



Wilmette Public Library

Winter 2026



**Read with us
this winter!**

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Events for Adults

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



Paul Newman: A Celebration

Thursday, January 8, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Celebrate the late, great Paul Newman with stories about his films and philanthropy. Presented by Steven Frenzel from Marquee FilmTalks.

Dementia Caregiver Support Group

Mondays, January 12, February 9, and March 9, 7–9pm, Virtual R

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

Echoes of Africa: Art and Folktales

Thursday, February 12, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Celebrate Black History Month with storytelling, music, and cultural traditions led by storyteller Elizabeth Kahura. *Presented in partnership with area libraries.*

Lake Placid Olympic Museum

Tuesday, February 17, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Discover the legacy of the 1980 Winter Olympics with stories from the Lake Placid Olympic Museum, shared in celebration of the 2026 Games. *Presented in partnership with area libraries.*

Vegetarian Cooking: From Winter Blues to Fresh Flavors

Monday, February 23, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Chef Susan Maddox will showcase delightful vegetarian recipes to brighten the transition to spring.

Nazi Hunter Fritz Bauer: A Heroic Story

Monday, March 2, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Join German historian Anette Isaacs as she explores Fritz Bauer's bold pursuit of justice, his role in Eichmann's capture, and his impact on a postwar Germany.

Shakespeare Project of Chicago

Richard II

Saturday, March 7, 1–3:30pm, Auditorium

Experience the gripping drama of power, betrayal, and downfall in Shakespeare's masterful history play *Richard II*. Doors open at 12:30pm. *Funded by The Friends of Wilmette Public Library.*



The Quiet Man Film Screening

Thursday, March 12, 10am–12:15pm, Auditorium

Celebrate Saint Patrick's Day with *The Quiet Man* (1952) starring John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara.



Wilmette Reads Reader Celebration Screening of *Clueless*

Saturday, February 14, 1:30–4pm, Auditorium

Celebrate a season of reading with snacks, activities and a screening of *Clueless*, a modern remake of Jane Austen's *Emma*. Activities and refreshments at 1:30pm, screening will begin at 2pm.



Women in Space Exploration

Monday, March 16, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Explore the vital role women have played in aviation and space exploration with expert insights from Adler Planetarium's Michelle Nichols.

But Enough About Me: A Conversation with Rose Fay Thomas

Monday, March 23, 2–3pm, Auditorium

Ellie Carlson and author Andrea Frederici Ross present the untold story of three extraordinary sisters who defied Victorian-era expectations.

Wills, Trusts, and Estate Planning Basics

Tuesday, March 24, 7–8:30pm, Auditorium

Learn about wills, trusts, powers of attorney, probate, and guardianship with attorney Jacob K. Ehrensaft. Take the first step to create or update a plan that is appropriate for you.

The History of Musicals

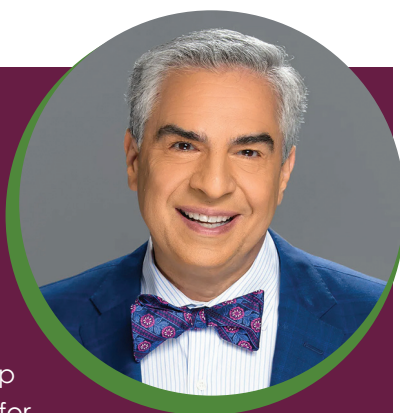
Thursday, March 26, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Join Faye Levin-O'Leary for a discussion of the history of musicals, from the early days of Vaudeville through modern hits.

An Evening with Paul Lisnek

Tuesday, January 27, 7–8pm, Virtual R

WGN-TV's Paul Lisnek will speak about Illinois politics and help prepare participants for the upcoming midterm elections in November. *Part of the 2026 Civic Awareness Series presented by the League of Women Voters of the Palatine, Schaumburg, and Barrington Areas and various Illinois libraries.*



Sunday Classical Concert Violist James Kang and Pianist Nathan Canfield

Sunday, January 25, 2–3pm, Auditorium

Enjoy a concert featuring violist James Kang and pianist Nathan Canfield performing works of Enescu, Bach, and Vieuxtemps.

