



**Library Card
Sign-up Month**



Techtober

A month of developing
your **technology skills**



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Library Closures

- Sep. 3 Sunday Before Labor Day
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- Sep. 22 Staff Development Day
- Oct. 29 Ghouls & Golf only (no regular Library services)
- Nov. 11 Veterans Day
- Nov. 23 Thanksgiving Day
- Nov. 24 Native American Heritage Day Day After Thanksgiving

Register for Programs

Online in the Event Calendar at newlenox.librarymarket.com

Call the Library at 815-485-2605

Ask a staff member while you're visiting the building

We're fall-ing for these Fall events!

Between the Friends of the Library and the Library itself, there are so many big and small events to help celebrate the changing of the season!

Library Events

Library Card Sign-up Month (pg. 4) September 1-30

Sign up or renew your New Lenox Public Library card for some free gifts and an entry for prizes! Our 100th registration will get a special gift, too.

Eek!-O-Friendly Costume Exchange (pg. 5) August 15-October 30

Donate a costume, get a costume—or donate your exchange ticket so someone else can have a costume this year. Plus, accessories are free!

Techtober (pg. 4) October 1-31

Learning new technology doesn't have to be scary! Celebrate Techtober by attending tech-focused Library programs throughout October.

Ghouls & Golf Mini-Golf in the Library (pg. 3) Sunday, October 29

IT'S BACK! Join us for our first Ghouls & Golf since 2019. And it's free, too.

Friends of the Library Events

Mum Sale (pg. 5) Order from August 7-August 22 Pickup Saturday, September 2

The Friends can't stay mum about this sale! Your favorite colors are back.

Community Rummage Sale (pg. 5) Saturday, September 23

Sign up to be a vendor, or just come and shop! Either way, the Friends will love to see you.





Ghouls & Golf

Mini-Golf in the Library

Fun for All Ages!

Sunday, October 29 with time slots available from 11 AM–4 PM

The Library will only be open for the event this Sunday. No regular Library services will be available.

Join us for our first Ghouls & Golf since 2019! Come experience our 18-hole mini golf course spooktacularly decorated for Halloween. Wear your costume, take a spooky selfie, and get a trick-or-treat bag after you're done!

With the passing of the March 2020 Referendum, this is no longer a fundraiser. Hurray! Registration is free but required.

How to Register

Registration is required and starts September 29. One representative from each group (or an individual) must register to reserve your time slot (1–5 people per time slot). Please include everyone's name.

Groups larger than 5 will need to split and register separately to make sure everyone has enough time to play through. If you have a big group and aren't sure how to register, Youth Services and Adult & Teen Services staff are ready to help you at their service desks.

September is Library Card Sign-up Month

Sign up or renew your New Lenox Public Library card between September 1–30 to get a coupon book and be entered into fun raffles! Our 100th Card Registration for September will also get a special prize.



Techtober

A month of developing your technology skills

Learning new technology doesn't have to be scary! Celebrate Techtober at New Lenox Library by attending tech-focused programs throughout the month of October.

In this Guide, you'll find Techtober programs by looking for our little pumpkin-mouse graphic or by following this list.



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EEK!-O FRIENDLY COSTUME EXCHANGE

Donations accepted August 15–October 30
Exchange runs September 5–October 31

Starting August 15, donate your gently used costumes and accessories at the Youth Services Desk for an Exchange Ticket towards a costume of your choice.

Donations are accepted through October 30. From September 5 to October 31, browse the costume racks for a “new to you” costume!

Tickets can be used any time through October 31. Random accessories that aren't part of a full costume are free to take from the Freebie Boxes.

Have more costumes to exchange than you need in return? Donate your ticket so our community in need can get a costume! Don't have a donation, but need a costume? Ask for extra Tickets at the desk!

Mum Sale



**Red
Ryder**



**Hannah
Orange**

**Elena
Gold**



**Misty
Lilac Pink**



Order by August 22

Order at Library checkout desk from August 7–22.
 \$12 per plant for 2-gallon pots (no order limit).

Pick up on September 2

Saturday, September 2, 10 am–12 PM in the Library parking lot



The Friends of the Library is a 501(c)3 supporting the New Lenox Public Library District.

Rummage Sale

Saturday, September 23

9 am–2 pm

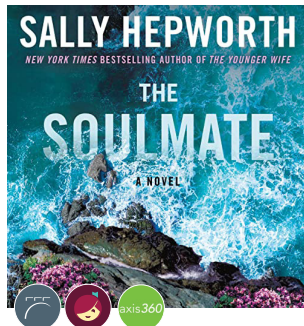
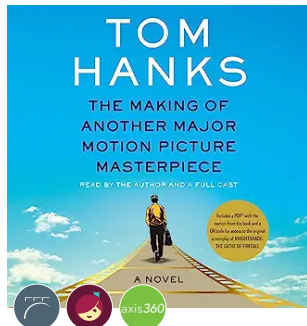
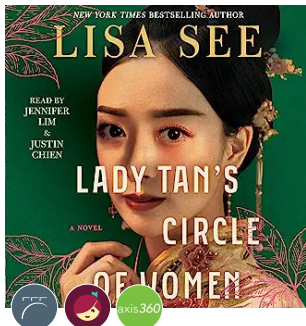
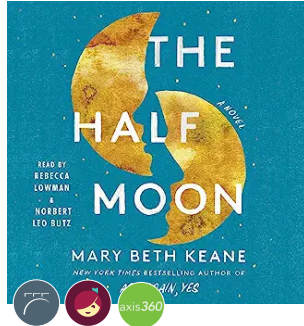
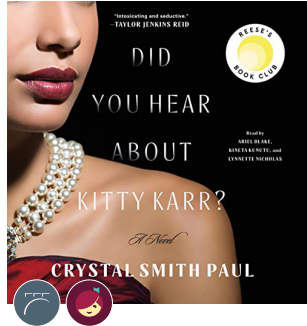
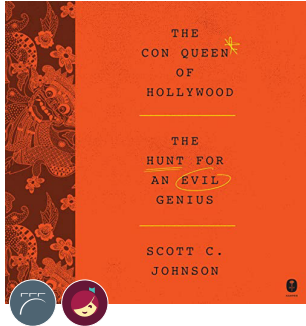
New Lenox Commons

Applications to sell will be available in early August. Pick them up at the Patron Services Desk in the Library (checkout desk) and online at newlenoxlibrary.org/about/friends.



