



Wilmette
Public Library

April–May 2025

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A New Library App is on the Way!

This spring, we're excited to roll out a major update to our library app. With a brand-new interface, updated graphics, and a wider variety of resources, the app puts what you're looking for front-and-center.

Highlights:

- Store your library card in the app or in your phone's wallet
- Find and register for upcoming events
- Place holds on items from the catalog and Libby
- Reserve a study room
- Quickly access your account, including checked out items and holds

And more!

How do I get it?

If you already have the Wilmette Public Library app on your device, you will not need to do anything to access the new app—it will roll out as an update. If you haven't yet downloaded our app, it's the perfect time! You can find it by searching "Wilmette Public Library" on the Apple App Store or Google Play.



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

Library Closures

Friday, April 4
Sunday, April 20
Sunday, May 25
Monday, May 26

Book Return Sites

- Library parking lot
- Community Recreation Center
- Plaza del Lago
- Linden CTA Station

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Wellmette: A New Village Resource

In February, the Village of Wilmette and community partners launched Wellmette, a resource to promote mental wellness, foster connection, and reduce the stigma surrounding mental health.

Visit the Wellmette resource hub to find expert-vetted resources for all ages: crisis support, counseling, educational materials, and community events.

Learn More: wellmette.com



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



Wilmette Public Library may take photographs and video of patrons in the building for use in library promotions. Please notify staff if you prefer not to be photographed.

Events for Adults

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



Valuing Your Coins and Precious Metals

Wednesday, April 2, 6–7:30pm, Auditorium R

Lifelong coin collector Dave Ekstrom will discuss coin collecting and gold and silver values, and will appraise one item per attendee following his talk.

Col. Tim McCoy's Real Wild West

Thursday, April 10, 7–8pm, Auditorium

An examination of the life and career of movie star Colonel Tim McCoy (1891-1978) and his role in bringing attention to Native American Sign Language in popular culture. Presented by film historian Matthew C. Hoffman

Understanding and Coping with Climate Anxiety and Despair

Tuesday, April 22, 6:30–8pm, Virtual R

The increasing climate crisis is substantially impacting mental health causing climate anxiety and ecological grief. Therapist Marilee Feldman will outline a pathway to climate resilience.

Concerts & Theater

Shakespeare Project of Chicago

The Tempest

Saturday, April 12, 2–4pm, Auditorium

Take in a staged reading of Shakespeare's *The Tempest*, a whirlwind of dazzling illusions, unforgettable characters, and the timeless themes of love, forgiveness, and the power of imagination.

Funded by the Friends of the Wilmette Public Library.



An Evening with Emily:

The Music and Poetry of Emily Dickinson

Thursday, April 24, 6:30–7:30pm, Auditorium

Celebrate National Poetry Month with musicians of The Dickinson Ensemble to examine the life and work of Emily Dickinson through song and sound.

The New Deal Swing Trio

Friday, May 16, 7–8pm, Auditorium

Enjoy some hot swing jazz with The New Deal Swing Trio, based on the music of guitarist and composer Django Reinhardt, whose jazz captivated Paris and raged through Europe before World War II.



Spring Migration Bird Walk

Tuesday, May 20, 9–10:30am, Gillson Park R

Join an expert birder for a spring migration bird walk at Gillson Park. You will look for a variety of migrant and resident birds, learn all about migration and the birds you see, and be able to ask all of your burning bird-related questions.

Get Ready for Spring with the Library of Things!

Find a bird watching kit, metal detector, outdoor movie projector, and more items to enjoy as the weather warms up!

Classics & Contemporary Book Discussion

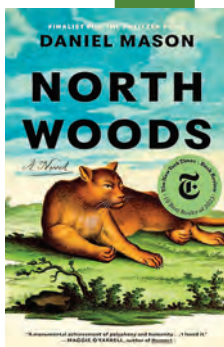
Visit our online calendar to learn more about each book and reserve a copy.

***The Home and the World* by Rabindranath Tagore**

Tuesday, April 8, 10:30–11:30am, Auditorium R

***North Woods* by Daniel Mason**

Tuesday, May 13, 10:30–11:30am, Auditorium R



At Home Film Series

View the film on Kanopy, then join us on Zoom for a virtual discussion.

