How-To Festival

Want to learn how to knit? Garden with straw bales? Support early literacy?

These are just some of the things you can learn at the library’s first How-To Festival. Discover and explore new interests through a variety of interactive activities, exhibits, and demos. All workshops will be taught by community members, local business owners, artists, and staff.

Presentations include:

- Angel card reading
- Brush lettering and calligraphy
- Clearing your space of negativity
- Home-made pie crust
- Knitting basics
- Knitting beverage coozies
- Macrame weaving
- Making music with GarageBand
- Making a t-shirt quilt
- Oil painting for beginners
- Personal banking security: how to stay safe and avoid scams
- Playing piano
- Posture, breathing, and nutrition
- Simple crochet
- Spinal health
- Straw bale gardening
- Supporting your child’s early literacy
- Turning your house into a home: easy upgrades
- Weaving

The festival will take place throughout the library, with sessions ranging from 15 to 30 minutes. Check out the website or stop by the library for our schedule of events.

How-To Festival

Sat., Mar. 21, 10:00 a.m. – noon
A free, all-ages event with a variety of interactive activities, exhibits, and demos.
March: Go Green!

**Silent Spring** by Rachel Carson

**The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo** by Taylor Jenkins Reid

**Relish in the Kitchen** by America’s Test Kitchen

**Since You’ve Been Gone** by Lisa Jewell

**Go forth** by William Gibson

**Verity** by Colleen Hoover

**Shelfies** by David Karp

**Last Call at the Nightshade Lounge** by David Sedaris

**Luminous Dead** by Natashia Deon

**House of Sorrows** by Mary Endrich Twarden

**The Last Time I Lied** by Riley Sager

April: Location, Location, Location

**The Wonder** by Emma Donoghue

**The Café by the Sea** by Delia Owens

**Where the Crawdads Sing** by Delia Owens

**The Lucy of Blackwood** by Brandon Sanderson

**The First Last** by Jodi Picoult

**The Last House on the Block** by Jonathan Lethem

Rethink How You Recycle

In celebration of the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, the **Where Is Away?** exhibit will be available at the library from March 31 – April 24. Learn about how to reduce waste and recycle correctly through a hands-on educational feature that explores how to responsibly dispose of common items found around homes. Interact with 27 panels and make a plan to rethink everyday waste. This exhibit is generously provided by SCARCE and funded by the DuPage Foundation. Visit the **Where Is Away?** exhibit on the second floor of the library.

In the Gallery

March

Aleksandra Cozzi - Photography

Mary Beth Purse - Oil Pastels

April

Midwest Collage Society

“Promoting collage as a fine art by providing exhibit opportunities and professional growth”

Organization of the Month

**March**

Community Adult Day Center

Community Adult Day Center is a nonprofit organization that enables older adults to have a fun-filled and educational day. They serve a continental breakfast and homemade lunch from a private caterer and give an afternoon snack. For over 30 years, they have used a person-centered approach to provide recreational, social, intellectual, cognitive, and sensory activities to engage and stimulate each person. In addition to providing valuable respite services to a family caregiver, the Community Adult Day Center hosts monthly support groups and special events throughout the year. The CADC is always looking for regular and special event volunteer support by individuals who enjoy working with older adults. The Community Adult Day Center invites you to take a tour and visit communityadultdaycenter.org to learn more.

**April**

Help Save Pets

Help Save Pets rescues adoptable adult dogs and cats and puppies and kittens, many of which other shelters cannot rescue due to curable health problems or pregnancy. Animals are housed in veterinary clinics and are provided with the medical care needed. HSP is a no-kill shelter and helps to ensure pets are adoption-ready by providing vaccinations, tests, identification microchips, and spay/neuter services. Since its founding, HSP has placed over 16,000 animals and rescued animals from kill shelters in southern IL, IN, MS, and KY. They have seven locations in the Chicago area, including the Animal Care Center in Downers Grove. Volunteers and temporary care families are always needed. Visit helpsavepets.org to learn more.

Find your next read with the library’s Staff Picks collection. Staff members from all departments share their favorite reads. Look for Staff Picks on their shelf in the lobby or in the stacks marked by a special “Staff Picks” sign. Check online each Wednesday for recommendations: dglibrary.org/staffpicks, Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Follow and use the hashtag #DGPLreads to keep up with the freshest picks by DGPL staff.