Petra van Nuis Jazz Trio: Moonlight & Love Songs

Friday, February 13, 7–8pm, Auditorium

Celebrate Valentine's Day early with romantic jazz from vocalist Petra van Nuis, guitarist Andy Brown & bassist Clark Sommers in an intimate trio setting.

Musical Journey Around the World

Thursday, March 19, 1–2:30pm, Auditorium

This dynamic program explores music across five continents, showcasing the rich diversity of global artistry with saxophonist Andrew Carpenter.

Genealogy & Local History

Digital Resources for Finding Your Illinois Ancestors

Saturday, January 10, 1–2:30pm, Virtual R

Tina Beird will show you how to use Illinois websites to find your Land of Lincoln ancestors. Co-hosted with the North Suburban Genealogical Society.

Introduction to Newspapers.com

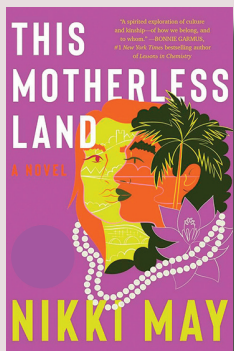
Wednesday, February 18, 3–4pm, Virtual R

Unlock a trove of historical information hidden within newspapers with librarian EvaAnne Johnson.

Finding Home: An Irish American Story

Saturday, March 14, 1–2:30pm, Auditorium

Evanston author Lois Farley Shuford went on a transatlantic quest to uncover the life of her great-grandfather Patrick and a secret that her family kept for generations. Co-hosted with the North Suburban Genealogical Society.

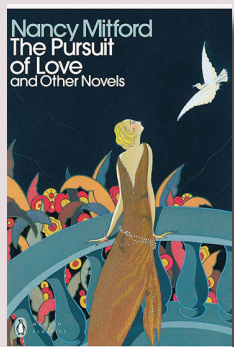


Wilmette Reads Discussion *This Motherless Land*



Explore the connections and meaning in this year's featured Wilmette Read. Find more Wilmette Reads on page 8.

Thursday, January 22, 11am–12pm, Auditorium R
Wednesday, February 4, 7–8pm, Virtual R



Wilmette Reads Retellings Book Chat



Tuesday, January 6, 7–8pm, Auditorium R

Join Wilmette librarians for a discussion of why we love twice-told tales and what we learn from them. Light refreshments will be provided.

Classics & Contemporary Book Discussion

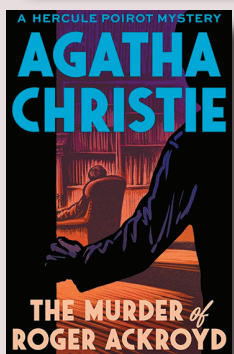
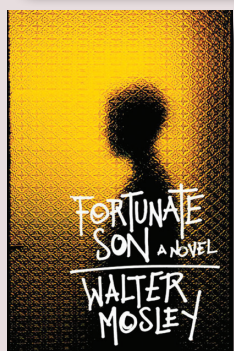
Tuesdays, 10:30am–11:30am, Auditorium R

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

January 13: *The Pursuit of Love* by Nancy Mitford

February 10: *Fortunate Son* by Walter Mosley

March 10: *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd* by Agatha Christie



At Home Film Series

Tuesdays, 7–8pm, Virtual R

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

January 13: *Paper Marriage* (2024)

February 10: *Still Mine* (2012)

March 10: *Lee* (2023)



Family Action Network



Join the Family Action Network this winter for inspiring, motivating events featuring:

- Nicholas Thompson, CEO of *Atlantic Magazine* and author of *The Running Ground*
- Clinical psychologist Dr. Meredith Elkins, author of *Parenting Anxiety*
- Zorana Ivcevic Pringle, Ph.D., founder of MIT Media Lab and author of *The Creativity Choice*

and many more! Find full details on attending all FAN events: familyactionnetwork.net

Your Next Great Read

Deciding what to read next can be overwhelming, but our librarians are here to help! Visit the Adult Services desk to chat books with a librarian, or request a custom booklist online. Visit wilmettelibrary.info/reads to get started.



