

WINTER 2020

Library Leaves

Woodridge Public Library

Winter CELEBRATIONS

Inside

Festive Singers

Free Caroling Concert
December 15 • 2 p.m.

Hot Cocoa Mix & Give

December 18 • 6 – 8 p.m.
December 21 • 2 – 4 p.m.

***Chinese New Year
Kids' Lantern Craft***
January 18 • 12 – 2 p.m.

***Valentine Science
Kids' Lab Blast***
February 8 • 12 – 2 p.m.

Blues Concert
February 9 • 2 p.m.



Families

Where's Larry the Library Elf? December 1 - 23

Larry is hiding in the library; can you find him? Look all around—look up high—and if you find him, visit the Children's Desk and tell us what he is reading and you will get a sticker!



Sensory-Friendly Movie Matinee

Sat., December 7, 10 a.m.



This *Toy Story 4* matinee will have softer volume, dim lighting, captions, no trailers and relaxed behavior expectations. Children may move around and express their emotions. Includes: break area, snack & craft.

Toy Story 4 Movie: Craft, Snack & Relax

Sat., December 7, 1 p.m.

Watch *Toy Story 4* while enjoying snacks. Create a foam snow globe frame; take a photo with the book tree in the lobby!



Noon Year's Eve

Tuesday, December 31

10 a.m. – noon

Crafts, party hats, noisemakers and ringing in the new year at noon!

Music Show: Miss Jamie's Farm

Friday, Jan. 3, 10 – 10:45 a.m.

Kids aged two to eight will love to sing, dance, laugh and learn with the world-famous Miss Jamie and her farm puppet friends.



Family Yoga

Wednesdays, January 8, 15, 22 & 29, 4:15 – 5 p.m.

Healthy activity for the whole family: develop coordination, self-confidence and strength in this imaginative class.

No prior yoga experience needed.

Airplane Science!

Sat., January 11, 2 – 3 p.m.

Families work together to design and build their own airplanes. Test your skill & see who can make the plane that flies the farthest, does the best tricks or looks the coolest!



Chinese New Year Lantern Craft

Saturday, January 18, noon – 2 p.m. It's the year of the Rat! Celebrate by making an awesome lantern and other crafts inspired by the Chinese Lunar New Year. Take home a lucky red envelope.



Family Bingo Party: Grades 2 and Up with Adult

Thursday, January 30, 7 – 8 p.m.

Play BINGO with standard BINGO cards using numbers, eat snacks and enter drawings. Surprises and fun guaranteed.

Chicago Wolves Reading Program JANUARY 2-31

Join a reading program from the Chicago Wolves ice hockey team to win a ticket voucher for a game or other Wolves gear. Sign-up begins January 2 at the Children's Desk.



Hockey Player Visit

Wednesday, January 22, 6:30 p.m.

Meet a Chicago Wolves player, ask him questions, and get a picture and autograph. Watch woodridgelibrary.org for the player's name announcement; registration begins January 4.



Valentine Science Lab Blast

Saturday, February 8, 12 – 2 p.m.

Prepare for the magic of Inflating Hearts, DIY Chocolate-Scented Play Dough, Love Potions Lab, Fizzy Hearts and other science fun inspired by Valentine's Day.

Meet a Kind Dog

Saturday, February 15, 10 – 10:30 a.m.

Meet a truly kind dog and hear a funny dog story. You may pet and talk to our visiting dog.

Fix-It Clinic: Stuffed Animal Hospital

Tuesday, February 25, 10 a.m. – noon
Friday, February 28, 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Teddy Bear hurt his paw? Plush buddy lost her stuffing? Time for a check-up at the stuffed animal hospital! "Doctors" will consult on a stuffed animal's health, recommend treatment, and provide sewing supplies and instruction to help repair the injured animal.



Homeschool

Home School Winter Events: Grades K – 6

Tuesdays, 1 – 2:30 p.m.

