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Mon., Jan. 20 1:00-3:00 See page 3 for schedule

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- Boxes of cake mix (any flavor)
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- Sprinkles
- Disposable plates
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If you have questions about these programs, please contact the library at 630.543.3617.

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WINTER READING

New Year, New Beginnings!

Adults and Teens

Starting Mon., Jan. 6, stop by the library, get a book recommendation from a staff member, and pick up a Winter Reading kit filled with some cozy goodies.

Birth-Grade 5

Starting Mon., Jan. 6, pick up your Winter Reading Log and goodie bag. Complete your log by Fri., Jan. 31 and you'll receive a prize!



Building Project Updates

Our building project is beginning! Starting in mid-January, renovations will begin on the third floor of the library, where staff offices are located. This phase is expected to last through May. During this time, the public may not see many visible changes right away, as much of the work will take place behind the scenes in staff areas.

During Phase 1 (mid-January to May 2025):

- Staff from the third floor will temporarily move to the Large Meeting Room, which will serve as a workspace during this phase.
- The café on the first floor will be unavailable.
- The Adult Program Room and Silent Reading Room on the second floor will also be unavailable.

Please note that timelines and room availability may change as the project progresses. Our goal with this renovation is to create a more accessible, engaging, and user-friendly environment for everyone in our community!



Read about the building project, including FAQs, updated timeline, and more at addisonlibrary.org/renovation or scan the QR code.



1st floor Children's Services play area



2nd floor makerspace

Program Locations May Change

As we get ready for our renovation, some program locations might change from what is published in this newsletter. Please check our website or contact us for the latest updates before attending. Thank you for your patience during this exciting time!

Snacks on the Move!

With our renovation beginning, our after school snacks will move to the Children's area of the library. The snacks will still be free to all kids 18 and under, provided by the Northern Illinois Food Bank, and must be eaten in the Children's space.



2nd floor Teen Services



Your Library, Your Voice

The Addison Public Library Board of Trustees will have two open seats on the ballot in the upcoming Consolidated Election on Tues., Apr. 1, 2025. This election is a valuable opportunity for residents to help shape the future of the library. Your vote and voice make a difference!

Thank you for supporting the library and our mission to serve the community. Have questions or need to register to vote? Contact us at 630.543.3617.

Thinking Money for Kids Playaway Launchpads

The Addison Public Library has received six Playaway Launchpads as part of the Thinking Money for Kids grant from the American Library Association!

The Launchpads are preloaded with financial education games, perfect for kids! Available for checkout by Addison Public Library cardholders for in-library use; ask for one at the Children's Services desk!



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Mon., Jan. 20 1:00-3:00

- **Tie Blankets** 1:00-3:00 2nd floor
- **Birthday Banners** 1:00-3:00 2nd floor
- **Card Making** 1:00-3:00 Children's Services department & 2nd floor
- **Birthday Cake Kit Assembly** 1:00-2:00 2nd floor
- **Activity Kit Assembly** 2:00-3:00 2nd floor

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Visit Us in the Community!

Pop-Up Library Visits

Look for us at the Addison Park District! You can sign up for a library card, renew a library card, check out items, or return items.

Mon., Jan. 13 and Feb. 10
9:00-10:30 Centennial Park

Tues., Jan. 21 and Feb. 18
11:00-12:00 Rec Center



2024 HIGHLIGHTS

JAN

Staff and community members came together for a day of service in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. 150 hygiene kits, 75 activity kits, 9 baby blankets, and 25 greeting cards were donated to local organizations!

MAR

In celebration of March Madness, we created a "Book Madness" bracket challenge. You chose Fourth Wing by Rebecca Yarros as your favorite book of the year!

APR

At a Community Rec Center pop-up library event, we had the pleasure of signing up Winnie as a brand-new library cardholder, at the impressive age of 102!

JUN

We received the ALA RUSA Award for Excellence in Reference and Adult Services and four Illinois Library Association awards. A total of seven staff members were recognized for their outstanding achievements!

JUL

We explored science, technology, engineering, art, and math at STEAM Fest with our amazing partners, Addison Partners for Play, Fermi Lab, Mathnasium, SCARCE, Lizzadro Museum, and more!

AUG

We wrapped up the summer season at the Addison-Medinah Shriners Parade! Library staff, board members, family, and friends gave out free books, goodies, and lots of smiles and waves!

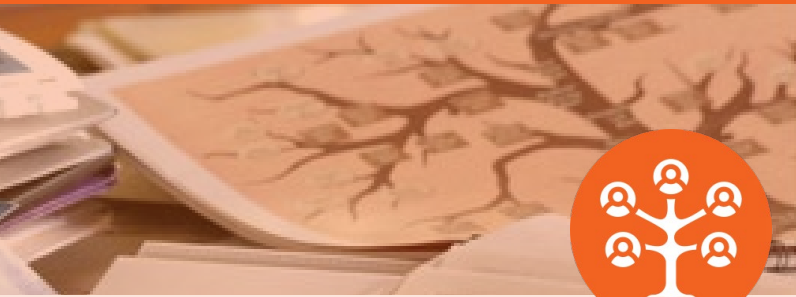
SEP

September was Library Card Sign-Up Month, and we signed up 168 new library cardholders!

OCT

The library joined Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration of public libraries that put on monthly high-quality virtual events. We kicked off Illinois Libraries Present with virtual presentations from award-winning authors Erika L. Sánchez and Jason Reynolds!

Thank you to our community for a wonderful year! 3



Genealogy Club

Explore your family history at our genealogy club! Join us every second Friday of the month for engaging presentations, helpful research tips, and an opportunity to share your discoveries. Whether you are just starting to trace your roots or you're facing challenges in your search, our welcoming community is here to support you. No registration is required—just drop in!

Fri., Feb. 14 11:00-12:00 Adult Program Room

Movement & Meditation

Ageless Grace® Timeless Fitness for the Body and Brain

Join Sherie Shapiro from Ageless Grace® for a session that activates all 5 functions of the brain and simultaneously addresses all 21 physical skills needed for lifelong optimal function. Music and laughter guaranteed!

Thurs., Jan. 16 and Feb. 20 10:00-11:00 Teen Program Room

Chair Yoga

Certified yoga instructor Marti Lahood will guide you through one of the gentlest forms of yoga.

Thurs., Jan. 9, 23 and Feb. 13, 27 10:00-11:00 Teen Program Room

Essentrics: Dynamic Stretching

Essentrics® is a low-impact, full-body workout that is safe for all ages and fitness levels and helps you improve flexibility. Wear comfortable clothes. We workout in bare feet or non-slip socks.

