

## FOR EVERY CHAPTER









#### LUNCHTIME YOGA 🚨 🍩

Mondays in the Fall | Community Room No Yoga September 1

12-12:45 pm

Take a break from your busy day to join us for a beginnerlevel yoga class over your lunch hour. Please wear comfortable clothes and bring a yoga mat or beach towel.

#### GENEALOGY MEETUP 🔮 🚨 🦍

September 2 • October 7 • November 4 | 2-3 pm Community Room & on Zoom

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 3 & 17 • October 1 & 15 • November 5 & 19 10 am–12 pm | Community Room

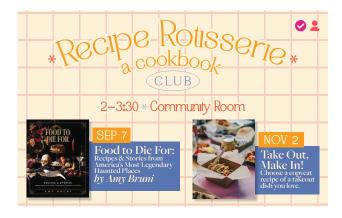
Come and work on your current project, as well as share tips and information on all things knitting & crocheting!

## GROWN UP STORYTIME AWITH NEXT TO NORMAL STORY SLAM & BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

September 5 | 7:30-8:30 pm | Doors open at 7 pm McLean County Arts Center

601 N. East St., Bloomington

Normal Public Library, Next to Normal Story Slam, and Bloomington Public Library join forces to bring children's stories to adults! While we may be forced to grow up, we are not forced to grow out of our love for picture books. Join us for some of our new favorites. Light refreshments provided.



#### PAPER CRAFTING CLUB

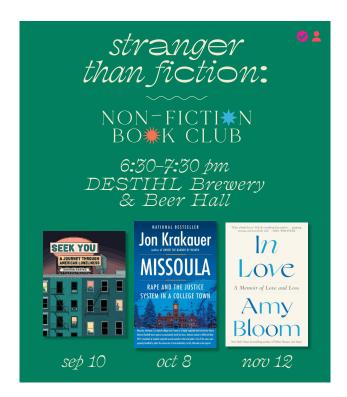
September 10 • October 8 • November 12 | 10 am-12 pm Community Room

Paper crafters, 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. Please bring your own materials to use with our tools.

## SUSTAINABLE KITCHENS WITH ECOLOGY ACTION CENTER

September 15 | 6-7 pm Community Room

Join the Ecology Action Center in a program focused on sustainable kitchen practices! Learn simple, practical strategies to reduce food and packaging waste, conserve water, and better understand the carbon footprint of your food choices. Discover how small changes in your everyday kitchen habits can lead to meaningful environmental impact.



#### **CROP 'TIL YOU DROP 📀 🚨**

September 20 | 10 am-4 pm Community Room

Do you have a big paper project you need the time and space to finish? Maybe you are ready to scrapbook or journal your recent adventures, work on upcoming holiday cards, or build something that you need more space for. Come work at the library where we will get out some great paper crafting tools and give you the space and extended time to work on your designs.

#### NPL (RIME CLUB 🗢 🚨

2-3:30 pm | Community Room

Each Crime Club session features an expert speaker in that date's theme. Warning: Content discussed at this session may include graphic details of violent crimes against persons, including wrongful death or homicide.

#### September 21

I-70 Serial Killer with Bob Cyphers

October 26

**TBD** 

November 16

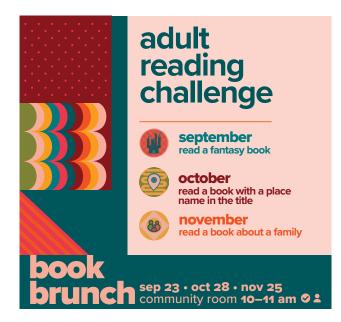
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## FINANCIAL FOUNDATIONS: YOUR BLUEPRINT TO THRIVE WITH THRIVENT FINANCIAL

September 23 | 5:30-6:30 pm

**Community Room** 

This educational event will cover key topics including paying down debt, managing expenses, building savings, protecting income, and a short section on disability insurance.



#### COTTAGECORE: EMBROIDERY 💄

September 24 · October 22 · November 26 | 10 am-12 pm Community Room

However you use your needle, please feel welcome to come and share your time and experience with other needle workers. Bring whatever you are working on and visit with those who share a common interest.