Lego Club, Dec. 10

Engineering Challenge, January 14

Flight & Float, February 11

Home School Learning Lab: Grades K – 6

Geospace: DuPage Children's Museum

Tues., Jan. 28, 1 – 2:30 p.m.

Registration begins Jan. 14.

Home School Art Club: Grades K – 8

Thursdays, 1 – 2 p.m., *Smocks Recommended*

Registration begins 2 weeks ahead of each program.

Holiday Crafts, December 19

No-Sew Pet Blankets, January 23

Kindness Rocks, February 20

Have fun with us!

Family and preschool events, and some storytimes, **require an adult to attend with their child.**



Register using the **Events Calendar** at woodridgelibrary.org. "Grade" indicates the grade the child will enter in the fall.

Opening registration dates are listed for programs **requiring registration**. All other programs are drop-ins.

For assistance, please call 630-487-2578 or visit the Children's Desk.

Storytimes

School-Aged Children



Special Storytime with a Princess

Ages 2 & Up

Thursday, December 12, 10 – 11 a.m.

Join us for a storytime with Rapunzel!

She will share stories and fun activities, greet children and be available for photos.



Storytimes with Registration

Winter Session: January 13 – February 20

Online registration begins January 4 at 9 a.m.

Children must turn the correct age by January 31.

Baby Lapsit I: Ages 3 – 11 Months with Adult

Gentle 15-minute storytime of fingerplays, soft movement activities, and a story shared with your baby, followed by 15 minutes of play and social time.

Thursdays 11:30 a.m. – noon

Baby Lapsit II: Ages 12 – 23 Months with Adult

Energetic 15-minute storytime for crawlers and walkers with simple stories, songs, fingerplays, and movement activities, followed by 15 minutes of play and social time.

Mondays 9:30 – 10 a.m.

Tuesdays 10:30 – 11 a.m.

Tuesdays 11:30 – noon

Toddler Time: Age 2 with Adult

Great story program for 2-year-olds (or young 3's).

Mondays 10:30 – 10:50 a.m.

Wednesdays 10:30 – 10:50 a.m.

Thursdays 9:30 – 9:50 a.m.

Storytime: Ages 3 – 5 *without* Adult

Engaging story program for preschool children (not Kindergarteners).

Tuesdays 9:30 – 10 a.m.

Wednesdays 9:30 – 10 a.m.

Thursdays 10:30 – 11 a.m.

Registration Limit:
Please sign up for only one storytime/lapsit/toddler class per child!



DROP-IN STORYTIMES

Spanish Stories & Songs: Pre-K through Age 9

Tuesdays, Jan. 14 – Feb. 18, 6 – 6:30 p.m.

Stories, songs and more for families who speak Spanish.

Baby Movement & Music: Ages 6 – 24 Months

Fridays, Jan. 17 – Feb. 21, 10 – 10:30 a.m.

Sit with your baby as we sing interactive songs, try out instruments and learn sign language.

Family Storytime & More Fun, Ages 2 – 5

Wednesdays, Jan. 15 & 29,

Feb. 5, 12 & 19, 7 – 7:30 p.m.

A little bit of extra fun is added each week—**silly, happy fun!**

Family Storytime

Saturdays, Jan. 18, Feb. 1 & 8, 10 – 10:30 a.m.

Come as a family for books, rhymes and songs.

Sensory Storytime: Ages 2 – 7 with Adult

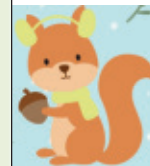
Saturdays, Jan. 25 & Feb. 22, 10 – 10:30 a.m.

For kids with autism, sensory processing or other developmental needs. Siblings welcome.



We have a variety of headphones, fidgets, sunglasses and weighted blankets that are great for kids who benefit from sensory-friendly adaptations. Ask us about them!

– Kate Lehman,
Children's Library Associate



GRADES K – 8

Lego Builders Club

Saturday, December 28, 2 – 3 p.m.