Armchair Travels

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



The Wonders of Central Park

Thursday, January 22, 7–8pm, Virtual

Learn about Central Park's development, highlights, and recent restoration with traveler Sheila Taub.

Majestic Banff, Yoho, Jasper and Icefields Parkway

Thursday, January 29, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Photographer Bruce Magnuson will explore the stunning beauty, history, and top photo spots of Banff, Yoho, and Jasper Canadian National Parks.

Elizabethan England: Power, Politics and Portraits

Monday, February 2, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Join art historian Mary C. Woodward to explore Elizabethan England, where power and politics were vividly expressed through portraits, palaces, and decorative arts.

Armchair Travels

Thursdays, 1–2:30pm, Auditorium

January 15: Wonders of the Great Wall with educator Yvonne Wolf

February 5: Golden Age of Chicagoland Manufacturing, 1872-1972 with Barbara Barrett

February 19: France's Loire Valley: Rich in History & Culture with Eugene Flynn

March 5: Video tour of Tanzania

Illinois Libraries Present

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

Bringing History to Life with Jonathan Eig

Tuesday, January 13, 7–8pm, Virtual, Illinois Libraries Present R

Join Pulitzer Prize-winning author Jonathan Eig, known for *King: A Life*, the first major MLK biography in decades, in conversation with Mark Bazer.

Still Afraid of the Dark: Evening with R.L. Stine

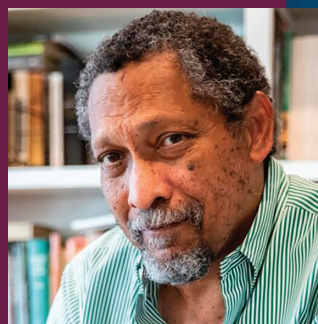
Tuesday, February 24, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Join R.L. Stine, bestselling author of the *Goosebumps* and *Fear Street* series, for a chilling conversation on horror, writing, and his legendary career.

Beyond the Page with Percival Everett

Thursday, March 19, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Join Pulitzer & National Book Award winner Percival Everett for a conversation on craft, satire, and storytelling.



Internet & Devices

New Year, New You, New Apps

Wednesday, January 7, 5:30–6:30pm, Auditorium R

Have a New Year's resolution? Learn about smartphone apps to help you reach your goals.

Digital Defense for Everyday Life

Wednesday, January 21, 7–8pm, Small Meeting Room R

Learn how to recognize and avoid common online scams.

Intro to Android Phones

Friday, January 23, 5–6pm, Small Meeting Room R

Bring your Android phone and we'll explore its settings and features together.

Getting Around with Google Maps

Thursday, February 19, 2–3pm, Small Meeting Room R

Learn how to use the Google Maps website and app to get directions, plan a trip, search for businesses, and explore your surroundings.

Declutter Your Phone

Tuesday, February 24, 6:30–7:30pm, Auditorium R

Do you really need all those apps on your phone? Learn how to restrict or remove apps that aren't serving you.



Google Docs & Drive

Friday, February 27, 5–6pm, Virtual R

Learn how to create documents and manage your files with Google Docs and Google Drive in this introductory workshop.

Travel Smart with Your Smartphone

Wednesday, March 4, 5:30–6:30pm, Small Meeting Room R

Learn about smartphone travel apps to check in for flights, add boarding passes to Google or Apple Wallet, use offline maps, and more.

Excel-lent Formulas: The Basics

Thursday, March 12, 7–8pm, Small Meeting Room R

Learn the fundamentals of Excel formulas in this beginner-friendly class. We will explore Basic, Logical, and Lookup formulas.

What is AI?

Friday, March 27, 5–6pm, Virtual R

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



Spotlight on Small Business

Coffee & Business Connections

Fridays, February 20 and March 20, 9–10:30am, Auditorium R

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

February 20: Connect, network, and learn with the Wilmette/Kenilworth business community.

March 20: Learn how the library's makerspace can help your business.

Turbulence & Transition: The Economy & Markets

Wednesday, March 11, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Join Ed Gjertsen II, CFP, for an overview of the state of markets and how conditions may affect your financial plan.

Interested in learning more about how the library can help your small business?

Visit wilmettelibrary.info/business

Hands On & Creative Tech

Please note the intended age group for each program. For youth coding and STEAM programs, see page 13.

