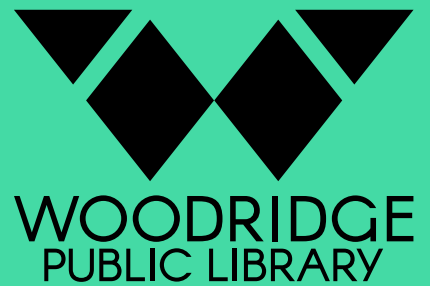


Spring 2026 Programs & Events



Cruising into Spring



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*Programs for all ages
Registration required*

SPOTLIGHT



Registration opens Feb. 15 and is required for all programs and events unless noted as drop-in.

woodridgelibrary.org/events
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Library Hours

Monday-Friday	9 a.m.-9 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday	1 p.m.-5 p.m.

Holiday Closures

Sunday, April 5
 Monday, May 25

Late Opening 1 p.m.

Friday, April 24

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Remembering Route 66

Saturday, May 16, 2 p.m.
 Historian Leslie Goddard explores the iconic road linking Chicago to Los Angeles on its 100th anniversary.
Adult program

CHANCE TO Win!



Early Registration May 1-31

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Register early for a chance to win a \$50 gift card of your choice!
 One winner will be chosen at random for each age group (0-4 years, Grades K-6, Teen, and Adult). Not all registrants will win a prize.



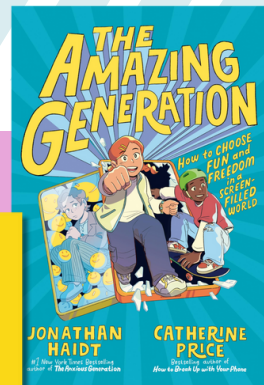
Virtual: The Amazing Generation

with Catherine Price

Tuesday, May 5

Parent Session: noon **OR** 7 p.m. on Zoom
Grades 4-7: 1 p.m. **OR** 8 p.m. on Zoom

Price will discuss her newest book, co-authored with Haidt (*The Anxious Generation*), exploring how smartphones and social media impact youth development. **Leave with practical tools to reduce screen dominance, and support healthier, focused lives—for kids and adults alike.**



GPS Parent Series
 Navigating Healthy Families

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at woodridgelibrary.org/events

FAMILY

Family Storytime & Craft

Transportation Wednesday, March 11, 6 p.m.

Pets Wednesday, April 8, 6 p.m.

Green Guys Wednesday, May 13, 6 p.m.

Each month will feature a new theme, stories, songs, and a craft.

Ages 0-5 with caregiver

Trinity Irish Dancers

Sunday, March 15, 2 p.m.

See jigs and reels, wear your green! Children in the audience may join the dancers to learn the jig at the end of the program. Fun for all.



Drop-in: Tiny Art Show

Pick-up: March 23-28, All Day

Return by: Saturday, April 4

Join the Tiny Art movement. From March 23-28, stop by the Lobby Desk to pick up a tiny canvas (*for a family or for an individual*) to create your very own masterpiece. While supplies last. ***Tiny artworks will be put on display from April 8-19.***

Solar Viewing @ the Library

Wednesday, April 29, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Explore the Solar System and beyond. Look through a specialized solar telescope, learn about our galactic neighborhood in a pop-up planetarium, and make a craft to keep the fun of the sun going at home.

No School Movie Matinee

Friday, May 1, 1 p.m.

Free family fun. Come to the library on this day off school for a movie and snack on us.

Flutter & Flow Family Dance Party

Friday, May 15, 5 p.m. **OR** 6 p.m.

Experience the wonder of butterflies and bugs through dance. Feel free to come dressed up as your favorite butterfly or bug, *wings optional*.

Egg-citing news...we'll be hatching chicks again at the library this spring! Stayed tuned to our website and social media for details.



You're
INVITED

Tea-Rex Mother's Day

Saturday, May 2, 10 a.m.

Get ready for a stompin' good time as we celebrate Mother's Day with dino treats, tea, and fun crafts. Dress up fancy (*optional*) or in your best dino gear for photo ops and more.



Barnyard Bash

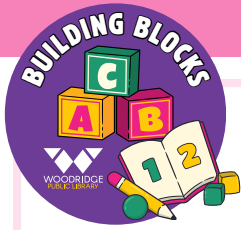
Saturday, April 18, 11 a.m.

Old MacDonald had a farm...and now the library will too! Visit a mini **petting zoo with real animals** (goats, sheep, llama, donkey and more) right outside the library doors, then stay busy with activities and crafts inside. An a-MOO-sing good time for the whole family.



