



Downers Grove Public Library Discoveries

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T.J., from The Midwest SOARRING Foundation, performing at the Land Acknowledgment Ceremony on 10/2/21.

Library Hours

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

Library Closings

- Thursday, November 25
- Friday, December 24
- Saturday, December 25
- Friday, December 31 - Close at 5 p.m.
- Saturday, January 1

Programs and services may be subject to change. For the most up-to-date information, visit dglibrary.org/updates.

Skip the Subscription



Stop paying for learning tools and use the library's databases! DGPL has access to dozens of online learning and research databases for patrons to use, all included with your library card. Whether you're looking to brush up on skills to get a promotion, or find a new hobby, we've got you covered!

Databases can be used from the comfort of your own home or anywhere you have internet access. The library has learning databases to help with business/investing, consumer information, languages, job/career training, technology, crafting, research, and more!

To browse and use databases, visit dglibrary.org/research.

Fan-Favorites



LinkedIn Learning (formally Lynda.com): This skill-building platform has courses for new skills in business, technology, and creative industries. LinkedIn Learning will help patrons get the job of their dreams and/or be successful small-business owners.



Niche Academy: Ready-to-use tutorials help patrons learn life skills such as meal planning and budgeting. Tutorials for the library's eLibrary and other databases are also available.



Universal Class: Courses are more than just tutorials—find lessons, assignments, discussion boards, and instructors that give feedback. Patrons can also opt to learn at their own pace. Courses include a variety of subjects including job skills, self-help, homeschooling/teacher resources, DIY, and more. This platform can provide Continuing Education Units and certificates.



Brainfuse: Students love the live homework help from tutors, available seven days a week, from 2 – 11 p.m.! Practice tests help students with subjects, ranging from typical high school courses and college prep, to U.S. citizenship preparation and the GED. Career resources are also available, including the ability to submit a resume for review and practice interview skills.



Creativebug: Get crafty with online workshops and techniques! Patrons can learn maker and craft skills in art and design, sewing/quilting, paper, knitting/crochet, food/home, and jewelry. Holiday and party ideas and kids courses are popular with families!



AtoZ World Food: Calling all foodies! Find thousands of global recipes and articles about cultures and ingredients.

STAFF PICKS

Find your next title with the library's Staff Picks collection. Staff members from all departments share their favorite books, movies, music, and video games. Look for Staff Picks in the library and online. Follow and use the hashtag #DGPLreads to keep up with the freshest picks.

Pick-a-Palooza Pick Packs

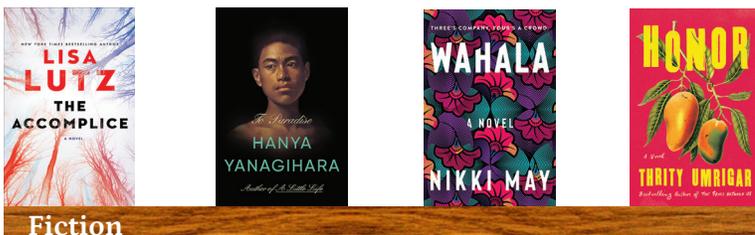
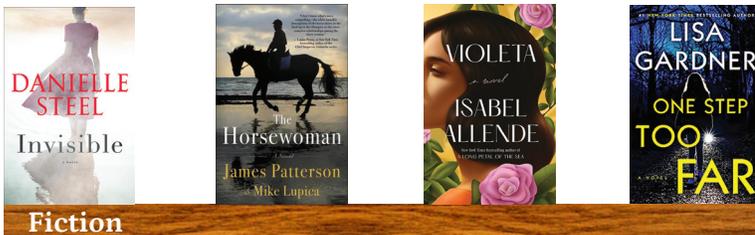
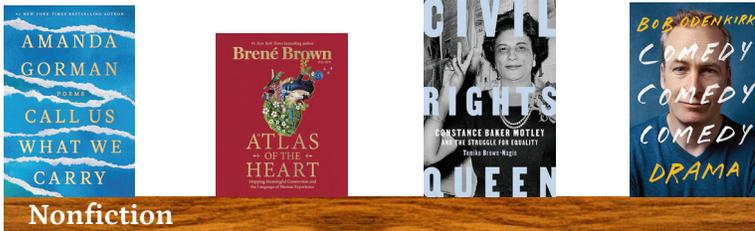
Win a curated bundle of books this fall! Patrons can enter raffles for Pick-a-Palooza Pick Packs, which feature a staff curator's favorite title plus other books in the same genre or age group. Stay tuned every week for a chance to win each Monday in November! Stop by the Pick-a-Palooza table in the lobby each week to earn extra raffle entries and other prizes. Visit dglibrary.org/events for more details.