Punch-Drunk Love

Tuesday, April 8, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Starring Adam Sandler, Philip Seymour Hoffman, and Emily Watson (2002).

The Music Box

Tuesday, May 13, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Starring Jessica Lange (1989).

International Film Screening

Mostly Martha

Tuesday, April 29, 10am–12pm, Auditorium

Presented in German and Italian with English subtitles (2001).



Can't decide what to read next? Let our librarians help!

Fill out a simple survey to receive a custom book list, created just for you. Get started:

wilmettelibrary.info/book-picks



Illinois Libraries Present

The Art of Foraging with Alexis Nikole Nelson

Thursday, April 10, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Alexis Nikole Nelson is a forager and an outdoor educator who celebrates all the edible plants hiding in plain sight, peeling back historical layers on African American and Indigenous food traditions.

Poverty: A Discussion with Matthew Desmond

Tuesday, May 13, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Join us to close out our fourth season with bestselling author Matthew Desmond in conversation with award-winning journalist Natalie Moore. Desmond is a professor of sociology at Princeton University and author of the award-winning book, *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*. The recipient of a MacArthur "Genius" Fellowship, Desmond's research focuses on poverty in the United States, city life, housing insecurity, public policy, racial inequality, and ethnography.



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



Beginning French for the Traveler

Thursdays, May 8–29, 10–11:30am, Auditorium R

Learn some essential, communicative French to enhance the experience and enjoyment of traveling to a French-speaking country in this four week class. Registrants are asked to attend the entire 4-week series.

Bonjour!

Comment allez vous?

Je voudrais un café,
s'il vous plaît!



Dementia Caregiver Support Group

Mondays, April 14 & May 12, 7–9pm, Virtual R

A support group for caregivers of those with Alzheimer's and other dementias. Sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association.

Home Delivery Service

Older adults in Wilmette and Kenilworth who are unable to come to the library are eligible to have books and other materials brought to their homes. Want to learn more or sign up? Contact senior services librarian Jillian McKeown at 847.256.6965 or email jmckeown@wilmettelibrary.info.

Armchair Travels

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



Livestream Paris: Notre Dame & Île de la Cité

Tuesday, May 6, 10:30–11:30am, Virtual R

Join Paris tour guide Patrick Herpe in a live streamed tour outside of the newly reopened Notre Dame and the Île de la Cité.

Pakistan: Land of the Indus

Thursday, May 15, 1–2:30pm, Auditorium

Explore Pakistan with photographer Dorothy Dare.

The Place Of the Muses: A Brief History of the Museum

Thursday, May 29, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Learn about the development of public art institutions with author and writer Gene Wisniewski.

Focus on Architecture

Join us for this special Armchair Travels series focusing on architecture in Chicago and beyond.

Frank Lloyd Wright, Organic Architect

Tuesday, April 15, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Jeff Mishur of Art Excursions will explore Frank Lloyd Wright's career from 1889–1909, when he developed his theory of organic architecture.

Chicago Architecture: The Latest and Greatest

Thursday, April 17, 1–2:30pm, Auditorium

Laurie Petersen, editor of the latest edition of the AIA Guide to Chicago, will discuss exciting developments all over the city, from stunning new skyscrapers to restored gems.



Lee Bey Presents Southern Exposure: The Overlooked Architecture of Chicago's South Side

Monday, April 28, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Join us for an evening with Lee Bey, acclaimed architecture critic for the Chicago *Sun-Times* and ABC7 Chicago, and author of *Southern Exposure: The Overlooked Architecture of Chicago's South Side*.

Mail Order House Phenomenon

Thursday, May 1, 1–2:30pm, Auditorium

Architectural historian Rebecca Hunter will explore the history of mail order home marketing and view images of homes from major producers of these homes, including best known, Sears, Roebuck.

Financial Fitness Week

These virtual programs offer practical tips and advice from experienced financial advisors as part of Financial Fitness 2025. Presented by BIG (Business Interest Group), a group of business librarians in the Chicago suburbs.

Planning for Retirement

Thursday, April 3, 7–8:30pm, Virtual R

Learn all about retirement, including the when, the how, the how much, and much more. Join John Daly, CFP, for this information packed session about getting ready to retire.