CHILDREN

Registration required for all programs
at woodridgelibrary.org/events



We've made it
easy—and fun—to
prepare your child
for school at home

Each Building Blocks packet is filled with materials that will enhance Kindergarten readiness skills for children ages 3-5.

Pick up a new packet at the Lobby desk every Monday while supplies last.

Baby Activity Kits

Start dates listed, pick up at the Lobby desk while supplies last. **Ages 0-2**



Sensory Squeeze Ball
Monday, March 16



Pop Tube
Monday, April 13



Pull Back Cars
Monday, May 11

Littlest Musicians

Friday, March 13, 10 a.m. **OR** 11 a.m.
Join us for an interactive class where babies, toddlers, and their caregivers explore music together through song, movement, and simple instruments.
Ages 0-3 with caregiver

Poptastic Painting

Monday, March 16, 1 p.m.
Who can resist a roll of bubble wrap? Create beautiful spring art with a fun, sensory printmaking technique.
Ages 3-5 with caregiver



We're Going on an Egg Hunt

Friday, March 27, 10:30 a.m.
Get ready for an *Egg-ceptional* storytime followed by an egg hunt in the Children's Dept.
Ages 2-5 with caregiver

Books & Badges:

Community Helper Storytime & Play

Tuesday, May 5, 11 a.m.
Meet IL State Trooper Shannon and buckle up for stories, songs, and play.
Ages 2-5 with caregiver



Take & Make Craft Kits

Start dates listed, pick up at the Lobby desk while supplies last. **PreK-Grade 3**

Happy Go Lucky Sign

Monday, March 9



Spring Chicks

Monday, April 6



Butterfly Magnets

Monday, May 4



Messy Playtime

Tuesday, May 12, 10 a.m.
Prepare for play that will get your hands dirty. All the fun, and none of the clean-up. *Dress for a mess.*
Ages 0-3 with caregiver



ASL Storytime with The Language Labs

Friday, May 22, 6 p.m.
Hands tell the story at this engaging American Sign Language storytime. Enjoy the stories, songs, and a craft of our traditional storytimes, with the addition of an imaginative and expressive ASL interpretation.
Ages 0-5 with caregiver

Preschool Play & Learn

Art Explorers Friday, March 6, 1:30 p.m.

Hooray for Play Friday, April 3, 1:30 p.m.

Preschoolers and their caregivers play and learn together.

Ages 3-5 with caregiver

Spring Storytimes

March 2-26 & April 6-30



Baby Lapsit

Ages 0-24 mo. with caregiver
Wednesdays 9:30 a.m.
Thursdays 9:30 a.m.



Toddler Time

Ages 2-3 with caregiver
Mondays 10:15 a.m.
Tuesdays 10:15 a.m.
Wednesdays 10:15 a.m.



Preschool

Ages 3-5
Mondays 9:30 a.m.
Tuesdays 1:30 p.m.



TWEENS



Drop-in: Scavenger Hunts

Find hidden pictures in the Children's Dept. and win a sticker.

March Madness *March 22-28*
April Showers *April 19-25*
May Flowers *May 17-23*

Stretchy Charm Bracelets

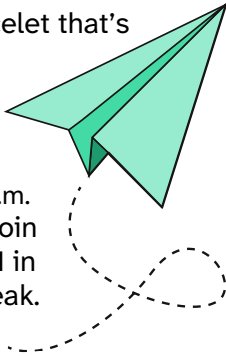
Friday, March 20, 4:30 p.m.
Design, create, and wear a woven fabric and charm bracelet that's uniquely you.

Grades K-6

Soar into Spring

Wednesday, April 1, 11 a.m.
Soar, spin, and pop! Join us for hands-on STEM in motion this spring break.

Grades K-6



Tween Takeover

Saturday, March 7, 6-7:30 p.m.
We're keeping the Library open after hours, just for Tweens! Hang out with your friends to craft, play monster ball, eat pizza, and more.
Grades 4-6



Babysitters Workshop

Saturday, May 30, 1 p.m.
Be the most popular babysitter in town. Learn basic safety measures, diaper changing, and bottle feeding. This class covers best practices, general safety, and tips for babysitters. *Not an official CPR certification class.*
Grades 5-12

Tween & Teen Activity Kits

Start dates listed, pick up at the Lobby desk while supplies last. **Grades 4-12**