Staff Picks with Adult & Teen Services

Audiobooks with Annette



The Con Queen of Hollywood: The Hunt for an Evil Genius by Scott C. Johnson. The spellbinding tale of an epic international manhunt for a psychopathic con artist who exploited the dreams of creators to steal dozens of identities and millions of dollars.

Did You Hear About Kitty Karr? by Crystal Smith Paul. When Kitty Karr Tate, a White icon of the silver screen, dies and bequeaths her multimillion-dollar estate to the St. John sisters, three young, wealthy Black women, it prompts questions. Lots of questions.

The Half Moon by Mary Beth Keane. "A quick and impactful read that will stay with you long after you finish it" (theSkimm), The Half Moon takes place over the course of one week when Malcolm learns shocking news about Jess, a patron of the bar goes missing, and a blizzard hits the town of Gillam, trapping everyone in place.

Lady Tan's Circle of Women by Lisa See. Tan Yunxian's grandmother is one of only a handful of female doctors in China. How might Yunxian break free of traditions, treat women and girls from every level of society, and lead a life of such importance that many of her remedies are still used five centuries later? How might the power of friendship support or complicate this?

The Making of Another Major Motion Picture Masterpiece by Tom Hanks. From the legendary actor and best-selling author: a novel about the making of a star-studded, multimillion-dollar superhero action film, the humble comic books that inspired it, and an ever-changing America from WWII to present.

The Soulmate by Sally Hepworth. Sometimes, the most convincing lies are the ones we tell ourselves.

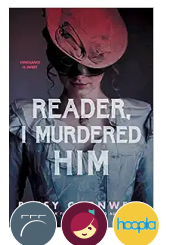
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-  Find it in Libby/Overdrive
-  Find it in Hoopla
-  Find it in Axis360

Young Adult with Melissa

You're Not Supposed to Die Tonight by Kalynn Bayron. Guests pay to be scared in this full-contact terror game, as Charity and her summer crew recreate scenes from a classic slasher film, *The Curse of Camp Mirror Lake*. But the last weekend of the season, Charity's co-workers begin disappearing.



Reader, I Murdered Him by Betsy Cornwell. A girl becomes a teenage vigilante who roams Victorian England using her privilege and power to punish her friends' abusive suitors and keep other young women safe.



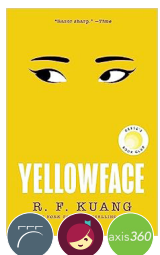
The 5th Wave by Rick Yancey. After the 1st wave, only darkness remains. After the 2nd, only the lucky escape. And after the 3rd, only the "un"lucky survive. After the 4th wave, only one rule applies: trust no one. Now, it's the dawn of the 5th wave, and on a lonely stretch of highway, Cassie runs from Them.



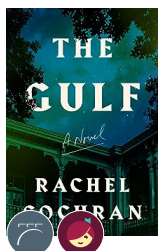
Fiction with Monica & Juliana



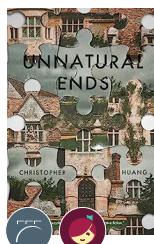
Dead Eleven by Jimmy Juliano. On a creepy island where everyone has a strange obsession with the year 1994, a newcomer arrives, hoping to learn the truth about her son's death—but finds herself pulled deeper and deeper into the bizarrely insular community and their complicated rules.



Yellowface by R.F. Kuang. White lies. Dark humor. Deadly consequences... Bestselling sensation Juniper Song is not who she says she is, she didn't write the book she claims she wrote, and she is most certainly not Asian American.



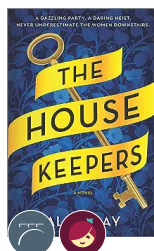
The Gulf by Rachel Cochran. In this electrifying debut literary thriller, set on the gulf coast of Texas in the 1970s at the height of the women's liberation movement, a closeted young woman attempts to solve her surrogate mother's murder in a tight-knit, religious small town.



Unnatural Ends by Christopher Huang. When Sir Lawrence Linwood is murdered, his children find that his will contains a strange provision: that the Linwood estate will go to the child who first solves his murder. As their suspicion mounts—of each other and of peculiar strangers in the churchless town of Linwood Hollow—they come to suspect that the perpetrator lurks in the mysterious origins of their own birth.

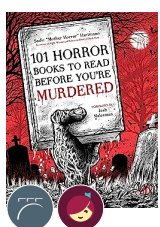


The Apartment by Ana Menéndez. Examining exile, homesickness, and displacement, *The Apartment* asks what—in our violent and lonely century—do we owe one another?



The Housekeepers by Alex Hay. The night of London's grandest ball, a bold group of women downstairs plot a daring revenge heist against Mayfair society in this dazzling historical novel about power, gender, and class.

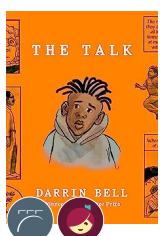
Non-Fiction with Monica & Juliana



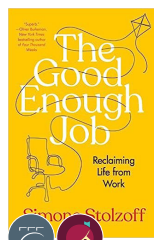
101 Horror Books to Read Before You're Murdered by Sadie Hartmann. Featuring a foreword by Josh Malerman and five essays from rising voices in the genre, this illustrated reader's guide is perfect for anyone who dares to delve into the dark.



