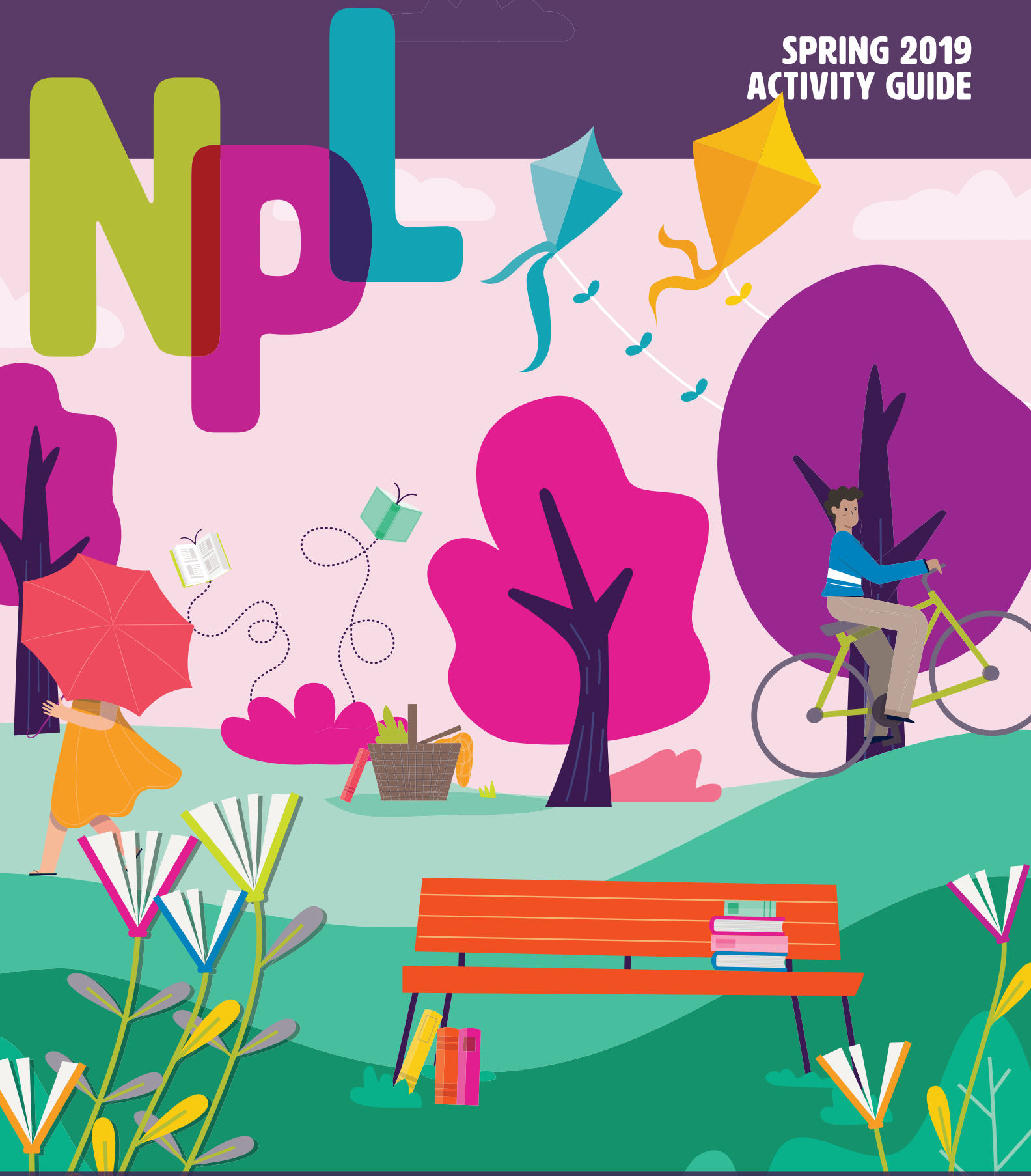
SPRING 2019 ACTIVITY GUIDE



NORMAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

MAR APR MAY

AUTISM CAFE
March 7 • April 4 • May 2
6:30–7:30 pm | Community Room
The Autism Cafe is a monthly activity-focused social gathering for adults on the spectrum to meet in a safe, quiet environment. Color Communication Badges will be available.