Infinity Cube
Monday, March 23



Sea Animal Brick Builders
Monday, April 20



Layered Bookmarks
Monday, May 18

Clay Bug Buddies

Thursday, April 23, 4:30 p.m.
Make a new buggy best friend. Tweens will design, sculpt, and personalize insects from colorful air-dry clay. Great for nature lovers and creative makers alike.
Grades 4-6



Beaded Plants

Tuesday, March 10, 4:30 p.m.
Craft a perfect plant that lasts forever. Design a beaded plant and style it in a clay pot. No sunlight or water, just creativity and beads.
Grades 7-12

Phone Charm Keychains

Thursday, April 2, 1 p.m.
String some sparkle and create your own phone charm keychain.
Grades 7-12

Kid's BINGO: Mario, Let's-a-go!

Friday, April 10, 5:30 p.m. **OR** 7 p.m.
It's-a-me, BINGO! Let's-a-go Mario-style and win prizes.

Grades K-6

LEGO Mandalas

Tuesday, May 19, 4:30 p.m.
Create colorful circular designs using LEGO bricks. Kids will explore patterns and symmetry to create a one-of-a-kind masterpiece.

Grades K-6

Teen Pizza & Service

Saturday, April 25, 1 p.m.
Complete one service hour helping to spring clean the Children's Department, then enjoy pizza.
Grades 7-12



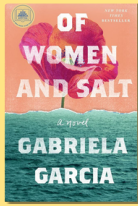
Visit the Teen Volunteer page regularly for up-to-date volunteer opportunities.

woodridgelibrary.org/teen-volunteers

TEENS

ADULTS

Book Discussions



Drive Your Plow Over the Bones of the Dead by Olga Tokarczuk
Monday, March 23, 7 p.m.

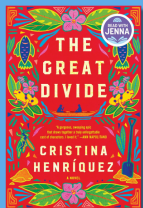
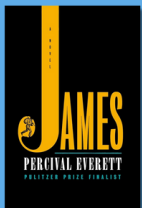
Trust by Hernan Diaz
Monday, April 20, 7 p.m.

Of Women and Salt by Gabriela Garcia
Monday, May 18, 7 p.m.



Virtual Events

Hosted by Illinois Libraries Present



Beyond the Page with Percival Everett
Thursday, March 19, 7 p.m. on Zoom
Join the Pulitzer Prize-winning author for an in-depth look at his work.

Voice, Culture & Human Connection with Cristina Henríquez
Thursday, April 16, 7 p.m. on Zoom
The author explores *The Great Divide*, a moving story about lives shaped by the building of the Panama Canal.

Babel-On with R.F. Kuang
Tuesday, May 19, 7 p.m. on Zoom
R.F. Kuang discusses her innovative novels, including *Katabasis*, *Yellowface*, and *Babel*, and the ideas behind her genre-bending storytelling.

LIVE MUSIC



Singer Ryan Argast

Sunday, March 29, 2 p.m.
American Idol and *The Voice* contestant Ryan Argast will wow the crowd with popular hits from the 60s through the 90s.



The Rat Pack with Jack Miuccio

Sunday, April 26, 2 p.m.
Jack Miuccio, accompanied by his talented wife Krystyna, returns to croon fan favorites by The Rat Pack, Tom Jones, Bobby Darin, and more.

60s & 70s Girl Power with Jane Allyson

Sunday, May 17, 2 p.m.
Back by popular demand, Jane Allyson is singing chart-topping hits by powerful female artists.

Computer Classes

Intermediate Word

Thursday, March 12, 6:30 p.m.
Learn to set tabs, create lists, columns & tables, and use Quick Parts. *Previous experience required.*

Intro to Google Sheets

Thursday, March 19, 6:30 p.m.
Create, edit & format a spreadsheet, and use basic formulas. *Google account required.*

Google Sheet Functions

Thursday, March 26, 6:30 p.m.
Learn to use essential functions, including VLOOKUP. *Previous experience required.*

Excel PivotTables

Thursday, April 9, 6:30 p.m.
Learn to summarize & analyze data with pivot tables and slicers. *Previous experience required.*

How to Talk to AI

Wednesday, April 15, 2 p.m. **OR**
Thursday, May 14, 6:30 p.m.
Learn effective prompting to unlock the full potential of generative AI.