Where Are Your Boys Tonight?: The Oral History of Emo's Mainstream Explosion 1999-2008 by Chris Payne. An oral history of emo's takeover from 1999 to 2008, featuring My Chemical Romance, Fall Out Boy, Paramore, Panic! At the Disco, Taking Back Sunday, Jimmy Eat World, Dashboard Confessional.

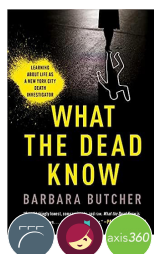


The Talk by Darrin Bell. While coming of age in Los Angeles—and finding a voice through cartooning—Bell becomes painfully aware of being regarded as dangerous by white teachers, neighbors, and police officers and thus of his

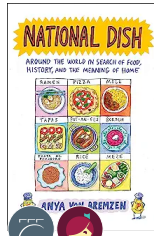


mortality. Now Bell must decide whether he and his own six-year-old son are ready to have The Talk.

The Good Enough Job: Reclaiming Life From Work by Simone Stolzoff. A challenge to the tyranny of work and a call to reclaim our lives from its clutches.



What the Dead Know: Learning About Life As a New York City Death Investigator by Barbara Butcher. The fascinating real-life story of a woman who, in dealing with death every day, learned surprising lessons about life—and how they saved her from becoming a statistic herself.



National Dish: Around the World in Search of Food, History, and the Meaning of Home by Anya von Bremzen. Explore the history and future of six of the world's most iconic and fascinating food cultures—France, Italy, Japan, Spain, Mexico, and Turkey.

Storytimes at the Library

Registration is required for all storytimes.

Mondays

Movers & Shakers

Ages 6–23 months with a caregiver

9:30–10 AM

Storytime Room

Books, songs, rhymes, and bounces for on-the-move babies. Siblings are welcome.

DATE	REGISTRATION STARTS
Sep. 11	Registration starts Sep. 4
Sep. 18	Registration starts Sep. 11
Sep. 25	Registration starts Sep. 18
Oct. 2	Registration starts Sep. 25
Oct. 9	Registration starts Oct. 2
Oct. 16	Registration starts Oct. 9
Nov. 6	Registration starts Oct. 30
Nov. 13	Registration starts Nov. 6
Nov. 20	Registration starts Nov. 13
Nov. 27	Registration starts Nov. 20

Tuesdays

Wacky Rascals

Ages 4–6 years

10:30–11 AM

Storytime Room

Get wacky with songs and silly stories, then wrap it all up with some creative mischief. Dress for mess.

DATE	REGISTRATION STARTS
Sep. 12	Registration starts Sep. 5
Sep. 19	Registration starts Sep. 12
Sep. 26	Registration starts Sep. 19
Oct. 3	Registration starts Sep. 26
Oct. 10	Registration starts Oct. 3
Oct. 17	Registration starts Oct. 10
Nov. 7	Registration starts Oct. 31
Nov. 14	Registration starts Nov. 7
Nov. 21	Registration starts Nov. 14
Nov. 28	Registration starts Nov. 21

Pajama Time

Ages 3–8 years with a caregiver

7–7:30 PM

Storytime Room

Throw on your jammies for a family slumber party! Grab your favorite stuffed animal and cuddle up for bedtime stories and a simple craft. No children younger than 3 years, please.

DATE	REGISTRATION STARTS
Sep. 12	Registration starts Sep. 5
Sep. 19	Registration starts Sep. 12
Sep. 26	Registration starts Sep. 19
Oct. 3	Registration starts Sep. 26
Oct. 10	Registration starts Oct. 3
Oct. 17	Registration starts Oct. 10
Nov. 7	Registration starts Oct. 31
Nov. 14	Registration starts Nov. 7
Nov. 21	Registration starts Nov. 14
Nov. 28	Registration starts Nov. 21

Wednesdays

Music Makers

Birth–6 years with a caregiver

10:30–11 AM

Storytime Room

Listen to stories and explore music while we dance around and sing songs.

DATE	REGISTRATION STARTS
Sep. 13	Registration starts Sep. 6
Sep. 20	Registration starts Sep. 13
Sep. 27	Registration starts Sep. 20
Oct. 4	Registration starts Sep. 27
Oct. 11	Registration starts Oct. 4
Oct. 18	Registration starts Oct. 11
Nov. 8	Registration starts Nov. 1
Nov. 15	Registration starts Nov. 8
Nov. 22	Registration starts Nov. 15
Nov. 29	Registration starts Nov. 22

Thursdays

Wee Readers

Ages 2–3 years with a caregiver

10–10:30 AM

Storytime Room

Get ready for super stories, spectacular songs, and silly rhymes.

DATE	REGISTRATION STARTS
Sep. 14	Registration starts Sep. 7
Sep. 21	Registration starts Sep. 14
Sep. 28	Registration starts Sep. 21
Oct. 5	Registration starts Sep. 28
Oct. 12	Registration starts Oct. 5
Oct. 19	Registration starts Oct. 12
Nov. 9	Registration starts Nov. 2
Nov. 16	Registration starts Nov. 9
Nov. 30	Registration starts Nov. 23

Saturdays

New! Saturday Morning Storytime

Ages 2–6 years with a caregiver

10–10:30 AM

Storytime Room

Go on a reading adventure with Mr. Eric, The Story Dude! Join us for songs, tales, and a fun family activity. Siblings are welcome.

DATE	REGISTRATION STARTS
Sep. 23	Registration starts Sep. 9
Oct. 21	Registration starts Oct. 7
Nov. 18	Registration starts Nov. 4



Kids Programs at the Library

Mondays

Art Club

1st–4th Grade

Video posted at 4:30 PM on YouTube & Facebook

Create some awesome art with a step-by-step video to help you create a masterpiece. Registration is required for an art supply kit, but everyone can watch the videos!