Staff

March

SILENT SPRING

BY 

RACHEL CARSON

THE SEVEN HUSBANDS OF EVELYN HUGO

BY 

TAYLOR JENKINS REID

RELISH IN THE KITCHEN

BY 

AMERICA’S TEST KITCHEN

SINCE YOU’VE BEEN GONE

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LISA JEWELL

GO FORTH

BY 

WILLIAM GIBSON

VERITY

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COLEEN HOOVER

SHELFIES

BY 

DAVID KARP

LAST CALL AT THE NIGHTSHADE LOUNGE

BY 

DAVID SEDARIS

THE LUMINOUS DEAD

BY 

NATASHIA DEON

HOUSE OF SORROWS

BY 

MARY ERDORICH-TWARDEN

THE LAST TIME I LIED

BY 

RILEY SAGER

APRIL

THE WONDER

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EMMA DONOGHUE

THE CAFE BY THE SEA

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IN THE GALLERY

MARCH

ALEKSANDRA COZZI - PHOTOGRAPHY

MARY BETH PURSE - OIL PASTELS

APRIL

MIDWEST COLLAGE SOCIETY

“PROMOTING COLLAGE AS A FINE ART BY PROVIDING EXHIBIT OPPORTUNITIES AND PROFESSIONAL GROWTH”
Director's Note

Spring cleaning helps us tidy up and feel prepared to take on the season with a fresh start! This year, the exterior of the library building will get some much-needed TLC. The library’s 2020 capital needs project includes tuckpointing, masonry repair, brick cleaning, exterior painting, caulking, and replacement of some exterior emergency doors. The project will begin as soon as weather permits, as early as March 1.

The safety of our patrons is very important since this project will require the use of scaffolding, scissor lifts, and other equipment. Safety measures, such as fencing off work areas and use of a flagger in the alley beside the library, are expected to be used. During tuckpointing, a vacuum system will be active to minimize dust from the mortar grinding. Power washing of brick will be done with water first, using eco-friendly solvents only when necessary to reduce environmental impact. Entrances and accessibility to the library will not be impacted during operating hours.

When complete, the library’s exterior will be fresh and clean for spring!

Julie Milavec
jmilavec@dglibrary.org

Next Chapter Book Club

DGPL is excited to announce that starting in April it will be an affiliate location for the national organization, Next Chapter Book Club. NCBC is a book club for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities who may or may not be able to read. The club will meet twice a month on Tuesday nights from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. to share a book, socialize, and have fun. More details and registration information can be found at dglibrary.org/events.

To register and learn more, go to: dglibrary.org/events
Future Bestsellers

These titles are sure to be hot when they arrive in March and April! See dglibrary.org/bestsellers for more. Contact the Ask Us Desk to place a hold.

Music in the Library

with partner DG Music Club

March of the Women

Sun., Mar. 1, 2:00 p.m.

Celebrate the 100th anniversary of Suffrage with folk musician Phil Passen, on hammered dulcimer, with entertaining and informative songs from the mid-19th century through 1920.

The Blues According to John Primer

Sun., Apr. 19, 2:00 p.m.

Two-time Grammy Award nominee John Primer learned to play the blues from the best of the best—Join John and his harmonica player, Steve Bell, for an acoustic set of great music and stories.

Friday Feature Films

The Quiet Man (G)
Fri., Mar. 13, 1:00 p.m.

A League of Their Own (PG-13)
Fri., Mar. 27, 1:00 p.m.

Blithe Spirit (NR)
Fri., Apr. 10, 1:00 p.m.

The Sting (PG)
Fri., Apr. 24, 1:00 p.m.

Book Discussions

Conference Room A

Books are available at the Ask Us Desk one month before each discussion. Contact the Ask Us Desk at askus@dglibrary.org for more information.

The Lager Queen of Minnesota
by J. Ryan Stradal
Thurs., Mar. 5
7:00 – 8:30pm

The Pioneers
by David McCullough
Thurs., Apr. 2
7:00 – 8:30pm

Pages and Pints
Off-Site Book Discussion: Storm Front
by Jim Butcher
Tues., Mar. 10
7:00 – 8:30pm
Orange and Brew
1027 Burlington Ave., D.G.
Ages 21+ only.