Navigating Student Loans: Understand Your Options

Monday, April 7, 7–8:30pm, Virtual R

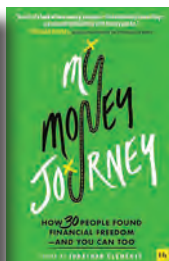
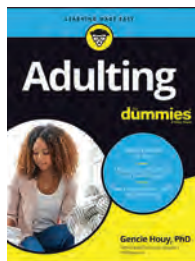
Navigate the complexities of student borrowing. Barbara Ginty, CFP, CEPA, will guide you through the complex landscape of student loans, emphasizing how these debts can impact long-term financial goals.

Terry Savage Talks Money

Wednesday, April 23, 7–8:30pm, Virtual R

Join nationally syndicated financial expert Terry Savage for a discussion of all things money. She'll provide a reality check on the volatile economy, financial markets, and personal finance topics, and answer your question

Personal Finance Recommended Reads



Adulting for Dummies

by Gencie Houy

My Money Journey

by Jonathan Clements

Retirement Reboot

by Mark Miller

The Savage Truth on Money

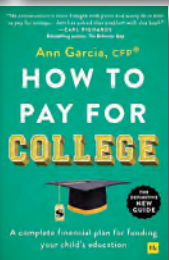
by Terry Savage

MoneyZen

by Manisha Thakor

How to Pay for College

by Ann Garcia



Strictly Business Lunch & Learn with Tom Chowaniec

Thursday, May 8, 12:30–2pm, Auditorium R

Mastering communication skills is crucial for thriving in today's competitive marketplace. Celebrate Small Business Month with keynote speaker Tom Chowaniec. Sponsored in partnership with Wilmette/Kenilworth Chamber of Commerce. There is no charge for lunch.

Spotlight on Local History & Genealogy

Introduction to Ancestry.com Library Edition

Friday, April 18, 3–4pm, Virtual R

Learn the basics of researching your family tree with Ancestry.com Library Edition.

The Remarkable Life of Edward Vattmann

Thursday, May 8, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Join historian and author James K. Hanna for a discussion of Edward Vattmann, a prominent Wilmette historical figure.

Family Action Network

We're excited to share these upcoming events from our partnership with Family Action Network.



April 9: Poet Maggie Smith on Dear Writer

April 17: Journalist Brian Goldstone on There is No Place for Us

April 22: Professor Greg Walton on Ordinary Magic

May 12: Professors Emily Bender and Alex Hanna on The AI Con

Find full details, registration information, and more upcoming events at familyactionnetwork.net

Hands On & Creative Tech

Making Connections

**Mondays, 6:30–7:30pm,
The Studio, All ages R**

Share tips and tricks and successes and failures, plus solve problems with Studio staff and fellow enthusiasts.

Participants of all experience levels are welcome. Bring a

favorite project to share with the group.

April 14: 3D Printing

Swap ideas about 3D printing websites and software, 3D printers, and post-printing processing.

May 12: Sewing and Embroidery

Discuss resources, materials, equipment, and techniques with others who like to sew and embroider.

Friendship Bracelets using Creativebug

Kit pickup begins Tuesday, April 15, Adults & Teens

Learn to make friendship bracelets using the Creativebug resource available through your library card. Kits will be available at the Welcome Desk beginning April 15, while supplies last, and include instructions for accessing Creativebug.

Silhouette Cameo Coasters

Monday, April 21, 6:30–7:30pm, The Studio, Adults & Teens R

Create an adhesive sticker and use it when you assemble a cork-and-wood coaster. Computer skills required.

Metal Stamping

Monday, May 5, 6:30–7:30pm, The Studio, Adults & Teens R

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

3D Printing & Gardening

Wednesday, May 7, 5:30–6:30pm, Auditorium, Adults & Teens R

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

Make an Origami Robotic Gripper

Wednesday, May 21, 5:30–6:30pm, The Studio, All Ages R

Create a robotic origami grabber using Silhouette Cameo cutter.

Computer skills required.



Internet & Devices

What is the Cloud?