AN INSIDE LOOK: TABLE MANNERS
WITH HEARTLAND THEATRE
March 18 | 7–8 pm
Cafe
Enjoy a sneak peek of Heartland Theatre's upcoming show, *Table Manners*. Visitors will have an opportunity to meet production staff and discuss relevance, history and technical aspects of the show. *Table Manners* opens at Heartland Theatre on April 4.

ANIME CLUB FOR ADULTS
Third Tuesday of every month
March 19 • April 16 • May 21
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.

NPL BOOK CLUB
March 20 & May 15
6:30–7:30 pm | Board Room
Join in a monthly book discussion and share in the group's love of reading.

March 20

Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls

May 15

The Kitchen House by Kathleen Grissom

AUTISM COMMUNITY FRIENDLY CONTRA DANCING
March 21 • April 18 • May 16
6:30–7:30 pm | Community Room
NPL is hosting a fun, monthly get-together for people on the Autism spectrum and their family, mentors and friends. This opportunity to have fun together in an Autism-friendly setting allows for participation without needing to talk, touch or make eye contact unless you want to. Contra Dancing involves repetition of various patterns that are walked and requires no dance experience.

ARTIST RECEPTION: JUSTIN HAMM
April 26 | 6–7:30 pm
Gallery
Join us as we open *Midwestern*, the exhibit of photography by Justin Hamm featured in our gallery from April - July. Justin will discuss his regional photographic subjects and read from his collections of poetry, *Lessons in Ruin* and *American Ephemeral*.

LEARN WITH NPL

CREDIT SCORE, CREDIT REPORT: MEH, WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?
March 6 & April 3 | 10–11 am
Community Room
This free workshop explores the benefits, challenges and misconceptions of credit. Offered by Camaya Wallace Bechard, Consumer Economics Educator from University of Illinois Extension.

POWERFUL TOOLS FOR CAREGIVERS
WITH EVERGREEN SENIOR LIVING
March 19 & 26 • April 2, 9, 16 & 23
1–2:30 pm | Board Room
This program is designed to provide family caregivers with the tools necessary to increase self-care and confidence. Over the course of six weeks, participants will learn strategies to reduce stress, change negative self-talk, communicate more effectively, recognize the messages in their emotions and deal with difficult feelings. Participants will also meet other family caregivers who are facing the same rewards and challenges as they care for a loved one.

RETIREMENT PLANNING IN A CHANGING ENVIRONMENT
PRESENTED BY: BERNIE WRENZINSKI
March 31 | 2–3 pm
Community Room

ADVANCED SOCIAL SECURITY PLANNING: KNOWING WHEN & HOW TO ACCESS YOUR BENEFIT
PRESENTED BY: TYLER WRENZINSKI
March 31 | 3:30–4:30 pm
Community Room

IRA/401K ROLLOVERS: WHAT YOU REALLY NEED TO KNOW
PRESENTED BY: BERNIE WRENZINSKI
April 2 | 6:30–7:30 pm
Community Room

NPL VISITING AUTHOR: ELLIS HURD, ED.D
April 24 | 7–8 pm
Cafe
Ellis Hurd, Ed.D. (2008), Professor of Education at Illinois State University is visiting NPL to release his new book, *The Reflexivity of Pain and Privilege*. Ellis Hurd will be signing copies of his book.

PARENTING TEENS & TWEENS DISCUSSION GROUP
April 24 | 7–8 pm
Bloomington Public Library • Wetzel Reading Room
Parents of teens, tweens and even children are invited to this discussion series sponsored by Normal Public Library, Bloomington Public Library and BN Parents. This group will meet quarterly and will focus on a different parenting book. This quarter the group will discuss *The Teenage Brain: A Neuroscientist's Survival Guide to Raising Adolescents and Young Adults* by Frances Jensen, MD with Emily Nutt.

sponsored by the Normal Public Library Foundation Registration is required. Register on our online calendar, at 309.452.1757 or at the Front Desk.

NPL IS...CREATIVE

ADULT DIY DAY

March 2 • May 4 • April 6
12–4 pm | Cafe

Have a project you've been itching to start? Then drop in for our DIY Days, where you'll have space and tools to unleash your creativity. You bring the idea, we will provide some supplies and equipment, and then you will do the work! We will have a variety of craft supplies available as well as machines for sewing, scrapbooking and more!

