

MD Discoveries

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Make & Create: Button Art

Library Hours

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

Library Closings

Sunday, December 31
Monday, January 1

Program and service information
is current as of the print date.
Visit dglibrary.org for more details.

Register: dglibrary.org/events

- R** Advance registration required
- H** Hybrid program

New Year, New Resolutions!

The library is here to help you with your New Year's resolutions! Here's how we can help with some of the most common goals:

- **Get healthy:** Find cookbooks to eat healthy, read health magazines, check out fitness, yoga, and Zumba DVDs
- **Give back to the community:** Donate to The Cupboard and learn about local service organizations through our programming and partnerships
- **Land a promotion or new job:** Learn new skills with LinkedIn Learning or Universal Class, prep your resumé and interview skills with our Jobs Workshops, and find more resources on our website
- **Learn a new language:** Try out the Mango Languages online learning tool and say goodbye to subscription fees
- **Make friends:** Meet community members while visiting and through our programs. Book clubs are a great place to connect
- **Rest, relax, and decrease screentime:** Get hands-on with a soothing craft, check out your next title, find a new game, or simply enjoy the library's atmosphere

Book Discussions

Books are available at the Adult & Teen Services Desk one month in advance.

Business



Book Buzz

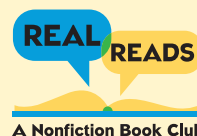
Business Book Buzz: **R**

I Hope You Fail: Ten Hater Statements Holding You Back From Getting Everything You Want by Pinky Cole
Thursday, January 18, 7 p.m.



Pages and Pints: **R**

Goldfinger Brewing (ages 21+) 513 Rogers St., Downers Grove
Foster by Claire Keegan
Wednesday, January 3, 7 p.m.
Deacon King Kong by James McBride
Wednesday, February 7, 7 p.m.



A Nonfiction Book Club

Real Reads: **R** **H**

Brave the Wild River by Melissa L. Sevigny
Tuesday, January 16, 9:30 a.m.
Art Thief: A True Story of Love, Crime, and a Dangerous Obsession by Michael Finkel
Tuesday, February 20, 9:30 a.m.



Stellar Reads: **R**

The Dispossessed by Ursula K. Le Guin
Wednesday, January 10, 7 p.m.
Sweep of Stars by Maurice Broaddus
Wednesday, February 14, 7 p.m.



STAFF PICKS Staff members from all departments share their favorite materials in our Staff Picks program. Monthly themes feature titles to pique interest. Look for the picks in the library and online. Follow #DGPLreads to keep up with the freshest picks.

January: Start a New Adventure



February: It's Kind of a Funny Story



The Staff Picks Bundle from March 2023

The VIP Experience

The Staff Picks VIPs (Very Important Pickers) for January and February are Kelly and Josh. Watch for a display in the lobby that highlights each VIP's favorite library materials. Additionally, patrons can enter a raffle for a basket of books including a special selection by the VIP of the month. These giveaways are exclusively for Downers Grove Library cardholders. Enter to win by filling out an online entry. One ticket per library card per month.

Stop by the lobby table to talk books with our VIP and earn a bonus raffle entry on the following days:



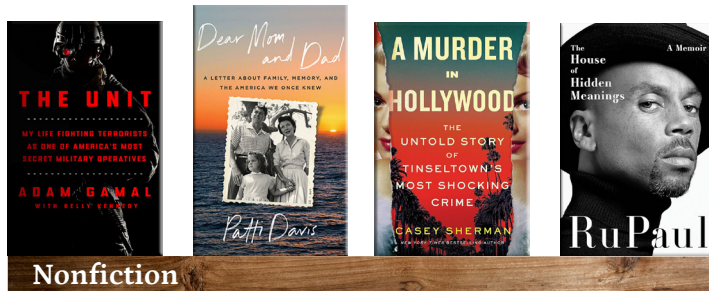
January: Kelly
Kelly's Pick: **All Systems Red**
by Martha Wells



February: Chat with Josh
Monday, February 5, noon — 2 p.m.
Josh's Pick: **Star Wars: Ronin**
by Emma Mieko Candon

Future Bestsellers

These titles are sure to be hot when they arrive in the coming months! Contact the Adult & Teen Services Desk to place a hold.



Coffee with the Trustees

Lobby Café
Saturday, February 17, 9:30 — 10:30 a.m.

