

Discoveries

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Storytime dance party with Miss Kristin in the Kids Program Room.

Library Hours

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

Library Closings

Friday, March 22
Sunday, March 31

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



Ready, Set, Library!

How will you connect with DGPL during National Library Week? Reintroduce yourself to library services by exploring our new collections and spaces while continuing to enjoy fan favorites. This year, the library will celebrate National Library Week (April 7-13) by tracking total checkouts throughout the week and highlighting staff favorites. While visiting the library, patrons can enter to win a raffle basket.

New Collections

Club Reads

Want to read something really popular but can't commit to a book club? Find books that have been discussed in DGPL book clubs that are sure to be a hit! Club Reads is located on the 2nd floor right next to Great Reads.

Teen Award Winners

Explore titles that have earned accolades for their exceptional storytelling, creativity, and representation. The new Teen Award Winners collection is located on the 2nd floor in Teen Central next to the Summer Reading Collection.

New Spaces

Tweens

The Tween Area of the Kids Room just got a new look! Hang out in our lounge seating, work on projects, browse our magazine collection, or play a board game. Challenge your friends to play Nintendo Switch or Xbox Series S in our gaming area. New additions are still being added, including a touch play table and tablets with activities for in-library use.

Movies

To improve patrons' browsing experience, DVDs, Blu-rays, and 4K Blu-rays are now shelved together by title/Dewey number on the 2nd floor. This applies to both dramas and documentaries.



Our newly updated Tween Area in the Kids Room at DGPL!




Director's Note


2023 wraps up a year of planning! After a process that included a survey with over 2,000 responses, focus groups with over 140 participants, and a Strategic Retreat with 26 Board, staff, and community members, the Board of Library Trustees approved the High-Level Strategic Plan in August and the 2024 Work Plan in November.


Our focus now turns to the work on those goals—and that work has already begun. We're partnering with Downers Grove Grade School District 58 to get library cards into the hands of more kids. A building planning study began to examine improving Teen Central, creating a makerspace, adding a private space for nursing or sensory needs, and upgrading accessibility from the Forest Avenue parking lot. The Tween area of the Kids Room got a facelift with booth seating, a gaming area, iPads with games for this age group, and acoustic panels to dampen noise. The Personnel Policy updates approved in January include investing in our staff through tuition reimbursement and parental leave.

Look for more to come in 2024—from adding pickup lockers at another location to expanding the Memory Kit collection to creating a Teen Advisory Group. There's always more to discover, grow, play, and learn at DGPL!

About DGPL

 Number of staff: **110**

 Number of physical items in our collection: **246,833**

 Service population: **50,247**

Mission: Welcoming all to discover, grow, play, and learn

Vision: The heart of a diverse community providing inspiring ideas, community connections, and empowering opportunities

Our Values:

Inclusive and Welcoming Environment: We celebrate our individual uniqueness and create spaces where everyone is valued, represented, and included

Community Engagement: We listen and respond to the changing needs of our community

Equitable Access: We remove barriers and enable access for all

Intellectual Freedom: We provide a variety of programs, services, and materials so community members can customize their own library experience

Lifelong Learning: We are always learning and encourage our community to be curious and continue to learn throughout all stages of life

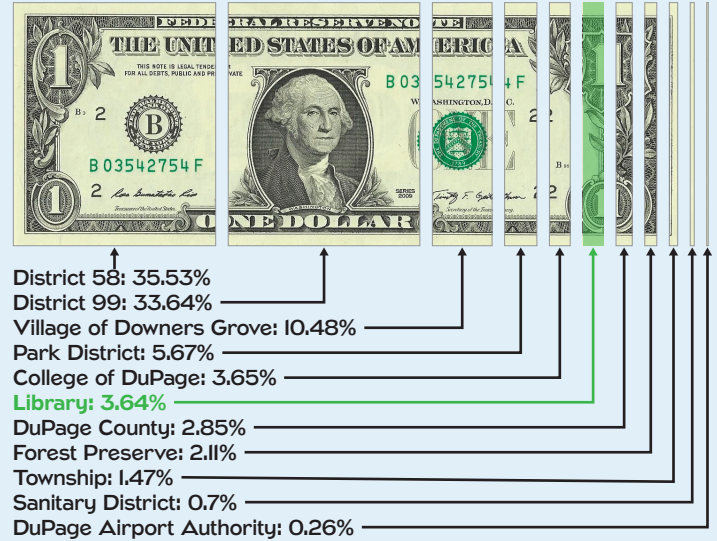
Integrity: We advocate for and uphold ethical library practices and responsible financial stewardship