Weds., Jan. 15 and Feb. 12 1:00-2:00 Teen Program Room

Meditation at the Library

Join friends old and new in-person to discover the life changing effects of meditation. No experience required.

Tues., Jan. 14 and Feb. 18 1:00-2:00 Teen Program Room
Thurs., Jan. 30 and Feb. 6 10:00-11:00 Teen Program Room

Zumba!

Instructor and performer Erika Ochoa leads this fun, fast paced, musical exercise practice! No previous experience required. Instruction is bilingual, English/Spanish.

Mon., Jan. 6 7:00-8:00 Adult Program Room

Let's Play!

Free Time Fridays

Join us for crafts, games, light refreshments, conversation and fun with friends old and new! We'll do something different each time we meet and it will always be a fun treat!

Fri., Jan. 17 — Bingo!

Fri., Feb. 21 — Game Day

11:00-12:00 Teen Program Room

Trivia

Join our monthly online trivia game! Trivia runs on a loop, so jump in anytime and answer all the questions.

Mon., Jan. 20 — Fri., Jan. 24

www.crowd.live/DKBOL

Mon., Feb. 10 — Fri., Feb. 14

www.crowd.live/UMTAU

Jan. Trivia



Feb. Trivia



Dungeons & Dragons for Adults

Join Adult Services to play the fantasy adventure game Dungeons & Dragons! Enjoy dinner while we roll dice and role play. Create your own character or use one of the pre-made characters we'll have available. No experience necessary!

Thurs., Jan. 16 and Feb. 13 5:30-8:30 S20

Language Learning

Spanish Conversation Group

Have fun and make new friends as you practice your Spanish skills! All levels welcome.

Mon., Feb. 24 7:00-8:00 Creative Studio

Learn Spanish with The Language Labs



- Get an introduction to the basics of the Spanish language!
- Experienced and beginning adult speakers welcome.
- Free classes, all are welcome!

Mon., Jan. 6, 13, 20, and 27
6:00-7:00 Creative Studio



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Celebrating Black History Month

From Sunrise to Sunset: The Role of Black Creativity in Daily Life

Let's take a journey where the past meets the present.

Tracy G. Crump, Ph.D., J.D., LL.M., Associate Professor of Criminal Justice at Elmhurst University, joins us to explore the creative brilliance of Black inventors and discover how our daily routines are forever connected to their innovation.

This interactive experience will celebrate inventions and inventors who shape, sustain, and inspire our lives.

Tues., Feb 18 7:00-8:00 Teen Program Room



Featured Events

Navigating the Grief Journey

Losing a loved one is difficult and the stages of grief can be hard to navigate alone. Registered Nurse Sharon Bowers will present supportive means to navigate the grief process, discuss common difficulties one may experience when facing a loss, healthy coping strategies, local grief care resources, and the importance of self-care. We will conclude with a rose presentation honoring each attendee's loved one.

Thurs., Jan. 9 6:30-8:00 Adult Program Room

Stress Management with NEDFYS

Learn how stress impacts your body and discover healthy ways to manage it. This session will share practical coping skills, tips, resources, and activities to help reduce stress.

Sat., Jan. 11 11:00-12:00 Adult Program Room

Planning an Active Retirement with Gene Flynn

Retirement brings plenty of opportunities—and decisions—about health, finances, and lifestyle. Join Gene Flynn for an engaging presentation on how to stay physically and mentally healthy, maintain strong social connections, and make the most of your retirement years. Discover strategies for encore careers, volunteering, and lifelong learning. With some thoughtful early planning, you can make this next chapter one of your most fulfilling yet!

Sun., Jan. 19 2:00-3:00 Teen Program Room

Talking Books Drop-in Session

Discover accessible reading at our Talking Books drop-in! Learn to use the Talking Books machine, explore the Illinois Talking Book Service, and get help with applications. Perfect for those with visual impairments or reading disabilities, this free service offers thousands of audiobooks and magazines. No registration—just drop by for hands-on guidance!

Fri., Jan. 24 11:00-12:00 S20

Estate Planning

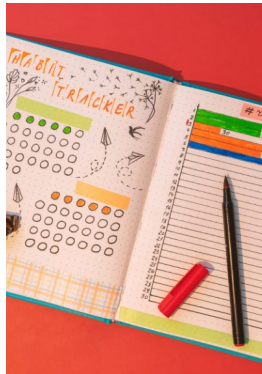
Local attorney Maryanna Callas explains the importance of planning ahead in case of death or disability. She will cover the basics of estate planning.

Sat., Feb. 8 and Tues., Feb. 11 11:00-12:00

Teen Program Room

Self Care & Creativity

For Adults & Young Adults

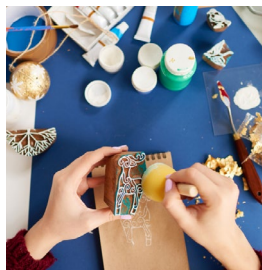


Bullet Journaling

Discover the art of bullet journaling! Whether you're a beginner or experienced, we'll provide supplies to get you started, or you can bring your own and share ideas with others. Together, we'll explore how to create a personalized system to organize and document your life.

Mon., Jan. 13 7:00-8:00

Teen Program Room



Cozy Creatives

Join us for a series of low-stress crafting nights with snacks and fellow crafters. Bring your own project or join in with ours — we'll have supplies to share!

Mon., Feb. 3 7:00-8:00

Teen Program Room

Winter Reading starts January 6!

Winter reading is all about cozying up with a book! Stop in the library and get a book recommendation from a staff member and then pick up a Winter Reading kit, which has all you will need to relax and enjoy your customized pick. Limit one winter reading kit per person.



CREATIVE STUDIO & TECHNOLOGY



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Upcoming Workshops

Cricut 101

Join this two-part class to get a crash course on the Cricut Maker, an electronic cutting machine. First, learn the basics of the Cricut Design Space design software. Then, learn how to cut your design into vinyl to decorate your own item.

Weds., Jan. 15 and 22 6:30-8:00 Creative Studio

Registration begins January 2.

Digital Converting: Family Photos

Learn how to preserve your home photos by digitizing them with Sound Studio equipment. Get a demo on photo, 35mm film negative, and 35mm slide negative scanning.

Fri., Jan 17 10:00-11:30 Creative Studio

DIY Leather Journal

Make your own leather travel journal! You'll use leather tools to cut a leather cover, and learn how to sew a simple book bind. Adults and grades 9-12 welcome.

Weds., Feb. 5 6:30-8:00 Creative Studio

Registration begins January 2.