#### DESIGN & PRINT 🗸 🚨

September 28 · October 19 · November 9 | 2-3 pm Tinker Studio

Calling all makers! Come learn how to create 3D models using the easy-to-use 3D design app TinkerCad. Each session you will be issued a challenge to use TinkerCad to create a 3D design. Once you have completed the challenge, you can submit it as a 3D Print Request using our form. Your request will be added to the queue and printed at a later date. Library staff will be there at the session to provide assistance as you tinker. The library will also provide a device you can use if needed. However, participants can bring a personal laptop or tablet to use. You do not need to have your own TinkerCad account to participate.

#### DIY SUNFLOWER RAG WREATH 🗢 🚨

September 29 | 6-7:30 pm September 30 | 10-11:30 am

Community Room

Let's craft together again! We will be making a lovely piece of fall decor for your home.

#### THE MIDNIGHT SOCIETY 📀 🚨

October 1 | 6-7 pm Community Room

Kick off spooky season with other horror fans! Come prepared to discuss one or more horror books, movies, TV shows, or podcasts that you have enjoyed and get recommendations from others. Light refreshments will be

#### BEGINNING SEWING 🗢 🚨

October 5 | 2-4 pm **Tinker Studio** 

Would you like to learn to sew or sharpen some rusty skills? Please join us to make a simple, fabric basket. This project will cover the fundamentals of sewing and you will come away with a charming, useful piece of home decor.

#### DEATH CAFÉ 🔮 🚨

October 12 | 2-3 pm **Board Room** 

114 E Beaufort St

An informal, group-directed discussion of death with no agenda, objectives or themes. The purpose of Death Café is "to increase awareness of death with a view to helping people make the most of their (finite) lives." This is a discussion group rather than a grief support or counseling

#### AN INSIDE LOOK: AN ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE & WITH HEARTLAND THEATRE COMPANY

October 20 | 7-8 pm **Heartland Theatre** 1110 Douglas St., Normal

A talk with the director and designers of An Enemy of the People by Henrik Ibsen, translated by Christopher Hampton, running November 6–22 at Heartland Theatre. An Enemy of the People is about a doctor's attempt to protect the people of his town from a dangerous health threat.

#### CREATE WITH CRICUT 🗸 🚨

November 1 | 2-4 pm

Tinker Studio

Explore the creative possibilities of Cricut Design Space in this hands-on workshop! You will learn how to design and cut your own 3D layered paper project, which can be turned into a tunnel book or displayed in a shadow box.

#### THE UPSIDE DOWN 🗢 🚨

November 14 | 6–9 pm Throughout the Library

Celebrate the series finale with us as we work to save Hawkins, Indiana! Relive iconic moments from the show with 80s-themed photo opportunities, participate in games, and partake in a waffle bar. Participants may do the experience alone, with a friend, or as a small group. Costumes are a bonus!

#### STARVED ROCK HISTORY 🗢 🚨 🍩

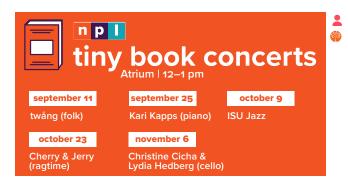
November 22 | 2-3 pm **Community Room** 

Gerald Savage (Chief White Winnebago), a member of the HoChunk Nation, will present on the history of Starved Rock from 1600-the present day. Learn about the large native community who resided on the North shore, the French who built a fort on top of the sandstone monolith, the marauding bandits who plagued the area, and how Starved Rock really got its name.

#### NORMAL, ILLINOIS UKULELE FUN JAM!

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

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.



#### THE GREAT PUMPKIN CONTEST WORKSHOP 🗸

September 18 | 5:30-7 pm Community Room

Create a foam pumpkin design based on a book or literary element that will then be entered into Normal Public Library's Great Pumpkin Contest in October! Art supplies will be provided, just bring your creativity! Can't make this workshop but would like to participate in the contest? Pick up your foam pumpkin starting September 19 at any service desk to create your pumpkin at home (while supplies last)!

#### THE GREAT PUMPKIN CONTEST A

Pumpkin Pickup/Drop-off: September 19–30 Display & Voting: October 13–31 Second Floor

Young and old alike are invited to submit a design for Normal Public Library's Great Pumpkin Contest! Participants are encouraged to decorate a pumpkin based on a book or literary element of their choice. Pick up a foam pumpkin from the library (while supplies last) to design and return for voting by September 30!

#### GREAT ANNUAL NPL MODEL TRAIN EXPEDITION .

November 8 | 9 am-5 pm November 9 | 1-4 pm Gallery & Community Room

Come to the library to see Model Railroads set up around the library. You can even talk with the members of N Scale Bloomington-Normal to learn about what they do.





