



Wilmette Public Library

September-October 2025



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Visit the Circulation desk to apply for your card.

Collections on the Move

If you've visited the Lower Level of the library recently, you'll have noticed that our collections are on the move! This summer, we've been working to reorganize our spaces to make it easier to access our collections. As part of our space improvements, professional asbestos abatement will take place in unoccupied areas of the lower level in September. Safety barriers will be in place during the project, with painting and carpet replacement to follow.



In the coming months, work will continue on the lower level and first floor, so stay tuned for updates! Thank you for your patience as our team works to improve library spaces. To stay up to date with this project, visit wilmettelibrary.info/collections-move

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

Library Closures

Sunday, August 31
Monday, September 1

Book Return Sites

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

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All donations to the Friends support library programs, including Summer Reading Clubs and Wilmette Reads.

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Events for Adults

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

Board Game Night

Friday, September 12, 7–8:30pm, Auditorium R

Enjoy snacks and an evening of board games and puzzles, featuring items from our Library of Things.

Tiny Art Party: Make Art for Wilmette's Little Free Art Gallery

Saturday, September 20, 2–3:30pm, Adults & Teens, Auditorium

Learn about Wilmette's tiny community art space and make your own art to share in the Little Free Art Gallery. Art supplies will be provided.



Lights Out, Everybody: Mystery and Horror During the Golden Age of Radio

Thursday, October 30, 2–3pm, Auditorium

Join Steve Darnall for a thrilling journey through mystery and horror classics from radio's unforgettable Golden Age.

Concerts

Cellist Alexa Muhly and Friends Sunday Classical Concert

Sunday, September 21, 2–3pm, Auditorium

Enjoy a chamber music concert featuring works of Schumann, Brahms, Villa-Lobos, Bach and Saint-Saens with voice, cello, guitar and piano.

The Sweet Maries Friday Night Folk Concert

Friday, October 24, 7–8pm, Auditorium

The Sweet Maries are a harmony-driven, female-fronted acoustic band playing original songs and select '60s & '70s covers in Americana, gospel, folk, jazz, and rock styles.

Spotlight on Local History & Genealogy

Applying for Dual Citizenship by Descent

Saturday, September 13, 1–2:30pm, Virtual R

Learn the countries and requirements for applying for dual citizenship by descent. Presented by genealogist Rhonda R. McClure. This is a joint program with the North Suburban Genealogical Society.

Discover the Story of Your House

Saturday, October 4, 1–3pm, Auditorium R

Learn how to research the history of your Wilmette house, including hands-on access to maps, ownership indexes, and other resources available in the library's Local History Room. Presented in partnership with historian Julia Johnas.

Fall Migration Bird Walk

Thursday, September 11, 9–10:30am, R

Register to join an expert birder from Red Hill Birding for a fall migration bird walk at Gillson Park! Look for a variety of migrant and resident birds, learn all about migration and the birds you see, and ask all of your burning bird-related questions.



Classics & Contemporary Book Discussion

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

Agnes Grey by Anne Brontë
Tuesday, September 9, 10:30–11:30am, Auditorium R

Erasure by Percival Everett
Tuesday, October 14, 10:30–11:30am, Auditorium R



At Home Film Series

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

The Queen
Tuesday, September 9, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Starring Helen Mirren and Michael Sheen (2006).

A Patch of Blue
Tuesday, October 14, 7–8pm, Virtual R
Starring Sidney Poitier and Shelley Winters (1965).

International Film Screening

El Norte
Monday, October 6, 9:30am–12pm, Auditorium

Follow the harrowing journey of Guatemalan siblings on a perilous quest in search of a better life in the United States. In Spanish and Maya with English subtitles. Presented in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month.



Finding the Clues: Then and Now with Steve Burns
Tuesday, September 16, 7–8pm, Virtual, R

A nostalgic and intimate hour-long conversation with Emmy-nominated actor Steve Burns, best known as 'Steve' from the beloved Nickelodeon show *Blue's Clues*. Beyond the iconic blue paw print and memorable striped green shirt, Burns has built a unique career in entertainment, encompassing acting, directing, music, and, new this fall, a podcast which "listens back" - *Alive with Steve Burns*. *This event is intended for adults.*



A "Wicked" Conversation with Marissa Bode
Tuesday, October 21, 7–8pm, Virtual

Prepare for a magical evening with actress Marissa Bode, who made her feature film debut as Nessarose in the blockbuster movie *Wicked*. As the highly anticipated sequel *Wicked: For Good* approaches, Bode will reflect on what makes the story so meaningful to her and audiences around the world. She will also share personal stories and insights from her time on stage, the challenges and rewards of being part of an iconic production, and what the future holds for her career.