Card Making

Decorate a card using watercolors and pressed flowers.

Fri., Feb. 7 10:00-11:00 Creative Studio

Registration begins January 2.

DIY Hand Carved Stamp

Learn how to hand-carve a design into a stamp. Ages 18+.

Weds., Feb. 12 6:30-8:00 Creative Studio

Registration begins January 29.

Silhouette 101

Join this two-part class to get a crash course on the Silhouette Cameo, an electronic cutting machine. First, learn the basics of the Silhouette Studio design software. Then, learn how to cut your design into vinyl to decorate your own item.

Weds., Feb. 19 and 26 6:30-8:00 Creative Studio

Canva Basics: Design a Poster

Learn the basics of Canva, an online design tool. During this program, patrons will learn how to design a poster.

Fri., Feb. 21 10:00-11:30 Creative Studio

Celebrate National Puzzle Day!

Create a Puzzle

Decorate a 30-piece puzzle! Transfer your own photo or design onto a blank puzzle using the Sublimation Printer and EasyPress. Registration begins January 15.

Black Inventor Craft Kits

Pick up craft kits throughout the month honoring Black inventors! Craft kits are first-come, first-served, while supplies last.



Valentine's Mailbox

Create a mailbox-themed Valentine's favor box.

Pickup starts Mon., Feb. 3 9:00 AM Creative Studio

Light-Up Card

Create a light-up Valentine's card using a paper circuit.

Pickup starts Mon., Feb. 10 9:00 AM Creative Studio

DIY Mic

Create a DIY microphone using common materials.

Pickup starts Mon., Feb. 17 9:00 AM Creative Studio

Technology Made Simple

Excel Basics: Part I

Learn how Microsoft Excel's cells, worksheets, and workbooks easily allow users to manipulate, calculate, and format numbers and other types of data.

Tues., Jan. 28 6:30-7:30 S20

Excel Basics Part II

Learn more tips and advanced tools for Microsoft Excel to make working with large spreadsheets and data sets easier.

Tues., Feb. 4 6:30-7:30 S20

Phone Basics: Android

Build skills and confidence in using your Android device.

Thurs., Feb. 20 2:00-3:00 S20

Phone Basics: iPhone

If you have an Apple mobile device, or are considering getting one, learn more about the basic functions. Get connected, identify common apps, and build confidence in using your devices safely.

Thurs., Feb. 27 2:00-3:00 S20



Tues., Jan. 28 6:00-6:45 Creative Studio (Child w/ adult)

Mon., Jan. 27 3:30-4:30 Creative Studio (Teens)

Fri., Jan. 24 10:00-11:30 Creative Studio (Adults)

Weds., Jan. 29 6:30-8:00 Creative Studio (Adults)



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= Zoom program

Events For Job Seekers

Virtual Resume Reviews

Receive personalized feedback on your resume from experts who can help it stand out! Please be sure to have a digital copy to share on-screen.

Mon., Jan. 6 10:00-12:00 Zoom

Cover Letter Basics

Your cover letter is a great way to enhance your job application! Learn how to create and format a cover letter to best sell your skills and experience to potential employers.

Fri., Jan. 10 10:00-12:00 Zoom and live on Twitch

Career Planning: Start Early and Start Smart

Planning your career can be daunting! We'll discuss the importance of career planning and what you can do to be sure that you start off on the right foot. This presentation is geared towards individuals and their families who are early off in their career planning stages, but individuals of all ages will walk away with important information for their next career.

Thurs., Jan. 16 7:00-8:00 Zoom

Understanding the Applicant Tracking System (ATS)

Want to know how to get your job application noticed? Join us to discover how applicant tracking systems work and learn some simple tips to boost your chances of landing your next job!

Weds., Feb. 12 10:00-12:00 Zoom

Mastering Virtual and Phone Interviews

Learn how to shine in your next virtual or phone interview! We'll review how to answer questions, make a good impression, and feel confident.

Fri., Feb. 14 10:00-11:00 Zoom



Pathways to Success

Coming soon! Do you have an advanced degree from your home country? Are you highly motivated to advance your career? If so, you are invited to join us for the Pathways to Success series of workshops starting in March. We will offer a four-week pronunciation class and provide two sessions on elevating your job search.

For more information, please contact Ana Beltran, Adult Services Assistant, at 630.458.3315 or abeltran@addisonlibrary.org.

Events For Businesses

Legal Contracts: They Really Do Mean Something!

Understanding contracts can save time, money, and hassle, while overlooking key details may lead to unexpected costs and issues. Explore how to identify important terms, why they matter, and how to interpret legal language.

Mon., Jan. 20 6:30-8:00 Zoom

Presented with SCORE Business Mentoring

Grow Your Business With AI Powered Tools

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is a powerful tool that can make business tasks easier and help small businesses grow. With the help from Google experts, we'll teach you the basics of AI and show how Google's AI tools can improve customer service and make businesses more efficient.

Thurs., Jan. 30 7:00-8:00 Zoom

The Taxman Cometh: Are You Ready?

Tax season is here! With filing deadlines around the corner, join tax expert Harry Eng in a webinar to learn about new tax rules, get answers to your questions, and see what changes might be coming with the new tax season!

Mon., Feb. 17 6:30-8:00 Zoom

Presented with SCORE Business Mentoring

BlueCareer

Whether you're just starting out or have years of experience in the trades, BlueCareer is here to help!

This easy-to-use platform offers job seekers resources to explore skilled trades, connect with employers, and access assessments, training materials, and detailed information on over 100 trades specialties. Employers can also use BlueCareer to find the right candidates for their open positions.

Start exploring BlueCareer: addisonlibrary.org/research.



The Power of the Pivot: Reinventing Success After Setbacks

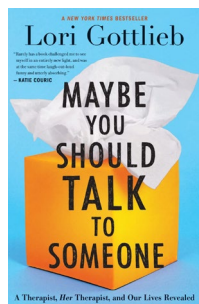
In this inspiring talk, Amanda Wittenborn shares how she turned her business failures into chances to grow. After losing her business twice, once being banned on Etsy and again while navigating COVID shutdowns, Amanda highlights strategies for adapting, embracing change, and building resilience.

Weds., Feb. 19 7:00-8:00 Zoom

BOOK DISCUSSIONS & AUTHOR TALKS

Upcoming Book Discussions

Books are available for check out at the library or digitally.