Build anything you can imagine—maybe robots? A snowman? A really long bridge? We have tons of Legos waiting for you!

Cryogenics with Mr. Freeze from Fermilab

Monday, February 17, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Mr. Freeze will wow you with the science of extreme cold! See scientist Jerry Zimmerman demonstrate the effects of liquid nitrogen in this explosive show. Online registration begins February 3. Children under age 9 with adult.



GRADES K – 3

NEW! Kids CRAFTERNOON

All materials provided. Parents welcome!

Crafts with Perler Beads

Friday, December 13, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Make a Mini Terrarium

Friday, January 10, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Valentine Candle Holders

Friday, February 14, 3:30-4:30 p.m.



Book Magic

Wednesdays, February 5, 12, 19 & 26
4 – 4:45 p.m.

Do you love reading? This literature-sharing program includes great stories & activities. Online registration begins Jan. 22.



GRADES 2 – 5

Kid BINGO

Thursday, February 27, 7 – 8 p.m.

Come in out of the cold and have some winter BINGO fun. For children only! Online registration begins Feb. 13.

GRADES 3 – 5

Bluestem Book Club

Mondays, Jan. 13, Feb. 10, March 9,

April 13, & May 11, 5 – 6 p.m.

Join our entertaining book club and read a new nominee from the 2020 IL Bluestem Award list each month. Treats! Online registration begins December 9. Book copies are available at the Circulation Desk one month prior to the discussion.



GRADES 5 – 8

Tweens & Teens

TWEENS: Grades 5 - 8

Jefferson Junior High Singers:



Caroling in the Lobby

Thursday, December 19, 7 p.m.
Dress in your favorite ugly sweater and hear over 50 talented teens sing carols: stay for hot cocoa and cookies.

Tween Takeover!

Fridays, December 6, January 3 & February 7, 3:30 - 5 p.m.
Drop in to eat pizza, play video games, challenge a friend to a board game, relax with a craft, or just hang out.

Caudill Book Club



Mondays, Jan. 20, Feb. 17, March 16, April 20 & May 18, 5 - 6 p.m., *Register*
Each month the book club will read & talk about a new nominee from the *Illinois Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Book Award 2020* list. Enjoy treats. Online registration begins December 16. *Book copies available at the Circulation Desk one month prior to discussion.*

TWEENS & TEENS: GRADES 5 - 12

Hour of Code™

Sunday, December 15, 2 - 4 p.m., *Register*

Try one of Code.org's free self-guided tutorials and write your first lines of code to play a Star Wars game or to go on a Minecraft adventure! Bring earbuds to this world-wide event that celebrates computer science. Register to guarantee a spot; drop-ins welcome, space-permitting.



TEENS: AGES 13 & UP

Finals Snack & Study

December 13 - 18

Find encouragement and brain-boosting snacks as you prep for finals in the TEENS ONLY study area.

Teen Perler Bead Snowflakes

Tuesday, December 17, 3:30 - 5 p.m.

Melt your finals stress away: design a beautiful Perler Bead Snowflake.

Teens: Create Your Own Button

Thursday, January 2, 3:30 - 5 p.m., *Register*

Design, print and create your own pin-back buttons. Start from scratch or bring ready-made digital designs, photos or drawings.



Cosplay 101: Teens & Up

Thursday, January 16, 6:30 - 8 p.m. *Register*

Interested in DIY costume design? Learn cosplay basics from picking a character, to costume construction, to taking it to the convention. Interactive class with snacks, Q&A.

TEENS: AGES 13 & UP

UnValentine's Day Teen Hangout

Thurs., February 13, 6:30 - 8 p.m., *Register or Drop In*
Come celebrate Unvalentine's Day! We'll make fun cards, decorate cookies, and make friendship bracelets.



TEEN DIY

DIY Winter Bookmarks

December 8 - 14

Color to relax or create a quick gift.