September 18: Line Art

Registration starts September 4

October 16: Spooky Clay Ghost

Registration starts October 2

November 20: Paper-mâché Bowl

Registration starts November 6

Mad Scientist Club

1st–4th Grade

4:30–5:15 PM

The Studio

Do you love hands-on activities? Join us to make all kinds of cool predictions and do exciting (and sometimes messy) experiments. Registration is required.

September 25: Elephant Toothpaste

Registration starts September 11

October 30: Spooky Science

Registration starts October 16

November 27: Volcano Science

Registration starts November 13

Upcycled Art

1st–8th Grade

Monday, October 9, 4:30–5:30 PM

The Studio

Create a unique stained glass-like picture using upcycled library materials and paint pens. Registration is required and starts October 2.

Tuesdays

Geek Out! Graphic Novel Club

4th–8th Grade

5–5:45 PM

Storytime Room

Geek out over graphic novels, talk about this month's book, have a snack, and make geeked-out art. Pick up books at the Patron Services Desk. Registration is required.

September 5: All's Faire in Middle School by Victoria Jamieson

Registration is required and starts August 1.

October 24: Ghosts by Raina Telgemeier

We'll have a little Halloween party, so costumes are encouraged! Registration is required and starts September 26.

Kindness Club

Ages 7–13 years

4:30–5:15 PM

Storytime Room

Make the world a better place with fun projects and activities that will help spread kindness and leave smiles along the way. Registration is required.

Guardians and grown-ups can enjoy a little me-time at Color Me Calm during Kindness Club. Check it out on page 17!

DATE	REGISTRATION STARTS
Sep. 26	Registration starts Sep. 12
Oct. 17	Registration starts Oct. 3
Nov. 14	Registration starts Oct. 31



Wednesdays

New! Pokémon Club

3rd–5th Grade

5:30–6:15 PM

Meeting Room A

Calling all Pokémon fanatics! Bring your card collection to the Library for trading and to play the Pokémon Trading Card Game. All skill levels welcome. Other fun activities will be offered, too. Registration is required.

DATE	REGISTRATION STARTS
Sep. 20	Registration starts Sep. 6
Oct. 18	Registration starts Oct. 4
Nov. 15	Registration starts Nov. 1

Art Attack!

4th–8th Grade

6–6:45 PM

The Studio

Your imagination mixes with art in this program just for tweens. Registration is required.

September 13: DIY Journals

Registration starts August 30

October 11: Witch Racers

Registration starts September 27

November 8: Pet Turkey in a Jar

Registration starts October 25



Kids Programs at the Library

Thursdays

LEGO Club
1th–5th Grade
5–5:30 PM
Meeting Room A

We supply the bricks and you bring your imagination! Registration is required.

DATE	REGISTRATION STARTS
Sep. 7	Registration starts Aug. 24
Oct. 5	Registration starts Sep. 21
Nov. 2	Registration starts Oct. 19

New! STEAM Studio
Ages 8–12 years
4:30–5:15 PM
The Studio

Create, tinker, and build in The Studio! Join us once a month for all things Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. Registration is required.

September 14: Explore with STEAM
Registration starts August 31

October 12: Spooky STEAM
Registration starts September 28

November 9: Robots
Registration starts October 26

New! Bluestem Readers Group
3rd–5th Grade
5:30–6:30 PM
Storytime Room

The Bluestem Award is an Illinois Readers' Choice Award program for students in 3rd–5th Grade. Join us to read some of the 2024 nominees and you'll be eligible to cast your vote in selecting the winner. Each month, we'll read and discuss a different nominee, enjoy a snack, and complete fun activities related to the book. Please read and come prepared to discuss this month's book. Pick up books at the Patron Services desk. Registration is required.

September 28: *Katie the Catsitter* by Colleen AF Venable
Registration starts August 24

October 26: *The Only Woman in the Photo* by Kathleen Krull
Registration starts September 28

November 30: *The Unforgettable Logan Foster* by Shawn Peters
Registration starts October 26

Fridays

New! Coding with Robots
Ages 8–12 years
9:30–10:30 AM
Meeting Room A

Discover and learn all about coding and robots in this hands-on, interactive class for homeschooled tweens. Registration is required.

DATE	REGISTRATION STARTS
Sep. 29	Registration starts Sep. 15
Oct. 27	Registration starts Oct. 13
Nov. 17	Registration starts Nov. 3

Saturdays

The Addams Family Ball
Ages 4–12 years
Saturday, October 14
10:30–11:30 AM
Meeting Room AB

Join us for creepy games, kooky crafts, and all together ooky treats. Put a witch's shawl on (a costume) or a broomstick you can crawl on (optional) and have a strange time with The Addams Family! Snap! Snap! Registration is required and starts September 30.



iVOX is our new children's app and website based on the popular VOX Books. Perfect for children ages 2-10, iVOX is a revolutionary read-along: it is the wildly popular VOX Books experience, integrated into an app using state-of-the-art story-telling technology.

Whether as a motivational tool for young readers or simply to add a bit more magic to the reading experience, iVOX is a learning tool that benefits children of all ages.

Available directly in your browser or as a free app for iOS, Android, or Kindle Fire. Go to ivox.libraryideas.com or download the iVOX app, select a book, and bring favorite stories to life.

Programs in The Studio

All Ages

TinkerCAD Challenge

Kids, Teens & Adults

Video posted on YouTube & Facebook at 10 AM on the first day of the month

Create your Challenge design in TinkerCAD, then submit it to the Library for a free print in the color of your choice! TinkerCAD is best for kids in 4th Grade and above. Younger children may need grown-up help.

Challenges are online, on-demand and at your own pace. You can also make an appointment with staff for hands-on help with TinkerCAD. Registration is required to access the TinkerCAD classroom. Registration opens one month before each Challenge begins.