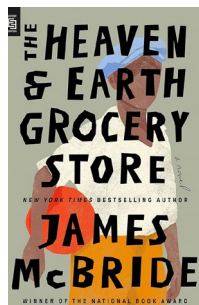


Maybe You Should Talk to Someone by Lori Gottlieb

Therapist and bestselling author Lori Gottlieb invites readers into the intimate and often humorous world of therapy—from both sides of the couch. When a crisis leaves Gottlieb seeking therapy for herself, she meets Wendell, a quirky but perceptive therapist who challenges her assumptions and self-perceptions. Through the stories of her own patients—a Hollywood producer, a terminally ill newlywed, a despairing senior, and a love-lost young woman—Gottlieb explores universal themes of love, loss, and healing. Candid, wise, and often laugh-out-loud funny, this memoir reveals the humanity shared between therapist and patient, reminding us all of our potential for growth and transformation.

Tues., Jan. 14 7:00-8:00 Aurelio's Pizza

1445 W Lake St. Suite C, Addison, IL 60101



The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store by James McBride

In 1972, when workers in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, were digging foundations for a new development, they found a skeleton at the bottom of a well. Who it was and how it got there were secrets kept by the residents of Chicken Hill, the dilapidated neighborhood where immigrant Jews and

African Americans shared ambitions and sorrows. Chicken Hill was where Moshe and Chona Ludlow lived when Moshe integrated his theater and Chona ran the Heaven & Earth Grocery Store. When the state sought to institutionalize a deaf boy, Chona and Nate Timblin, the Black janitor at Moshe's theater and leader of the Black community on Chicken Hill, worked to keep him safe.

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Sign Up for a Book Box!

The April Book Box theme is "**Dive Into Reading.**" Registration begins Sat., Feb. 1 and ends Tues., Mar. 4. Book Boxes will be available for pickup April 1-30.

Sign up at addisonlibrary.org/book-box. Open to all Addison Public Library cardholders. Space is limited.



Illinois Libraries Present

The Addison Public Library has joined Illinois Libraries Present, bringing high-quality virtual events with national names to our community year-round.

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Chicago Pizza: Past, Present, and Future with Steve Dolinsky

Steve Dolinsky, well known Food Guy reporter at NBC 5 (Chicago) and James Beard Award winner for his TV, radio, and podcast work. Steve is host of the *The Feed Podcast* with Chicago chef/restaurateur

Rick Bayless and Pizza City. He is the creator of Pizza City Fest, now in four cities, and author of two books about pizza.

Join him to dish on *The Ultimate Chicago Pizza Guide: A History of Squares & Slices in the Windy City*, his comprehensive guide to the styles, locales and people that make the Windy City a prime destination for slices and pies.

Thurs., Jan. 9 7:00-8:00 Zoom

Or join our watch party at the library! 7:00-8:00

Teen Program Room

Love and Laughs with Michelle Buteau

Join comedian, actress, and producer Michelle Buteau in conversation with Greta Johnsen. Michelle is the creator/writer/star of the Netflix series *Survival of the Thickest*, inspired by her autobiographical book of essays. She is also the host of two reality competition shows - *The Circle* and *Barbecue Showdown*, and hosts the podcast, *Adulting*.

Thurs., Jan. 23 7:00-8:00 Zoom

An Evening with James McBride

James McBride, the award-winning author of *The Color of Water*, *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store*, and *The Good Lord Bird*, as well as a musician and screenwriter, joins Heather Marie-Montilla of PBS Books for a conversation.

Tues., Feb. 4 7:00-8:00 Zoom

Or join our watch party at the library! 7:00-8:00 Creative Studio

Slowing Down with Amy Tan

National Humanities Medal winner and bestselling author of *The Joy Luck Club*, Amy Tan joins us to share on her body of work and reflect on the wonder of slowing down and savoring the quiet moments.

Weds., Feb. 19 7:00-8:00 Zoom

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Chicago Pizza: Past, Present, and Future with Steve Dolinsky

Teens, we're bringing a Chicago pizza experience to the library! Join us to sample pizzas from different local spots and learn some fun facts about the history and culture of Chicago's pizza scene as we livestream Steve Dolinsky's presentation.



Thurs., Jan. 9 7:00-8:00 Teen Program Room

After School

Snacks on the Move!

With our renovation beginning, our after school snacks will move to the Children's area of the library. The snacks will still be free to all kids 18 and under, provided by the Northern Illinois Food Bank, and must be eaten in the Children's space.

Rush Hour

During our busiest time at the library, teens can expect a free snack, a fun place to hang out, and daily activities to spark their creativity. It could be painting, badminton, card games, riddles, a science experiment, or multiple options throughout the library. Drop by and check it out!

School days 2:45-4:00

Dungeons and Dragons and Teens

Join the Teen Services department on a D&D adventure! Create a character, roll some dice, and work together to navigate a fantasy world. No experience necessary!

Weds., Jan. 8, 22 and Feb. 5, 19 4:00-6:00 Teen Prgm. Rm.

Taste the World

Try snacks from around the world and learn about a new culture from these global bites.

Tues., Jan. 21 and Feb. 18 4:00 Teen Program Room

Night Programs

Thunder Mursday

Join other amateur detectives and crime fans to play a character and solve a (fictional) murder mystery.

Thursdays, starting Jan. 16 6:00-7:00 Teen Program Room

For Young Adults

Nostalgia Days

Let's get back to basics and hang out at the library. Drop in and catch up over snacks and some of your favorite activities!

Thurs., Jan 2 and Fri., Jan 3 2:45-4:00 Teen Program Room

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Watch Us on Twitch!

Book Buffet

Grab some grub and join us on Twitch as we discuss books and dive into the next chapter of our harrowing story!

Thursdays 10:30-11:30 Live on Twitch

Let's Play: Something New!

New year, new games! Let's try out something from the library's newest items, something none of us have played before.

Tues., Jan. 14 11:30-1:00 Live on Twitch

Let's Play: Something We Love!

Pulling from the library's large collection of games, we are going to select some of our very favorites to play, that you can check out and enjoy for yourself as well!

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Storytimes & Early Learning Programs

Join us for storytimes at the library! Storytimes are a great way to introduce your child to stories, songs, and socialization with other little ones. Registration required unless otherwise noted.

Discovery Babies & Toddlers

Join us for stories, songs, and action rhymes, and discover friends and fun! Geared toward ages birth-2 years old and their caregivers but all ages welcome. Please register for each session separately.

Mon., Jan. 6-Feb. 10 10:00-10:30 Teen Program Room



Tell Me a Cuento

Enjoy drop-in stories and crafts in the Children's Services department and learn new words in Spanish!

Mon., Jan. 6 and Feb. 3 6:00-6:30

Weds., Jan. 22 and Feb. 19 10:00-10:30

All About Trucks Storytime

Trucks are everywhere! Join us for stories about these amazing machines.

