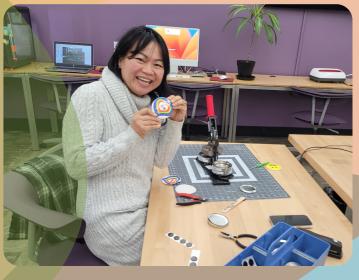


April-May 2024





Step into The Studio

A new space to make and create!





Welcome to The Studio, our new self-directed maker space for all ages. Open since January, The Studio is located on the First Floor in the former Technology Center. The Studio is your space to DIY, pick up a new hobby, and collaborate on projects using our creative equipment and tools.

In The Studio, you can:

- Design 3D prints to replace a missing part of a household item
- Stitch monograms on garments using our embroidery machine
- Create stickers with our Silhouette Cameo machine & software
- Transfer designs onto a T-shirt with our heat press
- Laminate important documents & more!

How it works:

Drop in to The Studio; no appointment needed:

Monday-Friday: 1pm-8pm

• Saturday: 10am-4pm

• Sunday: 1pm-4pm

The equipment is free to use and available on a first come, first served basis! Choose two free supplies per week, Monday through Sunday, to use for in-house projects. Studio staff will be on hand to answer questions, troubleshoot equipment, and connect you with learning resources.

Learn More: wilmettelibrary.info/studio

Shop Books Down Under!

Buy gently used books for all ages at Wilmette's only bookstore, located on the Lower Level of the library. All proceeds from book sales and donations to the Friends support library programs, including Summer Reading Clubs and Wilmette Reads.

Find current BDU hours and information about donating to the Friends at wilmettelibrary.info/friends





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Monday-Friday 9am-9pm Saturday 9am-5pm Sunday 12pm-5pm

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Events for Adults

All virtual programs require registration. On-site programs only require registration when noted.

Total Solar Eclipse Day

Monday, April 8, 12:30-3:30pm

Enjoy the solar eclipse with your Wilmette community! Visit the library to watch the eclipse from the library lawn or view the NASA livestream in the Auditorium. The solar eclipse is scheduled to begin at approximately 12:45pm in our area. A limited supply of glasses will be available for safe eclipse viewing!



Civil Rights and Social Justice on the North Shore

Wednesday, April 3, 7–8pm, Auditorium

New Trier social studies teacher Todd Maxman, along with several of his students, will share research on local civil rights and social justice issues. Presented in collaboration with League of Women Voters and HEROS.

Identify Theft, Common Scams, and How to Avoid Them

Tuesday, April 23, 7–8pm, Auditorium

Learn about how to prevent scams and fraud and what to do if it happens to you with Attorney General Kwame Raoul's outreach team.

Neurodivergence, Autism, and Mental Health: A Personal Conversation

Thursday, May 2, 7–8pm, Auditorium

Authors Matt Perry and Josh Friedberg share experiences of growing up disabled on the North Shore, turning to writing as an outlet, and educating others about neurodiversity.

The Heart of Hospice

Tuesday, April 30, 6–7pm, Auditorium R

Learn about hospice care and have your questions answered in a compassionate environment, with Aidan McCormack of Moments Hospice.

Is It the Right Time to Retire?

Thursday, May 9, 7–8pm, Auditorium R

Join financial planner Karen Chan to help you decide when is the "right" time to retire. Karen's presentation will help shine a light on this important life decision.

Six Steps to a More Profitable Business Wednesday, May 15, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Business coach PJ Weiland will share tips for business owners and leaders to have a more manageable, more profitable business. Sponsored by the Wilmette, Glenview, and Skokie Public Libraries.

Wilmette Walk & Talk

Friday, May 31, 9:30-10am, Library Lawn

Join us for a walk around the neighborhood and chat about what you're reading or watching, make new friends, or just enjoy the walk.