Stay up to date with recommendations anytime by visiting dglibrary.org/staff-picks.

Pick Pack themes: mystery/thriller, graphic novels, science fiction/fantasy, historical fiction, romance, nonfiction, kids (younger), kids (older), young adult (teen)

Future Bestsellers

These titles are sure to be hot when they arrive in the coming months! Contact the Ask Us Desk to place a hold.



November: Sweater Weather



December: Best of 2021



Programming Note: Program and service information is current as of the print date. Programs and services may change based on community transmission levels and guidance from the CDC and IDPH. Please visit dglibrary.org/updates for the most up-to-date information.

Book and Movie Discussions: R

Meeting Room

Titles are available for digital and print checkout four weeks prior to discussion.



Blacktop Wasteland by S.A. Cosby

Thursday, November 11, 6:30 p.m.

Judas and the Black Messiah (Film)

Thursday, December 9, 6:30 p.m.



Register: dglibrary.org/events

R Advance registration required.



Adult Programming Highlights

Programs are held in the Meeting Room unless otherwise noted.
Masks are required for indoor programs.
Many virtual programs are recorded and will be available to view after the event date.

Registration opens two weeks prior to event date.

- P** Prerequisite required
- R** Advance registration required
- D** Drop-in program
- V** Virtual program

Job Workshops: **R** **V**

With Partner People's Resource Center

Are You LinkedIn?

Thursday, November 4, 10 a.m.

Interviews & Perspectives from HR

Thursday, December 2, 10 a.m.

SCORE Business Round Table **R** **V**

Tuesday, November 2, 7 p.m.

An Evening with Cathy Park Hong **R** **V**

Thursday, November 4, 7 p.m.

Ms. Hong discusses her book **Minor Feelings: An Asian American Reckoning**, a collection of honest, emotionally charged, and utterly original essays that explore Asian American consciousness. Presented in partnership with multiple Chicago-area libraries.

Develop a Healthy Relationship **R** **V** with Food & Your Body

Saturday, November 6, 10 a.m.

Learn to approach nutrition and health sustainably by trusting your body's signals of hunger and fullness, honoring your cravings without guilt, and supporting your health and well-being without dieting.

Potawatomi Traditions **R**

Presented by Skip Twardosz

with Partner Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation
Sunday, November 7, 2 p.m.

Learn how Native people treat the natural world, their traditions, and ways of paying respect to plants, animals, and Mother Earth, as taught by elders.

Concert Series **R**

Join us for a relaxing afternoon of live music!

West Towns Chorus

Sunday, November 14, 2 p.m.

DG Music Club Holiday Treasures

Sunday, December 5, 2 p.m.

Dave Rudolf's Completely Cracked Christmas

Sunday, December 12, 2 p.m.

Remembering Babiy Yar **R** **V**

Tuesday, November 16, 6:30 p.m.

Babiy Yar was a ravine on the outskirts of Kiev where almost 34,000 Jews were killed over two days in 1941. Survivor Gdalina Novitsky shares her family's story.

Beginning Steps in Chinese Genealogy **R** **V**

Thursday, November 18, 6:30 p.m.

Are you interested in knowing more about your Chinese ancestry? Accredited genealogist Kelly Summers will teach the steps needed to begin.

It's Christmastime in the City: Chicago **R** and Its Yule Contributions and Traditions

Tuesday, November 30, 6:30 p.m.

Historian Clarence Goodman highlights Chicago's holiday traditions.

Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) **R** One-on-One Counseling

Mondays, November 1 — December 6, 9 a.m. — noon

Free one-on-one Medicare and Medicaid counseling prior to open enrollment. Call Stephanie Howanietz at 630-447-8998 to set up your appointment.

Virtual Computer Classes: **V**

Word 2016 Intro **R**

Tuesday, November 2, 11 a.m.

PowerPoint 2016 Intro **R**

Tuesday, November 9, 2 p.m.

Word 2016 Intermediate **R** **P**

Tuesday, November 16, 11 a.m.

Facebook Sales: Marketplace & Garage Sale Groups **R**

Thursday, November 18, 5 p.m.

Thursday, December 16, 5 p.m.

Excel 2016 Pivot Tables **R**

Wednesday, December 8, 7 p.m.

Excel 2016 Intro **R**

Friday, December 10, 2 p.m.