DIY 2020 Mini-Calendar Pages

January 2 - 11

We provide blank mini-calendar pages, you create the design. Craft supply station in Teen Area, or take pages home to decorate.



DIY Snowflakes

February 2 - 8

Snip out a basic design or show off your superior scissor skills. Take snowflakes home or donate them to decorate the Teen Area.



DIY are in the Teen Area = While supplies last

HIGH SCHOOL TEENS

COOKIES & CRAM



HS Teens After Hours Finals Study

Saturday, December 14, 4:45 - 9 p.m., *Register*

Study in a quiet place...with cookies! Register online—or in the lobby on 12/14—and arrive by 4:45 p.m. *You must show a high school ID and register to stay after 5 p.m.*

Don't Pay the College Sticker Price

Tuesday, January 7, 7 p.m., *Register*

Get the facts on how much college costs and the importance of graduation rates and location. See how looking for colleges that want you and your skills might save money.

Diagnostic ACT Test @the Library



Saturday, February 1, noon - 4 p.m., *Register*

A representative from *C2 Education* will proctor a practice ACT test, and follow up with test results. Visit the *Events Calendar* at woodridgelibrary.org for details and registration.

ACT vs. SAT

Monday, February 10, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., *Register*

Trying to figure out whether you should focus on the SAT or the ACT? *C2 Education Naperville* explains key differences and factors to consider when prepping for entrance exams.

Adults

MUSIC

Caroling Concert with *The Festive Singers* Sunday, December 15, 2 p.m.



Get in the holiday spirit! Our harmonious a cappella quartet will serenade you with Christmas classics, winter favorites and a Hanukkah tune or two.

Chicago Piano Bar Concert

Sunday, January 26, 2 p.m.
Chicago's renowned piano entertainer Charlie Cruce will have you singing in the New Year and laughing in your seats, as he takes song requests. Think Billy Joel, Elton John, Bruce Hornsby and Stevie Wonder all rolled in to one fabulous afternoon.



Blues Concert

Sunday, February 9, 2 p.m.
Beat the winter blues! "The Louis Armstrong of the Harmonica," blues legend Samuel Lozada returns with singer Janice Lozada, for "Mo' Beat Blues."

ORGANIZING



Swedish Death Cleaning: Downsize in a Memorable, Joyful Way

Sunday, January 19, 2 p.m.
Give your family the gift of a clean, organized and simple life. Try organizing projects that you can begin at any age, letting you downsize your life without losing your memories.

COLLEGE PLANNING

Don't Pay the College Sticker Price

Tuesday, January 7, 7 p.m.
Target colleges that give the right merit-based aid advises Joseph Orsolini as he breaks down the real costs of college.

ACT vs. SAT College Prep Seminar

Monday, February 10, 6:30 p.m.
SAT or the ACT? Will test choice affect college acceptance or merit scholarships? C2 Education explains key differences.

FINANCES

Taxes are Everyone's Business

Tuesday, January 14, 6:30 p.m.
Tax expert Judi Strauss tells you how to deal with the tax changes that will affect your 2019 tax return.



DIY

Hot Cocoa Mix & Give

Wednesday, December 18, 6 – 8 p.m.
Saturday, December 21, 2 – 4 p.m.



Customize your own hot cocoa mix and personalize a jar to take it home. Perfect last-minute gift or enjoy it yourself. *Children under 12 Welcome with Adult*

ENGAGING LECTURES

Suburban Astronomy: What Can I see from my Backyard?



Wednesday, December, 7 p.m.
Rick Gering of the Naperville Astronomical Association gives tips for star gazing—how, and when to get good views—and highlights exciting sky events. Weather permitting, program goes outside for telescopes. *Children under 12 Welcome with Adult*

Astrology 101

Wednesday, January 8, 7 p.m.
In this fun overview of astrology, presenter Jez Layman will teach you about sun, moon and rising signs, planets, and houses.