NPL KNITTING & CROCHETING CLUB

First & third Wednesday of every month
March 6 & 20 • April 3 & 17 • May 1 & 15
10 am–12 pm | Board Room

Gather to work on your current project and share tips and information. Please bring a project you'd like to work on.

DIY UPCYCLING JEWELRY

March 6 • March 13 | 10–11:30 am
March 12 • March 19 | 6–7:30 pm
Cafe

Have old costume jewelry sitting around and collecting dust, just waiting to be repurposed? Bring it to this upcycling class and breathe new life into your found or unused jewelry. Feel free to bring any jewelry tools you have as well.

DIY PIÑATA CLASS

PART 1 April 10 & PART 2 April 17
10 am–12 pm | Cafe
PART 1 April 16 & PART 2 April 23
6–8 pm | Cafe & Community Room

Join in celebrating Mexican culture and make your very own piñata. Traditional Mexican music and a brief lesson on the history of piñatas will accompany the crafting.

DIY RESIN PENDANT

PART 1 May 1 & PART 2 May 8 | 10 am–11 am
PART 1 May 7 & PART 2 May 14 | 6–7 pm
PART 1 May 22 & PART 2 May 29 | 10 am–11 am
Cafe

We have all seen unique resin pendants at jewelry shops and boutiques. Now it is your chance to create your own custom and wearable art! Just bring any miniature items such as beads, flowers or twigs, sequins, glitter or anything else you can imagine to be in embedded in your pendant.

POETRY *is normal* PRESENTS

JAMIE WENDT & CYNTHIA GALLAHER
MARCH 23 | 1–2 PM
CAFE

PAT DANEMAN & SUSANNA LANG
MAY 23
7:30–8:30 PM | CAFE

POETRY *is normal* **OPEN MIC SERIES**
7:30–8:30 PM | CAFE
RAIN APRIL 18

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

ALL AGES EVENTS

NPL TINY BOOK CONCERTS

Thursdays TBD
Cafe
Liven up your library visit with live performances from talented local musicians.

ART FOR ALL AGES: VEGGIE MENAGERIE PAINTING

March 26 | 6–8 pm
March 27 | 10 am–12 pm
Community Room
Drop in and create with some fellow art lovers! You will have the opportunity to create a painting using different kinds of edible "brushes". Children under the age of 12 should be accompanied by an adult.

SEED SWAP
WITH UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS EXTENSION

March 28 | 6–7:30 pm
Cafe
Come share and borrow community seeds and support our Normal Seed Library! This spring we will partner with Bill Davison from the University of Illinois Extension.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK OPEN HOUSE

April 8 | 3:30–6:30 pm
Entire Library
Curious about the opportunities and resources the library has for you? Then join us for this open house for all ages where we will explore NPL's physical and virtual offerings! Come and learn how to access free and valuable tools from online classes and tutoring to educational resources for parents. Discover 3 new resources and we'll treat you to 3 free DVD rentals!

SENSORY FRIENDLY MOVIE

April 17 | 6–8 pm
Community Room
Join us in the Community Room for a Sensory Friendly Movie Screening. The lights will be dimmed but not dark, the sound will not be as loud as usual, the closed captions will be on and attendees are able to move around, dance, shout or sing! This program is intended for those with sensory sensitivity, but all are welcome!

FRONT YARD COMMUNITY GARDEN
WITH ROUGE CARROTS

April 23 | 7–8:30 pm
Cafe
Come and listen to Armando & Clare Baez of Rogue Carrots as they present their concept and experience of starting a community garden in their Bloomington neighborhood.

AFTER-HOURS AUTISM RESOURCE FAIR & STORYTIME

May 10 | 5:30–7 pm
Entire Library
Join us for an after-hours, autism friendly party at the library! Representatives from local organizations who specialize in providing resources for those with special needs will be available, a specialized "Sensory Friendly Storytime" will be held in the Children's Department and guests will be able to enjoy the library's resources in a calmer, more accessible atmosphere.