Weds., Jan. 8 10:00-10:30 Children's Services Dept.

Birth to 3 Jamboree

Stories, songs, and more! Geared toward ages birth-3 years old and their caregivers, but all ages welcome. Please register for each session separately. Please make sure to sign up for just one as the material will be the same in both.

Thurs., Jan. 9-Feb. 13 10:00-10:30 and 11:15-11:45

Children's Services Dept.

Let's Move!

Join us for songs, stories, and fun out in the Children's Services department in this movement-based storytime!

Fri., Jan. 24 and Feb. 21 10:00-10:30 Children's Services Dept.

Registration for the Feb. 21 session opens Feb. 1.

Winter Wonderland Dance Party

Join Innovation Arts Connection for a morning of fun, stories, and learning new dance skills, all to a Winter Wonderland Dance Party theme! Wear comfortable clothing and dance shoes if you have them. Please make sure to register. Ages 2 and up and their caregivers.

Fri., Jan. 10 10:00-10:30 Adult Program Room



Nature Storytime with the Morton Arboretum

Join us for an interactive nature storytime in the Children's Services department with an early childhood educator from the Morton Arboretum! We'll explore how weather, trees, and animals change with the season!

Weds., Jan. 15 and Feb. 12 10:00-10:30 Teen Program Rm.

Move & Groove Storytime

Get your whole self moving during this fun and interactive storytime! Drop-in; all ages welcome.

Sat., Jan. 18 10:00-10:30 Children's Services Dept.

Lunar New Year Storytime

The Lunar New Year is coming soon! Join us for stories and songs to say goodbye to the year of the dragon and ring in the year of the snake. All ages welcome.

Weds., Jan. 29 10:00-10:30 Children's Services Dept.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Join us for a bilingual storytime where stuffies are the star! Bring your favorite stuffed animal for stories and a craft activity, and then they will have a sleepover at the library! You can come back the next day for your stuffed animal and learn about all the adventures they had. Drop-in; all ages welcome with caregiver.

Thurs., Jan. 30 6:00-6:30 Children's Services Dept.

Valentine's Day Storytime

Valentine's Day is almost here! Join us in the Children's Services department to celebrate with stories and songs. All ages welcome with caregiver.

Weds., Feb. 5 10:00-10:30 Children's Services Dept.

Science Club for Littles

Join us in finding out how the world works with different science experiments! Ages 3 and up.

Thurs., Feb. 20 4:00-4:45 Creative Studio

Baby Time

Social interactions are important to a young child's development! This program will take advantage of the quickly developing social, intellectual, physical, and emotional skills of little ones. We'll have toys and activities to stimulate playful learning. Geared for ages birth-2 years old, but all ages welcome.

Mon., Feb. 24 10:00-10:30 Teen Program Room

Registration opens Feb. 1.

Toddler Time

Stimulate your child's senses at our sensory table, get them moving with our active toys, and spark their creativity by making some simple crafts or artwork. Geared for toddlers and their adults, all ages welcome.

Thurs., Feb. 27 10:00-10:45 Children's Services Dept.

Registration opens Feb. 1.



Registration is required for library programs unless listed as "Drop-In." Registration for most children's events opens on or before **Jan. 2**. Register online at addisonlibrary.org/events, by phone at 630.458.3338, or ask staff for help.

For Grades K-5 *In-person; registration required unless otherwise noted.*

Create with Oil Pastels

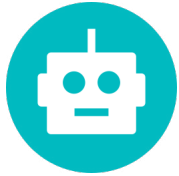
Join local artist Brigit Goudie and create a wintry masterpiece with oil pastels! Grades K-5.

Thurs., Jan. 9 4:00-4:45 Creative Studio

Winter Lantern

Join us to make your own winter lantern! Grades K-5.

Mon., Jan. 13 6:00-6:45 Creative Studio



Robot Club

Have you ever wanted your own robot? Come check out our Coji bots and learn how they work. Grades 1-5.

Thurs., Jan. 23 4:00-4:45 Creative Studio

Hearts Snow Globe

Join us to make your own hearts snow globe! Grades K-5.

Mon., Feb. 10 6:00-6:45 Creative Studio

Mythological Mosaics

Join local artist Brigit Goudie to create an amazing mosaic based on an ancient myth! Grades K-5.

Thurs., Feb. 13 4:00-4:45 Creative Studio

Book Tasting

Looking for your next favorite book? Ready to find a new genre or format to try? Drop by the Children's Services department to explore a variety of new books and enjoy some snacks! Recommended for grades 1-5; parents and caregivers welcome!

Sat., Feb. 15 2:00-2:45 Children's Services Dept.



Beginning Crochet for Kids

Join local crochet artist Carol Leeson for a two-session crochet class for kids grades 3 and up and their adults! This is a two-part class, please plan to attend both sessions. An accompanying adult is required for assistance and supervision. When registering please list both the attending adult and child.

Tues., Feb. 18 and 25 6:00-7:15 Creative Studio

Taste the World Jr.

Explore food and culture from around the globe! Enjoy tasty snacks and a fun art activity. Please make sure to notify us ahead of time of any food allergies or sensitivities. Grades 3 and up; registration required!

Thurs., Feb. 27 6:00-6:45 Children's Services Dept.

Winter Reading for Birth-Grade 5

Starting Mon., Jan. 6, pick up your Winter Reading Log and goodie bag. Complete your log by Fri., Jan. 31 and you'll receive a prize!



1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Register your child for 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten! When you register, you'll receive a tote bag, a free book to keep, and materials about the initiative. For every 100 books you read with your child, they'll receive a prize.

Thinking Money for Kids Playaway Launchpads

The library has received 6 Playaway Launchpads as part of the Thinking Money for Kids grant from the American Library Association. The Launchpads are preloaded with financial education games, perfect for kids! Available for checkout by APL cardholders for in-library use; ask at the Children's Services desk!

Black History Month Scavenger Hunt

Join us to celebrate Black History Month in February with a special Book Cover Scavenger Hunt featuring Black authors and characters!

For the Whole Family *All ages; drop-in!*

All About Pets

Learn what it takes to take care of a pet by joining us for a board game called Pet Cents! Pet Cents helps teach kids about the financial responsibility of owning a pet. At the end of the program, you'll officially adopt your very own stuffed pet. This program was made possible by Thinking Money for Kids, a grant provided to the library by the American Library Association.

Sat., Jan. 11 2:00-3:00 Children's Services Dept.



DIY Valentine's Day Cards

Love is in the air! Join us to make a Valentine's Day card for someone special. All supplies included.