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#### **WELCOME BACK!**

LIBRARY CARD
SIGN-UP PHOTOBOOTH 2

IN THE GALLERY SEPTEMBER 15–18 10 AM-12 PM & 3–5 PM ALL OTHER HOURS: SELFIE STATION

## RIBBON CUTTING CELEBRATION =

WITH THE McLEAN COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

SEPTEMBER 16 3-5 PM RIBBON CUTTING 4 PM

GUIDED TOURS
GIVEAWAYS
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS
SCAVENGER HUNT

DIY NPL MINI BOOK CARTS © 2

FOR TEENS & ADULTS

SEPTEMBER 16 10-11:30 AM & 6-7:30 PM COMMUNITY ROOM

## MAKE NORMAL **EXTRA** RDINARY.

# 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.



NORMAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

FUNDATION

#### **FOR TEENS & PRE-TEENS**

#### TEEN D&D 📀 🚨

September 8 & 22 • October 13 & 27 • November 10 & 24 5–7:30 pm | Community Room

Whether you have played Dungeons and Dragons before or not, you are welcome to join us in our ongoing campaign as we fight evil and explore fantasy realms.

#### **CRAFTERNOON**

ages 10–14 years

4-5:30 pm | Atrium

We will provide the supplies, you provide the creativity!

September 11

Leaf Silhouette Art

October 9

Wax Resist Spider Webs

November 13

Woodland Creature Painted Rocks

#### TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL 🗸 🚨

September 16 • October 21 • November 18 | 4–5 pm Teen Area

Join us in the newly remodeled teen area for snacks, games, and a chance to share ideas for teen events and services at the library!

#### TEEN WRITERS' WORKSHOP

September 18 • October 16 • November 20 | 4–5 pm Teen Area

Join us for writing exercises and games, prompts to help you get started or continue your writing, and a chance to share your work and provide feedback to others.

#### TEEN HALLOWEEN PARTY 📀 🚨

October 31 | 5:30-8 pm Community Room

Get ready 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, then get ready to scream during a creepy scavenger hunt in the dark!



#### BABY ROCK & PLAY

#### ages 0–3 years

Mondays in the Fall | 10-11 am

No Baby Rock & Play on September 1

#### **Community Room**

Enjoy a short story, songs, and BUBBLES intended to stimulate and enhance babies' development. Every session ends with playtime with new friends!

#### READY, SET, READ!

#### ages 3-5 years

Tuesdays in the Fall | 10–11 am Book Nook

Join us in the Book Nook for stories, songs, and crafts!

#### LEGO MY LIBRARY 💄

#### ages 2-12 years

September 2 • October 7 • November 4 | 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. Creations will be on display on floor 2 for the month. Children under the age of 8 should make sure their grownups are part of the construction crew.

#### **CRAFTY PRINTS 2**

#### ages 5–8 years

September 4 • October 2 • November 3 | 4–5 pm Tinker Studio

Get out the paint and markers! In this program, you will be given a brief introduction to 3D printing. You will get to play around with 3D printed objects before getting creative with them. We will decorate, and sometimes assemble, 3D prints that you can take home with you. You might get messy, so dress accordingly.

#### ART SPARKS 📀 🚨

#### ages 8–12 years

September 4 • October 16 • November 6 | 6-7:15 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

September 11 • October 9 • November 6 | 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 12 & 26 • October 10 & 24 • November 7 & 21 10–10:30 am | Community Room

Join Miss Meghan of Communication Junction for stories, movement, rhymes, and bubbles! Caregivers and kids will learn several signs at story time, and every attendee will get a take home sheet for more practice.





## CELEBRATE NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH SCAVENGER HUNT

#### ages 5-12 years

September 22–Octobr 15 | All Day Second Floor

National Hispanic Heritage Month, celebrated annually from September 15 to October 15, recognizes the contributions and influence of Hispanic Americans to the history, culture, and achievements of the United States. Celebrate with a book-themed scavenger hunt on the library's second floor.