Music, Films, and Books

Discover   •   Grow   •   Play   •   Learn
**Storytimes**

Children attending storytimes must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

**Open Storytime**
Mondays, Mar. 2 – Apr. 6 9:30 – 10:00 a.m.  
Tuesdays, Mar. 3 – Apr. 7 9:30 – 10:00 a.m., 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Picture books, songs, and activities designed for preschoolers to promote early literacy and vocabulary skills.

**Toddler Storytime**
Mondays, Mar. 2 – Apr. 6 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.  
Wednesdays, Mar. 4 – Apr. 8 9:30 – 10:00 a.m., 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Up to 36 months. This storytime is filled with songs, stories, and bubbles. Perfect for wiggly toddlers—followed by playtime.

**Infant Storytime**
Thursdays, Mar. 5 – Apr. 9 9:30 – 10:00 a.m., 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Non-Walkers. Snuggle up with your baby for songs, rhymes, and a little bouncing.

**Weekend Storytime**
Saturdays, Mar. 7 – Apr. 25 9:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Join us every weekend for picture books, songs, and activities designed for preschoolers to promote early literacy and vocabulary skills.

**Fresh Thyme Storytime**
325 Ogden Ave., DG  
Thurs., Mar. 12, 1:00 – 1:30 p.m.  
Thurs., Apr. 9, 1:00 – 1:30 p.m.

We will be in the café area every month to bring storytelling to you.

**Storytime at the DGJWC**
Handmade Market  
O’Neill Middle School  
Sat., Apr. 25, 10:00 a.m. – noon

Join DGPL for a special storytime and craft at the Downers Grove Junior Woman’s Club’s Handmade Market, located at O’Neill Middle School.

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**STEM Room**
Explore science, technology, engineering, and math at all age levels with specially selected books, blocks, activities, and more.

**Open STEM Time**
For all ages. Build with giant building blocks, look through our STEM books, and explore the different materials that change every week.

**Preschool STEM Time**
Thursdays and Fridays 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Guided STEM Time**
Thursdays, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
Saturdays, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Drop in for a specialized activity with a STEM Room instructor. Call (630) 960–1200 ext. 4279 for each week’s topic.

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**Family Movies**
Bring a blanket, a snack, and a pillow to enjoy a movie on our giant screen. Closed captioning provided.

**Frozen 2 (PG)**  
Sat., Mar. 28, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

**Avengers: Infinity War (PG-13)**  
Mon., Mar. 30, 1:30 – 3:45 p.m.

**Avengers: Endgame (PG-13)**  
Tues., Mar. 31, 1:30 – 4:00 p.m.

**Spies in Disguise (PG)**  
Sat., Apr. 4, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

**Addams Family (2019) (PG)**  
Sat., Apr. 25, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

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**Preschool Movie**
Fri., Mar. 27, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.  
Fri., Apr. 24, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Join us for a fun movie geared towards preschoolers. You never know who will be on the big screen: PJ Masks, Curious George, or Vampirina.

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*To register and learn more, go to: dglibrary.org/events*
Playdough Sculpting  D
Fri., Mar. 6, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Smush, roll, and sculpt with our collection of playdough.

Recess at the Library  D
Fri., Mar. 13, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Did you know you could play hopscotch, hula hoop, or even walk the balance beam here in the Kids Room?

St. Patrick’s Day Craft  D
Tues., Mar. 17, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Stop by to make a craft for St. Patrick’s Day. First 100 crafters.

Sesame Street Puppet Show  D
Fri., Mar. 20, 10:00 – 10:30 a.m. Meeting Room
Can you tell me how to get, how to get to the puppet show? Enjoy a puppet show with some of your favorite characters from Sesame Street!

Duplo Fun  D
Fri., Apr. 3, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
We are pouring out our boxes of Duplos; come play with our massive collection! We cannot wait to see what you build.

Numbers and Colors and Shapes, Oh My!  D
Fri., Apr. 10, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Play fun games that will combine numbers, colors, and shapes by sorting and sequencing. Your little ones will not even realize they are working on their math skills!

Go Global: Russia  D
Tues., Apr. 14, 4:00 – 4:30 p.m.
Ages 3+. Learn about Russia through a story, craft, and food.