Meet the Trustees, ask questions, and chat about the library and community at their first coffee event. Beverages and breakfast pastries will be served.





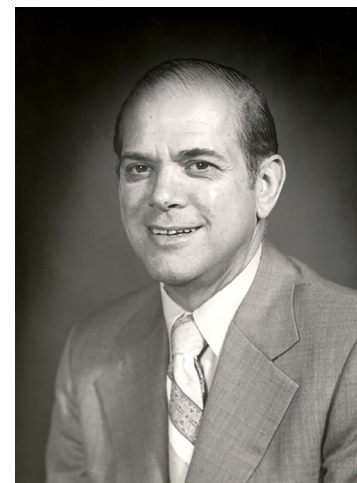
Director's Note

Story is powerful. Story provides windows, doors, and mirrors, connecting us to others' experiences and reflecting our own to show we are not alone. Through story, we can learn a little more about each other. Allow me to share a story of my own, a story about my mentor and professional inspiration, Mr. Alphonse F. Trezza.

Mr. Trezza was a proud child of Italian-American immigrants, a decorated WW2 Air Force veteran who married his sweetheart upon his return from the war. He put himself through college and graduate school, working at Drexel University, the Free Library of Philadelphia, and Villanova University. He moved

his family to Chicago to become the Director of the Catholic Library Association, then Associate Director of the American Library Association. His next move was to Springfield, Illinois, to become Director of the Illinois State Library, where he helped to found the multi-type regional library systems that are the backbone of resource-sharing among Illinois libraries today. From there, he went to Washington, D.C. to direct the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, the federal agency that administered funding to libraries and was the precursor to the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

He ended his career as a professor of Library and Information Science at Florida State University, where he was my faculty advisor and mentor. However, he was my professional and personal inspiration long before that because he was my grandfather.



Alphonse F. Trezza, via Illinois State Library Heritage Project

Computer Classes

Programs are held in the Training Room unless otherwise noted.
An email address and password may be required.

Intro to Computers sponsored by People's Resource Center R P

Mondays, January 8 — March 4, 6:30 p.m.

Contact PRC's Computer Training team
ct@peoplesrc.org or 630-682-5402 ext. 218 to register.

Word 2016 Intro R

Friday, January 12, 11 a.m.

Windows Fundamentals sponsored by People's Resource Center R P

Saturdays, January 13 — February 24, 9:30 a.m.

Contact PRC's Computer Training team
ct@peoplesrc.org or 630-682-5402 ext. 218 to register.

Intro to GIMP R P

Saturday, January 13, 2 p.m.

Thursday, January 18, 7 p.m.

Saturday, February 3, 2 p.m.

Thursday, February 15, 7 p.m.

Word 2016 Intermediate R P

Friday, January 26, 11 a.m.

PowerPoint 2016 Intermediate R P

Tuesday, January 30, 2 p.m.

Facebook Basics R

Thursday, February 1, 4 p.m.

iPad Basics R

Thursday, February 8, Noon

Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) R

Thursday, February 8, 7 p.m.

Excel 2016 Intro R

Tuesday, February 13, 2 p.m.

iPhone Basics R

Wednesday, February 14, 2 p.m.

Excel 2016 Intermediate R P

Tuesday, February 27, 2 p.m.

R Advance registration required

P Prerequisite required



Adult Programming

Check dglibrary.org/events for program location information. Many virtual programs are recorded and will be available to view after the event date.

- R** Advance registration required
- D** Drop-in program
- H** Hybrid program
- V** Virtual program

Grab & Go **D**

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Crafts for Adults

Stop by the second floor Adult & Teen Services Desk and pick up a bag. While supplies last.

Vision Board

Tuesday, January 2

Embroidered Bookmark

Monday, February 5



Kits include recipes, cookbook recommendations, as well as some history and cultural context. While supplies last.

A Taste of Berbere

Tuesday, January 16

A Taste of Marjoram

Tuesday, February 20

Job Workshops

How to Manage Stress in the Job Search & Beyond **R****V**

With partner People's Resource Center
Thursday, January 11, 10 a.m.

Conflict Management **R****V**

With People's Resource Center
Thursday, February 8, 10 a.m.

Illinois Libraries Present

Speculating Our AI Future with Cory Doctorow, Ken Liu, and Martha Wells **R****V**

Thursday, January 11, 7 p.m.