These events are presented in partnership with Illinois Libraries Present.



Celebrating the Freedom to Read
Books on the Chopping Block

Tuesday, October 7, 6:30–7:30pm, Auditorium R

City Lit Theater Company will perform live readings of short excerpts taken from the top 10 most frequently challenged books in the US in 2024.

Life Transitions

Maximize Your Home's Value

Wednesday, September 3, 6–8:30pm, Auditorium R

Declutter and downsize efficiently with Ali Wenzke, author of *The Art of Happy Moving* and Realtor with Compass.

Wills, Trusts, and Estate Planning Basics

Monday, September 15, 7–8:30pm, Auditorium R

Learn about wills, trusts, powers of attorney, probate, and guardianship with attorney Jacob K. Ehrenschaft.

Dementia Caregiver Support Group

Monday, September 8 & October 13, 7–9pm, Virtual R

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

Understanding Your Medicare Choices

Monday, October 20, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Learn about Medicare and have your questions answered by Certified Financial Planner Ka en Chan.

Armchair Travels

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

Gustave Caillebotte and the Story of Impressionism

Saturday, September 6, 2–3pm, Virtual R

Join Jeff Mishur of Art Excursions for a presentation on French Impressionist Gustave Caillebotte. This timely lecture coincides with the Art Institute of Chicago's Caillebotte exhibit, which is open through October 5.



The Language of Flowers in Asian Art

Thursday, September 25, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Discover the power of flowers in Asian art and culture. Presented by the Asian Art Museum, San Francisco.

Classic Hikes of the World

Thursday, October 23, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Matt and Alison of Take a Hike Photography share their adventures trekking iconic trails worldwide, from Kilimanjaro to Patagonia, blending their passion for travel, photography, and storytelling.

Livestream Paris: The Latin Quarter

Tuesday, October 28, 10:30–11:30am, Virtual R

Join tour guide Patrick Herpe for a captivating livestream tour of Paris's Latin Quarter! Discover its rich history, charming streets, and hidden gems.

Armchair Travels

Thursdays, 1–2:30pm, Auditorium

September 4: Unique Montana Attractions: Mermaids, Buddhas, and Surfing with travel expert Theresa Goodrich

October 2: Our Lady of the Angels School Fire with historian Jim Gibbons



House & Home Series

How to Boost Sustainability at Home

Tuesday, September 16, 2–3pm, Auditorium

Join the Village of Wilmette's sustainability coordinator Lucy Mellen for tips on reducing your home's environmental impact.

Life Balance and the Swedish Philosophy of Lagom

Thursday, September 18, 1–2:30pm, Auditorium

Explore Lagom, a life philosophy taught to many Swedes early in life rooted in harmony, moderation and sustainability, with Jan Peterson Hincapie.

Useful 3D Printed Objects for Home Improvement

Tuesday, September 23, 6:30–7:30pm, The Studio R

Learn how to create objects that have practical uses around your home or office. Basic computer skill required.

One-Pot Wonders: Cozy Meals with Less Mess

Monday, September 29, 6–7:30pm, Virtual R

Cook along or just watch as Kristyn Slick of Mealtime Memories demonstrates cozy and flavorful one pot meal ideas.



Green Cleaning Solutions Workshop

Friday, October 3, 10–12pm, Auditorium R

Learn all about natural, eco-friendly cleaners with Marcia Lautanen-Raleigh of Backyard Patch Herbs.

A Legacy of Days

Thursday, October 9, 2–3pm, Auditorium

Join author Letitia Suk for an inspiring and interactive program where she'll share creative and meaningful ways to tell your life story.



Spotlight on: Small Business

Coffee & Business Connections

Fridays, September 5 & October 10, 9–10:30am, Auditorium R

Join us for coffee, donuts, an networking, and learn about business resources from Wilmette Public Library, the Wilmette/Kenilworth Chamber of Commerce, and the North Cook and Lake Counties Chapter of SCORE.

