



spring
PROGRAMS
that'll make you
happy

Tea Party
& Crafts
May 13



Books,
Bubbles,
Balls & Your
Baby, Too!
April 6



Totally Tots
April 18



Busy Bees
Earth Day
Event
April 22

Rock
Painting
March 25



Glow Art
March 30



Country
Music
April 16



Crafty
Flower
Bouquet
May 11



Star Wars
Family Trivia
Night
May 4



Live
Longer,
Healthier
& Happier
April 6



"Bee
Happy"

Silly Family
Storytime
April 1

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Register online for all programs except drop-ins: woodridgelibrary.org/events

Babies to 12 Months with Caregiver

Musical Babies

Fri., March 3, 10 a.m.
Bounce, sing, and move to songs or fingerplays with your baby.



Books, Bubbles, Balls, and YOUR BABY, TOO!

Thurs., April 6, 10 a.m.
Bring your little one to the library for fun and playtime with books, bubbles, and balls.



Baby Color Explorers

Tues., May 9, 10 a.m.
Explore colors with your baby with hands-on activities.



Toddlers Ages 1 – 3 with Caregiver

Toe Tappin' Toddlers

Fri., March 10, 10 a.m.
Snap your fingers and tap your toes as you join us for some musical fun!



Another Fun Day for Toddlers

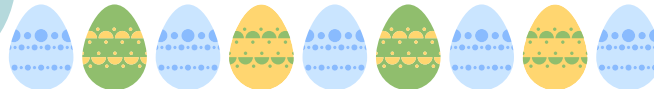
Fri., April 14, 10 a.m.
Let's have a fun time with lots of hands-on activities.



Ages 2 – 5

We're Going on an Egg Hunt

Tues., April 4, 10 a.m.
Join us for an EGG-citing storytime followed by an egg hunt in the Children's area!



Preschoolers Ages 3 – 5 with Caregiver

Totally Tots

Totally Tots: Me & My World

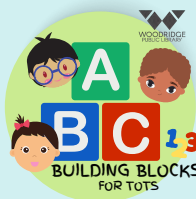
Tues., March 21, 1:30 p.m.

Totally Tots: Get Moving!

Tues., April 18, 1:30 p.m.

During a Totally Tots event, preschoolers and adults **play with purpose** together.

- Learning activities & games
- ABC and numbers fun



Building Blocks for Tots, Ages 3 – 5

Every Monday

Take home a kit packed with fun early learning activities. **New kit available each week**, while supplies last, at the Lobby Desk.

STORYTIME!

Storytime Anytime

- **Grab** a bag
- Check it out at the **Lobby Desk**
- **Go!**

Blue Grab-N-Go bags in the Children's Dept. have everything you need for a storytime at home --a theme, books, crafts, songs, and fingerplays.



Virtual Spring Storytime
04/12
Miss Jessica & Miss Sarah

Register for March and April in-person storytimes:

Preschool Storytime, Ages 3 – 5

9:30 a.m., Mon., Tues., Wed., or Thurs.
Exciting interactive play, music, and stories for preschoolers.



Toddler Time, Ages 2 – 3

10:15 a.m., Mon., Tues., Wed., or Thurs.
Toddler Time is filled with active play, games, music, and stories for your little one, with a caregiver.



Baby Lapsit 2, Ages 12 – 24 months

11 a.m., Monday or Thursday
Energetic storytime for crawlers & walkers with a caregiver, followed by 15 minutes of social time.



Baby Lapsit 1, Ages 0 – 12 months

11 a.m., Wednesday
Fingerplays, soft movement activities, and a story shared with your baby, and fifteen minutes of social time.



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Grades K - 2

Book Magic: Gold Rush

Thurs., March 9, 4:30 p.m.
Treasure-filled stories, activities, and a craft.

Book Magic: Spring

Thurs., April 13, 4:30 p.m.
Read spring-tastic stories & make a cool craft.

Grades 1- 6

Build a Bridge with LEGO® Bricks

Tues., March 7, 6 p.m.

Lucky BINGO

Fri., March 10
5 p.m. OR 7 p.m.

Spring BINGO

Fri., April 14
5 p.m. OR 7 p.m.

Build a LEGO® Wind Racer

Tues., April 18, 4:30 p.m.

Cinco de Mayo BINGO

Fri., May 12
5 p.m. OR 7 p.m.

Chalk Time Art

Fri., March 24, 4:30 p.m.

What can you create with coordinating, complimentary, & contrasting chalk colors??

