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One of our 2021 Pick-a-Palooza winners!

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

Library Closings
Saturday, January 1

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.

Register: dglibrary.org/events
Advance registration required
Virtual program

Join us for a community conversation! These events are intended to bring neighbors together for a respectful, open, and mindful conversation about systemic racism and current events across the country.

Documentary: The Friendliest Town
Friday, February 18 — Thursday, February 24, available to stream 24/7
Register to receive access code. When a former homicide detective became the first Black chief of police in a small Eastern Shore town, his pioneering community-style policing lowered crime and won praise. But after he was abruptly fired by the council, the battle over why he was let go raised the consciousness of the town’s black population and changed the community forever.

The Friendliest Town Community Discussion
In Conversation with Producers Taya Graham and Stephen Janis
Thursday, February 24, at 6:30 p.m.
Join us for an in-depth discussion of The Friendliest Town with producers Taya Graham and Stephen Janis. In addition, special guest Michael Childress, DuPage NAACP President, will share his own insights on the film and how they relate to DuPage County. Submit questions in advance for the producers of The Friendliest Town when registering for the program.

Need a computer? No problem! The library’s Training Room has been reserved for patrons to use for viewing the documentary, Q&A, and panel discussion. To use a library computer for these events, simply ask the Computer Help Desk. The Training Room has been reserved for patrons to view The Friendliest Town and Community Discussion on the following dates:

- Friday, February 18, All Day
- Saturday, February 19, noon — 5 p.m.
- Sunday, February 20, All Day
- Monday, February 21, 9 a.m. — 6 p.m.
- Tuesday and Wednesday, February 22 and 23, All Day
- Thursday, February 24, 6:30 — 7:30 p.m.
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.

January: Perfect Escape

- **Driven**
- **Finna**
- **Sin Crimson Cranes**
- **Lastacthers**
- **The Lions of Fifth Avenue**
- **Piranesh**
- **Every Heart Doorway**
- **Six of Crows**

February: Love is in the Air

- **Let’s Talk About Love**
- **Seven Days in June**
- **Tia Williams**
- **Heartstopper**
- **Hana Khan Carries On**
- **Twice Shy**

Organization of the Month

**January**

**Midwest SOARRING Foundation**

The Midwest SOARRING (Save Our Ancestors Remains & Resources Indigenous Network Group) Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to educate the public about various Native American cultural and environmental issues; to provide assistance, when asked, as a facilitator to Tribes regarding repatriation concerns; and to build community among all people. They work for the protection of sacred sites, Indigenous resources, ancestral remains, and Indigenous lifeways. Additionally, the Midwest SOARRING Foundation supports the trade of seeds and plants among Indigenous nations, hosts educational programs about food and water resources, and offers cultural trips to experience Native customs and heritage. The Midwest SOARRING Foundation partnered with the Downers Grove Public Library to assist in the creation and celebration of the library’s Land Acknowledgment. A conversation with the Midwest SOARRING Foundation is scheduled for Tuesday, January 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room. Joseph Standing Bear Schranz will discuss contemporary life for Native communities. Learn more at midwestSOARRING.org

**February**

**Food Rescue US - Willowbrook**

Food Rescue US is a team of 9,100+ nationwide volunteers that connect excess food from local donors to local food-receiving social agencies to reduce food waste and hunger. Local volunteers pick up excess healthy food from local food donors and deliver it directly to local social service agencies that feed the food insecure. About 40% of the US food supply goes to waste and food waste contributes to 8% of total global greenhouse gas emissions. Since Food Rescue US started in 2011, it has provided 73 million meals to those in need and has kept 95 million pounds of excess food out of landfills. The Willowbrook location is newly formed and is looking to engage this community and find volunteers. One of their local agencies is Fish Downers Grove, which serves about 80 households a week. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for the Willowbrook site, please email jing@foodrescue.us or visit their website at foodrescue.us.