Wednesday, April 9, 6–7pm, Virtual, Adults & Teens R

Ground your understanding of data, the internet, and what cloud storage and cloud services really mean.

Google-Fu: Search Engine Tips and Tricks

Wednesday, April 16, 7–8pm, Auditorium, Adults & Teens R

Refine your Internet search with operators and keywords to improve accuracy of search results. Basic computer skills required.

Intro to Windows PC

Tuesday, April 22, 6–7pm, Auditorium, Adults R

Learn the basics of navigating and operating a Windows PC.

Cyber Security

Friday, April 25, 5–6pm, Virtual R

Learn valuable skills and steps to protect yourself online.

HTML Basics: Make Your Own Web Page

Tuesday, May 13, 7–8pm, The Studio, Adults & Teens R

Gain an understanding of the basics of HTML, the core of websites around the world. Basic computer skills required.

What is AI?

Friday, May 23, 5–6pm, Virtual, Adults & Teens R

This class covers the basics and real-world applications of Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Events for Teens

All teen events open to grades 7-12.

Tournament of Snacks

Thursday, April 17, 7–8pm, Youth Program Room R

Which snack will reign supreme? Taste test a variety of delicious chips to choose the best chip of all.

Dungeons & Dragons

Saturdays, April 26 & May 17, 1–4pm, Auditorium R

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

Crochet Club

Mondays, April 28 & May 19, 4:30–5:30pm, Teen Room

Drop in to work on your crochet project, share tips, and enjoy snacks. Beginner projects will be available for those wanting to learn.

Teen Pizza Study Night

Wednesday, May 28 and Monday, June 2, 7–8pm, Auditorium, Grades 9-12

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

Teen Take & Makes

Make Your Own Mini Library

Register starting March 21

Pickup begins April 11

Celebrate National Library Week by designing your own mini library out of a metal tin and miniatures to display.

Wooden Block Magnets

Register starting April 18

Pickup begins May 9

Use paint, craft supplies, stickers, and more to upcycle wooden blocks from discarded Jenga sets into customized magnets.



Let's Learn Together

Celebrate neurodiversity with Let's Learn Together programs. Find the newest Let's Learn Together booklet on neurodiversity at the library.

Magnificent Mind

Saturday, April 12, 10–10:45am, Youth Program, Room, For the whole family

Enjoy a story and craft with speech language pathologists from Kick Start Therapy Network. Connect with other families, and learn about neurodiversity and ways to support your child.

Between the Lines: All Brains Are Beautiful

Friday, April 25, 4:30–5:30pm, Auditorium R

Explore neurodiversity in this family workshop with speech and language pathologist Stephanie Boron.

Presented in partnership with District 39 PTAs and PTOs.



Calling Teen Volunteers

Applications available through April 15 on our website

Orientation: Thursday, May 15 or Monday, May 19, 7–8pm, or

Saturday, June 7, 1–2pm, R

We're looking for teens in Grades 9-12 to serve as volunteers in our Summer Reading Club booth. The right applicant will enjoy helping younger kids and talking about summer reading. Once you've applied, register to attend ONE mandatory orientation session in order to volunteer.



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.



Meet Kate Hannigan

Friday, April 11, 4:30–5:30pm, Auditorium, For the whole family **R**

Award-winning author Kate Hannigan returns to Wilmette to celebrate the release of her new book, *Rachel Carson's Wonder-Filled World: How the Scientist, Writer, and Nature Lover Changed the Environmental Movement*. Kate will share an interactive presentation and lead a craft activity to get us inspired this Earth Day. A book signing will follow the presentation. Books will be available for sale, courtesy of The Book Stall.



Art and Adventures with Author Dan Santat

Saturday, May 3, 2–3pm, Virtual **R**

Hear from beloved author-illustrator Dan Santat! The author and illustrator of more than a hundred books for young people, he won the National Book Award for Young People's Literature in 2023. *Presented by Illinois Libraries Present.*

Dan Santat Fandom Celebration

Monday, April 28, 4–4:45pm, Grades 1-4 **R**

Celebrate your love for author-illustrator Dan Santat with crafts, drawing tutorials, and giveaways in anticipation of our Illinois-wide virtual visit with him.