Community Room
For more information or to register, go to mcac.wildapricot.org/Normal-Public-Library

POLYMER CLAY SCULPTURES

ages 5–12

March 2 | 1–2 pm & 2:30–3:20 pm

INTRODUCTION TO ACRYLIC PAINTING

teens & adults

March 30 | 1–3 pm

FOLK ART BARN SIGNS

ages 5–12

April 13 | 1–2 pm & 2:30–3:30 pm

TEMARI EMBROIDERY

teens & adults

April 15 | 6–8 pm

INTRODUCTION TO PORTRAITURE

teens & adults

April 29 | 6–8 pm

DRAWING FROM LIFE WITH INKS

teens & adults

May 11 | 2–4 pm

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BABY ROCK & BABY ROCK EVENING EDITION

ages 0–2 years

March 4–April 29
Mondays 9:30–10 am & 10:30–11 am | Community Room
March 11 & 25 • April 8 & 22
6–6:30 pm | Book Nook
Enjoy stories, songs and finger-plays, all intended to enhance babies' development of language and senses.

TUESDAY TALES

ages 3–5 years

March 5–April 30
Tuesdays 10:30–11 am | Book Nook
Join us on Tuesday mornings for stories and songs! Books will be aimed at 3 to 5-year-olds, but everyone is welcome.

LAPSIT STORY HOUR

0–23 months

March 5–19
Tuesdays 10–10:30 am & 6–6:30 pm | Story Hour Room
Sing songs, do finger-plays and enjoy books and baby games, all intended to stimulate and enhance babies' development of language and senses.

STORY HOUR FOR TWO-YEAR-OLDS

2 year olds

March 6–21
Wednesdays 10–10:30 am & Thursdays 6–6:30 pm
Story Hour Room
Two-year-olds and their grown-ups are invited to enjoy stories, songs and activities in this five-week interactive program. Since this class is just for you and your two-year-old, please be sure to make other arrangements for siblings.

UNIT 5 READS

school-age

Various dates, March–May | 6:30–7 pm
Book Nook
Visit the library for stories told by principals and staff at Unit 5 schools!

PAGES & PAWS
WITH H.O.P.E. THERAPY DOGS OF BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL

ages 6–12 years

March 2 & 16 • April 6 & 20 | 10:30–11:30 am
Story Hour Room
Transform your child's love of animals into a passion for reading. Build their confidence with this program that lets man's best friend become your child's reading companion. Beginning at 10:15 on the day of the program you will be able to reserve a 10-minute spot for your eager reader, who will get to read aloud to a registered therapy dog.

LEGO MY LIBRARY

ages 2–12 years

March 7 • April 4 • May 2
3–5:30 pm | Community Room
Join us to build, build, build! Each month there will be a new LEGO theme to inspire your creation. Grown ups, please join the construction crew if your child is under the age of 8.

TECH IT OUT

ages 5–12 years

March 11 • April 8 | 4–5:30 pm
March 28 • April 25 | 5:30–7 pm
Story Hour Room
Join us for an opportunity to engage in problem-solving skills and experience real-world applications of science, engineering, programming and more!

STEAM CLUB

ages 5–12 years

March 14 • April 11 | 4–5 pm
Community Room
Explore science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics in STEAM Club! Dress to get messy!

THE LITTLE STAR THAT COULD
SPONSORED BY NASA @ MY LIBRARY

preschool–elementary school

March 26 NO SCHOOL! **| 10–11 am**
Illinois State University Planetarium
Meet us at the ISU planetarium on this day off of school to experience a free planetarium show! *The Little Star That Could* is the story of an average yellow star searching for planets of his own. Along his way, Little Star encounters other stars, learns what makes each star special, and discovers that stars can combine to form clusters and galaxies. Everyone will learn basic information about the planets and our solar system!

JAM SESSION!

ages 0–5 years

March 29 • May 17 | 9:30–10:15 am & 10:30–11:15 am
Community Room
Join us for this exceptionally musical storytime! Sing songs, dance, move, groove and enjoy a music-themed book together. You might even get to try some cool instruments out for yourself!

STORY HOUR FOR THREE, FOUR & FIVE-YEAR-OLDS

ages 3–5 years

April 2–May 2
Tuesdays 5:30–6:15 pm & 6:30–7:15 pm
Wednesdays & Thursdays 9:30–10:15 am & 11–11:45 am
Story Hour Room
Foster an early love of learning and reading in your children through our Story Hour program. Three, four and five-year-olds are invited to attend a weekly 45-minute program to enjoy stories, songs, games and crafts.

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LISA MCMANN IS COMING TO NPL!

DOUBLE IDENTITY

A NIGHT OF DISCOVERY

$15

APRIL 26 • 5–7 PM | HANCOCK STADIUM

Enjoy a night of family-friendly entertainment, interactive activities and hors d'oeuvres while Lisa McMann discusses the creation of the Unwanteds series.
Tickets available online and at NPL.