Sat., Feb. 8 2:00-3:00

Children's Services Dept.

Craft & Build

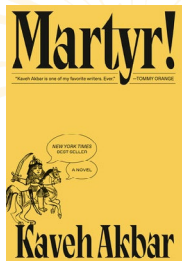
Join us on a day off for crafts and LEGOs! Drop-in.

Mon., Feb. 17 11:00-1:00 Children's Services Dept.

BEST OF 2024 | FOR ADULTS

What books did we love in 2024? Check out our recommended reads for a variety of ages and interests.

Fiction



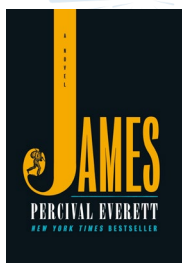
Martyr! by Kaveh Akbar

A newly sober, orphaned son of Iranian immigrants, guided by the voices of artists, poets, and kings, embarks on a remarkable search for a family secret.



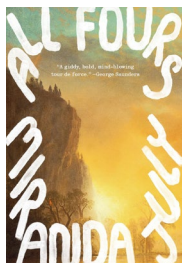
Headshot by Rita Bullwinkel

In this electrifying debut novel, eight teenage girl boxers from different backgrounds travel to Reno, Nevada to compete against each other in a tournament to be named the best in the country in a series of raw, intense face-offs.



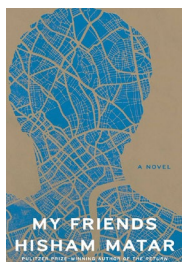
James: A Novel by Percival Everett

A brilliant, action-packed reimagining of *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, both harrowing and ferociously funny, told from the enslaved Jim's point of view.



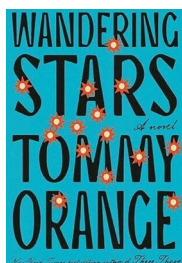
All Fours by Miranda July

Ditching her California life for the open road, a restless, semi-famous artist leaves her husband, child and career and reinvents herself in a motel room, embarking on a journey of self-discovery and what it means to be alive and free.



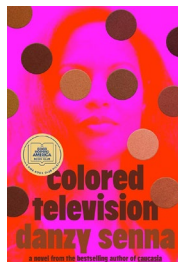
My Friends by Hisham Matar

Benghazi transplant Khaled forms a powerful friendship with the author whose short story changed his life, forcing him, as the Arab Spring erupts, to confront tensions between revolution and safety, family and exile and how to define his sense of self.



Wandering Stars by Tommy Orange

This both shattering and wonderous story traces the legacies of the Sand Creek Massacre of 1864 and the Carlisle Indian Industrial School through three generations of a family.



Colored Television by Danzy Senna

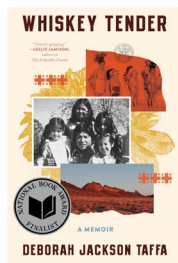
In this dark comedy, a woman accepts a housesitting job with her husband and children while hoping to finish her latest novel, but her plans go awry when she begins to hear the siren call of Hollywood.



Cinema Love by Jiaming Tang

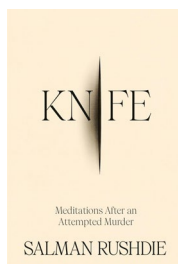
After emigrating to New York City's Chinatown, Old Second and Bao Mei reminisce about their secret past in a rural Chinese cinema that taught them to navigate forbidden love, societal pressures, and an uncertain future.

Nonfiction



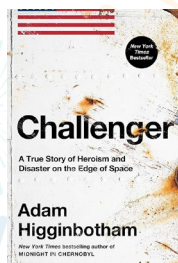
Whiskey Tender by Deborah Jackson Taffa

In this coming-of-age memoir of family and survival, Taffa traces how a mixed tribe native girl comes to her own interpretation of identity despite her parent's desires for her to transcend the class and "Indian" status.



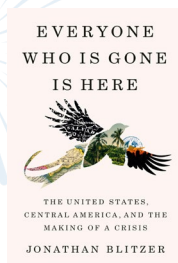
Knife: Meditations After an Attempted Murder by Salman Rushdie

A deeply personal meditation on violence, art, loss, love and finding the strength to stand up again after the 2022 attempt on his life during a presentation about keeping writers safe from harm.



Challenger: A True Story of Heroism and Disaster on the Edge of Space by Adam Higginbotham

Based on new research and reporting, this riveting narrative provides the definitive story of the 1986 Challenger disaster and how it led to America changing its view of itself.



Everyone Who Is Gone Is Here by Jonathan Blitzer

In this heartbreaking and deeply reported history of the humanitarian crisis at the southern border, New Yorker staff writer Jonathan Blitzer examines political factors through the lives of the migrants forced to risk everything.

Teens



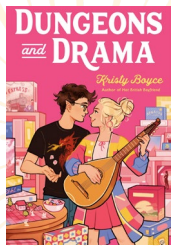
The Deep Dark: A Graphic Novel by Molly Knox Ostertag

High school senior Mags navigates caring for her grandmother, working, and feeding the literal monster that lives in her basement.



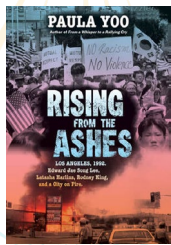
Brownstone by Samuel Teer and Mar Julia

In summer 1995, Almudena moves in with her Spanish-speaking father, renovating a brownstone and exploring her Latin American roots for the first time.



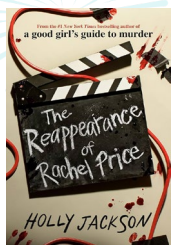
Dungeons and Drama by Kristy Boyce

Theater kid Riley fakes a romance with co-worker Nathan to make his crush jealous and her ex envious. Joining his D&D campaign, Riley's acting skills shine—but are her feelings for Nathan also an act?



Rising from the Ashes by Paula Yoo

A nonfiction account of the 1992 Los Angeles uprising, told from the perspective of the city's Korean American community. Based on interviews with community members, police officers, journalists, and more.



The Reappearance of Rachel Price by Holly Jackson

Sixteen years ago, Rachel Price vanished. Her daughter has no memory of it. But when a true crime documentary revives the case, Rachel returns, raising more questions than answers.



Where Sleeping Girls Lie by Faridah Àbiké-Íyímíde

Sade is new to boarding school. When her roommate disappears, Sade discovers dark secrets, coverups, and things the school would rather forget in her quest to find her and clear her own name.