Craftivism Toolkit

Monday, January 12, 6:30–7:30pm, The Studio, All ages R

Use the Studio's equipment and materials to make buttons, yard signs, and t-shirt designs for your creative advocacy projects.



Upcycled Book Page Flower Wreath

Tuesday, January 20, 10am–12pm, Auditorium, Adults R

Join Twisted Fiber Studio to make a simple, eco-friendly wreath using flowers made from recycled from pages of a book.



Learn to Sew: Canvas Tote Bag

Tuesday, January 20, 6–8pm or Wednesday, January 21, 10am–12pm, The Studio, Adults R

Learn basic sewing machine skills and make a tote bag. All experience levels welcome.

Meet the Machines: Serger

Monday, January 26, 6:30–7:30pm, The Studio, All ages R

Demystify the serger, which is used to sew, trim, and finish edges efficiently.

Making Connections: Sewing and Embroidery

Monday, February 9, 6:30–7:30pm, The Studio, Teens & Adults R

Learn about sewing and embroidery from members of your community.

Lunar New Year Lantern

Monday, February 16, 6:30–7:30pm, The Studio, All ages R

Use Silhouette Cameo to create a usable paper lantern.

Metal Stamping

Monday, February 23, 6:30–7:30pm, The Studio, Teens & Adults R

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

Sticker Lab: Bumper Stickers

Monday, March 9, 6:30–7:45pm, The Studio, All ages R

Design and cut personalized stickers for the back of your car.

Embroider a Prickly Pear Cactus

Registration opens March 12

Kit Pickup begins March 19

Virtual Class: Monday, March 30, 7–8pm, Virtual R

Register for your kit and join us for a class on Zoom to learn basic embroidery stitches to make an embroidered prickly pear cactus. Computer skills required.

Meet the Materials: Heat Transfer Vinyl for Dark Fabrics

Wednesday, March 25, 6:30–7:30pm, The Studio, All ages R

Put your own design on a provided tote bag with heat transfer vinyl for dark fabrics. Computer skills required.

MLK Day of Service

Monday, January 19, 1–3pm, Auditorium, All ages

Join us for a day of service to pack activity kits and make cards and friendship bracelets for patients at Lurie Children's Hospital. Visit our online calendar for donation information and other pertinent program details.



WILMETTE READS

Community Reading Series

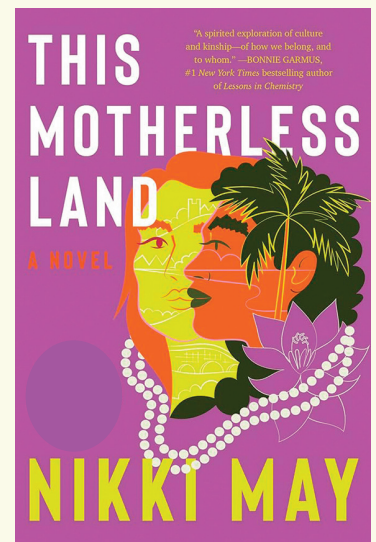
**Adults & Teens
Through February 15**

Join us this winter for a community reading series celebrating the power of retellings! We are excited to explore how themes of some of today's most dynamic novels are taken from stories written long ago. We invite you to read our featured title *This Motherless Land*, take part in a book discussion, attend programs, or read any related book of your choosing.


Get Started

Visit the Adult Services desk to sign up and pick up your participant badge. Fill out your reading log with the activities of your choice, and return it to the desk to pick out your finisher prize!

All participants will receive a sign-up badge, and finishers can choose an ALL-NEW 2026 finisher prize.



Join an Event

Find events to support this year's Wilmette Reads throughout this newsletter marked with a 

Full Details: wilmettelibrary.info/wilmettereads



Winter Joy!



Kids' Winter Reading Club Through February 15

What warms your heart in the chill of winter? Playing in the snow? How about board games with your family? Or simply snuggling under a blanket with a good book? Join Winter Reading Club and share your winter joy with us!

Participation is easy. Children track their reading and activities on their log. When they have completed 20 spaces on their reading log, they can bring it to the Youth Services Desk and choose a prize book.