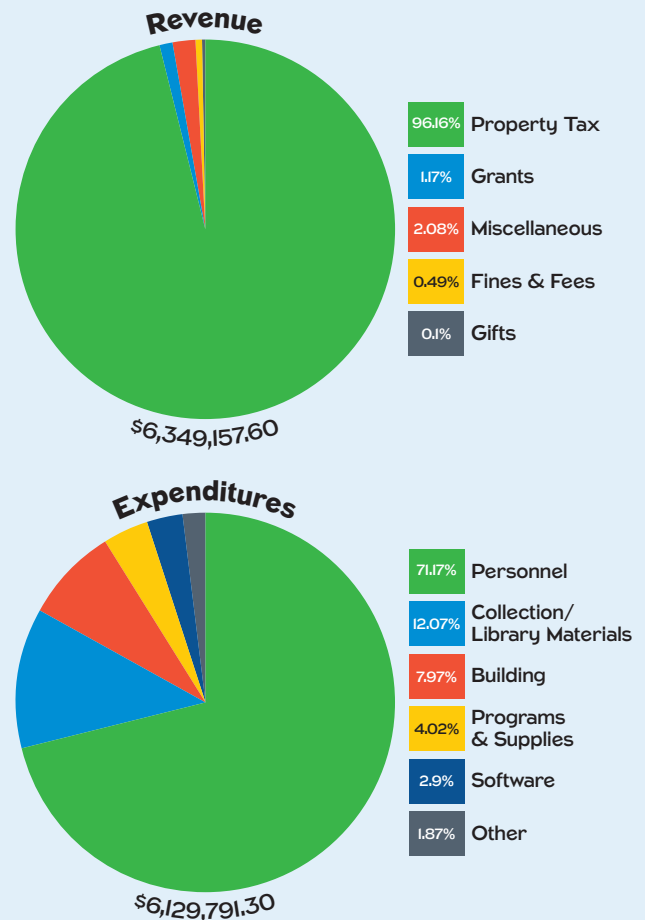
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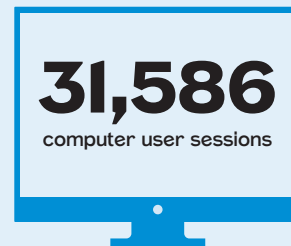
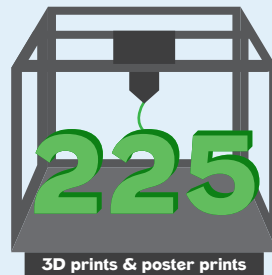
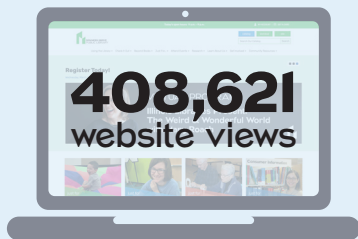
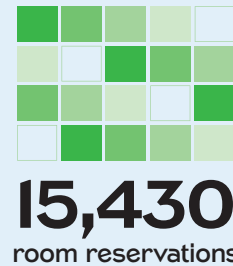
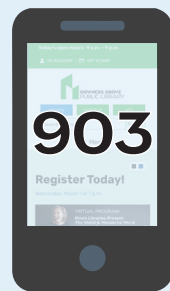
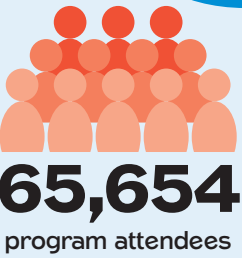
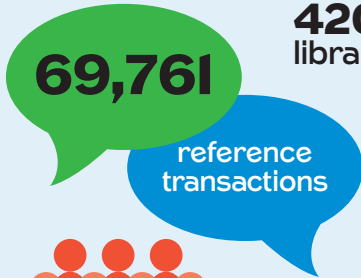
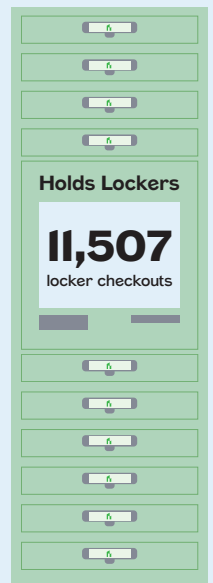
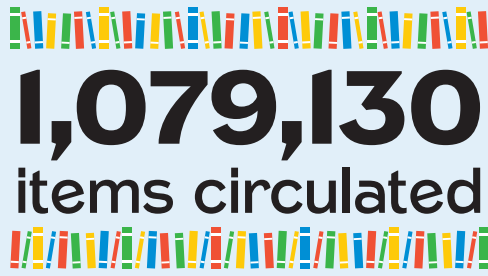
Library Budget*:



*Budget information is from the unaudited end-of-year December 2023 data.



How People Use the Library: A Year in Numbers



Popular Picks

Kid Fiction
Cat Kid Comic Club, Vol. 1
by Dave Pilkey

Adult Nonfiction
Spare
by Prince Harry

Music
Lover
by Taylor Swift

TV Show
Yellowstone: Season Five

Picture Book
The Thank You Book
by Mo Willems

Adult Fiction
Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow
by Gabrielle Zevin

Audiobook
Braiding Sweetgrass
by Robin Wall Kimmerer

Movie
Everything, Everywhere, All at Once

Teen Fiction
The Summer I Turned Pretty
by Jenny Han

Anything Emporium
Roku (with Apple TV+, Disney+, & Netflix)

For more details, visit dglibrary.org/transparency



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

Book Discussions

Books are available at the Adult & Teen Services Desk one month before each discussion.



Pages & Pints (Ages 21+)
Goldfinger Brewing Company
513 Rogers Street,
Downers Grove, 60515

Bad Cree by Jessica Johns
Tuesday, March 5, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, March 6, 7 p.m.

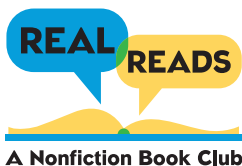
Tom Lake by Ann Patchett
Tuesday, April 2, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, April 3, 7 p.m.



Stellar Reads

We Are Satellites
by Sarah Pinsker
Wednesday, March 13, 7 p.m.

This is How You Lose the Time War
by Amal El-Mohtar
and Max Gladstone
Wednesday, April 10, 7 p.m.



Real Reads

Eightysomethings
by Katharine Esty
Tuesday, March 19, 9:30 a.m.

The Nature Fix
by Florence Williams
Tuesday, April 16, 9:30 a.m.






One Book, One Town:
The House in the Cerulean Sea
with partner EQDG
Wednesday, March 13, 7 p.m.

The Downers Grove Public Library is excited to join EQDG in their second annual community-wide reading event, One Book, One Town.

This year, we'll be reading **The House in the Cerulean Sea** by T.J. Klune, an endearing tale about compassion and acceptance. Pick up a copy from the Adult & Teen Services Desk starting February 12, and join us for a discussion at the library on March 13! A calendar of community events can be found at eqdg.org.

Computer Classes

-  Advance registration required
-  Prerequisite required
-  Virtual program

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

Word 2016 Intro

Tuesday, March 5, 11 a.m.

Windows Fundamentals

sponsored by People's Resource Center
Mondays, March 11 — April 22, 6:30 p.m.

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

Google Drive

Tuesday, March 12, 7 p.m.

Word 2016 Tables

Friday, March 15, 2 p.m.

Intro to Computers

sponsored by People's Resource Center
Saturdays, March 16 — April 27, 9:30 a.m.

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

Word 2016 Intermediate

Tuesday, March 19, 11 a.m.

GIMP 2.0

Thursday, March 21, 2 p.m.

Thursday, April 18, 2 p.m.

Virtual Excel 2016 Charts

Tuesday, March 26, 2 p.m.

iPhone Basics

Wednesday, April 3, 4 p.m.

Excel 2016 Intro

Friday, April 5, 2 p.m.

How to Use Your Android Smartphone

Tuesday, April 9, 2 p.m.

Excel 2016 Intermediate

Friday, April 19, 2 p.m.