Home Security Cameras: What do I need to know? **R**

Monday, December 13, 7 p.m.

Zoom for the Holidays **R**

Wednesday, December 15, 1 p.m.



Kids Programming Highlights

All programs are held in the Meeting Room unless otherwise noted.
Masks are required for all indoor programs.
Registration opens two weeks prior to event date unless otherwise noted.
To register and learn more, go to dglibrary.org/events.

Registration opens two weeks prior to event date.

- D** Drop-in activity
- R** Advance registration required
- C** Advance registration and DGPL Card required
- * Pickup or in-person program

Storytimes **C**

Registration and the number of people attending is required ahead of time. Registration opens **one week** before storytime. Children attending storytimes must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Open Storytime

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

Mondays, November 8, 22; December 6, 20, 9:30 a.m.
Tuesdays, November 2, 16, 30; December 14, 28, 9:30 a.m.

Weekend Storytime

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

Saturdays, November 6 – December 18, 9:30 – 10 a.m. & 10:30 – 11 a.m.

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.

November: Space

Thursday, November 4, 7 – 8 p.m.

December: Gingerbread

Thursday, December 2, 7 – 8 p.m.

Early Childhood **C**

Children attending early childhood programs must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Mathematical Pasta-bilities*

Monday, November 1, 10:30 – 11 a.m.

Ages 3 – 5. Play with your food... while working on math and fine motor skills!

Pick-Up Program: Bubble Wrap Food

Friday, November 5, All Day

Ages 2 – 3. Celebrate the harvest by making some fruits and vegetables! (These ones you can't eat, but they'll be cute!)

Indoor Recess

Monday, November 9, 2 – 2:30 p.m.

Ages 3 – 5. Run! Jump! Play! Be loud! Join us at the library for this special indoor recess session.

Fall Leaves Fall!

Monday, November 15, 2 – 2:30 p.m.

Ages 3 – 5. Celebrate the fall season with a colorful tree craft and story!

Go Global: Indonesia*

Tuesday, November 23, 4 – 4:30 p.m.

Ages 3+. Learn about this Southeast Asian country through crafts and music.

Polar Bear, Polar Bear

Tuesday, December 7, 10 – 10:30 a.m.

Ages 3 – 5. Polar Bear, Polar Bear, what do you hear? Join us and find out as we read, sing, and craft along with this classic Eric Carle book.

Sparkly & Salty Snowflakes

Monday, December 13, 10 – 10:30 a.m.

Ages 3 – 5. Create a beautiful snowflake with art, crayons, and some salt!

Music Makers

Wednesday, December 29, 10 – 10:30 a.m.

Ages 6 – 23 months. You and your baby will be sure to find the rhythm in this jam session.



For School-Age Children

Read to the Dogs

Thursday, November 11, 7 – 8 p.m.

Thursday, December 9, 7 – 8 p.m.

Reading to dogs can improve children's reading and communication skills while also being fun! Schedule a 15-minute time slot by calling the Kids Room Desk. No online registration. Registration opens two weeks before the date.

DIY Sharpie Mug

Thursday, November 4, 4 – 4:30 p.m.

Grades 5 – 8. Hot chocolate in a decorated mug tastes even better on these cold days. Bring your imagination to decorate your mug.

Cracking up with Geodes*

Wednesday, November 17, 4 – 4:30 p.m.

Grades 3 – 5. We're cracking up over geodes! Join us and learn all about these amazing spherical rocks and split open your own geode to discover what's inside.

Make a "Cornucopia" Snack

Wednesday, November 24, 4 – 4:30 p.m.

Grades K – 2. Create a sweet and salty dessert for your upcoming family feast!

Exploring Fossils

Friday, December 10, 4 – 4:30 p.m.

Grades K – 2. Come learn about how fossils form while creating your very own fossil to take home!

After Hours: Interactive Movie Jurassic Park

Saturday, December 11, 4:45 – 7:30 P.M.

Grades 7 – 12. Watch **Jurassic Park** while you shout, scream, and snack along with it! Teens will receive a prop bag full of surprises and instructions to interact with this classic 1993 movie. Rated PG-13. 127 minutes.

Sew What: Toothpaste Travel Roll

Tuesday, December 14, 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.

Grades 5 – 8. Get ready to travel or bring along with you to sleepovers because this toothpaste travel roll will come in handy for staying organized! Can make a great gift too! Participants will need to have taken Sew What: Basic Skills class or a previous Sew What class.

Code Blinkers

Wednesday, December 15, 4:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Grades 3 – 5. Build a flashlight that you will use to send secret messages through Morse Code.