Pick up a reading log at the Youth Services Desk or print one from wilmettelibrary.info/wrc. Winter reading runs through February 15.

Winter Reading Clubs are open to all. Prizes will be awarded once per person.

Winter Joy Party

Friday, January 9, 4–5pm, For the whole family

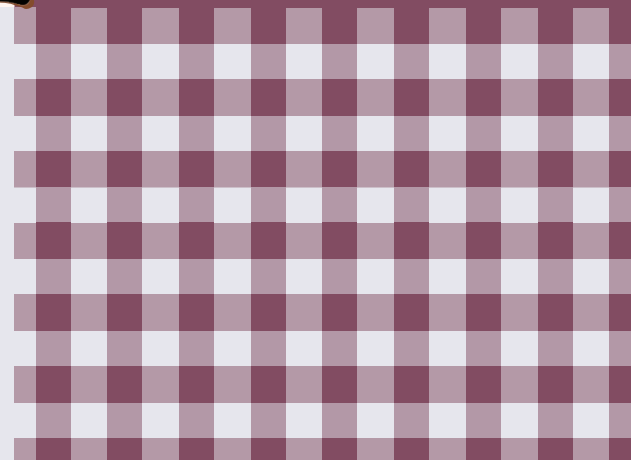
Find joy in winter-themed activities for the whole family as we celebrate the halfway point of our Winter Reading Club!



Get Cozy!

Here are a few of our favorite ways to bring warmth and joy to the winter season.

- Enjoy family dinner by candlelight (real or electric!)
- Curl up under a cozy blanket with hot chocolate and a read-aloud book
- Borrow a puzzle from the Library of Things
- Bake cookies with a cookbook from the library's collection
- Take a winter walk in your warmest gear



Events for Teens

Enjoy these programs for teens. Grades 7-12 unless otherwise noted.
Visit our online calendar for more details.



Dungeons & Dragons

**Saturdays, January 10,
February 14, and March
14, 1–4pm, Small Meeting
Room R**

Welcoming experienced and new players alike, we will be playing Dungeons and Dragons 5E! Whether you're a seasoned player, min-maxer, or newbie, explore with our adventuring party at our monthly D&D session.

How to Live Stream to Twitch with OBS

Tuesday, January 27, 5–6pm, Auditorium R

Curious about streaming to Twitch? Learn how to use OBS to make your streamer dreams a reality. Walk away with the confidence to start your own Twitch broadcast.

Teen Take & Makes

Tropical Garden Collage

 **Registration opens December 19
Pickup begins January 9**

Create a unique, colorful art collage suitable for framing by remixing book cover elements from *This Motherless Land* and *Mansfield Park*, selected titles for this winter's Wilmette Reads.

Confetti Lantern

**Registration opens January 16
Pickup begins February 6**

Make a simple and charming paper luminary perfect for giving your room a subtle glow. Ingredients to make a winter-themed or valentine-themed lantern will be included.

Peeps Marshmallow Lip Balm

**Registration opens February 13
Pickup begins March 6**

Make lip balm for those winter-chapped lips that taste like the iconic spring candy.



Calling Teen Volunteers

We're looking for teens who will be entering grades 9-12 to serve as volunteers in our Summer Reading Club booth and in The Studio. The summer volunteer session runs from June 8 through July 31, 2026. Applications will be available starting March 15 through April 15. All teens who apply must register to attend a mandatory orientation session.

Applications are available at wilmettelibrary.info/volunteering. Questions? Email us at teenvolunteers@wilmettelibrary.info.

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**. Programs marked with a **T** require a free ticket. Check our online calendar for registration open dates. Questions? Contact Youth Services at 847.256.6945 or youthdesk@wilmettelibrary.info.

For the Whole Family

¡Música, Música, Música!

Friday, January 2, February 6, and March 6, 4–4:45pm

Move, groove, and learn Spanish while having fun with music!

Captain Curiosity: Found in the Stars

Saturday, January 3, 11am–12pm or 2–3pm, Auditorium T

Join us for a theatrical extravaganza about art and the science of outer space.