Strictly Business Lunch & Learn with John Marta

Friday, October 24, 12–1:30pm, Auditorium R

Artificial intelligence is transforming how both businesses and cybercriminals operate. In this Lunch & Learn session, John Marta of GO Technology Group will explore the evolving cybersecurity landscape.

Bridging the Neurodiversity Employment Divide

Tuesday, September 9, 7–8:30pm, Auditorium R

Tim Fox with The Precisionists, Inc. (TPI) will discuss how shifting the conversation from "limitations" to "capabilities" helps build confidence and motivation for neurodiverse job seekers.

Internet & Devices

Microsoft Excel Basics

Monday, September 15, 6:30–7:30pm, Small Meeting Room R

Learn the basics of Microsoft Excel, including creating a spreadsheet, formatting, and basic formulas. Basic computer skills required.

Recognizing AI

Thursday, September 18, 6–7pm, Auditorium R

Spotting AI images and videos is getting increasingly difficult. Learn some tips and strategies to help you know it when you see it.

Google Docs & Drive

Friday, September 26, 5–6pm, Virtual R

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

Canva Basics

Monday, October 6, 6:30–7:30pm, Small Meeting Room R

Create social media content, flyers, and infographics with this intuitive free website. Basic computer skills required.

Digital Photo Restoration for Beginners

Thursday, October 16, 6–7pm, Small Meeting Room R

Make old photos look new with basic restoration techniques in Adobe Photoshop.

Cyber Security

Friday, October 24, 5–6pm, Virtual R

Understanding cybersecurity is not just an advantage, it is a necessity. Learn about possible online threats and what you can do to protect yourself and others.



Hands On & Creative Tech

Meet the Machines: 3D Printer

Monday, October 13, 6:30–7:30pm, The Studio, All Ages R

See The Studio's 3D printers in action and find out how 3D printing works at the library and beyond. You'll leave equipped to create your own 3D printed projects. Computer skills are recommended.

Papercraft Jack-o'-Lantern with Silhouette Cameo

Wednesday, October 22, 6:30–7:30pm, The Studio, All Ages R

Learn how to make a paper craft jack-o'-lantern with the Silhouette cutter. Computer skills required.

Halloweek in The Studio

Monday-Thursday, October 27-30, 5–8pm, The Studio, All Ages

Drop in and work on your Halloween costume in The Studio! Bring your ideas and your works-in-progress. We'll have some costume construction supplies available.



Events for Teens

All teen events open to grades 7-12.



Dungeons & Dragons

**Saturday, October 11, 1-4pm,
Small Meeting Room R**

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

Teen Take & Makes

Ribbon Photo Board

**Register starting Friday, August 29
Pickup begins Friday, September 12**

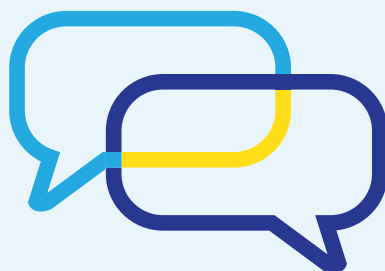
Turn a plain corkboard into a customized photo board suitable for all your favorite pictures, postcards, artwork, and other mementos with this kit.

Screen Printing

**Register starting Friday,
September 26
Pickup begins Friday, October 10**

Celebrate Freedom to Read week by making your own "Free People Read Freely" T-shirt.

Join the Tiny Art Party!
Saturday, September 20,
2-3:30pm
Full details, p. 3



Let's Learn Together

Each year, Let's Learn Together takes an in-depth look at specific topics relevant to our society. In 2025, we celebrate neurodiversity through programming, literature, and informational booklets. In Youth Services, you can browse special collections of kids and parent/teacher books dedicated to current and previous Let's Learn Together topics.

Find the Let's Learn Together booklet on neurodiversity at the library or at wilmettelibrary.info/LLT, along with upcoming programs and recommended books on the topic.



Navigating 504 and IEP Plans

Tuesday, October 14, 6-7:30pm, Auditorium R

Gain clarity and support as you explore educational options, including 504 plans and Individualized Education Programs (IEPs), for your student. Presented in partnership with School District 39's Parent Association of Student Services.

You're never too young for a library card!