Spotlight on Local History & Genealogy

Deciphering Genealogical Documents Saturday, May 11, 1–2:30pm, Auditorium

Learn tips and tricks to decipher documents in most European languages and ideas for reading old German script. Presented by Jacqui Schattner and cohosted by the North Suburban Genealogical Society.

Naming Chicago Neighborhoods Thursday, May 23, 7–8pm, Virtual R

What's in a name? Discover how Chicago's 77 community areas came to be and their relationship to Chicago neighborhoods. Presented by Peter T. Alter of the Studs Terkel Center for Oral History Chicago.

Saturd<mark>ay After</mark>noon Concert

Tenor Christian Ketter and Violinist Cara Schlecker Saturday, April 13, 2–3pm,

Saturday, April 13, 2–3pm, Auditorium

Join us for a concert featuring a variety of classical favorites, operatic selections, jazz, and beloved American show tunes featuring tenor, violin, and piano.







At Home Film Series Tuesdays, 7–8pm, Virtual R

View the film on the Kanopy streaming service with your Wilmette library card, then join us for a discussion.

April 9: The Whale (2022) May 14: The Mask You Live In (2015)

International Film Screening: Osama

Thursday, May 16, 9:30am–12pm, Auditorium

Presented in Dari, Pashtu, French, and Arabic with English subtitles.



Armchair Travels

Join us for these on-site and virtual travel lectures, funded by the Rutherford Trust.

Tulipmania and Dutch Flower Painting

Tuesday, April 2, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Take a look at the events of the 1630s when speculators drove up the prices of tulip bulbs to dizzying heights, and how the practice of flower painting began in response to the value of live flowers. Presented by art historian Mary Woodward.



Armchair Travels

Thursday, 1–2:30pm, Auditorium

April 4: Greece, Where the Past is Present with Barbara Sugden and Ron Vargason

April 18: The Wonders of Yellowstone National Park with Judith Bock

May 2: Tour of Japan

Spotlight on Japan

Origami Class for Adults

Tuesday, May 7, 1–2pm, Auditorium R

Take part in a beginner lesson in origami, the Japanese art of paper folding that allows you to create anything your heart desires!

Japanese Artistic Aesthetics

Friday, May 10, 2-3pm, Virtual R

Join Asian Art Museum in an exploration of the variety, complexity, and beauty of Japanese art.

An Introduction to the Japanese Garden

Thursday, May 16, 1-2:30pm, Auditorium

Learn about the aesthetics, symbolism, and meanings of objects in the traditional Japanese garden.

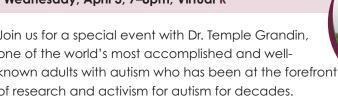
The Chicago Koto Group Concert

Sunday, May 19, 2–3pm, Auditorium

Enjoy a concert featuring the koto, a Japanese plucked half-tube zither instrument that is a national instrument of Japan.

The Hidden Gifts of Visual Thinkers Wednesday, April 3, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Join us for a special event with Dr. Temple Grandin, one of the world's most accomplished and wellknown adults with autism who has been at the forefront of research and activism for autism for decades.



The Many Lives of Kal Penn Tuesday, May 7, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Kal Penn, an actor, writer, producer, and former associate director of the White House Office of Public Engagement, will share the many different paths his career has taken. Known for his starring roles in Designated Survivor, House, Mira Nair's The Namesake, and the Harold & Kumar franchise, he published his first book, You Can't Be Serious, in 2021. He will discuss his start in TV and film and his transition into politics.

These events are made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events.

Save the Date!

Join the Family Action Network for these great FAMIL upcoming speaker events. Visit familyactionnetwork.net for full details; registration required for virtual programs.

Charles Duhigg: Supercommunicators

Tuesday, April 2, 7–8:30pm, New Trier High School Northfield Campus

The Menopause Brain by Lisa Mosconi, Ph.D.