Editing Photos on an iPhone

Thursday, April 25, Noon



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
- ✓** Spring Break: Dishing Up Fun!

Grab & Go

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Crafts for Adults

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

Mini Picture Frame Magnets **D**

Monday, March 4

DIY Garden Markers **D**

Monday, April 1



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

A Taste of Chinese Five Spice **D**

Tuesday, March 19

A Taste of Chamomile **D**

Tuesday, April 16

Illinois Libraries Present

Ruth E. Carter: Interweaving Tradition & Imagination Through Costume Design **R** **V**

Wednesday, March 20, 7 p.m.

Dr. Temple Grandin:

Hidden Gifts of Visual Speakers **R** **V**

Wednesday, April 3, 7 p.m.

Gaming

Drop-In Board Games **D**

Fridays, March 1 - April 26, 9:30 am — 12:30 p.m.

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

D&D Adventurers League

Adults & Teens 16+ (For All Experience Levels).

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

Dark Rites at Fort Dalton **R**

Saturdays: March 9 & 23, noon — 4 p.m.

The Howling Void, Part 1 **R**

Saturday, April 6 noon — 4 p.m.

The Howling Void, Part 2 **R**

Saturday, April 20 noon — 4 p.m.

Concerts

The Rust Riders **R**

with partner DG Music Club

Sunday, March 3, 2 p.m.

Bounding Main **R**

with partner DG Music Club

Sunday, April 14, 2 p.m.

Crafts and the Arts

CrAfter Work Take and Make

Register for a craft kit and complete the project on your own time! Kits are held for one week after program date at the Adult & Teen Services Desk.

Paint Chip Mosaic **R**

Monday, March 18

Embroidery Dandelion **R**

Monday, April 15

Crafts for Older Adults

Learn new craft techniques and mingle with other older adults as you craft on the first Wednesday of every month.

Spring Wreath **R**

Wednesday, March 6, 10 a.m.

String Art Flower Holder **R**

Wednesday, April 3, 10 a.m.

DIY Shag Spring Pillows **R**

Wednesday, March 13, 7 p.m.

Create a shag spring pillowcase to brighten any room!

Book Binding **R**

Tuesday, April 9, 7 p.m.

Celebrate National Library Week by binding your very own book for your personal library! All supplies provided.

Teacup Fairy Garden **R**

Thursday, April 25, All Day

Register for a kit to create your own teacup fairy garden! All enchanting supplies included.

Lectures and Life Skills

Great Decisions **R** **H**

Tuesdays: March 12, 26; April 9, 23, 10:30 — noon

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



Polish in Chicago

Monday, March 4, 7 p.m.

Discover how Chicago became known as the “American Warsaw” as Peter Alter from the Chicago History Museum discusses over 150 years of Chicago Polish History.

Breathing and Blinking

Wednesday, March 6, 7 p.m.

Join Nancy Mullen of Urban Tidepool for a look at the connection between trauma, post-traumatic stress disorder, and traumatic injury through the lens of someone who lives with all three.

Women Who Paved the Way: Exploring Women Homesteaders and Suffragists

Thursday, March 7, 7 p.m.

A Park Ranger from Homestead National Park explores how women homesteaders and suffragists broke down gender barriers and paved the way for modern women.

Organizing and Mental Health: Practical Ways to Gain Power Over Your Mental Health

Monday, March 11, 7 p.m.

JB Organizing will highlight five practical things organization can do to help combat chaos in physical and mental spaces.

An Introduction to the Irish Language

Tuesday, March 12, 7 p.m.

Expand your understanding of Irish culture and learn a few words and phrases in Irish with Na Gaeil Chicago! Presentation will include a brief history and interactive speaking practice.

Senior Services with the Downers Grove Township

Friday, March 15, 1 p.m.

Coordinators from the Downers Grove Township will present on the resources and activities available as part of their senior services.

QPR Training: Question, Persuade, Refer

Thursday, March 21, 7 — 8:30 p.m.

QPR is emergency mental health intervention training meant to help individuals recognize and intervene in mental health crises. All attendees will leave with certification.

The War in My Kitchen: Food Rationing and Life on the Home Front During WWII

Thursday, March 28, 7 p.m.