September: Create a Bobblehead

Challenge runs September 1–30

October: 3D Pumpkin with Codeblocks

Challenge runs October 1–31

November: Design a Maze Game

Challenge runs November 1–30

Families

Intro to 3D Printing & TinkerCAD

Families

Thursday, October 26, 6–7 PM
The Studio

Learn the ins-and-outs of The Studio's 3D printing process: how to find something to print, submit it to us, and pick up a finished design. Want to design something yourself? Learn how to make your own keychain design in TinkerCAD! Registration is required and starts one month before the program.

Adults & Teens

Sublimate Socks

Adults & Teens

Thursday, October 6, 6–7:30 PM
The Studio

Create a design, print it, and heat transfer it onto a pair of socks! You're welcome to bring in images from your phone or flashdrive. One pair of socks per registered attendee. Registration is required and starts one month before the program.

Crafting with the Cameo (Class): "Spiral Betty" Vinyl Picture

Adults & Teens

Thursday, September 7, 6–7:30 PM
OR Sunday, September 17, 1–2:30 PM
The Studio

We'll use the website [SpiralBetty.com](https://spiralbetty.com) to turn one of your photos into vinyl art. We'll cut out the design with the Cameo, creating a super cool vinyl line photo. This program has two separate session options, a Thursday or a Sunday. Please register for only one of the dates. Registration is required and starts one month before the program.

Crafting with the Cameo (Kit): Thanksgiving Cutting Board Sign

Adults & Teens

Pick up kit from Sunday, November 12–Thursday, November 16
StudioDIY Kit

Design a Thanksgiving welcome on a cutting board! Your StudioDIY Kit will have all Cameo-cut materials and instructions you need. Pick up your StudioDIY Kit in The Studio between Sunday, November 12 and Thursday, November 16. Registration is required and starts one month before the program.

Sewing with Rachael

Adults & Teens

Mondays, 5:30–7 PM
The Studio

Want to learn how to sew? Join Rachael as she teaches a different project each month, helping you gain a variety of sewing skills with a machine or by hand. We recommend learning on your own sewing machine. If you don't have a machine, you can use one of ours. Registration is required and starts one month before the program.

September 18: Sewing Machine

Anatomy

Bring in your machine to learn about how to use it and troubleshoot basic issues. If you don't have a machine, you'll learn about one of ours.

October 2: Costume Edition!

Want some guidance with sewing your Halloween costume? Bring your ideas and materials to see what you can create based on your skill level, time, and resources. Though you may not walk out with a completed costume, Rachael can help you create a plan to navigate the process of bringing your Halloween costume to life. Request a Studio appointment if you need more sewing machine time or other Studio resources. You are welcome to bring your own sewing machine.

October 16: Pumpkin Décor

Learn to sew a cute stuffed and weighted home décor pumpkin!

November 20: Hand Quilting Class

Learn to quilt by hand. No sewings machine are needed for this class.

Programs in The Studio

Adults & Teens

Machine Embroidery: Monogram a Kitchen Towel

Adults & Teens

Thursday, November 30, 5:30–7 PM
The Studio

Yes, it's finally here: there's an embroidery machine in The Studio! Register to learn how to use the machine to personalize a kitchen towel. Supplies include one towel per registered attendee.

Teens

Cosplay, Anime & Art Club

Teens

Monthly on Saturday, 12:30–3:30 PM
The Studio

Bring your cosplay, art ideas, and love for anime! Work with and meet like-minded peers to work on projects while geeking out about favorite shows, manga, games, and more. Bring a project with, or create one out of the materials we have here. Registration is encouraged and starts one month before each program.

DATE	REGISTRATION STARTS
Sep. 9	Registration starts Aug. 9
Oct. 7	Registration starts Sep. 7
Nov. 4	Registration starts Oct. 4

1-on-1s, Scouts & Small Groups

We welcome you to schedule one-on-one help and small group projects with Studio staff. Some limitations apply. For more information:

- Visit newlenoxlibrary.org/studio
- Call 815-485-2605 ext. 127
- Email studio@newlenoxlibrary.org

Kids

See pages 8–9 for kids' programs taking place in The Studio!

Studio Socials

Studio Social: Hearts & Crafts

Formerly only New Life for Old Bags

Adults & Teens

4th Mondays, 6–7:30 PM
The Studio

Do you make items for charities? Bring your projects and meet like-minded makers! New Life for Old Bags, Ryan's Case for Smiles, Project Linus, Loose Ends, and other favorite ways to give back are all welcome.

Registration is encouraged. We'll be meeting on:

- Monday, September 25
- Monday, October 23
- Monday, November 27

Please note that the Library is hosting a social meeting, and is not a drop-off point for charity projects. Attendees are welcome to organize amongst themselves!

Studio Social: Knit Happens!

Formerly Fiber Arts Club

Adults

1st & 3rd Thursdays, 6–7:30 PM
The Studio

And it's not just knitting! Bring your crochet, embroidery, sewing, weaving and other fiber arts projects, too. All skill levels are welcome with this chatty crowd!

Registration is encouraged. We'll be meeting on:

- Thursday, September 7 & 21
- Thursday, October 5 & 19
- Thursday, November 2 & 16

Teen Programs

Teen Advisory Group

7th–12th Grade

Thursdays, 5–6 PM
The Studio



Come prepared to discuss program ideas, favorite reads, and more. Earn service hours and make a difference! Contact our Teen Reference Specialist at mleggero@newlenoxlibrary.org for more information or to sign up. We'll be meeting on September 21, October 19, November 16.

Locker Crafts

7th–12th Grade

Thursday, September 7, 5–6 PM
Meeting Room A

School is in full swing, and who wants a drab-looking locker? Not you! Make crafts for your locker (or anywhere else you might want to use them). We'll make emoji magnets, washi tape clothespins, and more! Registration is encouraged and starts August 7.

