

SPRING 2020 ACTIVITY GUIDE

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AUTISM CAFE**March 5 • April 2 • May 7****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.

THE DIY EXPERIENCE**March 11 • April 8 • May 13****9–11 am | Cafe**

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

AN INSIDE LOOK: CAKE**March 16 | 7–8 pm****Cafe**

Enjoy a sneak peek of Heartland Theatre's upcoming show. Visitors will have the opportunity to meet design staff and discuss relevancy, history and technical aspects of the valuable theatre offering. *Cake* opens at Heartland Theatre Company on April 2, 2020.

DRAWING SERIES FOR ADULTS**WITH ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY****WONSOOK KIM COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS** ✓**March 19 • April 2 & 9****1:15–3 pm | Community Room**

Learn to draw with a different medium each week. Classes are offered through the Wonsook Kim College of Fine Arts at Illinois State University.

ANIME CLUB FOR ADULTS**March 17 • April 21 • May 19****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.

WHAT I GIVE MY DAUGHTERS:**A GATHERING OF WISDOM FOR BLACK GIRLS****A COLLABORATIVE WORKSHOP WITH ILLINOIS STATE****UNIVERSITY WONSOOK KIM SCHOOL OF ART** ✓**April 19 | 1–3 pm****Community Room**

Anti-Black girl violence is on the rise. Research shows that Black girls are more likely to be antagonized in schools, on the internet and in public spaces, than their White and Hispanic counterparts. How do we support our Black girls? Through conversation and art-making with Black mothers and female-identified caregivers, we will gather advice for Black daughters while getting to know other Black "mothers" in our community. This workshop will be led by Kantara Souffrant, PhD. No art experience necessary.

TEA & PAINT ✓**ages 16 and up****May 16****2–4 pm | Community Room**

Come to the library to sip tea and enjoy a simple painting class. No experience necessary, just come ready to get creative!

LEARN WITH NPL**COLLEGE PLANNING STRATEGIES****WITH FOUNDATION FOR FINANCIAL EDUCATION****March 12 | 7–8:30 pm****Community Room**

Learn about financial aid and different sources of money available to you. Discuss need-based vs. non-need based planning and the different tax strategies that can benefit you. Explore FASFA and different websites that are accessible and get a jump start on college funding.

MEDICARE 101**April 6 | 11 am–12:30 pm****Community Room**

In conjunction with Money Smart Week, join us for this informational presentation that is ideal for anyone desiring updated information on Medicare Parts A-D, Medicare Supplements or related products.

JOB HUNTING 101 ✓**April 8, 15 & 22****6–7 pm | Board Room**

Take part in one, two or all three programs that will give you what you need to know about finding your next job.

April 8

Five Important Things to Take Away From a Job Ad

April 15

Five Things to Make Your Resume Stand Out

April 22

What to Say & Wear to Land the Job

IRA/401K ROLLOVERS**WITH FOUNDATION FOR FINANCIAL EDUCATION****April 9 | 6:30–7:30 pm****Community Room**

Attend this class and learn how to consolidate assets, access your retirement account for current needs and avoid taxes. Discuss Stretch IRAs, Leaving IRAs behind and IRS section 525.

FINANCIAL PLANNING IN UNCERTAIN TIMES**WITH FOUNDATION FOR FINANCIAL EDUCATION****April 11 | 10–11 am****Community Room**

In this class, discuss factors for successful money management and how to budget for economic change. Learn how to capitalize during a market correction and uncover various tax ramifications that affect families and estates. Discover how to leave a planned "giving" legacy and the benefits of a secure "exit strategy".

HANDS-ONLY CITIZEN CPR**WITH AMERICAN RED CROSS** ✓**May 9 | 2–2:30 pm • 3–3:30 pm****Community Room**

This course is designed to teach bystanders when and how to perform hands-only CPR after witnessing the sudden collapse of an adult. No certification is provided.