Did you know there's no age minimum to get a library card? Even the youngest member of your household can sign up for their first card. Having a library card can develop your child's sense of responsibility, early reading skills, and a lifelong love of this community resource.

Visit the Circulation desk to get started!



Kids & Families

Programs are hosted in the Youth Program Room unless otherwise noted. Programs requiring registration are marked with an **R**, and events requiring a free ticket are marked with a **T**. Check our online calendar for full information and registration open dates. Questions? Contact Youth Services at 847.256.6945 or youthdesk@wilmettelibrary.info.



Meet Max, the Robot Dog

Thursday, September 4, 5:30–7pm R

Meet our new friend, Max the robot dog, and read him your favorite stories without worrying about pet allergies. Register for a 15-minute slot at the Youth Services desk or by phone at 847.256.6945.

Building with Bits and Bobs

Sundays, September 7 & October 12, 2–3:30pm

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

Hobbit Day

Friday, September 19, 4–5pm

Happy Hobbit Day! Whether you yearn for adventure or prefer the coziness of the Shire, you'll enjoy these Middle Earth-inspired crafts, activities, and snacks. Costumes are encouraged.



Magnificent Minds

Saturday, September 27, 10–10:45am

Celebrate neurodiversity with stories and songs at this inclusive storytime for the whole family.

German Bilingual Storytime

Sunday, October 5, 2–2:30pm

Join teachers from Wochenendschule der Donauschwaben, a German Saturday School, for an interactive German storytime filled with crafts and fun!

Best of the 90-Second Newbery Film Festival

Friday, October 3, 4:30–5:30pm, Auditorium

Join festival founder James Kennedy for the funniest and most impressive films of the past 15 years, and get inspiration and tips on how to make your own.

Diwali Celebration

Saturday, October 25, 2–4pm

Bollywood Dance Lesson: 1–2pm, Auditorium R

Celebrate the Festival of Lights at our spectacular Diwali event! Drop in between 2 and 4pm to experience family-friendly activities and vibrant cultural traditions, and register to take part in our pre-party Bollywood dance lesson. Hosted in collaboration with the South Asian Families of Wilmette.

Labelpalooza

Monday, September 8, 5:30pm, 6:15pm, or 7pm, The Studio R

This school year, never lose a single belonging when you make and apply name labels in The Studio! Computer skills are required.



Special Storytimes Find more storytimes on p. 11

Rainbow Storytime

Saturday, October 25, 10–10:45am R

Celebrate self expression, identity, and the LGBTQIA+ community with a storytime and rainbow craft for the whole family.



Art for Big Feelings

Thursdays, September 11 & October 16, 4-4:45pm, Grades K-2 **R**

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

Music x Gaming

Monday, September 15, 5:30-6:30pm, Grades 2-4 **R**

Join Overture Games for a hands-on lesson in music composition while playing video games and using software!

STEAM Lab: Autumn "Fossils"

Grades 3-5: Wednesday, September 17, 4:30-5:15pm **R**

Grades K-2: Wednesday, October 15, 4:30-5:15pm **R**

Learn about fossils while using leaves, air-drying clay, and paint to make a fossil necklace.

Minecraft Club

Mondays, September 22 & October 20, 4:30-5:30pm, Grades 3-5 **R**

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

Lego Club

Fridays, September 26 & October 24, 4-4:45pm, Grades K-3 **R**

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

Sticker Lab: Waterproof Print-and-Cut Stickers

Monday, September 29, 5:30-6:45pm, The Studio, Grades 5-8 **R**

Design, print, and cut colorful stickers that will withstand the elements.

Hungry Crafters:

Thursdays, 6:30-7:15pm, Grades 5-8 **R**

Bring your friends and make new ones while creating tasty treats.

September 25: Faces of Autumn

October 30: Monster Puppets!

Metal Stamping

Friday, October 3, 11am-12pm, The Studio, Grades 5-8 **R**

Stamp metal and turn your designs into a necklace, a pin, or a keychain.

Make Your Own Mask

Tuesday, October 7, 6:30-7:30pm, Grades 4-8 **R**

Use papier-mache techniques to design and fashion your own handmade mask. Please dress for mess.

K-9 Reading Buddies of the North Shore

Thursday, October 9, 6-7pm, Grades 1-5 **R**

Read some of your favorite stories to a trained therapy dog. Register in person or by phone starting September 18.