Drop-In Doodle  D
Fri., Apr. 17, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Draw, color, and doodle the morning away with coloring sheets, giant paper, color by numbers and more.

Toddler Play  D
Wed., Apr. 22, 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.
Up to 36 months. While your toddler gets to play, you get to socialize with other parents. We will supply the room and the toys for your little ones, while you can connect with each other!

Infant Play  D
Thursdays, Apr. 16 – Apr. 30
9:30 – 10:15 a.m.
Non-Walkers. Bring your infant and socialize with other parents. We will supply the room and the toys for your little ones, while you can connect with each other!

Mini Mad Scientists  C
Ages 3+. Explore the simple science behind a topic. Dress for messy! The same class is offered twice each month. Children must attend with their parent/caregiver.

Seeds  D
Fri., Mar. 27, 4:00 – 4:30 p.m.
Mon., Mar. 30, 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Butterfly Life Cycle  D
Wed., Apr. 15, 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.
Wed., Apr. 15, 4:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Finger Painting Masterpiece  C
Wed., Apr. 29, 9:30 – 10:00 a.m.
Ages 2 – 3. Using fingerprints, bring home a one-of-a-kind abstract canvas painting made by your toddler. Dress for messy!

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For Families

Lego Build  C
What can you make with our Legos, a theme, and your imagination? We’ll display your creations in the Kids Room. For children of all ages accompanied by an adult.

Choose Your Own  C
Thurs., Mar. 19, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Skyscrapers  C
Thurs., Apr. 16, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Trinity Irish Dancers  D
Sat., Mar. 14, 10:30 – 11:00 a.m. Meeting Room
Catch the world-renowned Trinity Irish Dancers bringing the power and grace of Irish dance to the Downers Grove Public Library. This 30-minute performance is interactive, exciting, and informative with dancers of all ages showcasing both rhythmic hard shoe and graceful soft shoe dances. Your little one will have the chance to learn the jig as well!

Disney Movie Family Trivia  D
Thurs., Apr. 2, 7:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Work together as a family and bring your magical knowledge of Disney animation movies to the library! Please bring a personal device (that can connect to wireless internet) to share as a family. Snacks will be provided.

Science Steve  D
Sat., Apr. 18, 10:30 – 11:00 a.m. Meeting Room
Steve will be creating large-scale demonstrations including liquid nitrogen -320°F, a human gyroscope, electric generators, electromagnets, a hovercraft, and more. You cannot miss this show!

Mini Mad Scientists  C
Ages 3+. Explore the simple science behind a topic. Dress for messy! The same class is offered twice each month. Children must attend with their parent/caregiver.

Seeds  D
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Finger Painting Masterpiece  C
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Drop-in Activity  D
Advance registration required.
C  Advance registration and DGPL Card required.
Spring Break Activity.
**Make & Create**
Grades 1 – 6. School’s out early on Mondays! Kids, drop in the Program Room to work on an activity or just hang out. No parents allowed—just you and your creativity. Stay as long or as little as you would like.

**Pointillism**
Mon., Mar. 2, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

**St. Patrick’s Day Candy Craft for The Cupboard**
Mon., Mar. 9, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

**St. Patrick’s Day Activities and Games**
Mon., Mar. 16, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

**Circuit Maze, Laser Maze, Laser Chess, and More**
Mon., Mar. 23, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

**Tape Resist Art**
Mon., Mar. 30, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

**Bee Bot Mazes**
Tues., Mar. 31, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

**Oil Pastels**
Wed., Apr. 1, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

**Fishtail Bracelets**
Mon., Apr. 6, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Sat., Apr. 18, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

**Spring Crafts**
Mon., Apr. 13, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

**Decorative Planters**
Mon., Apr. 20, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

**Painting Photo Plants**
Mon., Apr. 27, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

**DIY Galaxy T-Shirts**
Wed., Mar. 4, 4:00 – 4:30 p.m.

**Celebrating Dr. Seuss’ Birthday**
Sat., Mar. 7, 2:00 – 2:30 p.m.

**Read to the Dogs**
Thurs., Mar. 12, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Thurs., Apr. 9, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**Stop! Animate and Listen:**
Intro to Stop Motion Animation
Wed., Apr. 1, 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

**Parachute Play**
Thurs., Apr. 2, 1:30 – 2:00 p.m.

**Massive Lego Play**
Fri., Apr. 3, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Unicorn Day**
Thurs., Apr. 9, 4:00 – 4:30 p.m.