Excel Charts

Thursday, April 23, 6:30 p.m.
Learn to visualize data effectively with charts and sparklines. *Previous experience required.*

3D Design with Tinkercad

Saturday, May 23, 10 a.m.
Create a refrigerator magnet with Tinkercad. *Tinkercad.com account required.*

Adult Puzzle Packs

March Madness Edition
March 18-24

Spring Showers Edition
April 15-21

Totally Buggin' Edition
May 13-19



IN THE Gallery

April

District 99 Student Art Show
Mixed Media

May

Alexandra Tomsky
Ink & Paint

Wellness Events

Virtual: Caregiving: Dual Roles, Emotional Burnout & Managing Costs

Wednesday, March 4, 7 p.m. on Zoom
Licensed social worker Debra Walters presents information on caregiving challenges and resources.

Chair Yoga Workshop

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.
March 18, April 15, May 20
Gentle chair-supported yoga for those with limited mobility and beginners.

Social Worker in the Library

Mondays, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
March 9, April 6, May 4
A licensed social worker from the Woodridge Police Department answers questions and connects you to mental health and financial resources. *Free and confidential.*

Monthly Meditation Group

Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.
March 10, April 14, May 12
Beginner-friendly guided meditation in a welcoming group setting.

Sound Bath Meditation

Sunday, April 12, 2 p.m.
A soothing sound bath combines sound and mindfulness for relaxation.

Irish Cuisine:

Beyond Corned Beef

Tuesday, March 3, 7 p.m.
Explore contemporary Irish cuisine with Chef Susan Maddox. *Tasting included.*



Car Maintenance 101

Wednesday, April 29, 7 p.m.
Robert Boyle of College of DuPage covers car maintenance basics, warning lights, fuel choices, and finding a reliable mechanic.

Adult Spring BINGO

Thursday, April 30, 7 p.m.
Play BINGO! Small prizes, no fees, guaranteed fun.

Our Wild Neighbors

Wednesday, May 6, 7 p.m.
Laura Winnie from DuPage County Animal Services separates fact from fiction about Chicagoland wildlife.

Open Mic Night

Thursday, May 7, 7 p.m.
Share your musical talent or enjoy the show as a spectator.

Adult Creativity Events

Relaxing Watercolors

Thursday, April 9, 7 p.m.
Artist Audrey Ra teaches simple watercolor techniques to relax and create a motivational card.

Beaded Wind Chimes

Thursday, April 16, 7 p.m.
Create a decorative beaded wind chime to welcome spring.

Wish Bracelets

Thursday, May 21, 7 p.m.
Make wish bracelets to wear until they fall off—then your wish may be granted.



Drop-in: Senior Craft & Chat

Friday, March 20, 10 a.m.
A relaxed social hour for seniors to enjoy simple crafts like adult coloring and card-making while chatting with new and old friends.

Drop-in:

Senior Knit & Crochet Social

Friday, April 17, 2 p.m.
A drop-in group for seniors who enjoy knitting, crocheting, and friendly conversation. All skill levels are welcome.

EXPLORE THE WORLD

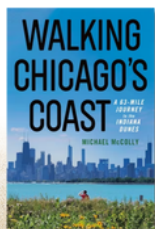
Virtual: Lost Treasures of the Titanic

Monday, April 13, 7 p.m. on Zoom
Art historian Mallory Mortillaro explores the *Titanic's* most interesting and valuable lost treasures.



Virtual: Walking Chicago's Coast: A 63-Mile Journey to the Indiana Dunes

Tuesday, April 21, 7 p.m. on Zoom



Author Michael McColly shares stories from his shoreline walk and the journey's inspiration.



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From the Director



It's time to hit the road and visit the Woodridge Public Library.

We're offering a great line-up of expert lectures for adults: celebrate the hundredth anniversary of **Route 66** (historian Leslie Goddard, May 16), get tips for **finding a reliable mechanic** (car expert Robert Boyle, April 29), learn to cook up a **modern Irish feast** (Chef Susan Maddox, March 3), and discover the **amazing wild animals** in your neighborhood (DuPage County Animal Services, May 6).

Calling all kids! Goats, a llama and other live animals are visiting the library for a **Barnyard Bash** (April 18), **chicks will be hatching** in the Children's department (check the website), **dancing a jig** will put a spring in your step (Trinity Irish Dancers, March 15), and March and April storytimes are opening for **registration on February 15** along with all of the events and activities listed in the program guide.

--Patti Naisbitt

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Notice

Attending programs constitutes consent to be photographed and/or videotaped for library purposes.

Friends of the Library

Join the Friends; applications available online or at the library.



We're hatching chicks at the library!

Stayed tuned to social media and our website for dates and details.

Want more animal action?

Join us for a live petting zoo at our family-friendly Barnyard Bash, p. 3.

Connect with us



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