Monday, April 8, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Somehow: Thoughts on Love with **Anne Lamott**

Tuesday, April 23, 7–8:30pm, Loyola Academy, McGrath Family Performing Arts Center

Kim Scott: Radical Respect

Tuesday, April 30, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Book Discussions

Visit our online calendar to learn more about each book and reserve a copy. Registration required where noted.

Read Around the World Book Discussion

The Berry Pickers by Amanda Peters

Thursday, April 25, 10:30–11:30am, Auditorium

Classics & Contemporary Book Discussion

Palace Walk by Naguib Mahfouz

Tuesday, April 9, 10:30–11:30am, Auditorium

The House of Doors by Tan Twan Eng

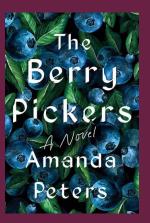
Tuesday, May 14, 10:30–11:30am, Auditorium

Walking Book Club

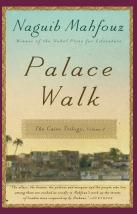
The Swimmers by Julie Otsuka

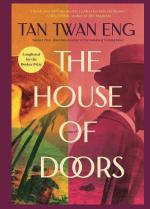
Thursday, May 23, 10–11am, Library Lawn R

Discuss The Swimmers while on a leisurely, 45-minute walk around Wilmette.











Hands-On and Creative Tech

Advanced Canva: Remixing the Public Domain Tuesday, April 16, 11–12pm, The Studio, Teens & Adults R

Create original digital artwork with your own photography or public domain content using Canva.

Drop-in Coloring Thursday, April 25, 1–2:30pm, Auditorium, Adults

Discover the therapeutic benefits of coloring at this drop-in coloring program. Relax, reduce stress, and leave feeling restored!

3D Printing & Gardening

Thursday, April 25, 6–7pm, Auditorium, Teens & Adults R

Explore 3D printing ideas and designs that will aid gardeners as the spring weather approaches.

Become a Petfluencer Tuesday, April 30, 5–6pm, Virtual, Teens & Adults R

Find tips and tricks to become a petfluencer.

Flower Stickers with Silhouette Cameo Friday, May 3, 6–7pm, The Studio, Teens & Adults R

Learn the basics of using the Silhouette Cameo desktop cutter and design software by creating printed flower stickers.

Metal Stamping Monday, May 6, 6:30–7:30pm, The Studio, Adults R

We'll show you how to stamp metal and turn your designs into a necklace or a key chain.

Electronics to Art

Monday, May 20, 6:30–7:30pm, The Studio, Teens & Adults R

Use discarded electronics components to create jewelry, home accessories, or art objects.

3D Design: Stackable Boxes

Thursday, May 30, 6–7pm, The Studio, Adults R

Develop your design skills by building a stackable box in a 3D environment.

Internet & Devices

Customize Your iPhone/iPad Thursday, April 11, 10–11:30am, Small Meeting Room R

Personalize your iPhone or iPad's home page and control center.

Google Docs and Drive

Thursday, April 18, 4–5pm, Virtual R Learn how to create documents

Learn how to create documents and manage your files with Google Docs and Google Drive.

iPhone/iPad Photos Basics Thursday, May 9, 10–11:30am, Small Meeting Room R

Review options to enhance your photo library and make it easier to find and share your favorites.

Digitization Tools Showcase Friday, May 10, 4–5pm, Auditorium R

In this live demo, see our media digitizing tools and learn about converting analog materials to digital files.

Intro to Password Management

Wednesday, May 22, 11–12pm, Auditorium R

Get organized and secure with your passwords.

What is AI?

Friday, May 24, 5-6pm, Virtual R

A beginner-friendly dive into the transformative technology of artificial intelligence (AI).



Our Let's Learn Together series returns with a focus on exploring how we talk about and experience gender. Through literature, activities, and expert presenters, you will expand your understanding of gender and learn the language you need to talk about it openly. These programs are aimed at adults, parents, and educators.

Learn more at wilmettelibrary.info/learntogether.