Cosplay 101

Thursday, January 16, 6:30 p.m.
Be a successful cosplayer! Get the inside scoop: get started, create your costume, and attend your first conference.

Notre Dame: After the Fire

Sunday, February 23, 2 p.m.
Art historian Jeff Mishur takes an in depth look at the glorious history and Gothic innovations of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, and touches on the current status of the church restoration following the tragic 2019 fire.



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Adults



COOKING



Air Fryer Do's and Don'ts

Tuesday, December 10, 7 p.m., *Register*
Learn basics of air frying to ensure great cooking results with hands-off ease and speed; get insights into fryer features that you'll love, and tips to avoid common mistakes.

We Love (Baking) Bread! Cooking Demo, *Register*

Thursday, February 6, 6:30 p.m.
Learn how to start with a few simple ingredients and turn them into a delicious, satisfying loaf of fresh bread. Discuss types of flour and incorporating whole grains into your diet with cook Andrea Pracht.



You Can Brew It! Craft Beer at Home



Wednesday, February 12, 6:30 p.m.
Do you love good quality craft beer? Award winning home brewer Scott Pointon will discuss the equipment, ingredients, brewing process, and resources available to would-be brew masters. *Attendees receive "I love craft beer" button!*

CELEBRATIONS

February is Beer, Bread &
Blues Month!
BINGO is just a bonus...



New Year's Bingo Party

Thursday, January 23, 7 p.m., *Register*
Play BINGO, eat snacks and enter drawings. No fees. You must register to ensure a seat/cards.

Seniors: Winter BINGO Party

Friday, February 21, 1 p.m. *Register*
Beat the winter blues with BINGO. Surprises and fun guaranteed. No fees. You must register to be ensure a seat/cards.

CLUBS



Senior Cards & Games

2nd & 4th Fridays, 1 – 3 p.m.



Adult Coloring

2nd Mondays, 6:30 – 8 p.m.



Library Needlers

3rd Tuesdays, 6 – 8:30 p.m.



Lisle Township Job Club

Mondays, 10 a.m.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Winter Book Discussions

Check out woodridgebooktalk.org for book descriptions, pick up a book copy at the Circulation Desk starting one month before each meeting, and join the discussion:

Finding Dorothy by Elizabeth Letts, Tuesday, Jan. 28, 7 p.m.
The Lost Man by Jane Harper, Tuesday, February 25, 7 p.m.

Joint Book Discussion: Pizza & Crime

Mystery book lovers from nearby Indian Prairie (Darien) and Woodridge libraries meet at 7 p.m. at Home Run Inn Pizza in Darien on 3rd Thursdays. *Optional 6 p.m. dinner.*

Crocodile on the Sandbank by Elizabeth Peters, December 19
The Devotion of Suspect X by Keigo Higashino, January 16
In the Bleak Midwinter by Julia Spencer-Fleming, February 20

GENEALOGY



DNA for the Holidays: Genealogy Test Kit Advice

Sunday, December 1, 2 p.m.
Deciding what genealogy test kit to choose can be confusing—and expensive! Get the facts about kit costs, pros and cons, and a take-away comparison chart from a local genealogist.

Genealogy Research Help in the Training Lab

Sunday, January 19, 2 p.m., *Register*
Bring your own family history notes and questions, you will access to and guidance in using Ancestry.com and other genealogy research tools available at the library.

IN THE GALLERY

Artists are featured for month-long exhibits in the Gallery space of the lobby, open during the library's regular hours.

December 2019

Darcy Berg & Bill Ellison
Photography & Fiber Art

January 2020

Mary Yezek, Collage

February 2020

Desireé, Acrylic on Canvas

Technology

Consumer Reports



Create Your Own Buttons

Wednesday, December 11, 2 - 3:30 p.m., *Register*
 Thursday, January 2, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
 Bring in your own ready-made digital design, photos, and drawings, or start from scratch with our advice to make pin-back buttons.