**Go Global: Russia**
Tues., Apr. 14, 4:00 – 4:30 p.m.

**Princess Tea Party**
Fri., Apr. 24, 4:00 – 4:30 p.m.

**To register and learn more, go to: dglibrary.org/events**
What’s the Buzz?
Summer Reading Club Volunteers
Calling all volunteers! It is time to start thinking about volunteering this summer in the Kids Room! Keep an eye out for an informational meeting in mid-May to attend with an adult. Summer Reading volunteers can be kids in fifth grade and older.

Kids Room Fun!
Check out all the recent fun we’ve had in the Kids Room! For a chance to have your photo featured, tag us on Facebook, Instagram (@DownersGroveLibrary), or Twitter (@DGLibrary) and use the hashtag #DGPLpics.
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All programs are held in Teen Central unless otherwise noted. Email aklenk@dglibrary.org with questions.

**Drop-in Program**

- **Graphic Novel Design**
  Tues., Mar. 3, 10, 17, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
  Grades 7–12. Learn how to design, draw, and render a Graphic Novel page in Procreate on the iPad.

- **NCAA College Basketball Bracket**
  Sun., Mar. 15 – Thurs., Mar. 19
  Grades 7–12. Fill out a bracket and compete for prizes. Bracket info will be emailed after registration.

- **Locked in the Library**
  Grades 7–12. Find yourself locked in the library after hours! Snacks will be served.

- **College Practice Tests**
  Grades 9–12. Tests provided by Kaplan Test Prep. Registration closes 7 days before the test.

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- **Button Art**
  Wed., Apr. 1, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
  Grades 7–12. Decorate a canvas with buttons to create an image.

**Advance registration required.**

- **Volunteering and Community Service**
  Grades 7–12. Help with program prep and other projects. Registration opens two weeks before the volunteering date.

- **General Volunteering**
  Sat., Mar. 14, 10:00 a.m. – noon
  Tues., Mar. 3, 10:00 – 3:00 p.m.
  Thurs., Apr. 2, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
  Sat., Apr. 25, 10:00 a.m. – noon

- **Service Project: Letters to Soldiers**
  Sun., Mar. 29 – Sat., Apr. 4, All Day
  Write and decorate letters to be sent to soldiers.

- **Make & Take Crafts**
  Stop by and pick up a craft to complete in Teen Central or take home. All supplies provided.

  - **Mini Macrame Plant Holder**
    Wed., Mar. 11, 3:00 – 9:00 p.m.

  - **Cross Stitch**
    Wed., Apr. 15, 3:00 – 9:00 p.m.

  - **Perler Beads**
    Mon., Mar. 9, 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

  - **Origami**
    Mon., Mar. 2, 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

  - **Easels & Water Color**
    Mon., Apr. 6, 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

  - **Duct Tape Projects**
    Mon., Apr. 20, 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

- **DIY Magnets**
  Mon., Apr. 13, 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

- **Evanston Art Design**
  Grades 7–12. Learn how to design, draw, and render a Graphic Novel page in Procreate on the iPad.

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**Teen Snapshot**

Here’s what’s been happening in Teen Central! For a chance to have your photo featured, tag us on Facebook, Instagram (@DownersGroveLibrary), or Twitter (@DGLibrary) and use the hashtag #DGPLpics.
Business Roundtable  R
With partner SCORE Fox Valley
Conference Room B
Tuesdays: Mar. 3, Apr. 7, 7:00 p.m.
Join experienced business mentors in a discussion group dedicated to helping business owners and entrepreneurs succeed.

Writers Workshop  D
Mondays: Mar. 9, 23; Apr. 13, 27, 7:00 p.m.
With partner Friends of the Library.
Novice to professional writers meet to read, discuss, and enjoy each other’s work.

Climate Change 101  R
Wed., Mar. 11, 7:00 p.m.
Learn about climate change, solutions that are underway, and simple things you can do.

Gentle Zumba  R
Thurs., Mar. 12, 10:00 a.m.
Energize your day with this gentle Zumba class.