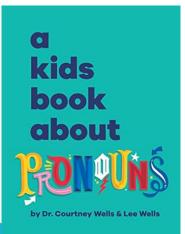
Understanding Gender Identity

Monday, April 15, 7–8pm, Virtual, Adults R

Learn about and discuss gender identity terminology (including pronouns), experiences of trans people, and strategies for showing up with kindness and respect for all. Facilitated by social worker Lizzy Appleby.

Between the Lines

These events for parents and educators are presented in collaboration with District 39 PTAs. Children 4 and older can enjoy a storytime and craft while adults attend the program.



A Kids Book About Pronouns Author Visit

Friday, April 26, 5-6pm, Auditorium R

Meet the co-authors of A Kids Book about Pronouns, Dr. Courtney Wells and Lee Wells, in this interactive program about understanding gender identity and being an ally.

Using Kids Books to Learn About Pride

Friday, May 17, 4:30–5:30pm, Auditorium ${f R}$

In anticipation of Pride Month in June, learn about books and activities that will help you engage with kids about community, empathy, and supporting one another.

Family Events

These programs are aimed at families with young children and cover general topics.

Open Books, Open Minds Saturdays, April 13 & May 11, 10–10:45 AM, For the whole family

Engage with meaningful topics through stories, music and activities that build community and help us talk about and engage with the world we live in. The program is ideal for families with young children, and fun for everyone!



Events for Teens

Crafting for a Cause: Plankets

Thursday, April 4, 4:30–5:30pm, Youth Program Room, Grades 6-12 R

Blankets made from plastic bags are in demand among people experiencing homelessness. Join us to make or crochet plarn (plastic yarn) to help meet demand.

Temporary Tattoos with Silhouette Cameo Wednesday, April 10, 4:30–5:30pm, The Studio, Grades 6-12 R

Create your own custom temporary tattoo! Design your own and print and cut it with our Silhouette Cameo Cutter.

Homemade Bookmarks

Thursday, April 11, 7–7:45pm, Youth Program Room, Grades 5-12 R

Celebrate National Library Week by creating handmade artisan bookmarks using upcycled library books with local artist Medwish Jawad, owner of ArtsyCornerrStudio.

Dungeons & Dragons

Saturdays, April 13 & May 11, 1–4pm, Small Meeting Room, Grades 7-12 R

Welcoming experienced and new players alike, we will be playing Dungeons and Dragons 5E!

Metal Stamping

Monday, May 6, 5–6pm, The Studio, Grades 5-12 R We'll show you how to stamp metal and turn your designs into a necklace or a key chain.

7 Steps to Write Your College Essays and Win Acceptance

Monday, May 6, 7–8pm, Auditorium, Grades 9-12 R
Learn how to select the best college essay topics, what colleges look for in admission essays, and the most efficient way to finish before application due dates.

Presented by founder of Total Writing Enrichment Amy Haskell.

K-Pop Party

Thursday, May 16, 7–7:45pm, Youth Program Room, Grades 5-12 R

Celebrate all things K-pop with crafts, random dances, karaoke, trivia, and more!

Teen Pizza Study Night Wednesday, May 29, 7–8pm,

Auditorium, Grades 9-12

Take a break from studying for finals and eat some pizza. Pizza and snacks will be served at 7pm sharp until we run out.

Teen Take & Makes

Galaxy Popcorn Balls Register starting Friday, March 22, Pickup begins Friday, April 12, Grades 7-12

Celebrate the eclipse that just happened, and all things space, with these tasty galaxy treats that look like meteorites, made from marshmallow, popcorn, and colored candy melts. Gr. 7-12.

DIY Escape Room Register starting Friday, April 19, Pickup begins Friday, May 10, Grades 7-12

Celebrate National Mystery Month and make an escape room in your own home. Learn to write your own narrative and puzzles and set up the scene.

Looking for more?