A Conversation with Jerry Craft from Mama's Boyz to New Kid and Beyond **R****V**

Tuesday, February 6, 7 p.m.

Romance Author Julia Quinn **R****V**

Tuesday, February 20, 7 p.m.

Concerts

Suenos Latin-Jazz Quartet **R**

Sunday, January 14, 2 p.m.

Winter Interlude **R**

Sunday, February 11, 2 p.m.

Let Downers Grove Music Club musicians give you a break from winter with an hour of music chosen to celebrate some of the beautiful things of February.

Crafts and the Arts

crAFTER Work Take and Make **R**

Register for a craft kit and complete the project on your own time! Pick up supplies and instructions at the Adult & Teen Services desk.

Perpetual Calendar

Monday, January 15

Mini Libraries

Monday, February 19

Book Journal Take and Make Kit **R**

Thursday, January 4, All Day

Track your reading progress through the New Year with your own reading journal! Register for a kit that will come with supplies and idea templates to create a yearlong reading log.

Suminagashi **R**

With Partner DG Artists Guild
Thursday, February 15, 7 p.m.

Suminagashi is a Japanese style of paper marbling that includes dipping paper into ink and water. Attendees will create a journal to take home with this technique.

Custom Rubber Stamps **R**

Monday, February 26, 7 p.m.

Learn how to carve rubber and create two of your very own custom rubber stamps! Ideas, stencils, and supplies will be provided.

Gaming

Drop-In Board Games **D**

Fridays, January 5-February 23

Contemporary board games, card games, and Mahjongg. Learn a new game or bring your own!

D&D Adventurers League **R**

Saturdays, January 13, 27; February 10, 24, Noon — 4 p.m.

Adults & Teens 16+ (For All Experience Levels)

Play exciting one-off Dungeons and Dragons adventures with characters and materials provided.

The Amazing Puzzle Race **R**

Saturday, February 3, 11 a.m.

Grab your team and put your best puzzle-building skills to the test! Teams or individuals will race to complete a 500 piece puzzle (provided for you), with a prize for the fastest!



Lectures & Life Skills

Great Decisions R H

Tuesdays, February 13 & 27, 10:30 a.m.

Join our lively Great Decisions group, where foreign policy issues are discussed.

Start the New Year With Meditation R

Wednesday, January 10, 6:30 p.m.

The New Year is a time to create a clean slate! Join Umesh Bhatia for a powerful workshop on how to practice and learn very simple techniques that provide many benefits.

Magazine Giveaway D

Saturday, January 13, 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.

The Great North American Eclipse R

Thursday, January 18, 7 p.m.

Did you see the solar eclipse in 2017? Get ready for another one on April 8! Learn what eclipses are, where to see them, when to look, and how to view solar eclipses safely. This program will be recorded and available on the library's virtual programs page.

Job Searching for People With Disabilities R

Saturday, January 20, 10 a.m.

Obtain valuable information on job seeking for people with disabilities including insights on best practices for employment, reasonable accommodations, inclusive design, and onboarding.

Making the Perfect Cup of Tea R

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

Join the owners of the Irie Cup to learn how to make the perfect cup of tea! Discover the wide range of benefits of tea and craft your own blend to take home.

Normal Aging vs. Dementia R

Wednesday, January 24, 1:30 p.m.

This program explores the differences in our brains, tips to keep your brain healthy, and steps to take should you need to get professional services involved.

Czech Firsts R

Wednesday, January 24, 7 p.m.

Discover Illinois' first Czechs across a variety of professions and offices.

Financial Intelligence: Pulling It All Together R

Tuesday, January 30, 7 p.m.

Learn the nuances of retirement accumulation and distribution planning.

Seed Starting: Giving Your Garden a Head Start R

With partner DG Organic Gardeners Club

Thursday, February 1, 7 p.m.

Give your garden a head start for the spring growing season! Learn equipment and methods used for starting seeds indoors from a University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener.

Taxes Are Everyone's Business! R

Tuesday, February 5, 6:30 p.m.

Judi Strauss will discuss important deductions, common tax problems, credits, and focus on tax issues that affect us all as tax filing season begins.



Major Charity E. Adams and Captain Mary Kearney inspect members of the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion in England on February 15, 1945. Image from the National Archives.