Travel back to the early 1940's for a peek inside the pantries, recipe books, and lunch boxes of the WWII home front, where women were fighting the war from their kitchens and factory floors.

Do You Know Your Child's Digital Footprint?

Wednesday, April 3 7 p.m.

An Internet Safety Specialist from the Attorney General's Office will review internet safety and current Illinois youth trends and discuss intervention and prevention strategies.

Biomimicry: Looking to

Nature to Solve Today's Problems

Thursday, April 4, 7 p.m.

With help from her animal ambassadors, Naturalist Kim White discusses how animals, such as geckos and hedgehogs, help our health and jobs.

Researching Your Family's Veterans

Saturday, April 6 10 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.

Focusing on WWI and WWII, this special two-hour seminar will help you research your military family members and help write their story.

Senior Housing 101

Wednesday, April 10, 7 p.m.

Learn what to consider when looking for senior housing options, how to get funding, and where to find the best properties. Senior Solutions will help seniors and anyone helping with their care.

Community Resources for Veterans

Thursday, April 11, 10:30 a.m.

Discover resources in our community that provide housing, legal, medical, and financial assistance to veterans and their families.

The Unsinkable Molly Brown

With Partner DG Township

Thursday, April 11, 12:30 p.m.

To commemorate the anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic, hear the story of the life and times of the adventurous and daring “Unsinkable Molly Brown,” performed by Lynn Rymarz.

Crafting Herb Blends

Wednesday, April 17, 7 p.m.

Delve into the world of flavor families as you combine herbs and spices to create irresistible dips, dressings, and spreads. Attendees will craft their own unique herb blends.

Store Bought Flowers into Bouquets

Monday, April 22, 7 p.m.

Learn floral design skills with flowers from the grocery store, and leave with your own arrangement! All supplies provided.

History of Yellowstone National Park

Wednesday, April 24, 1 p.m.

Celebrate National Park Week as you learn the history and inception of the first national park from a Yellowstone park ranger.

Setting the Record Straight: What Caused the Civil War


Tuesday, April 30, 1 p.m.

Founders Day. Historians from the Abraham Lincoln National Museum and Library highlight the time period of this year's Founder and examine the events that led to the Civil War.



Teen Programming

Programs are held in the Meeting Room unless otherwise noted.
All materials provided unless otherwise noted.

- R** Advance registration required
- D** Drop-in program
- *** Pickup Program
-  Spring Break: Dishing Up Fun!

Teen Maker Kits **D**

Maker Kits have projects for teens to complete anytime the library is open. They can be found at the Adult & Teen Services Desk.

March Kits

- Taylor Swift Bracelets
- Women's History Month Guess Who
- Perler Bead Mosaics

April Kits

- Taylor Swift Bracelets
- Finger Knitting
- Perler Bead Mosaics

Take & Make Crafts **D**

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

Mini Lava Lamps

Wednesday, March 6, All Day

Book Bouquets for National Library Week

Wednesday, April 10, All Day

College and Test Prep **R**

Grades 9 – 12. Hone your test prep approach by attending the library's practice test sessions.

SAT Practice Test - Digital

Saturday, March 16, 1 – 4 p.m.

ACT Practice Test - Paper

Saturday, April 13, 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Crazy Cardboard Construction **R**

Saturday, March 2, 2 – 3 p.m.

Grades 7 – 12. Use the Makedo Cardboard Construction Kit to transform cardboard into anything you can imagine!

Teen Mental Health Support Group **D**

Tuesdays: March 5 & April 2, 7 – 8 p.m.

Grades 7 – 12. Join us for this teen-led support group where peers can share and talk about their mental health together in a safe space.

Moss Wall Art **R**

Friday, March 8, 4 – 5 p.m.

Grades 7 – 12. Add a little outside feel to your indoor space using preserved moss.

Learn to Crochet **R**

Tuesday, March 12, 4 – 5 p.m.

Grades 7 – 12. Discover the art of crochet and start creating your own handmade projects.

Spring Gnomes **R***

Tuesday, March 19, All Day

Grades 7 – 12. Craft a whimsical spring-inspired gnome to guard your bookshelf or desk.

Munchable Monuments **R**

Monday, March 25, noon – 1 p.m.