**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.
**Director’s Note**

What do Jason Mott’s *Hell of a Book*, Adam Grant’s *Think Again*, and Cathy Park Hong’s *Minor Feelings* have in common? I read them all in 2021 as a part of my personal New Year’s resolution to read more widely. My resolution led me out of my light fiction reading comfort zone and into essays, non-fiction, and diverse authors. Some selections were recommended by friends or family members. Other books were award finalists. Some were Staff Picks or on one of the library’s curated lists.

Your library can provide not only lots of recommendations on what to read, but also ways to earn prizes and have fun while meeting your reading goals! Teens can join 100 Books Before Graduation. Parents can help little ones get school-ready with 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten. The whole family can play Winter Bingo together. If your friends or family are competitive like mine, try challenging them to make a New Year’s resolution about reading.

My 2021 reading resolution expanded my reading horizons. In 2022, my reading resolution is to finish at least one book per week. I’ll be challenging my best friend and sister-in-law to do the same. What’s your 2022 reading resolution?

**DGPLF Funds Social Work Program**

The Downers Grove Public Library Foundation has donated funds that will support the library’s social work intern program by offering a stipend of $15/hour. The program began in 2020 due to community need and growing parallels between librarianship and social services. This continued initiative connects patrons with resources like nearby shelters, housing assistance, literacy tutoring, food pantries, and more.

Visit dgplfoundation.org to make a donation and help sustain this important community-based program!

**Black History Month**

We’re celebrating Black History Month in February with programs, resources to learn more, and book bundle giveaways! Find more events and ways to celebrate at dglibrary.org/celebrate.

**Book Bundles for All Ages**

Tuesday, February 1 - Sunday, February 13

**Book and Author Discussion: My Monticello**

*My Monticello* by Jocelyn Nicole Smith
Thursday, February 10, 6:30 p.m.

**An Evening with Jasmine Guillory**

In association with Illinois Libraries Present
Wednesday, February 16, 7 p.m.

**Fruteland Jackson: Blues 101**

Sunday, February 20, 2 p.m.

**Downers Grove Public Library’s WINTER BINGO**

January 3 — February 27, 2022

Looking for something to do during the winter months from the comfort of your home? All ages are invited to join the library’s Winter Reading Bingo! Complete the bingo by reading and completing fun activities to win prizes and bonus raffle tickets. Bingo cards will be available digitally and in print for Kids, Teens, & Adults. Visit dglibrary.org/bingo for details. Scan the QR Code below or visit dglibrary.readsquared.com to sign up and track your reading.

Turn to page 8 for an Adults Bingo Card you can cut out and use!
Future Best Sellers
These titles are sure to be hot when they arrive in the coming months! Contact the Ask Us Desk to place a hold.

Book discussions have a new look! DGPL has three discussion series: Book &..., a discussion paired with a feature significant to the title; The Next Chapter Book Club, a club for adults with disabilities; and Pages & Pints, a book discussion in partnership with Orange and Brew.

Next Chapter Book Club
January 11, 25; February 8, 22; March 8, 22, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Join the next session of 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; please plan to attend all sessions. Call 630-960-1200 or email askus@dglibrary.org for more information.

Friday Afternoon Movies
Fridays at 1 p.m.
January 7: When Harry Met Sally
January 14: Selma
January 21: The American President
January 28: The Shawshank Redemption
February 4: Groundhog Day
February 11: Hidden Figures
February 18: The Princess Bride

Register: dglibrary.org/events
Advance registration required.
Virtual program
Kids Programming

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.

**Storytimes**

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.

**Preschool Storytime**
Mondays, January 3, 17, 31; February 14, 28, 9:30 a.m.
Tuesdays, January 11, 25; February 8, 22, 9:30 a.m.
This storytime features picture books, songs, and activities designed for preschoolers to promote early literacy and vocabulary skills.

**Toddler Storytime**
Wednesdays, January 5, 19; February 2, 16, 9:30 a.m.
Up to 36 months. This storytime is filled with songs, stories, and bubbles. Perfect for wiggly toddlers—followed by playtime.