No Mail, Low Morale: The 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion R

Wednesday, February 7, 6 p.m.

Join the National Park Service for a virtual presentation on the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion, the mostly black, all-female unit deployed overseas during World War II.

Dementia 101 R

Thursday, February 8, 7 p.m.

Learn about common types of dementia, risk factors, signs and symptoms, and a few tips for positive approaches.

Information Literacy: Knowing Your Source R

Monday, February 19, 7 p.m.

Knowing where to find trustworthy information can be difficult! Learn strategies and tools from the College of DuPage Speakers Bureau.

Literary Gardens R

Thursday, February 29, 7 p.m.

Discover how gardens and garden imagery play a role in the works of our favorite authors with Master Gardener and writer Cindy Crosby.



Teen Programming

- R** Advance registration required
- D** Drop-in program
- *** Pickup Program

Programs are held in the Meeting Room unless otherwise noted.

Teen Maker Kits **D**

Maker Kits have projects for teens to complete anytime the library is open. Find them at the Adult & Teen Services Desk.

January Kits

- Taylor Swift Bracelets
- Zen Coloring Pages
- CD Suncatchers
- Color Your Own Puzzles

February Kits

- Taylor Swift Bracelets
- Zen Coloring Pages
- CD Suncatchers
- Legos

Take & Make Crafts **D***

Grades 7 – 12. Pick up a craft to complete in Teen Central or take home. Available while supplies last.

Tissue Paper Balloon Bowls

Wednesday, January 3, All day

Watercolor Notebook Challenge

Wednesday, February 7, All day

Test Prep **R**

Grades 9 – 12. Navigate admissions and master test prep with the library's concise college and testing programs.

SAT Practice Test

Saturday, January 20, 1 – 5 p.m.

ACT Practice Test

Saturday, February 17, 1 – 5 p.m.

Service Project: DIY Animal Toys **D**

Friday, January 19 – Friday, January 26, All day

Grades 7 – 12. Stop into Teen Central to help create a variety of animal toys. All supplies provided. Toys will be donated to the Anti-Cruelty Society.

Black History Month Scavenger Hunt **D**

Thursday, February 1 – Thursday, February 29, All day
Teen Central

Grades 7 – 12. Explore moments and impactful figures celebrating Black History Month through a self-guided scavenger hunt in Teen Central.

Cozy Boardgaming **R**

Saturday, January 6, 1 – 5 p.m.

Grades 7 – 12. Unwind and hang out while playing board games and sipping hot cocoa.

Faux Stained Glass **R***

Tuesday, January 9, All day

Grades 7 – 12. Craft your own beautiful faux stained glass using simple materials to simulate the real thing. All supplies provided.

BookTok Talk **R**

Monday, January 15, 4 – 5:30 p.m.

Grades 7 – 12. Join us to talk up and talk about your favorite YA books making waves on TikTok! Snacks will be provided.

Custom Rubber Stamps **R**

Wednesday, January 17, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Grades 7 – 12. Learn the art of carving rubber to create personalized stamps. All supplies provided.

Squeegee Art **R**

Thursday, January 25, 5 – 6 p.m.

Grades 7 – 12. Swipe, smear, and blend vibrant paint using squeegees to craft striking abstract art. All supplies provided.

Learn to Embroider **R**

Saturday, February 3, 1 – 3 p.m.

Grades 7 – 12. Master the basics of embroidery, from simple stitches to designs. All supplies provided.

Paint Carving **R**

Monday, February 12, 4 – 5 p.m.

Grades 7 – 12. Discover the art of paint carving by etching out your design to reveal a kaleidoscope of layered colors. All supplies provided.

Hot Cocoa Bombs **R***

Tuesday, February 13, All Day

Grades 7 – 12. Craft your own decadent hot cocoa bombs to warm up your winter days. All supplies provided.

Sweet & Sour Valentine's Challenge **R**

Wednesday, February 14, 4 – 5 p.m.

Grades 7 – 12. Challenge your friends in fun-filled activities in which mBerries transform sour treats into sweet surprises.

Supporting Your Friend's Mental Health **R**

Monday, February 19, 5 – 6 p.m.

Grades 7 – 12. Learn how to sensitively guide and support friends during a mental health challenge.