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!



National Library Week Library Crawl

Take part in our library crawl in honor of National Library Week. Throughout April, pick up a bookmark at the Welcome Desk 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!

K9 Reading Buddies of the North Shore

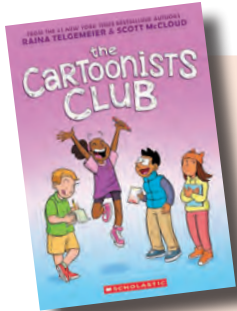
Thursday, April 3, 6–7pm, Grades 1-5

Read stories to a trained therapy dog. Register at the Youth Services desk or by phone at 847.256.6945.

Poetry Comics

Tuesday, April 8, 7–8pm, Grades 5-8 **R**

Create a comic strip to illustrate a poem in celebration of Poetry Month.



The Cartoonists Club Book Release Party

Wednesday, April 9, 4:30–5:30pm, Grades 3-6 **R**

Enjoy crafts, comics tutorials, and giveaways at a book release party for *The Cartoonists Club*, by Raina Telgemeier and Scott McCloud.

Art for Big Feelings

Thursdays, April 17 & May 15, 4–4:45pm, Grades K-2 **R**

Help organize complex feelings and relieve stress through stories and art.

Lego Club

Fridays, April 18 & May 16, 4–4:45pm, Grades K-3 **R**

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



DIY Decals: For the Love of Birds

Thursday, May 1, 4:30–5:15pm, Grades 2-5 **R**

Create decals to decorate your windows and protect birds in flight

Comic Crafts

Saturday, May 3, 3–3:45pm, Grades 2-5 **R**

Magnets, coasters, and more! Let's upcycle discarded comic books to make fun projects.

Hungry Crafters: Edible Letter

Thursday, April 10, 7–7:45pm, Grades 5-8 **R**

Create a letter that's completely edible—even the ink!

Wings of Fire Club

Wednesday, April 23, 7–7:45pm, Grades 4-6 **R**

Share your love of *Wings of Fire* and make a special project.

Minecraft Club

Monday, April 14, 4:30–5:30pm, Grades 3-5 **R**

Join Minecraft Club to make friends, collaborate, and build together.

Chess Drop-In

Sundays, April 27 & May 18, 2–4pm, All ages

Stop by to challenge your neighbors to a chess match.

Meet Robot Dog

Friday, May 9, 4–4:45pm, Grades K-3 **R**

Meet our new robot dog, enjoy a story, and do a fun dog craft.

Butterfly Sculpture

Tuesday, May 13, 7–7:45pm, Grades 5-8 **R**

Using wire and string, make and decorate a butterfly sculpture.

Technology Workshops

Coding a Controller in Scratch

Tuesday, April 8, 5:30–6:30pm, The Studio, Grades 3-5 **R**

Code a game in Scratch using a Makey Makey controller made out of everyday objects. Basic computer skills required.

STEAM Lab: Imaginary Playground

Wednesday, April 16, 4:30–5:15pm, Grades K-2 **R**

Use paper, play dough, and other craft materials to create a miniature playground!

STEAM Explorers: Force and Motion

Saturday, May 3, 10–10:45am, Ages 2-5 **R**

Learn through play about force and motion in this hands-on STEAM program.

Coding Word Guess in Python

Friday, May 9, 5:30–6:30pm, Small Meeting Room, Grades 3-5 **R**

Develop a word guess game using Python. Basic computer skills required.



Weekly Events

April 7–May 23

Family Storytime and Babytime require a free ticket. Tickets will be given out on a first come, first served basis at the Youth Desk starting at 9am.

Monday

Drop-in Free Play

9:30–11:30am

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.

Story Explorers

4pm, Ages 4–7

Join us after school for interactive stories full of adventure and humor.

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

9:30–10:30am, Ages 2+

Explore art, science, and our own senses.

For the Whole Family

Eid al-Fitr Celebration

Sunday, April 6, 2–4pm, Auditorium

Enjoy a storytime, crafts, and henna painting! Hosted in collaboration with the South Asian Families of Wilmette.

Share your Library Story with Minty and Marshmallow!