**Infant Storytime**
Wednesdays, January 12, 26; February 9, 23, 9:30 a.m.
Non-walkers. Snuggle up with your baby for songs, rhymes, and a little bouncing.

**Weekend Storytime**
Saturdays, January 8, 15, 22; February 5, 12, 19, 9:30 – 10 a.m. & 10:30 – 11 a.m.
**Saturday, January 29 will only have storytime at 9:30 a.m.
**There will be no storytime on Saturday, February 26.
Join us every weekend for picture books, songs, and activities designed for preschoolers to promote early literacy and vocabulary skills.

**Collection Windows Registration**
Calling all Downers Grove kids! Do you have a collection you’d like to show off? It can be Pokémon cards, seashells, coins, action figures, bookmarks, or something else entirely! We want you to display what you’re proudest of in our collection windows!

Registration for the 2022 calendar year opens January 8. Register at home, in the library, or over the phone. Registration is first-come, first-served and space is limited! The library will contact patrons when it’s their featured month. Watch the library’s website, e-newsletters, and social media for the registration link!

Lego Build
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.

**January: Under the Sea**
Thursday, January 6, 7 – 8 p.m.

**February: Robots**
Thursday, February 3, 7 – 8 p.m.

For Families

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Visit dglibrary.org/events to register and to see a full list of upcoming programs.
Language Labs Presents:
Chinese New Year Storytime
Thursday, January 27, 10 – 10:30 a.m.
Ages 3 – 5. Join Ms. Julia from The Language Labs in celebrating Chinese New Year! This is the most important holiday in China and it is tied to the Chinese lunar calendar. There will be stories, pictures, music, and even some basic Chinese lessons during this fun and very important holiday.

Can't Touch This (Or Can You?)
Thursday, February 3, 10 – 10:30 a.m.
Ages 6 – 24 months. Come explore with your baby! We will let them explore different items in the room and see what they like and don't like.

Edible Rainbows
Saturday, February 5, 2 – 2:30 p.m.
Ages 3 – 5. Did you want to eat a rainbow? Using frosting and cookies, you can make an edible rainbow.

Happy Valen-Slime’s Day
Monday, February 7, 10 – 10:30 a.m.
Ages 3 – 5. Let's celebrate the mushiest holiday around with some mushing, some smooshing, and some slimy science!

PICKUP: Whisk It Up
Tuesday, February 15
Infant. Help grow your child's color recognition and fine motor skills with simple items!

Pufferfish Fun
Thursday, February 17, 10 – 10:30 a.m.
Ages 3 – 5. Create two pufferfish crafts and learn about this unusual fish.

Making Music
Friday, February 18, 10 – 10:30 a.m.
Ages 3 – 5. Come get loud at the library! We will be creating our own homemade instruments and playing along with some favorite songs.

PICKUP: Gone Fishin'
Thursday, February 24
Ages 2 – 3. Pick up everything you need to craft a super fun fishing game for your little minnow using paper cups and pipe cleaners. Don't let this be the program that got away!
For School-Age Children

Discovery Bags
Bags are on a first-come, first-served basis.

Wikki Stix
Monday, January 3

Chinese New Year/Lunar New Year
Tuesday, February 1

Make & Create
Mondays, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Grades 1 – 6. School’s out early on Mondays! Kids can drop in the Program Room to work on an activity. No parents allowed—just you and your creativity. Stay as long as you would like.

January 10: Oil Pastels
January 17: Thumbprint Art
January 24: Circuit & Laser Mazes
January 31: Air Clay
February 7: Extreme Dot to Dot & Coloring Sheets
February 14: Paper Flowers
February 21: Watercolor Pencils
February 28: Maze Runner (Bee Bots)

Read the Dogs
Thursday, January 13, 7 – 8 p.m.
Thursday, February 10, 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.

C’est Collage: Birds
Tuesday, January 4, 4 – 4:30 p.m.
Grades 5 – 8. Be inspired by this French art technique to produce a mixed-media bird creation.