Snowglobe by Soyoung Park

Climate change triggers a new ice age, sparing only Snowglobe, a dome-covered city atop a geothermal vent. Chobahm becomes an actor there, enjoying fame and safety—until she discovers the truth is nothing but a lie.

Kids



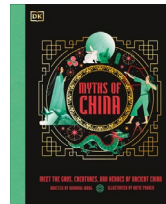
Snoopy's Beagle Scout Tales by Charles M. Schulz

The classic Peanuts comics in graphic novel form with old favorites and new stories! Read all about adventures in camp and Snoopy off on his own adventures. *Recommended for ages 8-12.*



The Night Librarian by Christopher Lincoln

In a world where books have a mind of their own, a night librarian is left in charge to keep them in check. What happens when the books are tired of telling the same story and things start getting weird? *Recommended for ages 8-12.*



Myths of China by Xiaobing Wang

Learn all about the myths of ancient China and how they still resonate today in this collection of stories that includes facts on China's history, culture, and religion. *Grades 2+.*



My Best Friend's Bangles by Thushanthi Ponweera

Best friends Selvi and Divya both have moms who work abroad and visit once a year. When Divya's mom gifts her colorful bangles, Selvi grows jealous, missing her own mother. Will Selvi realize her greatest gift has been beside her all along? *Recommended for ages 4-8.*



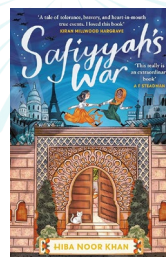
Elijah's Easter Suit by Brentom Jackson

Elijah wants to look his best on Easter Sunday, but only one member of the congregation will earn a shout-out from Reverend White. *Recommended for ages 4+.*



They Call Me No Sam! by Drew Daywalt

No Sam is a special dog human being, who lives with a grumpy human naked monkey thing named Mike, until he finds a new family to protect. The only problem? There are so many terrible things to protect them from. *Grades 2+.*



Safiyyah's War by Hiba Noor Khan

Safiyyah lives with her family in an apartment at the Grand Mosque of Paris and loves visiting the library on Saturdays. But as World War II intensifies, her Jewish friends are no longer safe. Safiyyah is determined to help in this tale of courage and doing what's right. *Grades 4+.*

Eventos para niños



Dime un Story

¡Únete a nosotros para cuentos bilingües y manualidades, y aprende algunas palabras nuevas en español! No necesitas inscribirte.

Lun., 6 de ene. y el 3 de feb. 6:00-6:30

Miér., 22 de ene. y el 19 de feb. 10:00-10:30

Todo sobre mascotas

¡Aprenda lo que se necesita para cuidar de una mascota, acompañándonos en un juego de mesa llamado Centavos para mascotas! Centavos para mascotas ayuda a enseñar a los niños sobre la responsabilidad financiera de tener una mascota. Al final del programa, adoptarás oficialmente tu propia mascota de peluche. Este programa fue posible gracias a Thinking Money for Kids, una subvención otorgada a la biblioteca por la American Library Association.

Sáb., 11 de ene. 2:00-3:00 Children's Services Dept.



Lampara de invierno

Ven y acompáñanos aprender cómo hacer una lampara de invierno. Por favor inscríbese antes de tiempo. Grados K y para arriba.

Lun., 13 de ene. 6:00-6:45 Creative Studio

Pijamada de Peluches

¡Acompáñanos para disfrutar de una hora de cuentos bilingües en el departamento de Servicios para Niños, donde los peluches son los protagonistas! Trae a tu animal de peluche favorito para cuentos y una actividad de manualidades, ¡y luego pasarán la noche en la biblioteca! Puedes regresar al día siguiente a buscar tu animal de peluche y aprender sobre todas las aventuras que tuvo. No necesitas inscribirte; todas las edades son bienvenidas.

Juev., 30 de ene. 6:00-6:30 Children's Services Dept.

Globo de Nieve y Corazones

Ven y acompáñanos aprender cómo hacer un globo de nieve con corazones. Por favor inscríbese antes de tiempo. Grados K y para arriba.

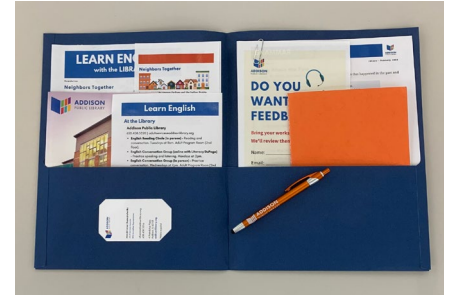
Lun., 10 de feb. 6:00-6:45 Creative Studio

Aprenda inglés

Inglés para llevar:

Literacy-to-Go Kits

¡Pase a retirar una carpeta de ejercicios y actividades para ayudarlo a practicar su inglés! Tenemos una carpeta con nuevas actividades cada otro mes. ¡Visite el segundo piso de la biblioteca para obtener su carpeta o mande un correo electrónico a Ana Beltran abeltran@addisonlibrary.org para recibir una copia digital!



Círculo de lectura

Desarrolle su vocabulario, pronunciación y habilidades de lectura en inglés participando en un grupo pequeño.

Cada martes 11:00 Creative Studio

No se requiere registración

Grupo de conversación

¡Diviértase mientras práctica sus habilidades de conversación en inglés! Cada semana tendremos una actividad diferente para practicar el inglés.

Cada lunes 2:00 Zoom

Regístrese para recibir el enlace de Zoom

Cada miércoles 7:00 Indian Trail Junior High School

No se requiere registración

Clases de Colegio de DuPage

Temporalmente, no habrá clases de Colegio de DuPage en la biblioteca a partir del semestre de primavera debido al proyecto de renovación de la biblioteca. Estas clases incluyen:

- **Clases de inglés**
- **Clases de GED en español**

Por favor, póngase en contacto con COD llamado al 630-942-3697 para recibir información de otras ubicaciones en Addison y sus fechas de exámenes.



Caminos hacia el éxito

¡Próximamente! ¿Tiene un título superior de su país de origen? ¿Está motivado para avanzar en su carrera? Si es así, le invitamos a unirse a nosotros en la serie de talleres Pathways to Success a partir de marzo. Ofreceremos una clase de pronunciación de cuatro semanas y dos sesiones sobre cómo elevar su búsqueda de empleo.

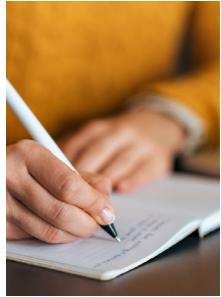
Para más información, contacte a Ana Beltrán, Asistente de Servicios para Adultos, llamando al 630.458.3315 o escribiendo a abeltran@addisonlibrary.org.

