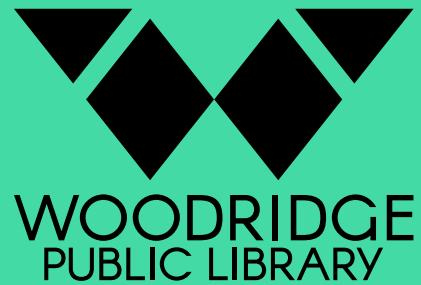


Spring 2026 Programs & Events



# *Cruising into Spring*



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BOOKS & BADGES: STATE TROOPER STORYTIME, P. 4

*Programs for all ages  
Registration required*

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# SPOTLIGHT



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

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## Remembering Route 66

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

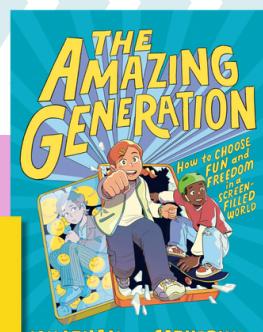
## CHANCE TO WIN!



### 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.

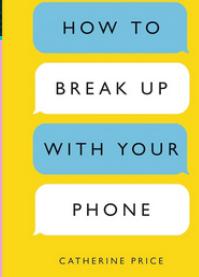


### Virtual: The Amazing Generation with Catherine Price

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.**



Registration required for all programs  
at [woodridgelibrary.org/events](http://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.





# 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

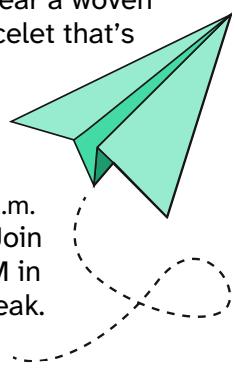
**May Flowers** May 17-23

## 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**

## 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**

## 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**



## 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**

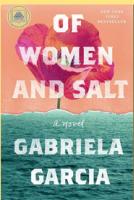
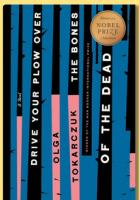
Visit the Teen Volunteer page regularly for up-to-date volunteer opportunities.

[woodridgelibrary.org/teen-volunteers](http://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.

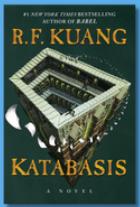
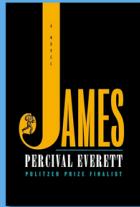
**Of Women and Salt**  
by Gabriela Garcia

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 Darrin, 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



## 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

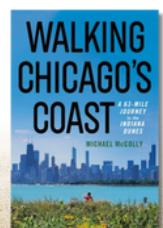
### **Virtual: Lost Treasures of the Titanic**

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 McCollly shares stories from his shoreline walk and the journey's inspiration.



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## From the Director

ONE WAY →



### ***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**



### ***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.*

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