Sew What: Basic Skills
Tuesday, January 11, 4 – 4:45 p.m.
Grades 5 – 8. Let’s learn to sew. Basic skills include sewing a straight line, pivoting, threading the machine, and creating a pincushion.

Frozen Snow Globe
Monday, January 17, 3 – 3:30 p.m.
Grades K – 2. We will be creating snow globes for our favorite Frozen 2 characters.

Wacky Water
Tuesday, January 18, 4 – 4:30 p.m.
Grades 3 – 5. Got water? Come play with water which might leave you thirsting for more. It’s not just for drinking!

Nerf Night
Saturday, January 22, 4:45 – 6:30 p.m.

Go Global: Brazil
Tuesday, January 25, 4 – 4:30 p.m.
Grades K – 2. Learn about the biggest country in South America and do a couple of crafts.

Pokémon Fun
Saturday, January 29, 3 – 3:45 p.m.
Saturday, February 26, 3 – 3:45 p.m.
Trade cards, show off favorites, and possibly win a new pack!

DGPL Project Rube Goldberg
Friday, February 4, 4 – 4:45 p.m.
Grades 6 – 8. Who would build an overly complicated convoluted series of machines to perform what is ultimately a simple task? We would! Join us as we attempt to create a large chain reaction contraption.

Artists to Know: Alma Thomas*
Thursday, February 10, 4 – 4:30 p.m.
Learn about the inspiring life and works of artist Alma Thomas (The Eclipse, Apollo 12 Splash Down) and then create a piece in her style!

Gumball Flower Pot*
Tuesday, February 15, 4 – 4:30 p.m.
Grades 3-5 Transform clear ornaments and mini terra cotta planters to make a whimsical “gumball machine.”

Sew What: Simple Fleece Scarf
Monday, February 21, 4 – 4:45 p.m.
**ADULTS:** Complete 5 activities in a row to earn a bingo. Receive a prize for the first 2 bingos completed. Keep going and complete the entire board to earn a raffle ticket for even more fun prizes!

Load your completed bingos into READsquared by going to dglibrary.readsquared.com. Can't use READsquared? Snap a picture of your bingo and email bingo@dglibrary.org or call 630-960-1200 and ask for the ATS Desk. *Prize pickup begins in March.*

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To track your reading online, visit dglibrary.readsquared.com or visit dglibrary.org/gingo for more details and additional cards.
Teen Programming

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

Maker Mondays 😊
3 – 4:30 p.m.
Grades 7 – 12. Drop in after school to hang out and create something! A limited number of bags may be available to take home. Check the online events calendar for details.

- January 3: Snowflake Keychain (Take home bags available all day)
- January 10: DIY Tote
- January 17: MLK, Jr. Silhouette
- January 24: Felt Mitten Ornament
- January 31: Chinese New Year Wire Art
- February 7: DIY Tic Tac Toe
- February 14: Watercolor Heart Frame
- February 21: Abstract Canvas Painting
- February 28: Tassel Planner Page Marker

PICKUP: DIY Perpetual Calendar 📅
Tuesday, January 4, All Day
Grades 7 – 12. Create a calendar for the whole year using vinyl and wooden blocks.

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

- Snowflake Lanterns
  Wednesday, January 19, All Day

- Create Like Edmonia Lewis
  Wednesday, February 16, All Day

ONLINE Be Prepared for Car Ownership 📚
Thursday, January 20, 6-7:30 p.m.
Grades 9 – 12. Teaching a teen the fundamentals should be a must before car ownership. Covers warning lights, when to tow a car, how to say no to a mechanic, and more.

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

DIY Animal Toys
January 30 — February 12, All Day

SAT Practice Test 🗼
Saturday, January 22, 1-5 p.m.
Meeting Room
Grades 9 – 12. Tests provided by College Board. Bring #2 pencils, a calculator, and a snack for halfway.