Creative Co-op  D
Tues., Mar. 17, 6:30 p.m.
Meeting Room
Tues., Apr. 21, 6:30 p.m.
Kids Program Room
Come socialize with other needlecrafters. Bring your project to work on and share ideas.

Genealogy Series  R
American Migration Westward
Thurs., Mar. 19, 2:00 p.m.
Steve Szabados discusses our immigrant ancestors and how they contributed to the Industrial Revolution.

DNA Test Kit Showdown
Thurs., Apr. 23, 7:00 p.m.
Curious about DNA testing for genealogy, health, or fun? Learn about your options!

How-To Festival  D
Sat., Mar. 21, 10:00 a.m. – noon
A variety of interactive activities, exhibits, and demos.

iPhone Basics  R
Mon., Mar. 23, 2:00 p.m.
Training Room
Must bring your iPhone and know your Apple ID.

Adventures in Travel  D
With partner Friends of the Library
Peru
Fri., Mar. 20, 7:00 p.m.
Michael Braun presents Machu Picchu in Peru.

Up a Lazy River by the New Maelstrom
Fri., Mar. 20, 7:00 p.m.
Paul Clement presents.

Meditation: The Secret for a Peaceful Life
Mon., Mar. 23, 7:00 p.m.
Explore the healing power of meditation for improved physical and emotional well being.

Yes And! An Improv Comedy Workshop
Fri., Mar. 27, 7:00 p.m.
Unleash your inner creativity and funny while learning the basics of improv.

Adult Craft: Pendant Necklaces
Fri., Apr. 3, 2:00 p.m.
Create two colorful and unique pendant necklaces. A variety of quotes and designs will be provided.

Podcast 101  R
Sat., Apr. 4, 1:00 p.m.
Training Room
Come learn the ins and outs of recording, editing, and distributing a podcast.

Low-Impact Fitness  R
Thurs., Apr. 9, 10:00 a.m.
Get moving and join us for this low-impact aerobic workout!

Searching for South America: The Mindful Vagabond
Tues., Apr. 21, 7:00 p.m.
The Mindful Vagabond is back to share his adventures and tips on how you can do it, too.

Headshots in the Media Lab  R
Wed., Mar. 4, 5:00 p.m.
Wed., Apr. 15, 5:00 p.m.
Call the Computer Help Desk at (630) 960-1200 ext. 4288 to register for a 15-minute time slot.

Board Games  D
Fri., Mar. 6, 5:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Fri., Apr. 3, 5:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Drop in for contemporary board games. Learn a new game or bring your own.

Job Search Workshops  R
With partner People’s Resource Center
Negotiate the Job Offer
Tues., Mar. 10, 10:00 a.m.
Conference Room B

Master the Phone Interview
Wed., Mar. 18, 7:00 p.m.
Conference Room B

Focused Job Search Using Cool Tools
Tues., Apr. 14, 10:00 a.m.
Training Room

Work-Life Balance
Wed., Apr. 22, 7:00 p.m.
Conference Room B

Great Decisions  D
Mondays: Mar. 9, 30; Apr. 6, 20, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesdays: Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; Apr. 7, 9:30 a.m.
With partner League of Women Voters. Foreign policy issues are discussed.
Senior Housing 101
Wed., Apr. 29, 7:00 p.m.
Rick Graffagna presents on selecting senior housing, options to consider, and funding.

Next Chapter Book Club
Tues., Apr. 14, 28; May 12, 26; Jun. 9, 23, 7:00 p.m.
Conference Room A
Join our literacy program for adults 18+ with intellectual and developmental disabilities! All are welcome, regardless of the ability to read. This program is part of a series, so please plan to attend all sessions. Call Misty (630) 960-1200 ext. 4255 or Nancy (630) 960-1200 ext. 4248 to register and learn more about the program.

Money Smart Week
Investment Fraud Prevention
Tues., Apr. 7, 7:00 p.m.
Terry A. Paggi, an Investor Assistance Specialist with the Securities & Exchange Commission, presents on various types of investments.

Estate Planning for Dummies
Wed., Apr. 8, 2:00 p.m.
Learn the importance of having an estate plan, regardless of financial status. Attorney at Law and Professor Gina Spada presents.

Don’t Pay the College Sticker Price
Thurs., Apr. 9, 7:00 p.m.
Come learn about the college financial aid system (scholarships, grants, student loans, and tax-saving opportunities) and strategies to help decrease the overall cost of college.