Suminagashi Japanese Paper Marbling **R**

Thursday, February 22, 4 – 5:30 p.m.

Grades 7 – 12. Dive into Suminagashi, the Japanese practice of paper marbling, to craft intricate, swirling patterns on paper. All supplies provided.



Kids Programming

Registration opens two weeks prior to event date unless otherwise noted.
To register and learn more, go to dglibrary.org/events.



Collection Displays in the Kids Room Windows

Registration opens January 6, 2024

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 proud of in our collection windows.

Registration for the calendar year opens on January 6. Register at home, in the library, or over the phone with your DGPL card. 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!

Community Celebrates

Community Celebrates is a program designed for children and their families that explores celebrations, holidays, cultural groups, identities, and more. We are looking for community volunteers to be a part of our winter and spring programs. Specifically, we are looking for people who want to share their own experiences on Three Kings Day, Lunar New Year, Down Syndrome Awareness Day, and Ramadan and Eid. We are always open to suggestions of other topics. For more information, please fill out our interest form at dgpl.fyi/Community-Celebrates.



Community Celebrates

Celebrate the wonderful things that make our community great in this program series that shares holidays and cultural identities. Join us for stories, activities, and crafts!



Three Kings Day

Sunday, January 14, 2 — 2:45 p.m.

Lunar New Year

Sunday, February 18, 2 — 2:45 p.m.

Registration opens two weeks prior to event date.

-  Drop-in activity
-  Advance registration and DGPL Card required

For Families

Winter Reading Bingo

Monday, December 18, 2023– Sunday, January 21, 2024
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. Prize pickup begins Monday, January 29 and ends Sunday, February 11.

Family Lego Build

What can you make with our LEGO bricks, a theme, and your imagination? We'll display your creations in the Kids Room. For children of all ages accompanied by an adult.

January: Build a Parade

Thursday, January 4, 7 — 8 p.m.

February: Pet Palace

Thursday, February 1, 7 — 8 p.m.



Firefly Family Theatre Presents: Sparks Snow Day

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

Join Spark as she learns all about snow, hibernation and exciting winter activities like sledding and ice skating. Spark's Snow Day includes puppets, music, movement and lots of winter fun

for families! The show is ideal for ages 2-7, but has something for all ages to enjoy.

Hearts & Hugs Family Story Night

Tuesday, February 13, 6:30 — 7:15 p.m.

Register as a family and join us for stories and a craft featuring Valentine's Day hearts and hugs. Geared towards preschoolers but the whole family is welcome to attend.



For Families Continued...

Leap Day Crafts

Thursday, February 29, 9:30 a.m.

Leap Day crafts available in the STEM Room available while supplies last.

Family Movies

Bring a blanket, snack, and pillow to enjoy a movie on our big screen.

Lyle, Lyle Crocodile

Wednesday, January 3, 1 p.m.

Saturday, January 6, 12 p.m.

The LEGO movie

Friday, January 19, 1 p.m.

Saturday, January 20, 1 p.m.

Frozen

Saturday, February 3, 1 p.m.

Sunday, February 4, 1:30 p.m.



Storytimes

Children attending these 30 minute storytimes must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Preschool Storytime

Mondays: January 8 — February 12, 9:30 a.m.

Tuesdays: January 9 — February 13, 10:30 a.m.

Thursdays: January 11 — February 15, 10:30 a.m.

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

Toddler Storytime

Mondays: January 8 — February 12, 10:30 a.m.

Tuesdays: January 9 — February 13, 9:30 a.m.

Wednesdays: January 10 — February 14, 9:30 a.m.

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

Infant Storytime

Wednesdays: January 10 — February 14, 10:30 a.m.

Thursdays: January 11 — February 15, 9:30 a.m.

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

Weekend Storytime

Saturdays, January 6 — February 24, 10 a.m.

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

The Language Labs Present:

Spanish Storytime

Friday, January 19, 10:30 a.m.

Chinese Storytime with Lunar New Year Theme

Friday, February 9, 10:30 a.m.



Early Childhood

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

Indoor Recess

Thursday, January 4, 10 — 11:30 a.m.

Did you know you could play hopscotch, shoot a basketball, or even walk the balance beam, here in the Kids Room? Stop by for some fun outdoor activities!

Baby Colors

Friday, January 5, 10 — 10:30 a.m.