## CELEBRE LA BÚSQUEDA DEL TESORO EN EL MES DE LA HERENCIA HISPANA

#### edades de 5 a 12 años

15 de septiembre-15 de octubre | Todo el día Segundo Piso

El Mes Nacional de la Herencia Hispana, que se celebra anualmente del 15 de septiembre al 15 de octubre, reconoce las contribuciones y la influencia de los hispanoamericanos en la historia, la cultura y los logros de los Estados Unidos. Celebre con una búsqueda del tesoro con temática de libros en el segundo piso de la biblioteca.

#### MAKER ACADEMY 🗢 🚨

#### ages 5–8 years

September 25 • October 23 • November 20 | 4–5 pm Community Room

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.

#### TINKERCRAFTING 🗢 🚨

#### ages 9–12 years

### September 25 • October 23 • November 20 | 4–5:30 pm Tinker Studio

Come learn about the easy-to-use 3D design app TinkerCad! Each session you will have the opportunity to use TinkerCad to create your own 3D design to go along with that month's theme. During the session, you will put your crafting skills to work and paint an already-made 3D printed item to take home.

#### INVENT & CREATE 💄

#### ages 2–12 years

#### September 26 | All Day Art Center

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



#### HALLOWEEN HULLABALOO 2

#### ages 3–5 years

October 28 | 6–7 pm October 29 | 10–11 am Community Room

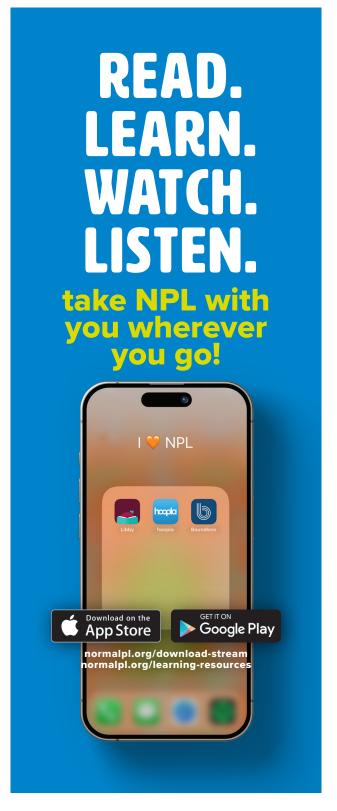
Enjoy stories, songs, a costume parade, activities, refreshments, and more! Don't forget your costume and your camera!

## CELEBRATE NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH & SCAVENGER HUNT

#### ages 5–12 years

November 1–30 All Day Second Floor

November is Native American Heritage Month! It is a time to celebrate the rich histories, diverse cultures, and important contributions of our nation's first people. Celebrate with a book-themed scavenger hunt on the library's second floor.





NORMAL ARC 10 AM September 2 & 16 October 7 & 21 November 4 & 18

VILLAS 1 PM September 2 October 7 November 4

BLAIR HOUSE 10 AM September 8 October 13 November 10

MERCY CREEK 10 AM September 9 October 14 November 11

EVERGREEN VILLAGE 9:30 AM September 23 October 28 November 25

EVERGREEN PLACE 11 AM September 23 October 28 November 25

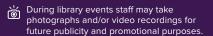


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M - TH | 9 AM-8 PM F - SAT | 9 AM-5 PM SUN | 1 PM-5 PM

Program details are subject to change. Visit our website for the most up-to-date event information.
normalpl.org/events

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Fusion Brew
Carl's Ice Cream Factory
ISU Planetarium
McDonald's
Noodles & Company
Tobin's Pizza

**NPL Foundation** 

Donny B's Gourmet Popcorn & Gifts Avanti's Italian Restaurant Red Raccoon Games
Jersey Mike's Subs
Illinois State University
Athletics
D.P. Dough
Normal Theater
Normal Parks & Recreation
Iron Coyote Challenge Park
Wendy's
Monical's Pizza
The Proving Ground
Don Owen Tire

Pizza Payaa
Gingerbread House Toys
Peoria Rivermen
Normal CornBelters
Urban Air Adventure Park
Oberweis Dairy
Bloomington-Normal Pass
the Bricks

LEVEL UP!

Normal Public Library is a fully accessible facility and is committed to creating inclusive and accessible events. For reasonable accommodations or if you have any questions regarding accessibility, please email access@normalpl.org. To allow us adequate time to address your request, requests must be made at least 10 days prior to the scheduled event.

SEPTEMBER							OCTOBER							NOVEMBER						
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CLOSED ON SEPTEMBER 1 · CLOSED AT 5 PM ON NOVEMBER 26 & ALL DAY NOVEMBER 27 & 28