After-Hours Ghost-Hunting

7th–12th Grade

Friday, October 6, 5:30–7 PM
Entire Library

Search for supernatural phenomena inside the library! Bring your smartphones to download ghost-hunting apps (optional). Refreshments and other spooky games will make this a night to remember! Permission slip required. Registration starts September 6.

Teen Pizza Tasting

7th–12th Grade

Thursday, November 2, 6–7 PM
Meeting Room AB

Try local pizzas and pick your favorites. Come with an appetite! Registration starts October 2.

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ILLINOIS LIBRARIES PRESENT

The Power of Story with Colson Whitehead

Adults & Teens

Wednesday, September 6

7–8 PM

Online (Zoom)

We are thrilled to welcome two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning author Colson Whitehead to our Illinois libraries. The #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Underground Railroad*, *The Nickel Boys*, *The Noble Hustle*, *Zone One*, *Sag Harbor*, *The Intuitionist*, *John Henry Days*, *Apex Hides the Hurt*, and a collection of essays, Whitehead is only the fourth writer to win two Pulitzers in the Fiction category (for *The Underground Railroad* in 2018 and *The Nickel Boys* in 2020). His latest bestselling novel, *Harlem Shuffle*, was published in 2021. His reviews, essays, and fiction have appeared in the *New York Times*, *The New Yorker*, *New York Magazine*, *Harper's* and *Granta*.

Whitehead has received a MacArthur Fellowship and Guggenheim Fellowship, the Library of Congress Prize for American Fiction, among many others. He has taught at University of Houston, Columbia University, Brooklyn College, Hunter College, New York University, Princeton University, Wesleyan University, and been a Writer-in-Residence at Vassar College, the University of Richmond, and University of Wyoming. He lives in New York City.



Registration starts August 6

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IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ILLINOIS LIBRARIES PRESENT

Chills & Thrills with Stephen Graham Jones

Adults & Teens

Wednesday, October 4

7–8 PM

Online (Zoom)

Stephen Graham Jones is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Only Good Indians* and *Don't Fear the Reaper*. He has been an NEA fellowship recipient and been recipient of several awards including: the Ray Bradbury Award from the Los Angeles Times, the Bram Stoker Award, the Shirley Jackson Award, the Jesse Jones Award for Best Work of Fiction from the Texas Institute of Letters, the Independent Publishers Award for Multicultural Fiction, and the Alex Award from American Library Association. He is the Ivena Baldwin Professor of English at the University of Colorado Boulder.

Illinois librarian and Readers' Advisor Becky Spratford will join Stephen in conversation. She trains library staff all over the world on how to match books with readers through the local public library and runs the critically acclaimed blog RA for All. A devout horror fan, she writes a horror review column for *Library Journal*, is the author of *The Reader's Advisory Guide to Horror*, and is a proud member of the Horror Writers Association.



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A Taste of Love with Maya-Camille Broussard

Adults & Teens

Wednesday, November 9

7-8 PM

Online (Zoom)

Join Maya Camille Broussard, star of Netflix's *Bake Squad* and owner of Chicago-based Justice of the Pies for a demo from her kitchen just in time for Thanksgiving. She will share her love of pie, the stories of those that inspired her, and some tips and tricks to help you make the perfect Thanksgiving pie.

Broussard uses her love of food to have a positive impact on the local community. She offers an "I Knead Love" workshop several times each year for kids from low-income households to learn basic cooking skills, healthy eating habits, and nutrition. Justice of the Pies has partnered with many Chicago area charities to provide meals for communities on the South and West sides. During the COVID-19 pandemic, her bakery partnered with Frontline Food to provide food from restaurants for front-line workers.

Being hearing impaired, Broussard works hard to set an example for young bakers by telling the story of her struggles and success.



Registration starts October 9

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Adult & Teen Programs

Take & Make Kits

Mooncake Treat Box

Adults & Teens

Starts Tuesday, September 5, 4 PM
Kits at Adult & Teen Services Desk while supplies last

Mooncakes are sweet treats made in decorative molds or presses throughout Asia. They are traditionally given out as gifts to celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival. With this fun take-and-make craft from Creativebug, you can make a little box shaped like a mooncake to fill with treats and messages to give away to friends and loved ones! The Mid-Autumn/Moon Festival is September 29.



Spice Club: Allspice

Adults & Teens

Starts Monday, October 2, 4 PM
Kits at Adult & Teen Services Desk while supplies last

Variety is the spice of life, so let's try out a variety of spices! Every other month we will feature a different spice. Kits each include a sample of that month's spice, recipes, cookbook recommendations, as well as some history and cultural context.

Print packets will be available at the library, digital versions will be available for download on the library website.

October's spice is Allspice. Kits are available starting at 4 pm on Monday, October 2 while supplies last.

Fall Scarecrow Craft

Adults & Teens

Starts Thursday, September 18, 4 PM
Kits at Adult & Teen Services Desk while supplies last

Create a cute scarecrow just in time for Fall! Pick up all the supplies you need to make a welcoming scarecrow out of a cutting board. By using different types of mediums including wood, paint, raffia and flowers, you will DIY an Autumn wall hanging. Everything about him screams "It's Fall Y'all!"

Holly Jolly Reindeer Craft

Adults & Teens

Starts Monday, November 20, 4 PM
Kits at Adult & Teen Services Desk while supplies last

The holidays will be here before you know it! Take a break and pick up a craft kit to make your very own wood block reindeer (feeding not necessary.) Looks great on your tabletop—or give him as a homemade gift!

Trivia Night

Adults & Teens (9th Grade & Up)

Thursday, September 14, 6–8 pm
Thursday, November 9, 6–8 pm
Beggars Pizza
650 Maple St., New Lenox, IL

Looking for something to do on a Thursday night? Look no more! Join us for a brain-busting evening at Beggars Pizza at 650 Maple Street (Route 30) in New Lenox.