6 – 24 months. Join us with your baby for colorful rhymes, games, and songs.

Dotter Art

Friday, January 12, 10 — 11:30 a.m.

Get dotting and make art with our dotter markers.

Dragons Love Tacos

Tuesday, January 16, 4 — 4:30 p.m.

Ages 3 – 5. Come join us as we make dragon and taco crafts inspired by our favorite book, **Dragons Love Tacos**. Just remember to leave the spicy salsa at home!

Kids Room Mysteries

Monday, January 22 — Sunday, March 10

Look for three clues posted weekly in the picture book area of the Kids Room. Figure out the answer to the Kids Room Mystery question and tell a librarian at the Kids Room desk for a sticker.

Mini Mad Scientists

Ages 3 – 5. It's time to test some hypotheses and unleash our inner scientists.

Sound

Friday, January 26, 10:30 — 11 a.m.

Friday, January 26, 4 — 4:30 p.m.

Physics with Balloon Cars

Monday, February 26, 10 — 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, February 27, 4 — 4:30 p.m.



PRESCHOOL PIRATE PARTY



Early Childhood Continued...

Color Me Happy

Friday, February 16, 10 – 11:30 a.m.

Join us for crayon coloring fun.

Toddler Painting with Cars

Wednesday, February 21, 10:30 – 11 a.m.

Up to 36 months. Toy car wheels are our paintbrushes as we roll across our paper roads. Dress for mess!

Preschool Painting with Cars

Wednesday, February 21, 1:30 – 2 p.m.

Ages 3 – 5. Toy car wheels are our paintbrushes as we roll across our paper roads. Dress for mess!

Arty Babies

Thursday, February 22, 10:30 – 11 a.m. & 1:30 – 2 p.m.

Ages 6 – 24 months. Join this painting art crawl for babies. Dress for mess!

Music Makers

Tuesday, February 27, 10:30 – 11 a.m.

Ages 24 – 36 months. Toddlers can explore new sounds and rhythms while drumming, tapping and shaking instruments. Join us for this fun musical playtime.

Community Crew, What Do They Do?:

The Post Office!

Wednesday, February 28, 10:30 – 11 a.m.

Ages 3 – 5. What happens when someone works at the post office? Let's play pretend and turn YOU into a community helper!



School-Age Children

2024 Bookmark Contest

Monday, January 8 –
Monday, February 19



Grades K – 8. Open to students who have a Downers Grove library card or attend a school in Downers Grove. Enter the Kids' Room's annual bookmark contest with your original black and white ink drawing. Winners will have their bookmarks printed and used at the library. Entry forms will be available beginning January 8 and due by February 19. Winners will be announced on or before March 15.

Make & Create

Mondays: 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Grades 1 – 6. Kids, drop in to the Program Room to work on an activity. No parents allowed – just you and your creativity. Stay as long as you would like!

January 8: Strawbees

January 15: Oil Pastels

January 22: Puzzle Craft & Play

January 29: Stencil on Wood

February 5: Dot-to-Dot Art

February 12: Heart Crafts

February 19: Minute to Win It Games

February 26: DIY Picture Frames

Design an Edible Mars Rover

Tuesday, January 2, 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Grades 5 – 8. Come make your own out of this world Mars Rover with edible parts!

3, 2, 1 . . . Blast Off!

Wednesday, January 3, 10:30 – 11 a.m.

Grades 3 – 5. Make a rocket craft and then use a straw to launch it and compete to see how far it goes!

After Hours: Nerf Night

Saturday January 6, 4:45 – 6:30 p.m.

Grades 3 – 6. Compete in challenges to unlock your team's nerf darts for battle. Nerf blasters and darts provided.

Read to the Dogs

Thursdays, January 11 & February 8, 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.



School-Age Children Continued...

Animal Exploration

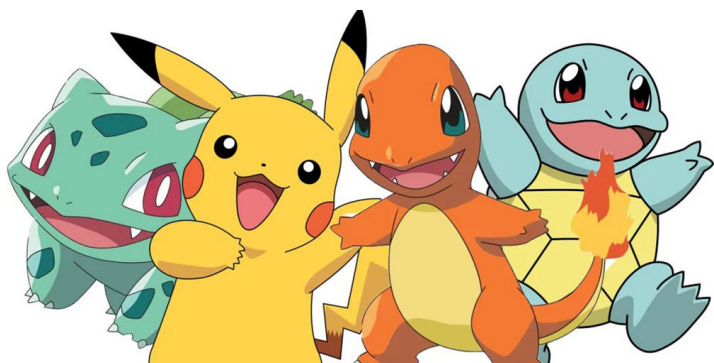
Grades K – 2. Join us for facts and fun as we learn about a different animal each month.