Book Bundle: Black History Month
Tuesday, February 1 - Sunday, February 13
Grades 7 – 12. Enter online to win a curated bundle of books to celebrate Black History Month. Details and the entry form can be found on the events calendar. Winners will be drawn Monday, February 14.

No Sew Felt Cup Cozy* 📚
Tuesday, February 1, 4-5 p.m.
Meeting Room
Grades 7 – 12. Create a felt cozy that looks like a llama or a fox to go around a hot drink.

Don’t Pay the College Sticker Price 📚
Wednesday, February 2, 6:30-8 p.m.
Meeting Room
Grades 9 – 12. Joe Orsolini explains the college financial aid system (scholarships, grants, student loans, and tax-saving opportunities) and strategies to decrease the costs of college.

ACT Practice Test 🗼
Saturday, February 19, 1-5 p.m.
Meeting Room
Grades 9 – 12. Bring #2 pencils, a calculator, and a snack for halfway.

President’s Day Quiz 🎈
Monday, February 21 - Monday, February 28
Grades 7 – 12. Complete a fun quiz about all things U.S. presidents. A random winner will be drawn on Tuesday, March 1.

Visit dglibrary.org/events to register and to see a full list of upcoming programs.
Adult Programming

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.

Job Workshops: ❯ R ❯
With partner People’s Resource Center

How to Manage Stress During Your Job Search
Thursday, January 6, 10 a.m.

Create a Focused Job Search Using Cool Tools
Thursday, January 20, 10 a.m.

Identify Skills and Accomplishments
Thursday, February 3, 10 a.m.

Multi-Generational and Multi-Cultural U.S. Workplaces
Thursday, February 17, 10 a.m.

Writer’s Workshop ❯
Mondays, January 10, 24; February 14, 28, 7 p.m.
Novice to professional writers meet to read, discuss, and enjoy each other’s work. All genres, styles, and writers are welcome.

Business Programs: ❯
With partner SCORE.

Social Media 102
Wednesday, January 19, 10 a.m.
From strategy to execution, learn trends and tricks to get the best results from your social media strategy and move your business forward.

SCORE Business Roundtable ❯
Thursday, February 24, 10 a.m.
Join experienced business mentors in a discussion group dedicated to helping business owners and entrepreneurs succeed.

Magazine Giveaway ❯
Saturday, January 15, All Day
Help us reuse and recycle the library’s old magazines! Bring your own bag and help yourself to these free magazines. While supplies last.

Concert Series ❯
With partner Downers Grove Music Club. Join us for a relaxing afternoon of live music!

Suenos Latin Jazz
Sunday, January 16, 2 p.m.
Stylistic music encompassing Afro-Cuban, Brasilian, Flamenco, Fusion, and more, led by Steve Hashimoto.

Fruteland Jackson: Blues 101
Sunday, February 20, 2 p.m.
Learn Blues music history through song, lecture, and discussion while hearing instrumental examples played on guitar. A short concert may follow depending on current mask guidance.

Miscellany and Mirth of the Midwest
Sunday, February 27, 2 p.m.
Musician and storyteller Dave Martin takes us on a good-natured romp through the Midwest, performing both traditional and original songs while infusing romanticized anecdotes about his family’s place in America’s heartland.

Adventures in Travel ❯
With partner DGPL Friends of the Library

Belgium
Friday, January 21, 7 p.m.
Join the Friends of the Library as they host art historian Sarah K. Williams, who will discuss popular tourist attractions and notable art in Belgium.

TBD
Friday, February 18, 7 p.m.
Topic and presenter TBD.

An Evening with Silvia Moreno-Garcia ❯ R ❯
In association with Illinois Libraries Present
Wednesday, January 26, 7 p.m.
NYT bestselling author Silvia Moreno-Garcia discusses her newest book, Velvet Was the Night, and her genre-defying mashups of cultural noir and Lovecraftian horror.