Cutting the Cable Cord
Fri., Apr. 10, 10:00 a.m.
Listen to Amy Dittmeier explain how to cut your cable bill and save money. Q&A to follow.

Teaching Technology

The Basics
Surfing Basics and Navigating the DGPL Website
Wed., Mar. 11, 10:00 a.m.

Google Drive Overview
Wed., Mar. 25, 6:30 p.m.
Must have a Gmail account and password.

Understanding Files and Folders in File Explorer
Mon., Apr. 20, 2:00 p.m.
Basic familiarity with Microsoft Office apps such as Word is recommended.

Microsoft Office Classes
Intro to Excel 2016
Tues., Mar. 10, 2:00 p.m.
Fri., Apr. 10, 2:00 p.m.

Intro to Word 2016
Tues., Mar. 17, 2:00 p.m.

Excel 2016 Intermediate
Tues., Mar. 24, 2:00 p.m.
Fri., Apr. 24, 2:00 p.m.

Word 2016 Intermediate
Fri., Mar. 27, 2:00 p.m.
Tues., Apr. 28, 2:00 p.m.

Intro to PowerPoint 2016
Thurs., Apr. 30, 2:00 p.m.

Windows Fundamentals
With partner People’s Resource Center (PRC). Learn the basics of the Windows 10 operating system. Students receive a free refurbished computer for home use with Microsoft Office software. This weekly class runs Saturdays Mar. 28 – May 9, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Registration deadline is Apr. 1. Call the PRC at (630) 682-5402 ext. 240 or (630) 960-1200 ext. 4294 to register. Space is limited.

PowerPoint
With partner People’s Resource Center (PRC). Learn the features of PowerPoint. Knowledge of Windows 10, Word, and Excel required. Students receive a free refurbished computer for home use with Microsoft Office software. This weekly class runs Wednesdays Mar. 18 – Apr 29, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Registration deadline is Mar. 23. Call the PRC at (630) 682-5402 ext. 240 or (630) 960-1200 ext. 4294 to register. Space is limited.

Online Life
Must know email account and all applicable passwords.

Intro to Skype
Sat., Mar. 7, 10:00 a.m.

Pinterest Basics
Tues., Mar. 31, 6:30 p.m.

Instagram Basics
Mon., Apr. 6, 2:00 p.m.

Facebook Basics
Tues., Apr. 21, 2:00 p.m.

Job Hunting with Indeed
Wed., Apr. 22, 10:30 a.m.

Why Should You Be on LinkedIn?
Mon., Apr. 27, 6:30 p.m.

To register and learn more, go to: dglibrary.org/events
New Website Debuts

Head over to dglibrary.org to check out the library’s new website! DGPL’s new website is designed to be easier to navigate and more user-friendly. After reviewing patron surveys, conducting focus groups, and eight months of hard work, the library is proud to have developed a website that provides an easier way to learn about available services at the library. Please send an email to publicrelations@dglibrary.org with feedback.

Let's Hear It For The FOL!

The Friends of the Downers Grove Public Library are thrilled to continue supporting the Anything Emporium collection through their donation of noise-canceling headphones. The headphones are the newest addition to the library’s collection of unusual items including technology, craft, and STEM kits. Check them out at the Computer Help Desk on the second floor.

New Art Unveiled

The Downers Grove community is invited to see the library’s newest art acquisition, *Aqua Melt, Flores y Conejos*, by Melissa Leandro. The diptych of jacquard woven cloth unveiled in the lobby last month is a gift from the Downers Grove Public Library Foundation and is an exciting addition to the library’s permanent collection.

The DGPL Foundation funds extraordinary gifts, beyond taxpayer support, through fundraising including the Garden Walk Brick program. These gifts enhance the library’s art collection and cultural programming, providing opportunities for the whole of our community to explore and understand art. To see how and participate, visit dgplfoundation.org.

New Cover to Cover Podcasts

Go behind the scenes at DGPL with this monthly podcast. Meet library staff, learn about services and events in the community, and hear about the Organization of the Month.

March – Music at the Library: CDs, the Media Lab, and programs; Community Adult Day Center

April – Working at the Service Desk; Help Save Pets

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Discoveries brings news of services and activities at the Downers Grove Public Library

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