Lions

Wednesday, January 17, 4 – 4:30 p.m.

Sea Turtles

Wednesday, February 28, 4 – 4:30 p.m.



Pokémon Fun

Saturday, January 13, 3 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Saturday, February 10, 3 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Trade cards, learn the card game, and answer trivia questions. Chance to win a new pack!

Tissue Paper Painting

Wednesday, January 29, 4 – 4:30 p.m.

Grades K – 2. Use small pieces of tissue paper to create colorful artwork.

ABC Animal Yoga

Wednesday, February 7, 4 – 4:30 p.m.

Grades K – 2. Let's get our yoga on with animal poses.

Escape Room Challenge

Sunday, February 11, 1:30, 2:45, & 4 p.m.

Grades 6 – 8. Sign up for one of the time slots to test your wits against our escape room puzzles. Can your team make it out in time?

Discovery Bags

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

Mitten Fun

Wednesday, January 17

Cocoa Cup Bombs

Monday, February 12

discovery
bags



Winter Word Search

Can you find all the wintery words hidden in this word search? You can find the words in the grid by looking diagonal, forward, backward, up, and down.

B	Z	E	D	W	C	C	Y	Q	B	K	P
F	V	L	A	O	U	Q	W	J	P	T	G
I	O	R	P	D	U	O	E	C	E	N	Z
C	M	O	V	Z	H	Z	I	K	I	Z	S
Z	E	K	Y	T	E	K	A	Z	S	T	K
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COLD
FREEZING
GLOVES

HAT
SCARF
SNOW

SNOWFLAKE
SOCKS
WARM



LOCKER BUDDIES CRAFT



Making an Impact

The Downers Grove Public Library is proud to have Social Work Interns available to meet with patrons to help with social service needs. The library's interns can provide referral to resources for mental health, housing, employment, healthcare, immigration, domestic violence, and more. They can also assist with conflict mediation and provide mini counseling and therapy services. The Interns have extensive amounts of previous work experience in social services and are passionate about helping our community members navigate challenges in life. Sessions are completely confidential and free of charge.

Interested in this service? Make an appointment by emailing socialwork@dglibrary.org or by calling 630-960-1200 ext. 4310. The interns are also available on the second floor of the library during their drop-in hours. Learn more at dglibrary.org/social-services.

This program is made possible by a partnership with Aurora University. Funding for this service, as well as the interns' professional and clinical supervision, is generously provided by the Downers Grove Public Library Foundation.



Thank You!

The library's free pantry, The Cupboard, provides nonperishable food and toiletry items for those who are housing- or food-insecure. There are no eligibility requirements or forms; patrons are encouraged to take what they need. This year, the community has donated over 20,000 items to support community members in need. Thank you for your generosity!

WIC Mobile Clinic

Wednesday, January 17, 9 a.m. — 3 p.m.

The DuPage County Health Department will be at the library for full WIC (women, infants, and children) appointments. Receive a WIC EBT Card with food benefits in real time. The WIC Program provides information on nutrition, breastfeeding, and referrals.

Supporting Your Friend's Mental Health ^R

Monday, February 19, 5 — 6 p.m.

Grades 7 – 12. Learn how to sensitively guide and support friends during a mental health challenge.

Read books, win prizes!

Downers Grove Public Library's WINTER BINGO

Monday, December 18, 2023 —
Sunday, January 21, 2024

Are you looking for something to do during the winter months from the comfort of your home? Everyone is invited to join the library's Winter Reading Bingo! Complete a bingo card by reading and trying 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. Prize pickup begins Monday, January 29 and ends Sunday, February 11.



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



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Wednesdays, January 24 and February 28
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New Cover to Cover Podcasts

January – Meet our new Adult Program
Coordinator, Mary Hurtado

February – Get to know the Downers
Grove Public Library Foundation and
how they support the library

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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

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#ExtraordinaryGifts for the library beyond taxpayer
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5 Years

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