Ladybugs & Bees Rock Painting

Sat., March 25, Noon
Transform a rock into a colorful ladybug or a bumblebee.

Coffee Filter Animals Craft

Wed., March 29, 11 a.m.

We're making super cute animals that will be great decorations or something fun to play with.

American Girl Wellie Wishers Afternoon

Fri., April 7, 3 p.m.

Read a Wellie Wishers story and make crafts for your doll and you. All dolls & kids welcome.

Grades 4 - 8

TWEEN Takeover: After Hours Party

Sat., April 29
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

When the library closes, the fun begins. Make cool crafts and play games. We are ordering pizza and playing with Nerf blasters!



Children's Take & Make Craft Kits

Ready to take home, available for pickup at the lobby desk. While Supplies Last

Beaded Leprechaun

March 13 - 19

Bunny Wind-Up Toy

Colors vary.

March 27 - April 2

3D Flower with String Art

April 10 - 16

Decorate a Garden Pot Craft

April 24 - 30

Happy Spring Bird Craft

May 8 - 14

Memorial Day Craft

May 22 - May 28



TWEEN Take & Makes

Tween Pipe Cleaner Bracelet, March 20 - 26

Tween Mother's Day Wreath, April 17 - 23

Tween Bottle Cap Magnet, May 15 - 21

Grades 3 - 8

Glow in the Dark Circuits

Mon., March 6, 4:30 p.m.

Create a battery-powered circuit that glows in the dark.

Van Gogh for Kids

Fri., March 31, 4:30 p.m.

Paint in Van Gogh's style and re-create a masterpiece.

Tessellation Art

Mon., April 10, 4:30 p.m.

Create a tessellation and discover how patterns work in nature.

Tissue Paper Creations

Fri., April 21, 4:30 p.m.

Make a collage, rainbow, or 3D portrait.

Coding: Imagine a World

Fri., April 28, 5:30 p.m. or 7 p.m.

Explore different ways to bring ideas to life in a computer lab.

Glue & 3D Pen Art Creativity

Fri., May 19, 4:30 p.m.

Make an art project with cool art tools.

Bad Art Night

Fri., May 26, 6 p.m.

Use your wildest imagination to create art that is intentionally bad.



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FAMILY AND ALL AGES PROGRAMS

Family

Cherry Blossom Tree

Mon., March 27, 2 p.m.

Create a cherry tree out of tissue paper, paint, and flower shapes.



All Ages

Glow Art

Thurs., March 30, 1 p.m.

Use neon oil pastels, highlighters, black lights, and so much more to create art that glows in the dark.

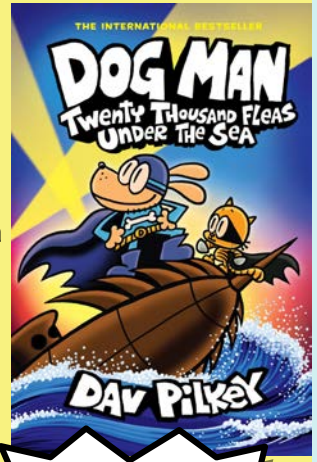


All Ages

Dog Man Party

Tues, March 28, 2 – 4 p.m.

Join us to celebrate the release of **Twenty Thousand Fleas Under the Sea**, the 11th book in Dav Pilkey's hit Dog Man series. This party will be heroic AND hilarious with games and activities inspired by Dog Man & his pals.



Attend the Dog Man Party for a chance to win the book!



April Fools' Day

Silly Family Storytime

Sat., April 1, 10:30 a.m.

Join us for a silly storytime for the whole family that is sure to have you laughing. We will read funny stories and tell jokes on April Fools' Day!



Attend the Busy Bees program for a chance to win this bee backpack.



Fancy Nancy Family Tea Party & Crafts

Sat., May 13, 11 a.m.

Bring Mom (or aunt, grandma, babysitter or even your dad!) and celebrate Mother's Day at a tea party filled with special treats and fun crafts. Dress up fancy (optional) and take a wonderful photo together.



You're Invited!



All Ages

Busy Bees! Earth Day

Sat., April 22, 11 a.m.

Safely meet these fascinating and important insects during an Earth Day event buzzing with fun. Hard-working bees are visiting the library in a safe and locked plexiglass case. See the bees up close and learn how you can be a friend to the bees in your neighborhood. Try on a beekeeper suit or hat.



Star Wars

Family Trivia Night

Thurs., May 4, 6 p.m.