Enjoy pizza and drinks and answer questions on a multitude of topics. Form a powerhouse team or play by yourself for prizes!

Please help us get an accurate headcount by registering your team in advance. **One** representative from each team must register to reserve your table; teams may wish to assign a Team Captain to ease registration. Tables can accommodate teams of 4 to 6 players. Groups larger than 6 will need to reserve two tables and should be prepared to split.



Blue Mind: Humans' Deep Connection With Water

Adults & Teens

Thursday, September 28, 2–3 PM
Meeting Room B

Have you ever found yourself around water and noticed that you feel more relaxed? There may be a reason!

The Blue Mind theory was first popularized by marine biologist Dr. Wallace Nichols.

Learn about how being near, in, on, or even under water can affect your well-being with Debbie Podwika, Blue Mind Water Ambassador.

Registration is encouraged and starts August 28.

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The World Around Us

The History of Bob Marley Adults & Teens

Thursday, September 21, 6–7 PM
Meeting Room AB

Bob Marley was much more than a famous Jamaican musician. He was a man with deep religious convictions who rose from poverty to become a global musical and cultural icon—a pop prophet. Though he survived an assassination attempt, he ultimately died of cancer at age 36.

Using performance and interview clips we'll trace the arc of Bob's career from "One Love" and "Jamming" to "I Shot The Sheriff" and "Redemption Song." Bob Marley is the world's most popular reggae artist beloved for his universal hymns of freedom. Registration is required and starts August 21.

Force Blue Team Documentary Adults & Teens

Monday, November 6, 3–4:30 PM
Meeting Room B

"Restore lives and restore the planet." This is the goal of Force Blue. Force Blue works to connect veterans from Special Operations returning to civilian life with conservation and marine science by putting their experience to good work. Their non-profit organization helps veterans to retool and retrain to restore the ocean, and in the process restore their own lives.

This two-part goal uses "mission therapy" to unite the community of Special Operations veterans with the world of marine conservation for the betterment of both. Get inspired by the power of positive change as you learn about Force Blue from this moving documentary. Registration is encouraged and starts October 6.



Lincoln-Way Central Madrigal Singers

Adults & Teens

Tuesday, November 28
7–7:45 PM

Second Floor Magazine Area

Join us as the Lincoln-Way Central Singers ring in the holiday season with a selection of old and new music. Start your holiday season off with us!

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Genealogy & History

Scotland's Resources Adults

Tuesday, September 12, 6–7:45 PM
Meeting Room B

There's more to Scottish research than Scotlandspeople. There are dozens of sites available to help you in your Scottish research; Scotlandspeople is just the tip of the iceberg! Sites like GenUKI, ScotlandsPlaces, SCAN and the National Library of Scotland are all free websites available to you from 'across the pond.' Join Tina Beaird

as she discusses what resources are available and how to get started. Registration is encouraged and starts August 12.

Ignacy Jan Paderewski: A Life With Purpose

Adults

Tuesday, September 19, 6:30–7:30 PM
Meeting Room B

You may know Ignacy Jan Paderewski as a pianist and a politician but did you know Paderewski owned a vineyard in California? Or that he performed mobile piano concerts from a train? Or that he was friends

with the social elite of America including Herbert Hoover, Andrew Carnegie, and Cornelius Vanderbilt? Learn about this extraordinary icon and the impact of his life and work in Poland, America and the world. Registration is encouraged and starts August 19.

Intermediate DNA

Adults

Tuesday, October 10, 6–7:45 PM
Meeting Room B

DNA tests and resources have become more and more accessible, what does that mean for genealogy

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research? Have you been working with DNA results for a little while and want to level up your skills? Learn more as we discuss DNA results as well as techniques and tools that could aid you in your research. Registration is encouraged and starts September 10.

Tracking Down Your Infamous Ancestors

Adults

Tuesday, November 14, 6–7:45 PM
Meeting Room B

More and more people are interested in learning more about “The Black Sheep” of their family! Find out how to become hot on the trail by using photographs, newspapers, court cases both civil and criminal as well as prison, parole, and other state and federal records. Registration is encouraged and starts October 14.

Reading & Writing

Love & Industry with Sonya Huber

Adults

Tuesday, September 26, 6–7:45 PM
Meeting Room AB

Sonya Huber grew up right here in New Lenox! In her essay collection, *Love and Industry: A Midwestern Workbook* (Belt Publishing), she lovingly explores the ways New Lenox and the Midwest have come to define her life. Huber is the author of 8 books including the award-winning *Pain Woman Takes Your Keys*, two writing guides, and others. Enjoy a short reading by the author followed by a Q&A focused on her new book and her experience with memoir writing. Registration is encouraged and starts August 26.

Page to Screen Book Club at 3 Corners Grill & Tap

Adults

Wednesday, October 18, 7–8 PM
3 Corners Grill & Tap
901 E. Lincoln Highway (Route 30),
New Lenox

Join us every other month at 3 Corners Grill & Tap as we discuss books with recent or upcoming adaptations for the big and small screen. October’s selection is *The Exorcist* by William Peter Blatty. Registration is encouraged and starts September 18.

NaNoWriMo Prep Party

Adults

Tuesday, October 24, 6–7 PM
Meeting Room AB

National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) is fast approaching in November! We are here to help you get ready. Let’s get your creative juices flowing with word games and activities! Registration is encouraged and starts September 24.

Technology



Microsoft Excel for Beginners

Adults

Monday, October 2, 23 & 30
2–3 PM
Meeting Room B

Microsoft Excel is a spreadsheet program, learn the basics of Excel and how to navigate its many features. We will use it to create reports that need calculations and charts. In this three-part workshop, we will learn how to move around and work inside the spreadsheet including how to create a new workbook, use basic formulas and functions and how

to create a chart. We will be using Office 2019. These workshops are brought to you in collaboration with Joliet Junior College Workforce Development and Workforce Center of Will County.