THE ARTISTIC UNWANTEDS

APRIL 27 • 10 AM | COMMUNITY ROOM

Join us to hear how art comes alive in Lisa McMann's series, The Unwanteds! Her presentation will be followed by some creative discovery in art, theater, and music.

GOING WILD!

APRIL 27 • 1 PM | COMMUNITY ROOM

Grab your grown up and join us as we meet Lisa McMann! Read the book, Going Wild together and then participate in this special opportunity to hear about the book straight from the creator herself.

BRUCE THE BEAR @ NPL

preschool–elementary school

In Celebration of Children's Book Week, book character Bruce the Bear will be visiting NPL!

MEET & GREET
April 30 | 6–7 pm
May 1 & 2 | 10–11 am
Children's Floor

A MORNING WITH BRUCE THE BEAR
May 4 | 10 am–12 pm
Children's Floor
Celebrate Children's Book Week with Bruce the Bear! We'll have Bruce crafts and activities, along with a Bruce Story Hour at 10:30.

HOW TO BE A SUPERHERO:
A CHILDREN'S OPERETTA
SPONSORED BY THE TOWN OF NORMAL HARMON ARTS GRANT

school-age

May 18 | 10–11 am
Community Room
What if the very things we get teased for can actually make us strong? That sure would come in handy for Delaney, Will, and Maddie, charter members of the Nerd Club. Not only do they get teased—a lot—but they also appear to be the last remaining hope to defeat the evil Dream Snatcher. Join Prairie Fire Theatre in this interactive performance and find out if the Nerd Club has what it takes to stop the Dream Snatcher before it is too late!

TEEN ANIME CLUB
March 5 • April 2 • May 7
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
March 11 • April 8 • May 13
4–5 pm | Board Room
Learn more about the craft of fiction and share what you are working on with your fellow writers.

TEEN MAKER WEDNESDAYS
March 13 • April 10 • May 8
4:30–6 pm | Cafe
Get the opportunity to try your hand at some exciting craft and tech-based activities.

March 13:
Building Circuits with Little Bits

April 10:
Protect Your Peeps

May 8:
Marshmallow Engineering

TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL
March 14 & 28 • April 11 & 25 • May 9 & 23
4:30–5:30 pm | Board Room
If you want to help plan and volunteer for teen events at NPL, this is the place to be! Join us twice a month for food, fun and a chance to have your say.

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CRASH COURSE
WITH RED RACCOON GAMES
March 25 & 27 | 6–8 pm
Community Room
A quick introduction to Dungeons and Dragons and other role-playing games, from the folks at Red Raccoon. Join us Monday to run a quick game with pre-made characters, then come back Wednesday night to develop your own character from scratch.

BAD ART NIGHT
WITH ISU UNIVERSITY GALLERIES
April 24 | 6–8 pm
Community Room
What makes art good or bad? Join us as we learn a little bit about art history and criticism, and create our own works of "bad" art to display!

REGRESSION SESSION
May 22 | 5–8 pm
Community Room
Stress levels are high as we approach final exams. Why not spend an evening reliving your preschool glory days? We'll have snacks, crafts, story time, and more! Feel free to wear pajamas and bring your favorite stuffed animal!

All teen events are intended for students in 6th–12th grade

NPL USED BOOK SALE

APRIL 5–8

April 5 | 4:30–7 pm | $5 fee
April 6 | 8 am–4 pm
April 7 | 1–4 pm
April 8 | 9 am–7 pm
Community Room

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SUN | 1:00 PM–5:00 PM

Program details are subject to change.

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BOOKS ON THE GO

NORMAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

NORMAL ARC
10 AM
March 6 & 20
April 3 & 17
May 1 & 15

CHILDREN'S DISCOVERY MUSEUM
11:30 AM
March 7
April 4
May 2
+ storytime!

BLAIR HOUSE
10 AM
March 11
April 8
May 13

MEADOWS AT MERCY CREEK
10 AM
March 12
April 9
May 14

COFFEE HOUSE
10 AM
March 15
April 19
May 17

EVERGREEN VILLAGE
9:30 AM

EVERGREEN PLACE
11 AM
March 26
April 23
May 28

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CLOSED ON APRIL 21 • MAY 26 & 27