Grades 7 – 12. Build towering structures using an assortment of edible materials.

Candy Sushi **R**

Tuesday, March 26, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Kid's Program Room

Grades 7 – 12. Sushi chefs: craft fine dishes using rice krispie treats and colorful candies.

Needle Felted Food Cuties **R**

Tuesday, March 27, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

Grades 7 – 12. Sculpt some adorable fruit and veggie figurines with wool.

Polymer Clay S'mores **R***

Thursday, March 28, All Day

Grades 7 – 12. Create adorable non-edible s'mores magnet treats that look (almost!) good enough to eat!

Oreo Challenge **R**

Friday, March 29, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

Grades 7 – 12. How's your Oreo stacking, rolling, and balancing? Join us to crown the Oreo Champion.

Faux Donut Wreaths **R**

Saturday, March 30, 1 – 2:30 p.m.

Grades 7 – 12. Add a sweet touch to your decor with your very own custom donut wreath.

After Hours: Mario Kart Live Racing **R**

Saturday, April 6, 4:45 – 6:30 p.m.

Grades 7 – 12. Get locked in the library after hours and then race in the stacks with **Mario Kart Live: Home Circuit**.

Spring Shag Pillows **R**

Wednesday, April 17, 4 – 5 p.m.

Grades 7 – 12. Create a shag spring pillowcase to brighten any room!

Window Herb Planters **R***

Thursday, April 23, All Day

Grades 7 – 12. Use upcycled Oui yogurt jars to create charming, space-saving indoor gardens.

DIY Sprayed Book Edges **R**

Tuesday, April 30, 4 – 5 p.m.

Grades 7 – 12. Add flair to your books by coloring their page edges. Bring a book or use one we provide.



Kids Programming

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

For Families

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.

March: Aliens

Thursday, March 7, 7 — 8 p.m.

April: Springtime Scenes

Thursday, April 4, 7 — 8 p.m.



St. Patrick's Day Craft

Friday, March 15, 10 a.m. — 4 p.m.

Stop on by to make a craft for St. Patrick's Day. While supplies last, for first 100 crafters.

Trinity Irish Dancers

Saturday, March 16,

noon — 12:30 p.m.

Meeting Room

Catch the world-renowned Trinity Irish Dancers bring 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!



Pajama-rama: Family Story Night

Tuesday, April 16, 6:30 — 7:15 p.m.

Register as a family to join us for silly stories, songs, and a pajama craft. Geared towards preschoolers but the whole family is welcome to attend.





Free Comic Book Day


Saturday, May 4

Come to the library and pick out a free comic book for yourself. Be sure to wear your favorite t-shirts and costumes to celebrate! Available while supplies last.

Registration opens two weeks prior to event date.

 Drop-in activity

 Advance registration and
DGPL Card required

 Spring Break: Dishing Up Fun!

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!

World Down Syndrome Day

Sunday, March 17, 2 — 2:45 p.m.

Celebrate World Down Syndrome Day early by learning about Down Syndrome, listening to stories, and hearing from local DG residents on how Down Syndrome has touched their lives. Then we'll decorate socks so that you can "Rock Your Socks" on March 21st.

Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr

Sunday, April 14, 2 — 2:45 p.m.

Learn about Ramadan and its culminating celebration Eid al-Fitr through stories, activities, and your fellow DG community members.

Family Movies

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

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs (PG)

Saturday, March 23, 2 p.m.

Ratatouille (G)

Thursday, March 28, 1 p.m.

Kung Fu Panda (PG)

Saturday, April 20, 2 p.m.



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 are for kids going into sixth through ninth grade in Fall 2024. We look forward to having you here with us all summer long.



Storytimes

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

Preschool Storytime **D**

Mondays: March 4 — April 15, 9:30 a.m.
Tuesdays: March 5 — April 16, 10:30 a.m.
Thursdays: March 7 — April 18, 10:30 a.m.

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

Toddler Storytime **D**

Mondays: March 4 — April 15, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesdays: March 5 — April 16, 9:30 a.m.
Wednesdays: March 6 — April 17, 9:30 a.m.

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

Infant Storytime **D**

Wednesdays: March 6 — April 17, 10:30 a.m.
Thursdays: March 7 — April 17, 9:30 a.m.