Candy Sushi

Monday, December 20, 2:30 – 3:00pm

Grades 5 – 8. With a little imagination and creativity, turn Rice Krispies, candy, and other sweet treats into delicate sushi pieces!

Discovery Bags

Bags are on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Gingerbread Themed

Friday, November 26

School Bus Book Ends

(Donated by Home Depot)

Monday, December 20

Button Wreaths

Wednesday, December 22

Toilet Paper Snow People

Tuesday, December 28

New Year's Celebration

Thursday, December 30

Wikki Stix

Monday, January 3



Girls Who Code Grades 3 – 5

Wednesdays, January 19 – March 23, 4 – 5 p.m.

Mandatory Parent Meeting Open House

Wednesday, January 8, 4 – 6 p.m.

Girls Who Code for students in Grades 3 – 5! Girls will learn basic computer science skills and computational thinking using the Girls Who Code book **Learn to Code and Change the World** by Reshma Saujani. Each meeting will consist of discussion and hands-on activities. Some activities will be tech-based while others will be unplugged experiences. This program meets Wednesdays. Space is limited. Participants must reside in Downers Grove or attend a Downers Grove school.

The application is open from November 1 – 30. Apply at dglibrary.org/girls-who-code.



Teen Programming Highlights

Programs are held in Teen Central unless otherwise noted.
Masks are required for indoor programs.

Registration opens two weeks prior to event date.

- P** Prerequisite required
- R** Advance registration required
- D** Drop-in program
- *** Pickup or in-person program

Maker Mondays **D**

3 – 4:30 p.m.

Grades 7 – 12. Drop in after school to hang out and create something! Check the online events calendar for details.

November 1: Book Page Leaf Decoration

November 8: Tassel Bookmarks

November 15: Pom Pom Critter (Bear)

November 22: Gingerbread Keychain

November 29: Glass Painting

December 6: Stocking Cap Ornaments

December 13: Create Like Jessi Raulet

December 20: DIY Magnetic Poetry
(Take home bags available all day)

December 27: New Year's Eve
(Take home bags available all day)

Fall Paper Quilling* **R**

Tuesday, November 2, 4 – 5 p.m.

Meeting Room

Grades 7 – 12. Use strips of colorful cardstock, a toothpick, glue, and your creativity to create a stylized fall image.

Hot Cocoa String Art* **R**

Tuesday, December 7, 4 – 5 p.m.

Meeting Room

Grades 7 – 12. Create a decorative piece of winter art.

SAT Practice Test **R**

Saturday, November 13, 1 – 5 p.m.

Meeting Room

Grades 9 – 12. Tests provided by Kaplan Test Prep. Bring #2 pencils, a calculator, and a snack for halfway.

Exam Cram Bags **D**

Friday, December 10 – Wednesday, December 15

Grades 9 – 12. Pick up a bag of goodies to help you study. Available while supplies last.

After Hours: Interactive Movie Jurassic Park **R**

Saturday, December 11, 4:45 – 7:30 p.m.

Meeting Room

Grades 7 – 12. Watch **Jurassic Park** while you shout, scream, and snack along with it! Teens will receive a prop bag full of surprises and instructions to interact with this classic 1993 movie. Rated PG-13. 127 minutes.

Make & Take Crafts **D**

Stop by and pick up a craft to complete in Teen Central or take home. Available while supplies last.

Create Like Your Favorite Author (DIY Journal)

Wednesday, November 17, All Day

Mini Book Globe

Wednesday, December 15, All Day

Service Projects **D**

Grades 7 – 12. Stop into Teen Central to help with a service project.

Letters To Veterans

November 1 – 14, All Day

No Sew Fleece Hats

December 5 – 18, All Day



Girls Who Code Grades 6 – 12

Thursdays, January 20 – April 21, 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Mandatory Parents Meeting

Thursday, January 13, 7 p.m.

Learn the basics of coding from a professional coder with hands-on activities and projects. The first half of each session will teach the basics and building blocks of coding, while the last half will focus on creating a hands-on coding project. Only 12 spots are available, and participants must reside in Downers Grove or attend a Downers Grove school. Contact Lauren Gonzalez at lgonzalez@dglibrary.org with any questions.

The application is open from November 1 – 30. Apply at dglibrary.org/girls-who-code.





Director's Note

Try Something New

One positive outcome of the COVID-19 pandemic is that many people, myself included, tried something new. Some folks taught themselves how to cook or bake, and others made masks. Personally, I perfected making

creme brulee at home and tried my hand at sewing. The pandemic pushed all of us out of our comfort zones to try something new.