Thursday, April 10, 4–4:45pm

Share your library story, make a craft, and meet our beasties.

Building with Bits and Bobs

Sunday, April 13, 2–3:30pm

We'll supply a random assortment of items for you to upcycle into your own amazing creations.

Family Lego Drop-In

Friday, April 18, 1:30–3pm

Drop in to play and build with our Lego and Duplo bricks.

Frog and Toad Day

Friday, May 2, 4–4:45pm

Celebrate Frog and Toad in honor of their creator, Arnold Lobel's, birthday.

Star Wars Day

Sunday, May 4, 1:30–3pm

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

Open Books, Open Minds

Saturday, May 10, 10–10:45am

Engage with meaningful topics through stories, music, and art.

Kids' Improv Show

Wednesday, May 21, 4:30–5pm, Auditorium

Wilmette Park District's youth improv troupe will show off their comedy skills



Storytimes & Early Childhood

Pajama Storytime Wednesdays, April 2 & May 7, 6:30–7pm

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

Spanish-English Bilingual Storytime Mondays, April 7 & May 5, 4:30–5pm

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

Little Play Cafe Saturday, April 5, 10–11am

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

Mandarin Storytime

Saturdays, April 19 & May 17, 10–10:30am

Local educator Ling Liu will share stories & songs in Mandarin Chinese.

Family Storytime

Saturdays, April 26 & May 24, 10am

Stories, songs, and rhymes for the whole family.

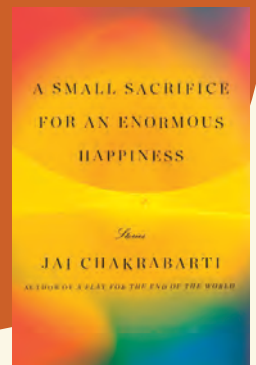
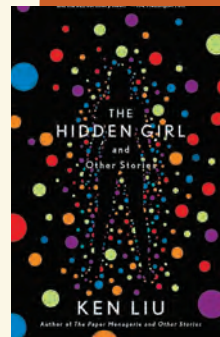
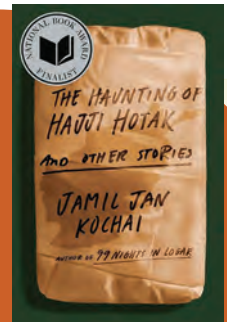
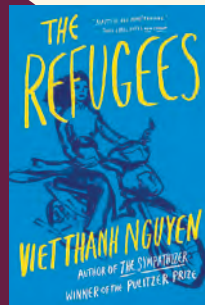
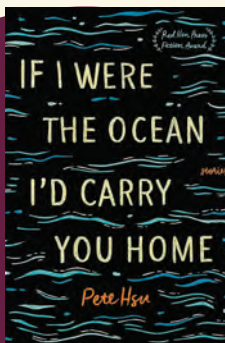


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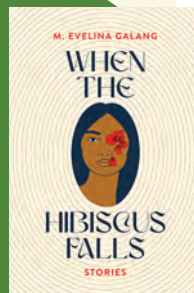
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Short Story Collections by AAPI Authors

Celebrate Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month and the art of the short story with these collections selected by our librarians.



Skinship by Yoon Choi **The Haunting of Haji Hotak** by Jamil Jan Kochai **A Thousand Years of Good Prayers** by Yiyun Li **The Hidden Girl** by Ken Liu **Tomo: Friendship Through Fiction** edited by Holly Thompson **The Goth House Experiment** by SJ Sindu



Afterparties by Anthony Veasna So **If I Were the Ocean, I'd Carry You Home** by Pete Hsu **The Refugees** by Viet Thanh Nguyen **Every Drop is a Man's Nightmare** by Megan Kamalei Kakimoto **Gods of Want** by K-Ming Chang **Welcome Me to the Kingdom** by Mai Nardone

When the Hibiscus Falls by M. Evelina Galang **Women! In! Peril!** by Jessie Ren Marshall **Let's Go Let's Go Let's Go** by Cleo Qian **A Banquet for Hungry Ghosts** by Ying Chang Compestine **A Small Sacrifice for an Enormous Happiness** by Jai Chakrabarti **In the Country** by Mia Alvar