May the 4th be with you in playing fun Star Wars trivia. Every child will leave with a fun Star Wars prize.



All Ages

Trash to Treasure: Make Paper

Tues., May 16, 6:30 p.m.

Make recycled paper to take home to color and decorate. See a "show & tell" of cool recycled and reused products. Reduce-Reuse-Recycle



Drop-In Scavenger Hunts

March 12 – 19: St. Patrick's Day Hunt

April 10 – 16: Spring Hunt

May 14 – 21: Get Ready for Summer Hunt

Find the photos hidden on the 2nd floor.

Summer Reading Kick-Off Event

Sat., June 3

Get ready for a summer & Summer Reading Program packed with fun! Mark your calendar: pre-registration for Summer Reading and the kick-off event will open **online** in May.

SAVE THE DATE



ALL-AGES EVENT: ADULTS & CHILDREN

Irish Dancers

Sat., March 11, 1 p.m.

Drop-In

Dancers will perform in a traditional Irish celebration for 30 minutes, then children in the audience may join the dancers on stage to learn the jig, suggested for ages 3 to 10, and earn a "Learned the Jig" sticker.

Plus, kid-friendly activity sheets and coloring in the Children's Dept.

Photo op: wear green!



TEEN PROGRAMS

Register online:
woodridgelibrary.org/events

Take & Make Kits

Available for pick up at the lobby desk.
While Supplies Last

Cat Fascinator

March 27 - April 2



Scratch Art Bookmarks

April 24 - 30



Star Gazing Craft

May 22 - May 28



Teen: Pour & Paint

Sat., April 1, 1 p.m.

Make a pour painting! You choose the colors and we provide the paint, canvas, and basic techniques for creating fluid or pour paintings. Register - teen friends & relatives are welcome to watch; only registered teens can pour paint.



Pizza Night & Service

Wed., March 1

Tues., May 2

6:30 - 8 p.m.

Complete volunteer tasks while hanging out with other teens and enjoying pizza and dessert. Take home a signed letter verifying volunteer hours.



Parent & Teen Program

Virtual: Queen Bees Author: Supporting Kids Through Ups & Downs of Teen Friendships
Tues., April 11, Noon or 7 p.m.

Friendships are essential to the mental and emotional health of teens. Rosalind Wiseman, whose book was the basis for the movie Mean Girls, will discuss social dynamics, friendships, crushes, and dating, and outline how adults can help teens establish boundaries.

Part of WPL's participation in the Glenbard Parent Series.

TEEN HAIKU CONTEST APRIL 2 - 30

CELEBRATE NATIONAL POETRY MONTH BY PARTICIPATING IN OUR TEEN HAIKU CONTEST. A HAIKU IS A SHORT JAPANESE POEM CONSISTING OF THREE LINES AND A TOTAL OF 17 SYLLABLES.

THE FIRST AND LAST LINES OF A HAIKU HAVE FIVE SYLLABLES AND THE MIDDLE LINE HAS SEVEN.

CREATED BY YOU,
THREE LINES: FIVE, SEVEN, AND FIVE
TO WIN A GREAT PRIZE!

SUBMIT UP TO TWO ORIGINAL HAIKU POEMS ON ANY TOPIC
BETWEEN APRIL 2 AND APRIL 30.

WINNERS WILL RECEIVE A
\$15 TARGET GIFT CARD.
CONTEST IS FOR TEENS IN GRADES
6-12. WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED
BY MAY 10.

ENTRIES WITH POEM, POET'S NAME,
AND AGE CAN BE
SUBMITTED AT:

COMMUNITY@WOODRIDGELIBRARY.ORG



ADULT PROGRAMS

Register Online or Call 630-487-2581

Live Music

Saddle Shoe Sisters: the 40s, 50s & 60s

Sun., March 26, 2 p.m.
Covering the best vocal groups of all time, from the Andrews Sisters to the Supremes, don't miss this superb retro girl group.



Country Classics with Ashley & Simpson

Sun., April 16, 2 p.m.
Hits from your favorite country stars, Dolly Parton, Patsy Cline, Johnny Cash, George Strait, and more, sung with harmony by the duet of Jennifer Ashley (banjo) & Joel Simpson (guitar).



Michael Bublé & More with James Libera

Sun., May 21, 2 p.m.
From Tony Bennet to Michael Bublé, James Libera sings classics from the American Songbook with old-school Hollywood glamour & style.