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Kids & Families

Find full program details on our online calendar. Programs are hosted in the Youth Program Room unless otherwise noted. Programs requiring registration are marked with an **R**. Check our online calendar for registration open dates. Questions? Contact Youth Services at 847.256.6945 or youthdesk@wilmettelibrary.info.

Coming Soon: Summer Reading!

We're getting excited to kick off this year's summer reading club! Our librarians will be visiting schools in May and June to share information about the program and distribute reading logs! Information and materials for all will be available in early June as we kick off an exciting summer of reading and activities. Stay tuned as we reveal more details and our exciting theme!

Celebrate National Library Week!

Take part in our library crawl in honor of National Library Week.

Throughout April, pick up a bookmark and collect a stamp at Glencoe, Wilmette, and Winnetka-Northfield public libraries.

Present your fully stamped bookmark at The Book Stall in Winnetka to receive a free annual membership in their 10% Discount Club!

Children's Bookmark Contest

Children in grades K-8 are invited to submit their best design by Monday, April 22. All entries will be displayed in the Youth Services Department starting May 6 in honor of Children's Book Week, and winning bookmarks will be printed for patrons to enjoy throughout the year. Entry forms are available at the Youth Desk and on the library website.



Family Activities

Custom Kaleidoscopes

Wednesday, May 22, 5–6pm, The Studio, For the whole family ${f R}$

Design custom 3D and 2D shapes in Tinkercad and Silhouette Studio to fill your kaleidoscope.

Building with Bits and Bobs

Sunday, April 7, 2–3:30pm, For the whole family

Drop in and build with us! We'll supply a random assortment of items for you to upcycle into your own amazing creations.

Star Wars Day

Saturday, May 4, 2:30– 4pm, For the whole family

Drop by for Star Wars crafts, activities, and photo ops. Costumes welcome!

Kids' Improv Show

Wednesday, May 22, 4:30– 5pm, Auditorium, For the whole family

Get ready for silly scenes, commercials, and a lot of imaginary play with Wilmette Park District's youth improv troupe.

Eid al-Fitr Celebration

Saturday, April 20, 2–4pm, Auditorium, For the whole family

Celebrate Eid al-Fitr with storytime, crafts, and henna painting! Hosted in collaboration with the South Asian Families of Wilmette.



School Age Activities

Fairy Gardens

Wednesday, April 3, 4:30–5:15pm, Grades 3-6 R

Make a tiny garden using small planets, mini figurines, and more!

K-9 Reading Buddies of the North Shore

Thursday, April 4, 6–7pm, Grades 1-5 R

Read some of your favorite stories to a trained therapy dog. Register at the Youth Desk or by phone at 847-256-6945.



LEGO Club

Fridays, April 5 & May 10, 4–4:45pm, Grades K-3, R

Your imagination is the limit as you build with our bricks.

Art for Big Feelings

Thursdays, April 11 & May 2, 4–4:45pm, Grades K-2 R

Organize complex feelings and relieve stress through processoriented art activities.

Chess Club

Sundays, April 14 and 28 & May 12, 2:30–4:30pm, All ages

Improve your chess game! The April 14 and May 12 programs will begin with an introduction to chess for beginners.

Minecraft Club

Thursdays, April 18 & May 16, 4:30–5:30pm, Grades 3-5 R

Make friends, collaborate, and build together on the library's private server.

Tween Lab

Thursdays, 7–7:45pm, Grades 5-8 R April 18: Dirt Dessert

May 9: Pretzel Wands

DIY Magnetic Poetry Kit

Tuesday, April 23, 7–7:45pm, Grades 5-8 R

Make your own unique magnetic poetry kit, using words you choose!

2nd and 3rd Grade Book Club

Thursday, April 25, 7–7:45pm, Grades 2-3 R

Contenders: Two Native Baseball Players, One World Series by Traci Sorell, illustrated by Arigon Starr.

