREGIVER

FEBRUARY 16 | 2–3:30 PM
COMMUNITY ACTIVITY CENTER



PULLMAN PORTERS AND MAIDS ☑️🏠🧑

February 19 | 6–7 pm
on Zoom

In honor of the 2025 Black History Month theme, “African Americans and Labor,” learn about the rich history of the Pullman porters and maids from Janice Lovelace, PhD. The Pullman Company, headquartered in Chicago, was one of the leading employers of African Americans, primarily male Porters, who worked on the railroad in the late 19th and early 20th century. This presentation will look briefly at the general growth of the railroad as well as the Pullman Company which built rail cars and rented them to rail companies. Pullman hired primarily African American men and women to staff the dining and sleeping cars. What was the job like and what were lives like for the Porters and Maids? How do we find records of ancestors who were Pullman Porters or Maids?

TEEN WRITERS' WORKSHOP ☑️🧑

February 20 | 4–5 pm

The Coffeehouse

adult reading challenge



february
read a memoir by a
black author

book brunch february 25 | 10–11 am

fusion brew ☑️🧑

COTTAGE CORE: EMBROIDERY ☑️🧑

February 26 | 10 am–12 pm

Heartland Bank Community Room

TINKERCRAFTING ☑️🧑

ages 9–12 years

February 27 | 4–5:30 pm

Normal Township Hall



Romance Me BOOK CLUB

FEBRUARY
27

6:30–7:30 pm
Normal Township
Hall

NORMAL ARC 10 AM	December 3 & 17 January 7 & 21 February 4 & 18
VILLAS 1 PM	December 3 January 7 February 4
BLAIR HOUSE 10 AM	December 9 January 13 February 10
MERCY CREEK 10 AM	December 10 January 14 February 11
EVERGREEN VILLAGE 9:30 AM	No Dec. Pop Up January 28 February 25
EVERGREEN PLACE 11 AM	December 16 January 28 February 25



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Children's: 454.4668
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ask@normalpl.org

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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!

READ. LEARN. WATCH. LISTEN.

NPL Go To Apps

Download on the App Store

GET IT ON Google Play

normalpl.org/download-stream
normalpl.org/learning-resources

NORMAL PUBLIC LIBRARY
FOUNDATION

We invest in our library to support our community!

Tax dollars are not enough to provide all the resources residents seek at Normal Public Library. That is where the foundation plays a role!

Normal Public Library Foundation helps support dynamic programming for Normal Public Library that promotes reading and literacy for all ages and extends to everyone we serve.

GIVE TODAY

normalpl.org/NPLF

KID MARKET
date coming soon

for kids ages 7-14

APPLY BY FEB 9

A hands-on opportunity for future entrepreneurs!
Learn business skills with online classes & the creating and selling of items at our market!

JANUARY							FEBRUARY							MARCH						
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