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

Weekend Storytime **D**

Saturdays, March 2 — April 27, 10 a.m.

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



The Language Labs Storytimes

The Language Labs is coming to the library to present bilingual storytimes.

Spanish Storytime **D**

Friday, March 1, 10:30 — 11 a.m.

Polish Storytime **D**

Friday, April 12, 10:30 — 11 a.m.

Early Childhood

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

Numbers, Colors, and Shapes, Oh My! **D**

Friday, March 8, 10 — 11:30 a.m.

Play fun games that combine numbers, colors, and shapes by sorting and sequencing.

Mini Mad Scientists **C**

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

Color

Friday, March 15, 10:30 — 11 a.m.
Friday, March 15, 4 — 4:30 p.m.

April Showers

Monday, April 29, 10:30 — 11 a.m.
Tuesday, April 30, 4 — 4:30 p.m.



Hop, Little Bunnies! **C**

Thursday, March 28, 11:30 a.m. — noon

18 — 36 months. Let's hop into the library for stories, songs and crafts sure to make your cotton tail wiggle. Fun for every bunny!

Playdough Fun **D**

Friday, March 29, 10 — 11:30 a.m.

We will bring out our collection of playdough and tools, so you can drop in and cook up some fun.

Eclipse Viewing Party **C**

Monday, April 8, 1:30 — 2:15 p.m.

Ages 3 — 5. Learn about eclipses and then celebrate our eclipse together at our garden walk.

Indoor Recess **D**

Friday, April 19, 10 — 11:30 a.m.

Hopscotch, balance beam, and more are set up for you to explore.

Sensory Painting **C**

Wednesday, April 24, 10:30 — 11 a.m.

Ages 3 — 5. Dress for mess as we create with paint.

Shake It, Baby! **C**

Thursday, April 25, 10:30 — 11 a.m.

Friday, April 26, 9:30 — 10 a.m.

Birth — 24 months. Shake, rattle, and roll in this baby celebration of music and movement. Register for just one of the sessions.

Community Crew, What Do They Do?: Farmers! **C**

Friday, April 26, 1 — 1:30 p.m.

Ages 3 — 5. What do farmers do to grow our food? Let's play pretend and turn YOU into a community helper.





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!

March 4: Decorate Your Initials

March 11: St. Patrick's Day Crafts

March 18: Paper Squishies

March 25: Aqua Beads

April 1: Scratch Art

April 8: Step-by-Step Drawing

April 15: Domino Fun

April 22: Weeble Wobbles

April 29: Perler Beads

Cherry Blossoms

Friday, April 12, 4 – 4:30 p.m.

Grades 3 – 6. Come join us to learn about the beautiful pink and white flowering trees and then make fun cherry blossom windsocks for spring!



Pokémon Fun

Saturdays: March 9 & April 13, 3 – 4 p.m.

Trade cards, learn the card game, and talk about Pokémon with fellow fans.

Animal Explorations

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

Bald Eagles

Wednesday, March 13, 4 – 4:30 p.m.

Penguins

Wednesday, April 17, 4 – 4:30 p.m.

Read to the Dogs

Thursdays: March 14 & April 11, 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.

Sew What: Basic Skills

Tuesday, March 19, 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 pin cushion.

Sew What: Surprise Project

Tuesday, April 16, 4 – 4:45 p.m.

Grades 5 – 8. Let's take our sewing skills to the next level. In order to take this program you must have completed a previous Sew What class or Sew What Basics.

Hot Air Balloons

Thursday, March 21, 4 – 4:30pm

Grades K – 2. Learn the science behind hot air balloons and create a colorful hot air balloon craft.

Foods of the World Scavenger Hunt

Thursday, March 21 – Sunday April 7

Grades 1 – 6. Drop in any time to find food clues around the Kids Room to earn a food sticker.

Comic Quiz

Monday, March 25 – Saturday, March 30

Look at our poster to identify comic and graphic novel characters for your chance to win a bundle of graphic novels. Winners will be contacted the week of April 1.

Robot Snack Attack

Monday, March 25, 11:30 am – 12:15pm & 1 – 1:45 pm

Grades 3 – 6. Using LEGO and Edison robots, design a robot to compete in food challenges. Can your robot roll a cream egg across the finish line? Can you push all the snack food out of the ring before your opponent? Register for one session only.