Mosaic Picture Frames

Monday, April 29, 4:30–5:15pm, Grades 3-8 R

Make a colorful picture frame to give to your family or friends...or keep for yourself.

Pipe Cleaner Flower Pots

Monday, May 6, 4–4:45pm, Grades 2-4 R

Use pipe cleaners to make flowers, monsters, and other shapes, and "plant" them in a flower pot.

Scrape Painting Pizzazz

Wednesday, May 15, 4:30–5:15pm, Grades 2-5 R

Try your hand at scrape painting, using tools to create bold designs.



STEAM & Tech

Intro to Programming Games in Scratch

Tuesday, April 2, 7–8pm, The Studio, Grades 4-6, R

Gain an understanding of the Scratch programming language. Basic computer skills required.

STEAM Lab: Coding and Cup Stacking Challenge

Wednesday, April 10, 4:30–5:15pm, Grades K-2 R

Join us for cup stacking challenge! Ozobot and Beebot will test our cup stacking skills!

LEGO WeDo

Wednesday, April 24, 4:30–5:30pm, Grades 2-5 R

Build and program your own cool contraptions with LEGO robotics.

Intro to Python

Thursday, May 2, 7–8pm, Small Meeting Room, Grades 6-8 R

Discover the basics of programming in Python and learn how to write Python code. Advanced computer skills required.



Looking for more?

Find more tween events on page 8

Storytimes & Weekly Events April 8-May 24

Storytimes require a free ticket. Tickets will be given out on a first come, first served basis at the Youth Desk starting at 9am for morning programs and at 3:30pm for Big Kid Storytime.

Monday

Drop-In Free Play

9:30am-12pm

Explore and play with a different selection of toys and manipulatives each week.

Tuesday

Family Storytime

9:30am or 10am T

Stories, songs, and rhymes for the whole family.

Big Kid Storytime

4pm, Ages 4+ T

Stories, songs, and dramatic play for big kids only.

Wednesday

Family Storytime

9:30am or 10am T

Stories, songs, and rhymes for the whole family.

Thursday

Babytime

9:15 or 9:45am, Ages 0-24 mo. T

A bonding experience with songs, cuddles, and bounces.

Friday

Little Dabblers

Fridays, 9:30– 10:30am, Ages 2+

Explore art, science, and our own senses.





Early Childhood Activites

Jamberry Music Class

Monday, April 1, 10-10:30am, Auditorium

A Jamberry Music teacher will inspire us to sing, dance, play, and pretend.

Make Music with Nanny Nikki

Tuesday, April 2, 10–10:30am, Auditorium

Grammy-nominated artist Nanny Nikki brings life to classic children's songs as well as original music.

Little Play Cafe

Saturday, April 6, 10–11am

Enjoy a short storytime, followed by free play for the little ones and coffee for the grown-ups.

Pajama Storytime

Wednesdays, April 10 & May 8, 6:30–7pm

Get cozy in your PJs and bring your favorite lovie to enjoy stories, songs, and rhymes before bedtime.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Wednesday, April 17, 6:30-7:15pm, Ages 4-8 R

Listen to a story, make a craft, tuck your plushie in for the night, and pick up your pal the next day!

Mandarin-English Bilingual Storytime

Saturdays, April 20 & May 18, 10–10:30am

Join us for stories, songs, and fun in Mandarin and English! Presented by local educator Ling Liu.

Spanish-English Bilingual Storytime

Saturday, April 27 & May 11, 2–2:30pm

Enjoy stories and fun activities in Spanish and English with Paula Acuña of MsPaulaSLP.com.

Little Comics Cafe

Saturday, May 4, 10–11am, Ages 2-5

Celebrate Free Comic Book Day with a simple craft while the grownups enjoy their coffee.

Wiggleworms Party!

Tuesday, May 28, 10–10:30am, Auditorium

Bring your little ones for music and dancing with a teacher from the Old Town School of Folk Music.



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