Building with Bits and Bobs

Sundays, January 4, February 1 and March 1, 2–3:30pm

Drop in and build whatever you can dream up with a provided assortment of odds and ends.

KPop Demon Hunters Party

Friday, January 16, 4–5pm, Auditorium

This is your moment to celebrate KPop Demon Hunters! Costumes encouraged.

Storytime in Mandarin Chinese

Saturdays, January 24, February 14, and March 21, 10–10:30am

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



Lunar New Year Celebration

Saturday, February 21, 2–4pm, Auditorium

Celebrate Lunar New Year 2026, the Year of the Horse, with storytelling and crafts. Hosted with Wilmette teachers Brenda Hsu and Sara Chao.

Children's Bookmark Contest

Creative kids in grades K-8 are invited to design a bookmark for the library with the theme of reading, books, and libraries! Designs must be turned in by Sunday, April 5. Winning bookmarks will be printed and distributed at the library, and all designs will be displayed in celebration of National Library Week.



Pick up a form starting Monday, March 2, at the Youth Services desk, or print one from wilmettelibrary.info/bookmark-contest.

Parent Corner

Parent Retreat

Mondays, January 26 and March 9, 7–8pm, Parents & Caregivers R

Create and connect through playful crafts at this restorative hour led by Haven Youth and Family Services. Take a moment to recharge and connect with fellow caregivers. Tea and snacks will be provided.

New Parent Playgroup

Monthly starting Saturday, March 14, 11am–12pm, Parents and primary caregivers of babies up to 6 months R

Have a baby born since fall 2025? Join us to build community and confidence as you navigate life with your new little one. Find full details online.

K9 Reading Buddies of the North Shore

**Thursdays, January 8, February 5, and March 5,
6–7pm, Grades 1-5**

Read some of your favorite stories to a trained therapy dog. Register for a 15-minute slot at the Youth Services Desk or by phone at 847.256.6945.

The Mighty Pawns Chess Club

**Sundays, January 11, February 8, and March 8,
2–3:30pm, Grades K-12**

Make new friends and improve your chess game.

Innovation and Design Thinking Workshop

Monday, January 12, 4:30–5:30pm, Grades 3-6 R

Solve silly problems, build gadgets, and think like an innovator in this hands-on design challenge.

Hungry Crafters

Thursday, 6:30–7:15pm, Grades 5-8 R

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

January 15: Marshmallow Snowflake

February 12: Tiny Dream House

March 12: Edible Book

Minecraft Club

**Mondays, January 19, February 16, and March 16,
4:30–5:30pm, Grades 3-5 R**

Join our Minecraft Club to make friends, collaborate, and build together on the library's private server.

Paper Marbling

Tuesday, January 20, 6:30–8pm, Grades 5-8 R

Marble paper with classic Florentine designs or unique experimental designs.



Stuffed Animal Sleepover

**Wednesday, January 21, 6:30–7:15pm,
Grades K-2 R**

Bring your plushie for a special storytime, then tuck them in for the night. The next day, pick up your pal and see photos of their adventures at the library!

Artful Minds

**Thursdays, January 22, February 19, and
March 19, 4–4:45 PM, Grades 3-5 R**

Ready to put the school day behind you? Make art, listen to stories, and recharge your battery.

Lego Club

**Fridays, January 23, February 20, and March
20, 4–4:45 PM, Grades K-3 R**

Make new friends as you build with our bricks. Your imagination is the limit!

Wings of Fire Club

**Wednesdays, January 28, February 25, and
March 25, 6:30–7:15 PM, Grades 4-8 R**

Connect with fellow fans of the popular series while enjoying dragon-themed crafts and activities.

Sensory Stones

Friday, January 30, 4–4:45 PM, Grades 4-8 R

Make your own special sensory clay stone. Carry it anywhere you go!

DIY Dog & Cat Toys

Tuesday, March 10, 7–7:45 PM, Grades 5-8 R

Make your furry friend a homemade pet toy!



Coding & STEAM

Coding in Scratch

Thursdays, 5:30–6:30pm, The Studio, Grades 3-5 R

Explore coding and game design with these fun challenges using the online Scratch platform. Participants should have basic computer and typing skills.