Community Room ✓ 🍌

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

PAINTING WITH DEPTH

teens & adults

March 2 | 6–8 pm

THEME DRAWING WITH PASTELS

ages 5–12 years

March 14 | 1–2 pm • 2:30–3:30 pm

EMBROIDERING WORDS

teens & adults

March 16 | 6–8 pm

POLYMER CLAY

ages 5–12 years

April 4 | 1–2 pm • 2:30–3:30 pm

PASTEL BASICS

teens & adults

April 6 | 6–8 pm

WATERCOLOR: HOW TO PAINT A TREE

teens & adults

April 27 | 6–8 pm

INTRO TO COLOR THEORY & COLOR MIXING

teens & adults

May 18 | 6–8 pm

BEAN TO BREW ✓

March 3 | 6–8 pm

March 4 | 10 am–12 pm

Cafe

Using virtual reality, take a journey to a coffee farm in Campos Altos, Brazil, and experience what it takes to prepare your beans for brewing. Learn the different types of processing, roasting and brewing techniques used to craft a robust cup of coffee.

CONTRA DANCE WORKSHOP 🍌

March 19 • April 16 • May 21

6:30–7:30 pm | Community Room

NPL hosts this monthly gathering to have fun in an autism-friendly setting that allows for participation without needing to talk, touch or make eye contact. Contra Dancing involves repetition of various patterns that are walked and require no dance experience.

SEED SWAP: MARCH INTO GARDENING

March 31 | 7–8 pm

Cafe

Our Normal Seed Library Seed Swap is like a potluck for seeds. Participants bring a variety of fresh seeds to share, and they go home with several more varieties. Master gardener Mary Jeckel will be available to share valuable gardening and seed saving tips to anyone attending.

REEL CLASSICS

April 16 & 30 • May 14

1:30–4 pm | Community Room

Come indulge in a selection of classic films to entertain and delight. Enjoy the popcorn we provide or bring along your own snacks, then sit back, relax and enjoy the film. Doors open 15 minutes before showtime.

April 16

Fortune Cookie

April 30

Odd Couple

May 14

Grumpy Old Men



SENSORY-FRIENDLY AFTER HOURS & STORYTIME

April 24 | 5:30–7 pm

Throughout NPL

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 story time 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.

KNIT IN

WITH MCLEAN COUNTY MUSEUM OF HISTORY ✓

May 2 | 10 am–1 pm

Cafe

Knitters and crocheters are welcome to create an item for the featured charities—Comfort for Critters & #HatNotHate—or to work on their own project. Grab a friend, some yarn and come on down to Normal Public Library to “knit for a bit!”

TEEN ANIME CLUB**March 3 • April 7 • May 5****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 9 • April 13 • May 11****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 11 • April 8 • May 13****4:30–6 pm | Cafe**

Get the opportunity to try your hand at some exciting craft and tech-based activities.

March 11

Bath bombs

April 8

Sculpey clay

May 13

Arduino

TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL**March 12 & 26 • April 9 & 23 • May 14 & 28****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.

**NORMAL TEENS READ:
BOOKMARK CRAFTS & PHOTO SHOOT****March 18 | 4–6 pm****Cafe**

Celebrate National Reading Month by proving that Normal Teens Read! We will get crafty and make all kinds of bookmarks, plus you will have a chance to pose for photos which will be used to create official NPL Teens bookmarks!

ONE SHOT RPGS**March 21 • April 11****1–4 pm | Community Room**

Dungeons and Dragons is great, but there are lots of other role-playing games out there, from fantasy to science fiction to horror. Join us for some fun RPGs with short adventures for beginners!

TEEN DUNGEONS & DRAGONS**April 6 & 20 • May 4 & 18****5–8 pm | Board Room**

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

GREEN DAY**WITH ECOLOGY ACTION CENTER****April 22 | 4:30–6 pm****Cafe**

For Earth Day this year, we will be exploring all things green! Join us to learn how you can contribute to global environmental efforts.

POETRY WORKSHOP & SLAM ✓**April 28 | 4–6 pm****Community Room**

Explore poetry in this special writers' workshop, followed by a poetry slam in which you will be able to share your new (or old) works.

AFTER HOURS TEEN DANCE ✓**May 22 | 5:30–8 pm****Community Room**

All teens are welcome to dance the night away at this special after-hours event. Join us for food, fun, music and even a dance-off!



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



MAKE NORMAL EXTRAORDINARY.

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Normal Public Library Foundation funding supports:

Summer Reading Program • author visits • Poetry is Normal • Clothespin Puppets • Library World Fair • music concerts
 theater performances • Animal Encounters • book character visits • WWI Centennial events • magic workshops
 antique appraisals • cartooning classes • art workshops • Young Author workshops • LEGO events • local speakers

With your vital support, we can do more.