Eventos para adultos

Introducción a las Finanzas Personales

Aprenda los conceptos básicos de los presupuestos, interés compuesto e inversión inteligente durante esta sesión informativa. La sesión es perfecta para cualquier persona que desee mejorar sus conocimientos financieros.

Miér., 15 de ene. 6:00-7:00 Teen Program Room



Leer y escribir en español

¿Conoce a un adulto hispanohablante que quiere aprender a leer y escribir en español? Este curso de alfabetización de tres meses les enseñara a los adultos hispanos a leer y escribir en español. Esta clase es sólo para los hablantes nativos de español.

Mar. y juev., 11 de feb.-15 de mayo
6:30-8:30 S20

Zumba

La instructora y artista Erika Ochoa presenta esta clase dinámica y entretenida de ejercicio musical. No se requiere experiencia previa. La instrucción se realiza en inglés y español.

Lun., 6 de ene. 7:00-8:00 Teen Program Room

Pinta Conmigo

Venga a una relajante clase de pintura. Pintaremos una escena de anochecer, al estilo Van Gogh. Se recomienda traer delantal. Edades 18+. Registración comienza el 2 de enero.

Lun., 3 de feb. 7:00-8:30 Creative Studio

Tecnología, ¡simplificada!

Introducción a Microsoft Word (Serie de dos partes)

En esta serie de dos partes, los participantes aprenderán a crear y dar formato a documentos con Microsoft Word, así como a realizar acciones sencillas como guardar, abrir e imprimir documentos.

Miér., 22 y 29 de ene. 11:00-12:00 S20

Lun., 10 y 17 de feb. 6:00-7:00 S20

Regístrate para La Caja de Libros!

El tema para el Book Box de abril será "Sumergirse en la lectura". Registración comienza el 1 de febrero y termina el 4 de marzo. Las cajas estarán disponibles durante el mes de abril.

Los cupos se agotan rápidamente, así que ¡regístrate pronto! Regístrate en addisonlibrary.org/book-box.

Esto se ofrece a las personas con las tarjetas de la Biblioteca de Addison y de todas edades. El espacio es limitado.

Día de Servicio MLK

Para el Día de Martin Luther King Jr., la biblioteca organizará un Día de Servicio para ayudar a nuestra comunidad. Habrá estaciones para hacer artículos para organizaciones locales como kits de pastel de cumpleaños, cobijas para mascotas, cartas de felicitación y mucho más. Son bienvenidos todos, de cualquier edad. No es necesario tener experiencia en manualidades. Se ofrecerá un snack a los voluntarios.

Lun., 20 de ene. 1:00-3:00

- **Cobijas de corbata** 1:00-3:00 2do piso
- **Banderas de cumpleaños** 1:00-3:00 2do piso
- **Hacer tarjetas** 1:00-3:00 Departamento de Servicios para Niños y 2do piso
- **Kit de pastel de cumpleaños** 1:00-2:00 2do piso
- **Asamblea de Kit de Actividades** 2:00-3:00 2do piso

Campaña de recogida de kits de tarta de cumpleaños

Del Jueves, 2 de Enero al Viernes, 17 de Enero

Comenzando el jueves 2 de enero, ayuda a los necesitados a celebrar cumpleaños con sus hijos o seres queridos haciendo kits para donar.

Estaremos recolectando artículos en nuestro vestíbulo para nuestra colecta de kits de cumpleaños. Estos artículos serán utilizados para crear kits de Cumpleaños durante nuestro próximo Día de Servicio MLK. Estaremos recolectando los siguientes productos para crear los kits de Cumpleaños:

- **Mezcla para pastel en caja (cualquier sabor)**
- **Velas**
- **Platos Desechables**
- **Chispas de colores**
- **Glacéado**
- **1 Bote de aceite vegetal chico o una lata de Sprite**

Si usted tiene preguntas acerca de estos programas, por favor póngase en contacto con la biblioteca al 630.543.3617. Estamos ansiosos por unirnos, hacer una diferencia y celebrar el poder de la unidad.

LECTURA DE INVIERNO

¡Nuevo año, nuevos comienzos!



Adultos y adolescentes

A partir del lun., 6 de ene., pase por la biblioteca para que le recomendemos un libro y recoja un kit de Lectura de Invierno, que contiene todo lo necesario para relajarse y disfrutar del libro que seleccionamos para usted. Límite de un kit por persona.

Niños

A partir de lun., el 6 de ene., pasa a recoger tu registro de lectura y una bolsa de regalo. ¡Llena tu registro antes del vier., 31 de ene. y recibe un premio! Límite de un kit por persona.



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We welcome patrons of all abilities. To request accommodations, please call us at 630.543.3617.

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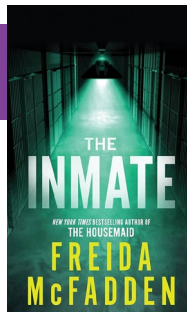
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ELL Books & Bites Book Club

Are you an English learner that enjoys reading? Join us in reading *The Inmate* by Frieda McFadden. Register to get your free copy of the book to keep! We'll read on our own and together, then discuss the stories over dinner. It's a fun and safe environment to practice your English reading and comprehension skills! Registration is required.
Thurs., Jan. 16, 23, 30 and Feb. 6
6:00-7:00 Creative Studio

English Reading Circle

Build your vocabulary, pronunciation, and reading skills in a small group setting.
Tuesdays 11:00 Creative Studio
(Drop-in)

College of DuPage Classes

Temporarily, there will be no College of DuPage classes at the library starting with the spring semester due to the library's renovation project. These classes include:

- English classes
- Citizenship classes

Please contact COD at 630.942.3697 for other Addison locations and testing dates.

English Conversation Groups

Have fun and make new friends as you improve your English-speaking skills! We have a new activity each week to target speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills in English.

Mondays 2:00 Zoom (Register for Zoom link)
Wednesdays 7:00 Indian Trail Junior High (Drop-in)

Literacy To-Go Kits

Pick up a bi-monthly kit with exercises and activities to help you improve your English. Stop by the second floor Adult Services desk or email Ana Beltran at abeltran@addisonlibrary.org for a digital copy!

Pathways to Success

Coming soon! Do you have an advanced degree from your home country? Are you highly motivated to advance your career? If so, you are invited to join us for the Pathways to Success series of workshops starting in March. We will offer a four-week pronunciation class and provide two sessions on elevating your job search. *For more information, please contact Ana Beltran, Adult Services Assistant, at 630.458.3315 or abeltran@addisonlibrary.org.*