January 8: Dino Jump Game

February 5: Random Number Challenge

March 5: Build a Maze Adventure



STEAM Lab

Bold Structures

Wednesday, January 14, 4:30–5:15pm, Grades 3-5 R

Wednesday, February 11, 4:30–5:15pm, Grades K-2 R

Build strong and stable structures using fettuccine, giant cards, and more!

Butterfly Feeder

Wednesday, March 11, 4:30–5:15pm, Grades 3-5 R

Make a butterfly feeder using colorful sheets, kitchen sponge, and more!

Display Your Collection!

What do you collect: seashells, friendship bracelets, baseball cards? Something entirely new and entirely you? Show off your collection at the library! Sign up at the Youth Services Desk.



Coding Fun with the Newton Busters

Friday, January 2, 1:30–2:30pm, Grades 5-8 R

Monday, January 19, 1:30–2:30pm, Grades 3-4 R

Learn about block-based programming with LEGO Spike Prime from The Newton Busters, a community-based robotics team from Wilmette.

Hello Worldies: Girls Who Code

Tuesday, January 13, 7–8pm, Gr. 5-8 R

Try a fun Girls Who Code debugging activity, using games from Scratch's free online programming site.

Follow the Pattern: Math, Art & the Power of Persistence

Monday, February 16, 2–3pm, Grades 4-8 R

Award-winning author Amy Alznauer will present hands-on activities that explore geometry, art, and patterns.

April Fools' Day Tinkercad Workshop

Friday, March 27, 10:30–11:45am, Small Meeting Room, Grades 5-8 R

Design real-looking fake food using 3D design tool Tinkercad to fake out your friends and family! Skills with laptop and mouse are required.



Looking for more?

Find more maker and STEAM events for all ages on page 7.

Storytimes & Early Learning January 13–March 20

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.

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

Fridays, 9:30–10:30am, Ages 2+

Explore art, science, and our own senses.

Early Childhood Activities

Pajama Storytime

Wednesdays, January 7, February 4, and March 4
6:30–7pm

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

Little Craft Hub

Saturday, January 10, February 7, and March 7,
10–11am

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



Magnificent Minds

Saturday, January 17, 10–10:45am

Celebrate neurodiversity with stories and songs at this inclusive storytime for the whole family. Presented as part of our Let's Learn Together initiative.

Valentine Stories and Crafts

Thursday, February 12, 4–5pm, Ages 4-7

Enjoy stories about love and friendship, and make a valentine for the upcoming holiday.

Hands-On Fun: Building Fine Motor Skills

Saturday, February 21, 10–11am, Ages 2-6 with a caregiver **R**

Explore fun, therapist-created activities that build fine motor skills.

Math Begins with Wonder: A Counting Celebration for Families

Saturday, February 28, 10:30am–11:30am

Join author Amy Alznauer and storyteller Reenie Ruckdaeschel for a joyful journey into counting, rhythm, and wonder.

Family Storytime

Saturdays, January 31 and March 28, 10am

Stories, songs, and rhymes for the whole family.

Rainbow Storytime

Saturday, March 14, 10–10:30am, For the whole family

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





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

Library Closures

Wednesday, December 31
Thursday, January 1

Book Return Sites

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

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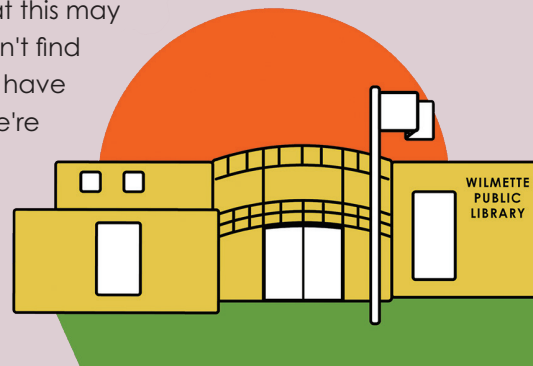
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Looking Forward into a New Year...