TAP: the art project: Pacita Abad

Wednesday, March 27, 1 – 2 p.m.

Grades 3 – 5. Learn about painter and trapunto artist, Pacita Abad. After the lesson, we'll explore color, and pattern as we create our own masterworks inspired by Abad.

National Poetry Month Book Bundle

Monday, April 1 – Sunday, April 14

Enter to win a bundle of books with rhymes and poems. Winners will be contacted week of April 15.

Macrame Rainbows

Wednesday, April 10, 4:30 – 5 p.m.

Grades 3 – 5. Come and create a small macrame rainbow keychain. Perfect for adding a bit of flair and color to your backpack.

Fairy Fun

Tuesday, April 23, 4 – 4:30 p.m.

Grades K – 2. Celebrate the sparkle of fairies with fairy crafts and stories.

Candy Sushi

Tuesday, March 26

Grades 5 – 8: 1 – 1:30 p.m.;

Grades 7 – 12: 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Sushi chefs: craft fine dishes using rice krispie treats and colorful candies. Register for one session only.

Symmetrical Name Art

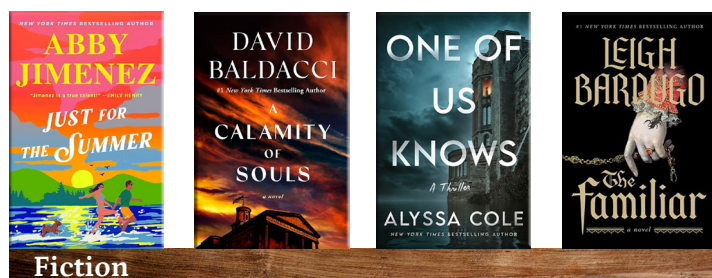
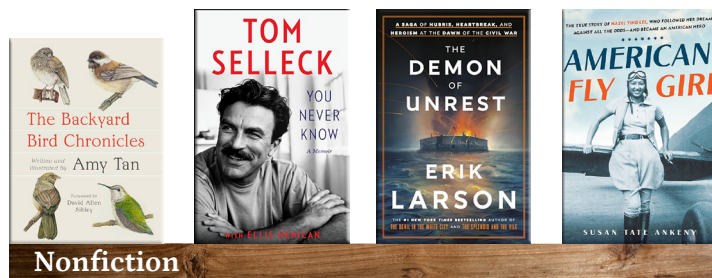
Thursday, April 25, 4 – 4:30 p.m.

Grades 6 – 8. Use your own name to create an original, modern artwork.



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.



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.

March: We Are the Champions



April: Total Eclipse of the Heart



Take Your Pick!

The Staff Picks VIPs (Very Important Pickers) for March and April are Amanda and Melissa. 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 special selections by our VIPs for March and April. 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. The raffle runs March 18 - April 7, 2023.

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



March: Chat with Amanda

Wednesday, March 20, 2 — 4 p.m.

Amanda's Pick: **Tokyo Ever After**
by Emiko Jean



April: Chat with Melissa

Thursday, April 4, 1:30 — 3:30 p.m.

Melissa's Pick: **Mad Honey**
by Jodi Piccoul





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New Cover to Cover Podcasts

March – Community Resources for
Veterans with Tricia

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and Miriam

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library's Media Lab. Listen online at
dglibrary.org/cover-to-cover.



Celebrating DGPL

Join the Downers Grove Public Library
Foundation as we celebrate the library's social
work interns and all of their efforts to serve the
varied needs of our community during National
Social Work Month this March. Additionally, the
foundation will be celebrating National Library
Week April 7 – 13, 2024.

Visit dgplfoundation.org to learn about how you can participate
in both of these celebrations, amplifying the library's commitment to
serving everyone and encouraging them to discover, grow, play, and
learn.

Spring Break: Dishing Up Fun!

March 25 – 30

All Ages. This spring break, the library
is dishing up some food-themed
programming throughout the library.
Go around the world in recipes with
a Kids Room Scavenger hunt. From
candy sushi to pasta art, join the fun!
Check the events calendar for details
and specific programs.



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We acknowledge that the Downers Grove
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