2021 Taxes: More Confusing Than Ever ❯ ❯
Thursday, January 27, 6:30 p.m.
In this year of uncertainty, we all have all been impacted by changes in our work, finances, and in the tax laws. Learn what has changed as you prepare your 2021 taxes.
Strictly Self-Defense  
Saturday, January 29, 11 a.m.
Join Lindsey Daehnke of Strictly Self-Defense for 90 minutes of self-defense training. The session will focus on three key areas of self defense: Mindset, Skill Set, and Planning. Waiver required.

Celebrating the Lunar New Year  
Sunday, January 30, 2 p.m.
Learn about the Lunar New Year, the rites, activities, symbols, and foods associated with it, and how you can participate in your own home. Join us as we prepare for the Year of the Tiger!

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Filling Our Hearts with Meditation  
Wednesday, February 9, 7 p.m.
Through meditation, learn how to let go of anger, fear, and worry in order to create more harmonious relationships and experience a deep sense of personal peace.

An Evening with Jasmine Guillory  
In association with Illinois Libraries Present  
Wednesday, February 16, 7 p.m.
Join us for a lively evening with NYT bestselling author Jasmine Guillory as she discusses the importance of real life and the modern rom-com.

Technology Programming

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.

Excel 2016 Intro  
Tuesday, January 4, 2 p.m.

Intro to Computers  
Sponsored by People’s Resource Center (PRC)  
Mondays, January 17 — February 28, 6:30 p.m.  OR  
Saturdays, January 22 — March 5, 9:30 a.m.
Contact Amy Zurita from People’s Resource Center at azurita@peoplesrc.org or 630-682-5402 ext. 267 to register.

Excel 2016 Intermediate  
Tuesday, January 18, 2 p.m.

Word 2016 Intro  
Friday, January 21, 11 a.m.

PowerPoint Intro  
Wednesday, January 26, 7 p.m.

PowerPoint Intermediate  
Wednesday, February 9, 7 p.m.

Word 2016 Intermediate  
Friday, February 11, 11 a.m.

Excel 2016 Charts  
Thursday, February 17, 7 p.m.

DGPL Community Resources  
Thursday, February 24, 10:30 a.m.

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Versiti Blood Drive  
Friday, January 21, 11 a.m. — 5 p.m.
North Parking Lot  
Walkups and appointments available.

Conversation with the Midwest SOARRING Foundation  
Tuesday, January 18, 6:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.
President and Founder of the Midwest SOARRING Foundation, Joseph Standing Bear Schranz, will discuss contemporary life for Native communities, including current issues they face. Learn more about Native heritage and how the Midwest SOARRING Foundation supports Native communities in the area.

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New Cover to Cover Podcasts


Cover to Cover is produced in the library’s Media Lab. Listen on Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, or on the library’s website at dglibrary.org/cover-to-cover-podcast.

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

Craft Exchange

Drop off: Thursday, February 24, noon - 8 p.m.; Friday, February 25, noon - 8 p.m.
Program: Saturday, February 26, 1 – 3 p.m.
Meeting Room
Find new-to-you craft materials and supplies at the library’s craft exchange. Donate clean and in-good-condition craft supplies on Thursday and Friday and find some supplies for a current project or a new hobby among the donations on Saturday. Please, no donations of unfinished projects or hazardous/ unusable items. Participants are not required to donate supplies.

Teen Volunteers:
Help make the craft exchange a cut above the rest by volunteering for a 2-hour shift. Earn some community service hours by helping to unload and sort donations. Register for the shift of your choice in the events calendar. Email teens@dglibrary.org with questions.

Staff Anniversaries

5 years:
Gail Blazek, Circulation
Ed Bromiel, IT
JR Donasco, Circulation
Lauren Gonzalez, IT
Emily Kiang, Circulation
Amanda Klenk, Adult & Teen Services
Michelle Litwin, Access Services
Julie Milavec, Director
Teresa Pavesich, Circulation

10 years:
Thea Milder, Children’s Services
Traci Skocik, Children’s Services

15 years:
Kelly Pocci, Children’s Services
Paul Regis, IT

35 years:
Karen Neal, Adult & Teen Services