Visitors to the library this past fall will have noticed that some of our collections have been on the move as we've worked to improve our spaces on the First Floor and Lower Level. This work will continue this winter with improvements to a number of collections and services. Some of the things you can look forward to as we roll out these changes this winter and spring:

- An all-new area for our recent arrivals, hot picks, and some of your favorite collections
- Attractive seating options in our updated spaces
- A new browsing experience for our physical media collections
- Easier access to pick up your holds
- Updates to our Circulation area and improved signage and display fixtures

As we await new shelving and begin preparing our spaces, you may notice open ranges of shelving or familiar collections that are in new spaces. We know that this may bring up questions. If you can't find an item you're looking for or have questions about changes we're bringing in, please visit our Adult Services desk and we're happy to help!



Stay up-to-date with this project:
wilmettelibrary.info/collections-move



Shop Books Down Under!

Buy gently used books for all ages at Books Down Under, located on the Lower Level of the library. All proceeds from book sales and donations to the Friends support library programs, including Winter Reading Clubs and Wilmette Reads.

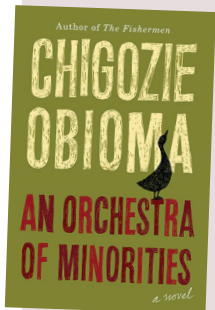
Find current BDU hours and information about donating to the Friends at
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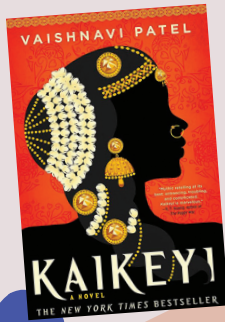
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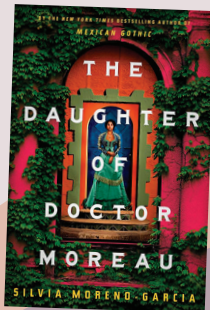
Our Favorite Retellings As we dive into this year's Wilmette Reads, we invite you to explore a range of titles that were inspired by tales old and older. Learn more about Wilmette Reads on page 8.



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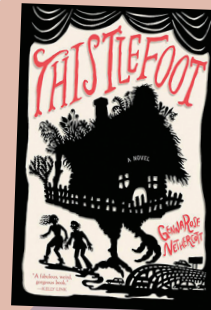
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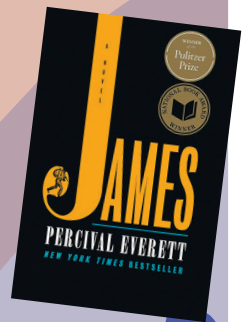
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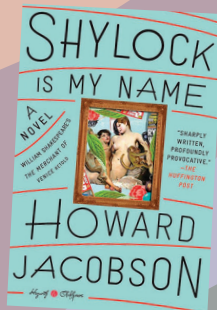
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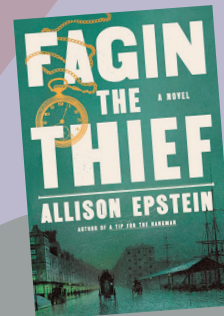
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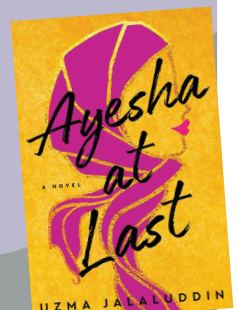
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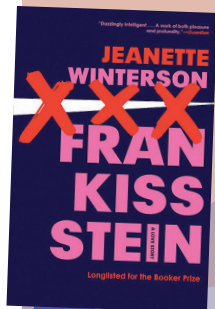
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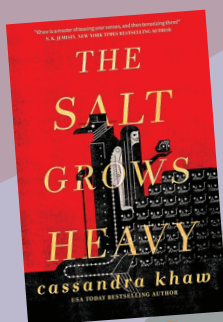
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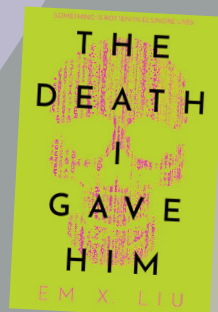
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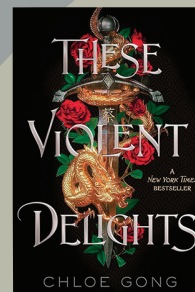
Antigone



The Little Mermaid



Hamlet



Romeo & Juliet



The Great Gatsby

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