App-y Hour

Tuesday, January 21, 7 p.m., *Register*
 Bring your tablet and your appetite.
 Let us show you fabulous and free library apps that can make your tablet more entertaining and educational.
 Tasty appetizers will be served!



Please know your Apple ID (iPad) and password or Google user name and password (most other tablets), you may need them to install new apps.

COMPUTER CLASSES

Advanced registration is required: at the Computer Help Desk, 630-487-2581, or online at the EVENTS calendar. *Hands-on classes are for Woodridge Library cardholders. Ages 12 and up.*



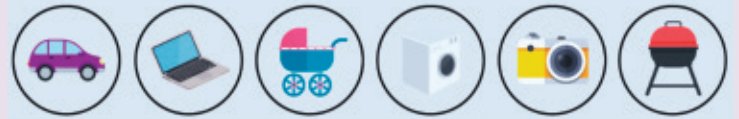
Six-Week Introduction to Excel

Saturdays, January 18 - February 22, 9:30 a.m.
 Taught by the People's Resource Center (PRC) at the Woodridge Public Library.

Call the PRC at 630-384-1344 to register.
Students may receive a free refurbished desktop computer for home use.



Make Better Purchasing Decisions With Your Library Card



Do you have an air fryer on your holiday wish list? Are you thinking about buying a new smart phone? Check the latest reviews from Consumer Reports—for free—directly from your home or phone.

“Consumer Reports is by far patrons’ favorite database.”

-George Kalinka,
 Adult & Teen Services
 Manager



Found at the Databases link of the library webpage.

Word	Excel	PowerPoint
Mailings Made Easy Thursday, December 5, 6:30 p.m. Prepare for holiday bulk mailings: create Excel address lists, merge with labels and envelopes in Word	Introduction Thursday, February 6, 6:30 p.m. Create, edit and format spreadsheets and create formulas	Introduction Thursday, December 19, 6:30 p.m. Create and run a basic slide show with text and graphics
Introduction Wednesday, January 15, 6:30 p.m. Learn to create, format, save and print documents, and insert pictures	Intermediate Thursday, February 13, 6:30 p.m. Organize data, use functions (V-Lookup) and create a chart	Photo Album Thursday, January 9, 6:30 p.m. Use basic PowerPoint features to create a photo album: master slide, customized themes, presenter view & printing slides
Intermediate Wednesday, January 22, 6:30 p.m. Create tabs, bulleted or numbered lists, headers and insert tables	Pivot Tables Thurs., February 20, 6:30 p.m. Learn basics of creating pivot tables and slicers	

Classes with less than three registrants may be canceled.



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From the Director



If you love traditional holiday caroling, but prefer to avoid the bitter outdoor chill, come to the library on December 15th to watch our **a capella holiday carolers**. They will be costumed in traditional Victorian caroling garb, and traverse through the library (starting at our famous giant book tree) singing your favorite songs. For those who prefer to sit, the concert will finish in our upstairs meeting room.

Have an air fryer and don't know what to do with it? Thinking of getting one for yourself or as a gift? Come to our **air fryer program** in December and learn how to air fry and get advice on what features to look for in an air fryer.

In February, we have **Mr. Freeze from Fermi Lab** coming to wow you with the science of extreme cold. Cryogenic experiments will demonstrate the effects of liquid nitrogen on everyday objects.

—Pam Dubé

WINTER PROGRAM GUIDE

December, January & February

Holiday Hours

- Library Opens at 1 p.m.:** December 13, In-Service
- Closed:** December 24, Christmas Eve
- Closed:** December 25, Christmas
- Library Closes at 5 p.m.:** December 31, New Year's Eve
- Closed:** January 1, New Year's Day



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Saturday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sunday 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.



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Notice: attending programs constitutes consent to be photographed/videotaped for library purposes.



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Our Vision
We aspire to foster curiosity and delight.