Spam, Scams, and Cybersecurity

Adults

Tuesday, October 17, 3:30–4:30 PM
Meeting Room B

We are more connected than ever! But does that connection make us vulnerable? Learn to spot spam and scams in your everyday communications like emails, text messages and even phone calls. Get recommendations on the best practices for staying safe and secure from Andrzej Nosal, local IT consultant and cybersecurity expert. Recognize and protect yourself from common social engineering scams and phishing messages. Registration required and starts September 17.

Seniors

Phone Basics with Teen Tech Tutors

Seniors

Monday, September 18, 3:30–5 PM
Monday, November 20, 3:30–5 PM
Conference Room

Learn to better navigate your smartphones and apps with our Teen Tech Volunteers. Please register for a 30-minute time slot in advance to receive one-on-one assistance. Our staff and teen volunteers are here to help, but we cannot repair or troubleshoot damaged devices. Although we may not be able to answer every question or fix every problem, we will do our best to find

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solutions together. Registration is required and starts one month before each of the programs (August 18 and October 20).

The Leisurely Librarian Activity Booklet

Adults

Fall 2023 Edition out October 1
Adult & Teen Services Areas

The Leisurely Librarian booklet features puzzles, reading recommendations, recipes, games and more in large print. Booklets will be available on the second floor on the Programs Display and the Senior Information Table during their edition quarters. Fall 2023 comes out on October 1.

Breakfast for Veterans

Adults

Register from Oct. 10–Nov. 2
Pick up on Friday, November 10
Pick up in Meeting Room AB

In honor of Veteran's Day, we want to honor and thank those who have served our country.

Veterans and active military personnel can register to receive a free boxed breakfast as a way for us to say thank you for your service. Stop in and socialize or grab your box to go.

Please fill out the form linked on the event registration at newlenox.librarymarket.com or pick up a print copy at the library to confirm your order. All orders are due by November 2. Thank you to all who have served.

Senior Coffee Breaks

Seniors

Thursday, September 7, 10:30–12 PM
Thursday, November 2, 10:30–12 PM
Meeting Room AB

Take your mid-morning break at the library with discussion, socializing, and, of course, plenty of coffee! Each coffee break will have a short talk or activity at 11:00 AM.

September's theme is Music & Memories with Kelli Jean. November's theme is Community Resources with Mather. Registration is encouraged and starts one month before the program (August 7 and October 2).

Fun, Rest & Reset

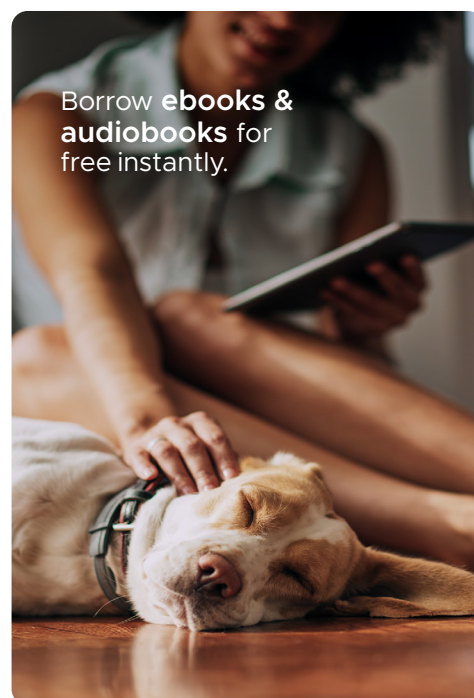
Color Me Calm

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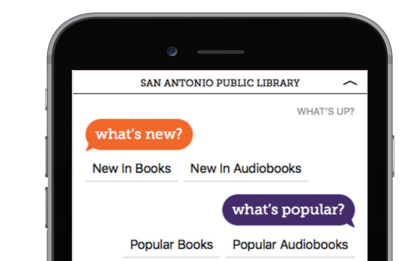
See Tuesdays below, 4:30–5:15 PM
Conference Room

Coloring isn't just for kids—it's also a great way to practice self-care. It can improve your focus, help you relax, and even improve sleep. Color yourself calm in an adults-only soothing environment. Enjoy pleasant conversation or bring your headphones and zone out! There will be a variety of materials for coloring and zentangles or bring your own supplies. This program is on September 26, October 17, and November 14. No registration required.

Have a kid age 7–13? Sign them up for Kindness Club on page 8 then drop in for Color Me Calm! CMC is for adults only. Kids can attend Kindness Club or color at the Youth Services activity tables. Coloring pages for teens are available in our Teen Scene.



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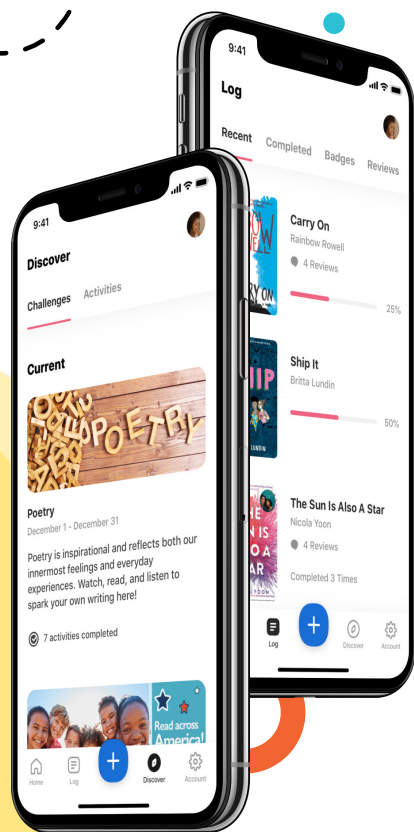
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