The Normal Public Library Foundation works to ensure every person builds a lifelong 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:

- 1 Individual and Corporate Giving
- 2 Planned Giving
- 3 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 Brian Chase at bchase@normalpl.org or 309.433.3499.

NORMAL PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION

Use the form below to make your gift or give
online at nplfoundation.org/donate

Name _____
 Phone _____ Date _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Email _____

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

- ☐ Sponsoring ☐ Serving on the Normal Public Library Foundation Board
☐ Giving (complete below)

Enclosed is my gift of:

- ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$1,000 ☐ \$5,000 ☐ \$10,000
☐ Other _____ ☐ one-time gift ☐ recurring
☐ My gift will be matched by _____
☐ Please record this donation in honor/memory of: _____

Payment Method

- ☐ check ☐ credit card (complete below) ☐ cash

Name on Card _____

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Exp. Date _____ Security Code _____

Signature _____

- ☐ I would like information about including Normal Public Library Foundation in my estate plan.

Detach and send to: Normal Public Library Foundation
 206 W. College Ave. / Normal, IL 61761

The Normal Public Library Foundation is a non-profit organization under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) and your gift is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Federal Tax ID # 45-3138846

For online giving go to: nplfoundation.org/donate
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All pledges should be made
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Library Foundation

BABY ROCK & BABY ROCK EVENING EDITION

ages 0–2 years

March 2–April 27**Mondays • 10–10:30 am | Community Room****March 12 & 26 • April 9 & 23****6–6:30 pm | Book Nook**

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

TECH IT OUT

ages 5–12 years

March 2 & 18 • April 9 & 22 • May 12**3:30–5 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!

UNIT 5 READS

school-age & families

March–May**6:30–7 pm | Book Nook**

Visit the library for stories told by principals and staff at Unit 5 schools! Each participating school will have a night.

March 5

Glenn Elementary • Mrs. Roop

March 9

Towanda Elementary • Mr. Vogel

March 16

Parkside Elementary • Mrs. Ellis

April 2

Fairview Elementary • Ms. Tenuta

April 8

Oakdale Elementary • Mr. Shelby

April 27

Northpoint Elementary • Mr. Harr

TUESDAY TALES

ages 3–5 years

March 3–April 28**Tuesdays • 10–10:30 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.

LEGO MY LIBRARY

ages 2–12 years

March 5 • April 2 • May 7**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 eight. On May 7, builders will be joined by some of NPL's favorite book characters, Elephant and Piggie!

JAM SESSION!

ages 0–5 years

March 6 • April 3 • May 1**10–10:45 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!

**AFTER SCHOOL ART CLUB
WITH ILLINOIS ART STATION** ✓

ages 6–10 years

March 6 • April 3 • May 1**3:30–4:30 pm | Community Room****Register at <http://bit.ly/IASartclub>**

Start your weekend off creatively with visual arts classes featuring painting, sculpture, collage and mixed media.

**SIGN & SING STORYTIME
WITH COMMUNICATION JUNCTION** 🗣️

best for ages 0–5 years

March 13 • April 10 & 24 • May 8 & 22 | Community Room**March 27 | Book Nook****10–10:30 am**

Stop in for an interactive story time designed to engage children and encourage a love of books while building vocabulary. Enjoy stories, rhymes, finger plays, movement and bubbles. American Sign Language is used to highlight key vocabulary throughout the program.



Hone your brain and practice your surveillance skills with our Spring Break Spy Week activities

MARCH
23

SPY ACADEMY**1–3 pm • Community Room**

ages 6–12 years

MARCH
25

**SPY GAMES
WITH RED RACCOON GAMES****10 am–12 pm • Story Hour Room**

ages 8–12 years

MARCH
26

SPY VS. SPY ESCAPE ROOM ✓**1–8:15 pm • Story Hour Room**

ages 8+ years





PAGES & PAWS

ages 6–12 years

March 16 • April 13 • May 11 | 4–5 pm

March 21 • April 18 • May 16 | 2–3 pm

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. Eager participants can reserve their slots to read to a therapy dog outside of the Story Hour Room 15 minutes before the start time on the day of each program.