Finance

Senior Housing 101

Wed., March 29, 7 p.m.
Expert planning advice: housing types, what to look for when touring a potential residence, and costs.

Essentials of Estate Planning

Wed., April 19, 6:30 p.m.
Will vs. trust, probate, wills, power of attorney for healthcare, and living trusts will be explained by a Money Smart Week expert.



Weather

Virtual: Severe Weather Preparedness

Register in advance to receive a Zoom link.

Wed., March 22, 7 p.m.
National Weather Service Meteorologist Brett Borchardt, who was working at the NWS station in Romeoville during the devastating 2021 Naperville-Woodridge tornado, will share first-hand insights from that event & practical ways to prepare for future severe weather threats such as floods, thunderstorms, and tornadoes.



Hobby

Bullet Journaling 101: Set Up a BuJo!

Wed., April 12, 7 p.m.
Bullet journaling is a fast, simple, and infinitely customizable way to get thoughts, plans, to-dos, and more down in writing. We are giving you a **journal and a pen** to get you started! We will cover the steps to set up a bullet journal. You can follow along to create a basic BuJo and begin using this popular system.



Women's History Women Spies in World War II

Tues., April 25, 7 p.m.
Hear true, harrowing tales of brave & remarkable women whose stories are largely unknown, with author Kit Sergeant. "In 1942, as the free world crumbled...women spies, who came from all walks of life, agreed to serve in the French Resistance knowing that they may never see their families again."



Crafting Tissue Paper Flower Bouquet

Thurs., May 11, 7 p.m.
Come for a fun evening learning to make beautiful paper tissue flowers. **Supplies will be provided.** Attendees are welcome to bring their own paper craft scissors. For adults & teens with adults.



Around the House Recycling Exhibit

May 2 - May 30
Drop in and explore a hands-on display that shows what can be recycled, with **guides** for recycling locally.



Health & Wellness

Live Longer, Healthier & Happier: Blue Zone Secrets

Thurs., April 6, 7 p.m.
Learn what foods to eat, how to keep moving, and daily habits to help you live vibrantly into your 90s and beyond. World adventurer and registered nurse Joan Davis shares tips for using Blue Zone strategies in your daily life. The Blue Zones are areas of the world where many people live into their 100s. Attendees receive the "9 Best Snacks Eaten by the Longest Living People in the World," handout & a **snack & tea sample**.



Virtual: Anxiety & Depression: Learn the Signs, Get Support

Register in advance to receive a Zoom link.

Wed., May 3, 6 p.m.
An expert from the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) outlines signs and symptoms of anxiety & depression, how and when to seek treatment and assistance --for yourself or for a loved one--and local resources through NAMI DuPage.



Meditation 101

Sat., May 6,
12:30 p.m. OR 2 p.m.

Regular meditation practice has been touted as one of the top ways to be happier! Hear science-backed benefits of meditation from a longtime practitioner and teacher, Adult & Teen Staffer Dana Kraszczyński. Class begins with a brief overview of a few popular styles of meditation and their benefits, followed by a beginner-friendly, guided meditation practice, covering a different style than the past WPL Meditation 101 session.



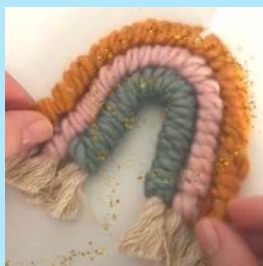
Adult Take & Makes

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Macramé Lucky Charm

March 6 – 12

No macramé skills needed, project made by wrapping and gluing yarn.



Hanging Scroll Decoration

April 3 – 8

Simple elegant design: roll paper to create a scroll effect, includes two pre-printed spring messages.



Pressed Flower Bookmark

May 1 – 7

Transparent bookmark "vase" can be filled with included paper flowers or dried flowers from your yard.

Designs vary.



Puzzle Packs:

Brain Games Edition, March 15 – 21

Nostalgia Edition, April 19 – 25

Nature Edition, May 17 – 23

Take home a free collection of word, number, and logic puzzles.

Available at the lobby desk.



Adult BINGO Night

Thurs., March 16, 7 p.m.

Are you feeling lucky? Play BINGO at the library! Surprises and fun are guaranteed. No fees. Register.