DGPL offers many ways to find a new hobby or learn new skills. After all, lifelong learning is built into the heart of the library's mission! From programs to databases to reading, all of these resources are included with your library card. Use our databases to finally perfect your coding and Photoshop skills or learn a new language. Broaden your reading horizons with our curated Staff Picks. Attend a program to find out more about researching your heritage, traditions of the Potawatomi people, or the Asian-American experience. Get small business help at a SCORE roundtable. Take home an Anything Emporium kit to conduct paranormal investigations or try birdwatching. Whatever your interests, we've got you covered!

Best of all, the library staff is here to help you find your way to the program or resource you need to try something new. Ask for personalized recommendations at our service desks. We're happy to help you find your new favorite hobby!

Winter Break Boredom?

Cure the winter blues! Check out a Binge Box at the library for a themed movie night and coupons for popcorn and pizza—perfect for the holiday season and cozy nights.

Gamers are sure to roll a 20 with the library's board game collection! Find something for game night—perfect for families and serious gamers alike.



Binge Boxes at DGPL!

November

Hope's Front Door



Hope's Front Door

(HFD) is a grassroots organization that provides basic need items (food, transportation, medication, medical supplies, vision/oral healthcare) and life-skill services (financial literacy, job readiness, and health & well-being) to our neighbors in need. With the help of over 85 volunteers and partnerships with community organizations, Hope's Front Door assists needy individuals by engaging, educating, and empowering. They provide immediate relief as well as assistance in finding long-lasting and sustainable lifestyle changes through self-sufficiency education programs. HFD assists over 3,650 adults and children each year; many are residents that are often unemployed, underemployed, experiencing homelessness, senior citizens, and/or disabled. Support Hope's Front Door by hosting supply drives, fundraising or education events, providing services to clients, or donating to their programs. Learn more at HopesFrontDoor.org

December

YWCA Metropolitan Chicago



YWCA Metropolitan Chicago is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all. YWCA Metropolitan Chicago impacts tens of thousands of women and families annually through comprehensive human services provided across the region. YWCA Metropolitan Chicago is a leading service provider in the areas of sexual violence support services, early childhood and child care provider services, family support services, youth STEM programming, and economic empowerment services. The DuPage County team provides counseling to all survivors of sexual violence, programming on body safety, consent, and healthy relationships in age-appropriate contexts for K-12, and assists with civil remedies (orders of protection, connecting to community resources, etc.), and more. They also have advocates in every emergency room in DuPage County and assist with reporting to the police, going through the investigative process, and criminal court. Volunteers assist with programming and as medical advocates. Learn more at YWCACHicago.org.

Sign Up to be an Organization of the Month!

Do you know an organization that should be featured for our monthly organization spotlight? Visit the following link, fill out an application, and let us know! dgpl.fyi/orgofthemonth.



Include DGPLF in End-of-Year Giving



Consider making a donation to the Downers Grove Public Library Foundation before the year's end. Recently, gifts from donors helped the Foundation fund the library's purchase of extraordinary artwork, EnChroma Color Blind corrective glasses, eBooks, and local summer reading prizes, to name a few.

Visit dgplfoundation.org or dgplfoundation.org/givingtuesday to make a lasting impact on the library you love before the close of the year.

Land Acknowledgment

We acknowledge that the Downers Grove Public Library sits on the unceded, traditional, and ancestral homelands of Native peoples. We honor with gratitude the land itself and the Indigenous peoples who have been caretakers of the land throughout generations, past and present. We invite you to learn more about the genocide and forced displacement by non-Native settlers, and the ongoing injustices against Native peoples.

Learn more: dglibrary.org/land

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

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The Board of Library Trustees meets Wednesdays, November 17 and December 15 at 7:30 p.m. Agendas, complete meeting information, and recordings of past meetings are available online.



Printed on recycled paper.

Introducing Holds Lockers!

The library's brand-new Holds Lockers are now available! Lockers allow patrons to pick up hold materials any time of day, 24/7. Placing a hold is easy—simply select the “Downers Grove Public Library—Lockers” location when placing a hold online. For a video tutorial of our new lockers, visit dgpl.fyi/lockers.



New Cover to Cover Podcasts



November – Learn about the library's Land Acknowledgment via conversation with Van McGary, Adult and Teen Services Librarian.

December – Book Discussion with Kira Riddle, Adult and Teen Services Librarian - **The Bear and the Nightingale** by Katherine Arden.

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