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

ages 3–5 years

March 31–April 30

Tuesdays 6–6:45 pm

Wednesdays & Thursdays 9:30–10:15 am & 10:30–11:15 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.

REMEMBRANCE & HISTORY: STORYTIME & CRAFTS

school-age & families

April 19 | 1:30–2:30 pm

Cafe

We are excited to welcome you to our partnered craft and storytime presented by members of the Moses Montefiore congregation! Families with school age children are invited to join us in the Cafe for an hour of stories, crafts, and songs focused on Jewish history and remembrance.

HAMPSTEAD STAGE PRESENTS ALADDIN

best for ages 5 and up

April 25 | 10–11 am • 2–3 pm

Community Room

Help us celebrate National Library Week as Hampstead Stage Company presents this classic tale based on *The Tales of the Arabian Nights*, in which Aladdin is fooled by an evil magician, finds an old lamp and releases a genie who can make all his wishes come true!

SAVE THE DRAGONS!: A CHILDREN'S OPERETTA WITH PRAIRIE FIRE THEATRE

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best for school-age & families

May 9 | 10–11 am

Community Room

Join us as Prairie Fire Theatre presents their 2020 children's operetta, *Save the Dragons!* Expect lots of singing and audience participation.

ELEPHANT & PIGGIE

ARE COMING TO NPL!

All kids are welcome to celebrate Children's Book Week with best friends, Elephant & Piggie, from Mo Willems' popular books! We will have stories and meet and greets with our special guests and lots of fun activities!

MEET & GREET

May 4 | 10–11 am Children's Floor

May 7 | 4–5 pm Community Room

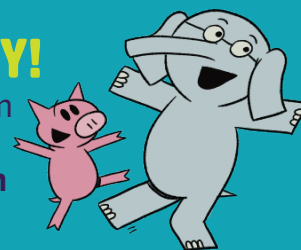
During LEGO My Library

ELEPHANT & PIGGIE PARTY!

Community Room

May 5 | 6–7 pm

May 6 | 10–11 am



PLEASE NOTE: Children must be accompanied by an adult age 16 or older for most activities. If you have questions about supervision requirements, please ask. Thank you!

NPL USED BOOK SALE

MARCH 27-30

March 27 | 4:30-7 pm | \$5 fee
 March 28 | 8 am-4 pm
 March 29 | 1-4 pm
 March 30 | 9 am-7 pm | FREE Day
 Community Room



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M - TH | 9:00 AM-9:00 PM
F - SAT | 9:00 AM-5:00 PM
SUN | 1:00 PM-5:00 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!

POP-UP NPL

Pop-Up NPL brings the library to you! Join us at our next stop where you can sign up for a library card, renew an existing account, check out materials and ask any questions you may have about the library.

NORMAL ARC

10 AM
 March 3 & 17
 April 7 & 21
 May 5 & 19

BLAIR HOUSE

10 AM
 March 9
 April 13
 May 11

MEADOWS AT MERCY CREEK

10 AM
 March 10
 April 14
 May 12

CHILDREN'S DISCOVERY MUSEUM

10:30 AM
 March 20
 April 17
 May 15

EVERGREEN VILLAGE

9:30 AM
**EVERGREEN
PLACE**
11 AM
 March 24
 April 28
 May 26

POETRY

if normal PRESENTS

**KATHRYN KERR &
WILL REGER**
 MARCH 2 | 7:30-8:30 PM
 CAFE

**KAREN CRAIGO &
JASON LEE BROWN**
 MAY 16 | 2-3 PM
 CAFE

POETRY

OPEN MIC SERIES
 7:30-8:30 PM | CAFE

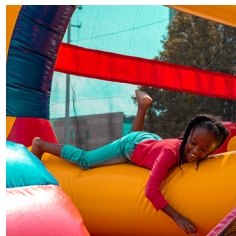
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**tiny book
concerts**

Thursdays in
 March & April
 12 pm | Cafe

Stop in this spring to enjoy a
 variety of pop-up concerts put on
 by local musicians.



**NPL
SUMMER
READING
2020**
 MAY 27-AUGUST 3



MARCH							APRIL							MAY						
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LIBRARY CLOSED ON APRIL 12 • MAY 24 & 25

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