Coding Corner

Gain a basic understanding of the Python programming language in these fun coding workshops.

Develop a Calculator

Friday, September 19, 5:30-6:30pm, Small Meeting Room, Grades 3-5 **R**

Develop a Halloween Dice Game

Friday, October 10, 5:30-6:30pm, Small Meeting Room, Grades 3-5 **R**



Weekly Events

Beginning September 9

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

Tuesday

Family Storytime

9:30am or 10am **T**

Stories, songs, and rhymes for the whole family.

Story Explorers

4pm, Ages 4+

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 your own senses.



Storytimes & Early Childhood

Nanny Appreciation Day

Friday, September 19, 9:30-10:30am

Caregivers and nannies are invited to enjoy coffee and treats at a special Little Dabblers.

Storytime in Mandarin Chinese

Saturdays, September 6 & October 4, 10-10:30am

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

Family Storytime

Saturdays, September 13 and October 11, 10-10:30am

Wiggle, dance, and sing together during this fast-paced storytime.

Little Craft Hub

Saturdays, September 20 and October 18, 10-11am

Explore and play with STEAM concepts in this craft program for the whole family.

Emotion Explorers Storytime

Saturday, October 4, 2:30-3:15pm, Ages 4-6 **R**

Explore the world of emotions in this interactive storytime. Presented by childhood SEL specialist Ann-Marie Kogan.



Pajama Storytime

Wednesdays, September 10 & October 8, 6:30-7pm

Wear your jammies, bring your favorite stuffed animal, and join us for special bedtime stories.

Spanish-English Bilingual Storytime

Wednesday, September 10 & October 22, 4:30-5pm

Join us for stories and fun activities in Spanish and English! Presented by bilingual speech-language pathologist Paula Acuña.

Halloween Storytime

Wednesday, October 29, 6:30-7pm, Ages 3+

Take part in a Halloween storytime that's more silly than spooky. Come in costume if you like!



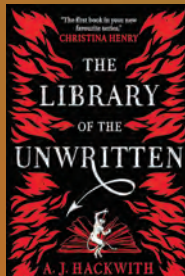
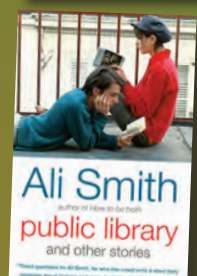
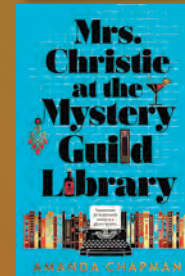
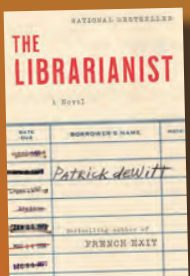
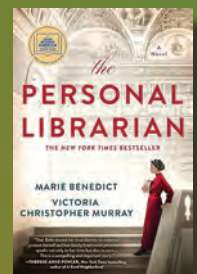
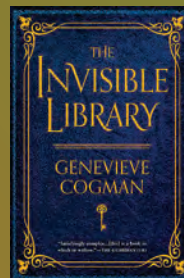
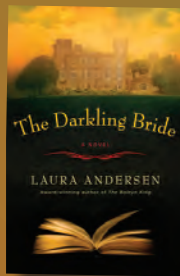
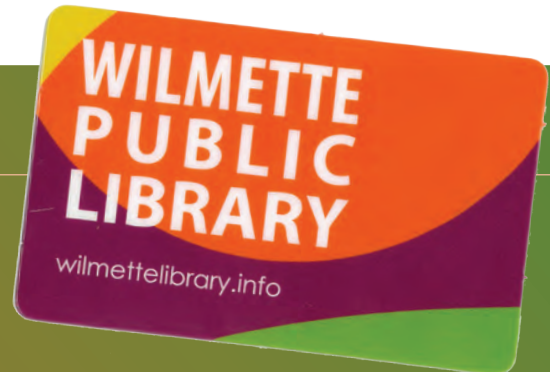
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Library Books for Library Lovers

Our favorite way to celebrate Library Card Sign-up Month is to make sure everyone in your household has a card. You're never too young, and it's never too late, to get your first card!

Once you have your card, indulge your love of libraries with this great list of titles set in and around libraries.



Find these titles and more suggestions from our librarians
wilmettelibrary.info/reads