The Tuesday Evening Book Group

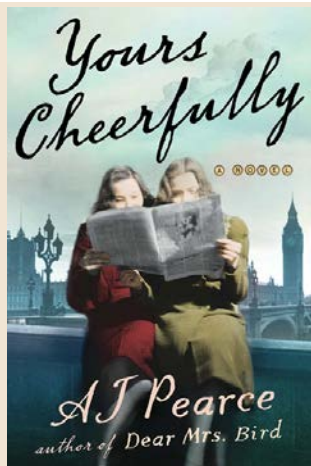
Woodridge Public Library staff host this book discussion. New readers are welcome! Copies of a featured book are available at the Circulation Desk one month before the discussion.

Yours Cheerfully

by A.J. Pearce

Tues., March 28, 7 p.m.

Visit woodridgebooktalk.org for book description.



In the Art Gallery

Mid-April: Community District 99 H. S. Student Art Show

May: Nature Artists' Guild of the Morton Arboretum

The gallery space, located in the lobby, is open to the public during the Woodridge Library's regular operating hours.

TEENS & ADULTS

COMPUTER CLASSES

Registration Required

Online or Call 630-487-2581

Introduction to Word

Wed., March 15, 6:30 p.m.

Create, format, save and print a document, and insert pictures.

Introduction to Excel

Wed., March 29, 6:30 p.m.

Make, edit, and format a spreadsheet; create simple formulas.

Excel Functions

Wed., April 19, 6:30 p.m.

Learn how to use several of Excel's most useful functions.

Introduction to Tinkercad

Sat., April 29, 10 a.m.

Use a free, web-based 3D design application to make a refrigerator magnet and have it printed at the library. Required: sign up for a free Tinkercad account at www.tinkercad.com/join before the class.

Excel Conditional Formatting

Wed., May 10, 6:30 p.m.

Don't make boring spreadsheets! Learn to create informative and visually appealing spreadsheets by using conditional formatting to format cells.

For more information, call the Computer Help Desk at 630-487-2581 or email askus@woodridgelibrary.org

Virtual Program:

What Is Open Source Software?

Thursday, May 18, 7 pm

Software can be expensive! Try open-source software: OSS can be a consumer's best friend, free or low-cost, and often just as good as paid software. See examples of popular open-source software used to create documents and spreadsheets, edit photos and videos, create graphics, and browse the web.

Register in advance to receive a Zoom link to attend online.



Programs at the Woodridge Public Library

Programs are free and open to the public.

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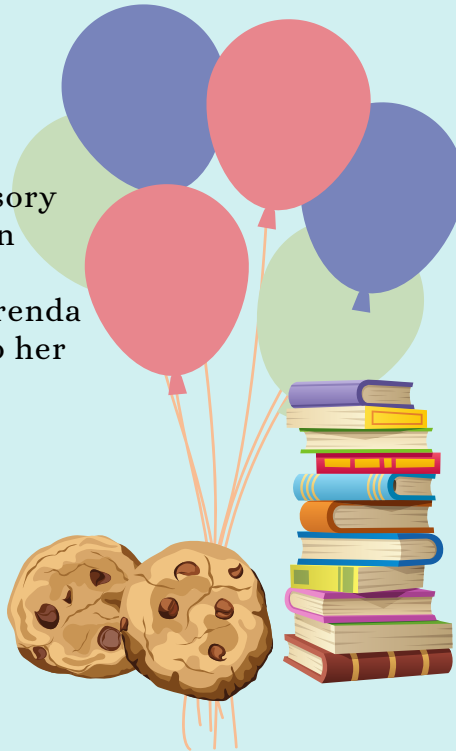
— HAPPY — *Retirement*

After a 35-year tenure as a Reference and Readers Advisory Librarian in the Adult & Teen Services Department of the Woodridge Public Library, Brenda O'Brien is looking forward to her retirement next month.



Librarian Brenda O'Brien

"I had a three-year plan that turned into 35 because as the community grew so did the Library and my job. I loved the variety, and it's true, we have THE best patrons." Brenda is well known to avid Woodridge readers for the Woodridge Book Blog, which she established in 2011. She is also known for the Tuesday Night Adult Book Group, which she has hosted, "sometimes with cookies," for almost 17 years. Her loyalty to our patrons and outstanding service will be missed by all. Happy retirement Brenda!



Find more to celebrate inside the program guide.

- March 28 Dog Man Book Release Party
- April 22 Earth Day Buzzy Bee Event
- May 13 Mother's Day Fancy Nancy Tea Party



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Fri., April 28: Staff In-Service

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Sun., April 9: Easter
Mon., May 29: Memorial Day

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Our Vision:
*We aspire to foster
curiosity and delight.*

Director Pam Dubé